

WARDLE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th February 1993 at 7.45 pm

Present: Anne Lines, Margaret Pearson, Sylvia Lear, Ivan Rhodes, Julie Roberts, Tom Seed, Michael Fitton, Sue Robinson, Councillor Beryl Wright and Liz Gornall from Neighbourhood Services.

Apologies: Joyce Turnough, Ann Southerton, Colin Darnbrough, Councillors Ashley Dearnley and Bernard Schofield and Neighbourhood Manager, David Taylor.

The minutes of the last meeting, 7th January 1993, were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- a) Signs on Rec - these have been re-erected and are still in place.
- b) The pew - Ernest Coles has taken it to his workshop for repair and refurbishment.
- c) School sign - Liz Gornall will check whether the residents of 81 and 83 Ramsden Road have pruned the necessary trees.
- d) Junction of Birch Road and Ramsden Road - the preferred layout was for a mini-roundabout but there were only 21 responses. The next stage is for Liz Gornall to meet with the Highways Department. Schemes for the next five years are submitted in March to the Department of Transport and priorities decided.
- e) Michael Fitton has a motor mower which needs slight attention. He is willing to give it to Wardle Society for use in the graveyard.
- f) Walls - the one on East Street is safe and the one on Ramsden Road is being looked at.

Treasurer's Report - Ivan reported that Colin told him the accounts are about the same as last month. We decided we could do with some money withdrawing for petty cash as we have some photocopying to pay for and there is postage every month.

Secretary's Report - We have had a letter from the Civic Trust in London. Our registration fee was not paid last year, but if we pay our £20 by the 1st April this year we will be put back on their register. We therefore need to send a cheque to the Civic Trust.

Any Other Business

1. There has been more manure dumped on the public footpath behind the houses on Ramsden Road. Albert Jackson needs an official letter from Neighbourhood Services - Liz will check up on this - and in the meantime we will write to Albert and Tina.
2. The old butcher's shop and the video shop on Ramsden Road are having the pebble dash removed by vandals. We will contact the Estate Agent to notify the owners.
3. There have been a number of sheds broken into and acts of minor vandalism - a letter will be sent to the Police. We are concerned that something serious might happen especially with the number of empty buildings in the village. During the meeting Edith Holt came in to say that she had telephoned the Police and that ~~David~~ was closing his shop early because of a gang of youths outside. The police response was excellent (they arrived at 8.55pm) and the gang was dispersed.
4. Following on from the above matter, Julie mentioned the lack of lighting behind the library - security lighting would be a safety measure. Liz will send a letter to the owners.
5. Anne thought that the AGM should be earlier than planned because of holidays. It was decided that the date be brought forward to 8th July 1993 and that the usual monthly meeting on 1 July 1993 be cancelled and amalgamated with the AGM.
6. Benches - The Community Service workers were not willing to do the work expected of them at Watergrove so there is no-one to put up the benches. Tom and Roger will do the ones around Watergrove and keep one for Michael to be put on his land. We need volunteers willing to do some hard work to install the others round the village.

The next meeting is on Thursday 4th March at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

