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WARDLE SOCIETY.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th. October 1993.

Present: A.Lines, M.Pearson, J.Roberts, E.Holt, A.Southern, I.Rhodes  
Cllr.B.Schofield, B.Clifton, M.Fitton, K.Hutchings (Community  
Policeman).

Apologies: Cllrs. Wright & Dearnley, C.Lord, T.Seed, C.Darnborough,  
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The minutes of the last meeting held on the 2nd. September, were approved.

Matters Arising:

1. Village Green. The Groundwork Trust are now considering grant applications and Geoff.Dowden is keeping in touch. Anne will approach St.James' Primary School to see if the children would be interested in being involved. There is a need for a sign-board for the designated Green, to inform residents and to prevent car parking. Cllr.Schofield will contact RMBC (Mr. Flintoff, Environment). It was also noted that the grass had been cut by a local farmer.

2. Township Meeting. Margaret and Anne will attend the next meeting on 21st. October.

3. Litter. This is now cleared.

4. St.James' Graveyard. The PCC has agreed to employ a local gardener (Mr.P.Curnow), rather than STS.Ltd., as the work will take several weeks. All the site will be cleared and STS were only willing to do the front. The Society will write to Rev.Neil Salt expressing satisfaction at this arrangement. Mr.Curnow had seen our newsletter request for a mower and strimmer and had contacted Rev.Salt.

5. Talk by Mr.Jenks. There was disappointment at the low attendance. Those present enjoyed an interesting talk and a photograph of old Wardle was presented to him on behalf of the Society. Michael Fitton has offered to give a talk on "wall coverings" in the Spring.

6. Land adjacent to the Hare and Hounds. Diane Rothwell (Planning RMBC) confirmed that the land causing concern does belong to the Brewery, following a land exchange between RMBC and Brewery in 1982. A letter has been sent to the landlady (Mrs.Reger) and a copy to the Brewery in light of this information. A letter has been received from the Brewery, stating that the lessee is responsible for maintaining land, but that they would oversee this. The land has now been "strimmed" and tidied.

### 7. Youth Problems.

(a) Facilities: Youth Worker, Barbara Kenworthy, was contacted and a meeting arranged for 9th. September. 30 young people attended and a discussion took place about their needs. Many are involved in school activities, but one group of 12 year-olds wanted a youth club, and another group wanted a "drop-in" centre: the remainder did not want organising. A further meeting was arranged for 4th. October, to report back on the availability of accommodation. At this meeting only one young person arrived (D. Love). Mrs. Kenworthy reported that apart from Wardle Community Centre (which none of the youths attending the earlier meeting were willing to go to), there was no room available in the village, but that young people could be bussed to Hamer Youth Centre, where many activities are run nightly. David Love will inform his friends and keep in touch with the Youth Worker. The Committee feel that we should also maintain contact with the village youth, and invite them to our next meeting. Mr. Philip Hughes of Ramsden Road has offered his help with young people, but is now unwell. His name has been given to the Youth Worker.

(b) Vandalism of the sub-station fence at the Birch Road/Ramsden Road junction was noted, and a letter will be sent to the Electricity Board to point out the state of disrepair and potential danger arising.

(c) Bench: The meeting voted again to retain the bench.

### 8. Police Matters.

Dangerous driving by youths at the Birch Road/Ramsden Road corner has been reported to the community policeman, present. There are also reports of children playing "chicken" at night.

Sergeant Ellis has taken over at Littleborough Police station, and Nigel Hill is our other community policeman.

### Treasurer's Report. 29/9/93

Northern Rock B.S.	Tree A/C	£120.19
	Society A/C	<u>£428.89</u>
		549.08
	Cash in hand	<u>28.79</u>
		<u>£577.87</u>
Balance at 2/9/93	B/F	£550.04
	Received	<u>32.07</u>
		£582.11
	Expenditure	<u>4.24</u>
		<u>£577.87</u>

Membership at 29/9/93 totals 71  
(Ord.33, Pens.35, Junior 2, Life 1)

Signatures have been changed in Society A/C to M. Pearson, A. Lines,  
S. Lear

Tree account book sent to head office as computer only had "Mrs. P. Lines" as signatory. A request has been made to have the same signatories as for the Society account. Address for both accounts is c/o A. Southerton, 22 Knowl Syke Street

Any Other Business.

(1) Play Swings: These were repaired on 17th. September, following numerous requests by the Society; the last at the Township meeting in August. The unsafe playing surface was also commented upon.

(2) Mr. Jackson's Barn: It was agreed that we should write to the Planning Dept. RMBC., expressing concern over the partial demolition of Mr. Jackson's barn (a listed building), in a conservation area. The letter asks whether planning permission was obtained and will appropriate local building materials be used to restore and repair it.

(3) Additional Trees for Commemorative Wood: Michael Fitton is taking some of his own trees to the warden for planting in the wood.

(4) Bulbs for the Wood: There is £25 still available from SCOSPA reward for bulb purchase: M. Fitton is contacting Mr. Stafford (local resident and owner of "All-in-One" garden centre) regarding supply of "Carlton" daffodil variety. Planting volunteers are Michael, Ann S, Bernice, Ivan, Julie.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Date of next meeting: November 4th. at 7.45 pm.