



WARDLE SOCIETY

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

Present: Anne Lines, Margaret Pearson, Sylvia Lear, Colin Darnbrough, Julie Roberts, Joyce Turnough, Councillors Beryl Wright and Ashley Dearnley, Neighbourhood Manager, David Taylor, Reverend Neil Salt and four local residents.

Apologies: Ivan Rhodes, Michael Fitton and Councillor Bernard Schofield.

The minutes of the last meeting, 4th February 1993, were accepted with one amendment - the owner of the Village Stores is Bob Henthorn, not David. (A.O.B. item 3.)

Matters Arising:

- a) Junction of Birch Road and Ramsden Road - the local residents were concerned that yellow lines have been mentioned therefore restricting their parking. Support services are looking for funding for the road improvement. The Department of Transport provides a certain amount of money and RMBC have to decide priorities. The forecourt also needs improving and council officers need to meet with the shopkeepers to discuss future plans, including parking at the rear of the shops where security is a problem. Lighting for this area also needs discussion.
- b) Vandalism in Wardle - The Reverend Neil Salt shared our worries about the safety of unused buildings and suggested that the Old School building be emptied of furniture eg piano, cupboards etc. The Church needs financial help and we voted in favour of donating £50 towards the cost of skips and making the building secure. Ashley Dearnley will liaise with Neil Salt about the hire of skips. The Church itself is virtually empty, with some items of value being stored in the Methodist Chapel. Some things are still in the Church safe. The Churchyard scheme is going ahead at the moment - re-erecting gravestones etc.

A letter was sent to the Police after our last meeting and we have had a brief reply and a telephone call. There have been more problems with youths gathering outside the shops and library especially after Thursday Club and also on Saturdays. A letter is to be sent to Mr Anderson expressing our concern about the bad language, 13 and 14 year olds drinking, football against windows etc. We are also going to write to Sergeant Nicholson at Littleborough Police Station about the trouble.

Treasurer's Report -

Wardle Society Balance at 4 March 1993

Tree Account:	Northern Rock B.S.	68.19	
	Cash in hand	43.00	111.19
Society Account :	Northern Rock B.S.	486.89	
	Cash in hand	2.00	488.89
	Petty Cash		<u>3.13</u>
			<u>603.21</u>
February balance brought forward		611.84	
Receipts		<u>26.00</u>	
		637.84	
Expenditure		34.63	<u>603.21</u>

Membership: Ordinary	34
Pensioners	39
Juniors	4
Corporate	1
Life	<u>1</u>
	<u>79</u>

Secretary's Report - We have had a reply from GMTPE about the bus shelter in Wardle Square - they are monitoring the situation. David Taylor has sent us a leaflet about litter - this will be put on the noticeboard.

Any Other Business

1. Crossfield Road/Ramsden Road - according to Support Services nothing can be done to stop u-turning traffic - we are not in agreement and Beryl Wright and David Taylor are to take the matter further. There has been one suggestion that the grass verge on Crossfield Road be made into a car parking area.
2. The Acting Borough Solicitor is to contact the Kearsleys, Ashley Dearnley, David Taylor and Wardle Society about Wardle Fold.
3. There is to be council restructuring from 1 April, with Neighbourhood Services changing. There are to be three departments: Environment, Recreation & amenities and Housing. An assistant director in each department will work with the various areas. Our area will be the Pennine Area (Littleborough, Wardle and Milnrow). There will be a housing team and a community leisure team based in Littleborough.

Our neighbourhood manager, David Taylor, is moving to the housing department. We expressed our thanks for work done on our behalf and for his presence at our meetings. We hope that in future someone from the environment team will be able to attend

4. Environment Week, 22 - 31 May 1993
Suggestions wanted for things to do.
5. The council will contact the builders of Vineyard Close to remove rubbish from the stream.
6. Social functions for the future -

eg Cadbury's World at Bournville, Birmingham.
Ironbridge Gorge
Beamish.

Further discussion at the next meeting. A newsletter could then be distributed giving details.

The next meeting is on Thursday 1st April at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.