



## WARDLE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th December 1991 at 7.45pm

Present: Anne Lines, Margaret Pearson, Sylvia Lear, Joyce Turnough, Tom Seed, Ann Southerton, Julie Roberts, Sue Robinson, Ron Bolas, Councillors Beryl Wright and Ashley Dearnley, Mr Roskill and Mr Allcock

Apologies: Colin Darnbrough and Ivan Rhodes.

Wardle Skyline. Mr Roskill (neighbourhood services - environment) came to put us in the picture about what is happening. On Hades Hill improvement work is in progress and although (according to a survey by The Minerals & Waste Unit) quarrying seems to have been done outside the designated area they have been informed that material has to be brought back into the area. Middle Hill is apparently more complicated, an old permission has been well restored and a further permission can operate until January 1994, being restored by July 1995. The area has been checked and it appears that work is being done outside the permitted area and this is partly in Rochdale and partly in Rossendale. There will be a change in regulations in March 1992 and it was suggested that Mr Roskill gets back to us in 6 to 12 months.

Play Equipment. Mr Allcock (neighbourhood childrens officer) introduced himself and his role in the community. He has to try to make sure that things conform to the new Children Act. He looks after all services for children not involving curriculum in schools or social services. It seems that there is no money for play equipment for our children. Great Howarth area is being centrally funded as an inner city area, but Wardle is not deprived. There may be small grants available for children's activities. There is some play equipment in stock but this would cost about £5000 to install. We talked of the possibility of a joint application by Mr Allcock and ourselves to Children in Need. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is to be sent to Mr Allcock.

The minutes of the last meeting, November 7th 1991, were taken as read and approved.

### Matters Arising:

- a) Crossfield Road and Green Meadows. A letter has been received from RMBC by Councillor Dearnley stating that there is no money for a traffic island at the junction of Crossfield Road and Ramsden Road, as it is rated as a low priority. Parking on Green Meadows continues to be bad.
- b) Paved areas. A letter has also been received from RMBC by Councillor Dearnley about the area outside the newsagents, Ramsden Road. A works order has been issued for the necessary repairs to be carried out. The owners of the area outside the dentists, Birch Road are to be contacted.

c) Wardle Commemorative Wood. Our thanks to Tom Seed and Roger Kennedy and the BTCV team for the preparation work prior to 1st December and the work done since in planting the rest of the trees. Letters of thanks are to be sent. Tom Seed presented a bill for £703.59 for the trees and benches. A cheque will be drawn from the tree fund for this amount, made payable to N.W. Water

d) Graffiti. Councillor Dearnley is still waiting for a reply to his letter.

e) SCOSPA. Sue Robinson is helping with the presentation of the portfolio and draft copies were available for inspection. Tom Seed reminded us that public participation is very important to SCOSPA. As a follow on there will be the planting of wild flowers and bulbs in the wood.

f) Treasurer's Report. Balance at 7th November 1991

Lancastrian B.S. (Tree Account)	718.37	
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Monies on hand:		
Tree account - cheque	10.00	
Tree account - cash	17.00	
Subs - cash	6.00	
Petty cash	13.04	<u>46.04</u>
		<u>£1086.13</u>

Membership:	Ordinary	36
	Pensioners	30
	Junior	1
	Corporate	<u>2</u>
	Total	<u>69</u>

g) Secretary's Report. A press release from the Civic Trust in the North West will be put on the noticeboard.

h) Wall on Wardle Road. Councillor Wright is in touch with the council on this matter. Until the owner of the field repairs the retaining wall the footpath cannot be repaired.

i) Thanks to Joyce Turnough for the excellent newsletter produced in record time.

Any Other Business:

1. An up to date list of trees in the Wardle Commemorative Wood is with Margaret Pearson in the library.

2) The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th January 1992 at 7.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.