



WARDLE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th June 1992 at 7.45 pm

Present: Anne Lines, Margaret Pearson, Sylvia Lear, Colin Darnbrough, Joyce Turnough, Ivan Rhodes, Ann Southerton, Councillor Ashley Dearnley, Neighbourhood Manager David Taylor and P.C. Derek Boothroyd.

Apologies: Julie Roberts and Councillors Beryl Wright and Bernard Schofield.

The minutes of the last meeting, May 14th 1992, were taken as read and accepted.

Matters Arising:

- a) Neighbourhood Forum - David Taylor reported that arrangements for local decision making were being reviewed, but that local officers were keen to attend meetings such as ours.
- b) Environment Week - Beryl Wright had sent a message that the stream near to the Rec had been cleared by the Water Authority and the Scouts would be clearing the stream at Wardle Fold.

The allotment owners apparently do not want any more manure and as the present pile is obstructing a public footpath David Taylor is to investigate.

- c) Cenotaph Wall - repair work has been started.
- d) Trip - Torvill & Dean - Joyce is to contact the booking office and provided there are any available seats at reasonable prices she will book for a party of twenty. As the money will have to be sent within twenty four hours it was the opinion of the committee members present that as a one-off situation Wardle Society money would be used to pay for the tickets for the time being.
This trip has now been cancelled as there were only expensive seats available.
- e) Ann Southerton has drafted a letter about the A.G.M. We are to have 100 copies made and these will be handed to committee members at the next meeting to be distributed by the middle of July.
- f) Ashley Dearnley reported that the trees which had been felled at Alderbank had been inspected by the Council's Arboriculturalist and were found to be poor specimens and should be removed. The planning permission granted anticipates the replacement with more suitable species.

- g) The tennis courts near to the bowling green now have posts and nets.
- h) Rec - there is to be a notice displayed about not letting dogs foul the playing field and possibly that dogs should be kept on a lead.
- i) SCOSPA - the site of Wardle Commemorative Wood is to be inspected on Monday 8th June. Tom Seed will be on hand to answer any questions.
- j) The list for suggested sites for benches is to be typed up and displayed in the library for comments from the public.
Tom Seed is to be asked about plaques for the benches.
- k) Co-op Care Grants Scheme - we are waiting for a reply from the children's officer and then Sylvia Lear will contact Beryl Wright with a view to submitting an application.
- l) No Sunday trip for July has been arranged, but we are to consider one for mid-September.

Treasurer's Report.		Balance at 4th June 1992	
	Lancastrian B.S. (Tree Account)	140.78	
	Cash in hand	23.00	163.78
	Lancastrian B.S. (Society Account)	343.72	
	Cash in hand	2.00	
	Cheque	20.00	365.72
	Petty cash		<u>23.17</u>
	Total		<u>552.67</u>
	May balance brought forward	540.09	
	Receipts	<u>60.05</u>	
		600.14	
	Expenditure	47.47	<u>552.67</u>
Membership:	Ordinary	44	
	Pensioners	32	
	Junior	1	
	Corporate	2	
	Life member	<u>1</u>	
	Total	<u>80</u>	

Secretary's Report. We received a letter about the funding of the bench to be sited on Elm Grove, David Taylor is to investigate whether this should be a council expense.

Any Other Business:

1. P.C. Derek Boothroyd mentioned that the Smallbridge/Wardle Area is very large and he was apologetic that much of their time is spent policing Smallbridge. He also said that from July 20th there are to be two civilian staff at Littleborough Police Station and the opening hours should be increased to include evenings and Saturday mornings.
2. Repair work to the Library is to be started soon - roofing, windows, facias and painting etc.
3. The feasibility of a ramp and a suitable door into the library was queried.
4. The forecourt outside the shops and library is being looked at by the Neighbourhood Services.
5. Action for Community Recycling Enterprises (ACRE) - a leaflet has been received and we are to send for further details.
6. The possibility of a one-off collection of tools for recycling was mentioned - to be brought up at a future meeting.
7. A Rivers Survey by Rochdale Civic Society was handed over by Ashley Dearnley, it is to be displayed in the library. The main problem with the rivers appears to be illegal tipping.
8. Ashley Dearnley is to have a meeting with Wardle Bridleways Society about improvements and extra grants that the council could apply for.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd July at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.