



WARDLE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th March 1992 at 7.45 pm

Present: Margaret Pearson, Anne Lines, Sylvia Lear, Colin Darnbrough, Joyce Turnough, Ivan Rhodes, Julie Roberts, Ron Bolas, Councillors Beryl Wright, Bernard Schofield and Ashley Dearnley, Police Inspector Maloney and Police Constables Derek Boothroyd and Andy O'Sullivan.

Apologies: Ann Southerton.

Police Matters.

Anne Lines had contacted the police at Rochdale to find out the role of the community police and as a result three police officers came to the meeting. Area policing (community police) is very highly thought of in Rochdale and the two constables present were introduced as our area policemen. Any local problems should be discussed with them. Inspector Maloney explained about the use and abuse of the 999 telephone system and gave us various other numbers to use if the situation is not an emergency.

061 855 Ext 7780 Littleborough Police Station.

061 855 Ext 7783 Area Office (Community police).

061 855 Ext 7734 Public Assistance Desk (PAD desk) for minor crime, annoyance by children, thefts of and from cars, obscene telephone calls etc. Open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. and for shorter hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

47401 Rochdale Police Station, when the other numbers are not obtainable.

The police were thanked for attending the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting, February 6th 1992, were accepted with one amendment:

- e) Old Folks Committee - that this should remain independent, but we will give them our support.

Matters Arising:

- a) Graffiti - letters have been received to say the graffiti removal team only operate on council property and that the old school is possibly owned by Manchester Diocese. However we have heard that the graffiti may have been removed by persons unknown. This will be checked before the next meeting.
- b) Neighbourhood Forum - the minutes for the February meeting are on display in the Library - the abandoned car has been removed, the matter of the unadopted lane at Bank Barn is being looked into and a speed limit for Watergrove is also being investigated. The next meeting is on 23rd April at Smallbridge (watch local press for details). Littleborough is trying for Parish status, this could possibly include Wardle.
- c) Pace Egg - Anne Lines saw Mr Ford and attended a meeting of the Friends of St James'. We are waiting to hear from Mr Ford.
- d) Environment Week (16th - 24th May) - various suggestions have been received from Roger at Watergrove and other people:
- 1) RSPB. The protected species of owls could be the subject of an evening talk with slides and music. Two pictures donated by Roger could be raffled to raise funds for RSPB.
 - 2) Nest boxes at Watergrove - the children at St James' could be involved in the construction and siting, with numbered boxes for follow up observation.
 - 3) Green Coffee Morning.
 - 4) Clearing of the stream near the Rec by the Scouts.
 - 5) Contact the brewery to tidy up the area around the Hare & Hounds.
 - 6) Contact Neighbourhood Services about the possibility of benches with backs on to be sited on Elm Grove. This request has come from a resident.
 - 7) Watergrove Trail Quiz. Adults might like to do this.
- A general clean-up around Wardle is not being carried out this year as it was felt that people need to be educated to clear up their own areas. The Rec has become dangerous to play on as the removal of the top layer to level the area has exposed rubble underneath. Councillor Wright will follow this up.
- e) Medical facilities in Wardle - the FHSA have stated that this is a matter for individual GPs. Anne Lines and Margaret Pearson have been contacted by the Strand Medical Centre and Pharmacy about the possibility of a branch in Wardle, using 1/5 of the library as consulting rooms/chemist. The Strand Medical Centre has also written to Rochdale FHSA. At the last Neighbourhood Forum it was revealed that a Littleborough doctor has shown an interest in opening a branch surgery in the village. We await further developments. Baillie St Pharmacy advertise that they will collect and deliver prescriptions. Colin Darnbrough hopes that this service will be available through him at the Post Office.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance at 5th March 1992		
Lancastrian B.S. (Tree Account)		140.78
Lancastrian B.S. (Society Account)		343.72
Petty cash		<u>31.85</u>
Total		<u>516.35</u>

Receipts from 5/2/92 - 5/3/92		49.80
Expenses from 5/2/92 - 5/3/92		90

Membership:	Ordinary	43
	Pensioners	32
	Junior	1
	Corporate	<u>2</u>
	Total	<u>78</u>

A change of signatures for the building society account was agreed from the present Ann Southerton, Ron Bolas and Margaret Pearson to Ron Bolas, Margaret Pearson and Anne Lines.

Secretary's Report. A communication has been received from the Civic Trust in the North West about insurance, this has been filed for this year.

Any Other Business:

1. The Globe Inn - the situation is ongoing.
2. Ramsden Road/Birch Road. Councillor Dearnley has had a letter about waiting restrictions outside the library, these are not to be implemented. The situation will be re-assessed and new ideas proposed. We are waiting to hear from the next traffic meeting.
3. Grounds Maintenance. Councillor Schofield handed us a copy of a research exercise done by the Council by sending questionnaires to 60 councillors. 19 replies were received and the results recorded their opinions about grass cutting, shrub maintenance, tree maintenance, fencing, hanging baskets and internal plant display.
4. Wardle Fold Village Green. Councillor Dearnley contacted someone at RMBC about six months ago and suggests that the matter is mentioned at the next Neighbourhood Services Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd April 1992 at 7.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.