

Sylvia

WARDLE SOCIETY.

Minutes of the meeting held on March 3rd.1994 at 7.45pm.

Present: A.Lines, M.Pearson, S.Lear, I.Rhodes, M.Fitton, B.Clifton, Cllr.Dearnley, Cllr.Wright, Alex Marr (Groundwork Trust), Chris Tattersall (Scouts), 5 residents of Ashbrook Hey (members of Wardle Community Association).

Apologies: C.Darnbrough, B.Schofield.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising.

1. Commemorative Wood. Additional tree planting will take place on Sunday 20th.March, of 150 trees, purchased from N.W.W.Ltd. Anne Lines has prepared a newsletter, asking for volunteers and Ivor Rhodes will arrange distribution.

2. Wardle Village Green. John Carney (Direct Services) confirms that the Council will commence preliminary levelling, path-making, turfing and erection of fence uprights on 17-21 March. Following completion of this work, volunteers from Wardle Society, Scouts and Venture Scouts will be involved in tree and shrub planting, mulching and fencing. Wild flower seeds will be sown by pupils from St. James Primary School. Groundwork Trust will co-ordinate this work. Council are meeting on 17th.March to approve the leasing of up to 250 square yards to local residents for garden uses/access.

3. Township Sub-committee Meeting. Attended on 17th.Feb. by A.Southerton and A.Lines.

(a) An official gave a verbal report on the specifications for the ramp needed for wheel-chair access to the library. John Percival (Community Leisure & Environment, RMBC) will contact us about feasibility and funding.

(b) Independent reports on all fixed play equipment in Rochdale given to the Council. Copies for the society have been requested for all those in the Wardle area. Ashbrook Hey swings are considered dangerous and so have been removed by the Council. Anne Lines told the committee that the Council should have a legal obligation to maintain, repair and replace existing equipment before spending money on new schemes on new sites*. Cllr.Dearnley agreed, and is endeavouring to have the swings put back.

* This issue is to be raised at C.L.S.Council meeting on 15th.March, when a petition by children from Ashbrook Hey will also be presented by Cllr.Dearnley.

(c) Footpaths on poor condition: (1) Behind Shaftsbury Drive; Mr.Moxham, Ass.Boro' Engineer, is going to examine it. (2) Wardle Rd./Ashbrook Hey over the stream bridge: Cllr.Dearnley has contacted Groundwork Trust to see if they can complete the path on Ashbrook Hey side, as the original work was carried out by them.

Next Township Sub-Committee meeting is on June 23rd. at Littleboro'.

Treasurer's Report.

<u>3.3.94.</u>		Balance at 3.2.94	<u>£576.72</u>
N.R.B.S.		received	<u>2.60</u>
Tree a/c	130.19		<u>579.32</u>
Soc. a/c	<u>429.02</u>	expenditure	<u>4.33</u>
	559.21		<u>574.99</u>
Cash in hand			
Trees	11.00		
Society	<u>4.78</u>		
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Membership at 3.3.94 = 78

Any Other Business.

1. Tom Seed is making a wooden sign for the village green; Ashley Dearnley will enquire whether planning approval is required.
2. Mr. Coles, joiner, has renovated the pew donated by the Parish church; it is now in the Library. A letter of thanks will be sent. A plaque will be affixed eventually.
3. Recent bad weather has necessitated gritting of main roads by the Council. This was felt to have been done inadequately, due to the high speed of the gritting vehicle. Cllr. Dearnley will contact RMBC to complain about this on behalf of the Society.
4. The Civic Trust has given notice of several forthcoming national events:
 - (i) BT Environment Week, 20-30 May.
 - (ii) "Heritage Days", 10-11 Sept. in which interesting places, buildings etc., are opened to the public. Suggestions for local places for this by our next meeting please.
5. It was decided not to take out insurance for Wardle Society as events do not justify the expense.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.

Next meeting 7th. April at 7.45 pm.