

WARDLE SOCIETY.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st. December 1994 at 7.45pm.

Present: A.Lines, M.Fitton, M.Pearson, I.Rhodes, C.Darnbrough, B.Clifton, A.Southerton, B.Wright.

Apologies: S.Lear, J.Roberts, A.Dearnley, B.Schofield, J.Rickards.

Matters Arising.

1. Skyline.

(a) Hades Hill. Mr.Roskill will investigate reports that quarrying is still taking place.

(b) Middle Hill. Mr.Roskill has sent a copy of the 1981 quarrying planning application D12114. We will write to state that restoration is our prime concern, within a time limit, if new permission is given.

(c) Does the Council have a policy whereby contractors set aside a sum to cover restoration, should they become bankrupt? Will contact Mr.Roskill.

2. Wardle Brook Project; South of Crossfield Road. Have contacted Groundwork Trust to say that the Society will donate £50 for this.

3. Planning Matters.

(a) Letter from Planning Dept. stating conditions for development off Dovedale Drive.

(b) D31334LP Listed building Pott House Lane, have spoken to Mr.Wolfenden and saw plans for renewal of windows which should be of sash type, to conform to age/style.

(c) Mr. Wolfenden will be sending photostats/photographs/specifications etc. of all listed buildings in the Wardle area.

(d) Appeal to Dept. of Environment by Mr.Bolton, whose planning application for a bungalow on Bank Barn Lane was turned down by RMBC. We shall write to the DoE to re-iterate our objections.

NB. NEXT PLANNING MEETING IS TUES 13 DEC 7.30pm IN LIBRARY

4. Township Fund. Our application for a grant of £679 to purchase a basic photocopier for our use, and use by other voluntary groups at nominal charge, was approved at their meeting earlier today. Siting and insurance needs to be discussed at our next meeting. **

5. Village Green. Rubble removed. Will contact Groundwork Trust to see when work can be completed.

6. Hanging Baskets. Letter from RCLS Dept.: Chris Flintoff will investigate proposals and possible sponsorship opportunities are being developed by RMBC for "Britain in Bloom" competition 1995 (3rd. prize in 1994). Colin Darnbrough reports a negative response by some residents and concern at possible vandalism.

Treasurer's Report. 1/12/94

		Balance at 3/12/94	£634.87
		Received:	
		Refreshment	1.40
		Trees	35.00
		Inte'st Tree A/C	0.54
		Interest Soc A/C	1.89
			<u>38.83</u>
			673.70
N.R.B.S.Tree Account	227.92	Expenditure:	
Society A/C	<u>320.91</u>	Postage etc.	2.79
	548.83	Poppy wreath	20.00
Cash on Hand	<u>8.08</u>	Trees	<u>116.79</u>
	<u>556.91</u>		<u>556.91</u>

Membership as last month, 42.

Any Other Business.

1. Wardle Commemorative Wood. The committee have decided to suspend further tree planting in the wood. No further donations will be accepted after today. The exact number of trees planted but not numbered (ie. not allocated) will be determined, also the total number of trees planted since 1991. The tree fund will be discussed at our next meeting. **

2. Newsletter. This will be prepared by Anne Lines and distributed by Ivan Rhodes and team. Reminders will be included to various members who have not renewed their annual subscriptions.

3. Joint Meeting. with the committee and Littleborough Civic Society will take place on 28th. March 1995 at Littleborough Coach House. It will take the form of a talk on the new Pennine Bridleway.

4. Planning Application D31358. Reclamation of former quarry to form grazing land on banks of Knowle Syke Brook, below Rydings Dam. Mr. Roskell RMBC has sent a copy to Wardle Society and asked for comments. The area is of special landscape value and of industrial archaeological interest. We shall make a response.

5. Planning Matters. There is a need to decide what planning matters need to concern us. This will be discussed next month. **

6. Historical Interest. There is a need to develop the historical interest of Wardle Society.
(a) Listed Buildings: particularly those at risk. Will ask Mr. Wolfenden if he can come to address a meeting, probably in February 1995.
(b) The oral history of Wardle should be preserved. An application will be made to the Township fund for a tape recorder and microphone, to enable us to do this. The April '95 meeting will allow time to discuss the matter.

7. Church Pew. A brass plaque has now been fixed to the pew by Mr. Lear.

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Next meeting 5th. January at 7.45 pm.