

WARDLE SOCIETYMinutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 1992 at 7.45 pm

Present: Anne Lines, Margaret Pearson, Sylvia Lear, Colin Darnbrough, Joyce Turnough, Ivan Rhodes, Julie Roberts, Tom Seed, Ann Southerton, Sue Robinson, Michael Fitton and Councillors Beryl Wright, Bernard Schofield and Ashley Dearnley.

Apologies: Ron Bolas and David Taylor.

The minutes of the last meeting, April 2nd 1992, were taken as read and accepted.

Matters Arising:

- a) Church Records - we are to contact the Manchester Diocese about the whereabouts and safety of the records and the possibility that they could be kept at St John's Church.
- b) Neighbourhood Forum - the meeting on 23rd April at Smallbridge, was attended by Margaret Pearson and Sylvia Lear.  
It was mentioned that the Police Station in Littleborough would be kept open.  
The next meeting has been cancelled.
- c) Environment Week (16th - 24th May) - The Scouts will be clearing the stream on Wednesday June 3rd, they will have a skip on the Rec and use a trailer at Wardle Fold.  
For the coffee morning on Saturday 16th May there will be a charge of £3.20 for the use of the library. Helpers will ask the public about the siting of benches in the village. Michael Fitton said that one could be placed on his land at Law Flat.  
Volunteers are requested to help with the installation of benches on Saturday or Sunday at the end of Environment Week.  
The children at St James' School are to make nesting boxes.  
We are concerned about manure for the allotment owners not being moved and thus causing a hazard on the path.  
A letter of appreciation is to be sent to the Hare & Hounds for the improvements carried out around the pub.
- d) Medical facilities in Wardle - nobody contacted Councillor Wright about available premises in Wardle so a letter is to be sent to the Strand Medical Centre giving them her telephone number.
- e) Skyline - work is being carried out, Tom Seed will keep an eye on progress.
- f) Cenotaph wall - so far it is still down, we are to contact David Taylor to find out what is going to happen.

Treasurer's Report. Balance at 7th May 1992			
	Lancastrian B.S. (Tree Account)	140.78	
	Cash in hand (Tree Account)	23.00	163.78
	Lancastrian B.S. (Society Account)	343.72	
	Cash in hand (Society Account)	2.00	345.72
	Petty cash		<u>30.59</u>
	Total		<u>540.09</u>
	April balance brought forward	534.64	
	Receipts	<u>8.10</u>	
		542.74	
	Expenditure	2.64	<u>540.09</u>
Membership:	Ordinary	44	
	Pensioners	32	
	Junior	1	
	Corporate	<u>2</u>	
	Total	<u>79</u>	

Secretary's Report. During the month the problem has arisen of sheep in Wardle Wood. This now seems to have been resolved, but there may be some permanent damage to the young trees. Tom Seed will keep us informed. The Co-op are giving grants to help voluntary groups to do work in their areas. The leaflet giving details is on the noticeboard in the Library and we would like suggestions at the next meeting.

Any Other Business:

1. Trip - Torvill & Dean are at G-Mex in September, Joyce is to get details.  
The possibility of a day out in July was suggested, a decision will be made at the next meeting as to the venue.
2. The date of the A.G.M. has been fixed for Thursday 30th July 1992.
3. Thanks to Joyce for her excellent work in preparing and distributing the last newsletter.
4. Councillor Ashley Dearnley will contact the planning department about the removal of six large trees from the site of the sheltered housing scheme near to Alderbank.
5. The tennis courts near the bowling green have no posts or nets. Sylvia Lear is to contact Andy Green about this.
6. A walled garden area on Vineyard Close has been used as a dump for garden refuse. Colin Darnbrough will have a word with the builder.
7. Old Folks Committee - helpers are needed for the house to house collection in the middle of July. Michael Fitton will arrange the exact date.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th June at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.