

Sylvia

WARDLE SOCIETY.

Minutes of the meeting held on Sept.1st.1994.

Present: A.Lines; S.Lear; M.Pearson; I.Rhodes; J.Roberts; B.Clifton;  
J.Rikards; A.Southerton; C.Darnbrough; B.Wright; B.Schofield;  
M.Kenyon.

Apologies: M.Fitton; A.Dearnley.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Matters Arising.

1. Village Green. Shrub planting carried out on 22nd.August; Groundwork Trust will complete any unfinished work.

2. Streams: Wardle Brook. Builder has not yet removed debris from the stream and the retaining wall on the W bank is still being constructed, but felt to be badly done. Will contact Diane Rothwell (enforcement officer) of Environment Department RMBC.

3. Old School Building. Over 1000 leaflets distributed prior to the Public Meeting (called by Wardle Society) held on 18th.August to discuss the application for a demolition order on the building by the Diocese. 26 people attended and speakers were Mr.David Thomas (M/C Diocese Board of Education), Mrs.B.Clifton and Mrs.B.Wright (W.S. committee members). Vote at the end was: 14 for demolition, 10 against and 2 abstentions. All felt that it was important that should demolition occur, the site should be left in good order, as it is in a conservation area, and someone should accept responsibility for maintaining the site, in view of the problem of ownership not being established, until the site is sold. Concern was also expressed at the future of the whole site, including playground/field area and of the church/graveyard.

Wardle Society endorses this view, although the vote was split evenly (5 for/5 against+ 1 abstention) and the chairman gave the casting vote that the Society should not oppose the demolition order, but with the proviso that the site be left in good order and responsibility for maintaining the site be established, until the site is sold. We shall contact Mr.Simpson (Planning Officer, RMBC) about this and also express concern that public notices about the application for demolition had not been posted on the building. Mrs.A.Southerton will attend the Pennine Township Planning meeting on Sept.21st.on our behalf (8pm. Butterworth Hall, Milnrow).

4. SE Pennine Wind Turbine Plan Great Hill. Public information meeting on 18th.August, organised by Wardle Society and attended by 47 people. Speakers were: John Bewick (Flaigh Hill Group) and Mrs.A.Southerton (W.S). Vote at the end was unanimous for opposition to siting of wind turbines on Great Hill. The committee of Wardle Society endorses this view and is to donate £25 to the Great Hill Group.

N.B. When planning application is made for a wind turbine farm on Great Hill, we shall oppose it.

5. Playground Equipment. One swing is still broken and Paul Alcock is to be told of this on 2/9/94.

6. Planning Matters.

(a) First Planning Group meeting, held on the 16th.August considered 2 items, but no objections were raised. Next meeting 20th.Sept.8pm in the Library.

(b) D31076LB: front porch and single story rear extension to Wardle House (listed building in the conservation area). Some felt that a front porch may be inappropriate to the architecture of the building: will contact Planning Dept.RMBC.

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7 Skyline. Mr. Roskill (Mining RMBC) will attend our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. 1/9/94.

		Balance 4/8/94	425.50
		Received, Subs	37.00
		Trees	3.00
NRBC Tree A/C	85.38	Refreshments	1.80
Soc. A/C	319.02		467.30
	404.40	Expenditure	9.32
Cash on hand Soc	50.58		457.98
Trees	3.00		
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Membership to date: 35.

Any other business.

1. Pennine Township Sub-Committee Meeting. 6.15pm. 22nd. Sept at Wardle Community Centre. B. Clifton will attend and raise matters on our behalf in "Open Forum".

2. Footpaths - to rear of :-

(a) Crossfield Rd/Dovedale Drive and (b) Crossfield Rd/Crossfield Close overgrown and difficult to walk. Will contact footpaths officer RMBC.

3. "Wardle Village" Name Sign on Halifax Road. Inadequate and not indicated on route boards. Will contact RMBC.

4. Sponsored Tree by the Society in memory of Ken Simpson.

5. A Bench will be erected on the Village Green in the near future dedicated to villagers, past, present and future.

6. Bus Shelter, Wardle Square. Constantly vandalised. A letter will be sent to Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive, requesting a replacement (more vandal-proof) in keeping with the conservation area. This will include a suggestion that it be resited by the bench near the Globe public house for the benefit of passengers and it being less likely to be used as goalposts, as at present. Present terminus could still be used for dropping off and bus parking.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 6th. October at 7.45 pm., Wardle Library.