



WARDLE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 1992 at 7.45 pm

Present: Anne Lines, Margaret Pearson, Sylvia Lear, Colin Darnbrough,  
Ron Bolas, Julie Roberts, Ann Southerton, Sue Robinson,  
Councillor Beryl Wright and Neighbourhood Manager David Taylor.

Apologies: Joyce Turnough and Tom Seed.

The minutes of the last meeting, March 5th 1992, were taken as read and accepted.

Matters Arising:

- a) Graffiti - this has been removed from the Old School. We would still like to establish who is responsible for the building and to this end we are going to contact the Parochial Church Council and Lancs C.C. at Preston who were the local authority prior to reorganisation in 1974. We would also like to know whether the records of births, marriages and deaths are available to the public.
- b) Neighbourhood Forum - the next meeting is on 23rd April at Smallbridge, venue to be announced in the Rochdale Observer. The matter of Wardle village green is on the agenda.  
The councillors in Littleborough would like a Parish Council for Littleborough, but as R.M.B.C. is not in favour this is unlikely to happen in the near future.  
There was a query whether the minutes of the Neighbourhood Forum should be sent to Wardle Society committee members, but in view of the work involved perhaps members who attend the Forum could report back briefly on matters concerning Wardle.
- c) Environment Week (16th - 24th May) - Three benches have already been erected at Wardle Commemorative Wood and Tom Seed has suggested that on the Saturday or Sunday three more could be put up by volunteers.  
We are to have a Green Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th May.  
There will be an RSPB talk with slides and music on Tuesday 19th May.  
Both these events will be in the Library and raffle tickets will be on sale for two pictures of Watergrove.  
Mr Ford is being contacted direct about nest boxes.  
Councillor Wright will contact the Scouts re clearing the stream.  
She is also keeping an eye on the progress of the Rec as this an ongoing situation.  
The Hare & Hounds are to be contacted regarding tidying up their surroundings.  
Wardle High School and St James School are also to be contacted to remind children to keep their own neighbourhoods clean and tidy.  
Elm Grove residents will be met to ask them about benches in their area.

- d) Medical facilities in Wardle - the next step seems to be finding a suitable building and David Taylor is to contact an interested doctor with a view to Councillor Wright showing him the empty properties in the village.

Treasurer's Report. Balance at 2th April 1992			
	Lancastrian B.S. (Tree Account)	140.78	
	Cash on hand (Tree Account)	17.00	157.78
	Lancastrian B.S. (Society Account)	343.72	
	Cash on hand (Society Account)	2.00	345.72
	Petty cash on hand		<u>31.14</u>
	Total		<u>534.64</u>
	March balance brought forward		516.35
	Cash received 5/3/92 - 2/4/92		20.80
	Cash expended 5/3/92 - 2/4/92		<u>(2.51)</u>
			<u>534.64</u>

Membership:	Ordinary	44
	Pensioners	32
	Junior	1
	Corporate	<u>2</u>
	Total	<u>79</u>

Secretary's Report. An invitation has been received to the opening of the Neighbourhood Office at Littleborough Community School on Wednesday, 15th April at 10.00 am, Ron Bolas is going to attend.

Any Other Business:

1. Wardle Skyline - seems to be worsening in the dip to the north east of Hades Hill. David Taylor is to arrange for Councillor Wright to meet someone about this.
2. Cenotaph Wall - David Taylor is to investigate whether this is due to be repaired.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May 1992 at 7.45 pm, this is because there are local elections on the 7th May.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.