

WARDLE CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th. July, at 8.50pm.

Present:- J.Rickards, M.Pearson, S.Lear, A.Lines, C.Darnbrough, H.Kenyon,  
J.Roberts, B.Clifton, A.Southerton, I.Rhodes, J.Whitehead, B.Wright,  
P.Hird, C.Clarke,  
K.Uren, Mrs.Watson & P.C.K.Hutchins.

Apologies:- A.Dearnley, B.Schofield.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:-

1. Play areas  
Cllr Wright states that improvements for Ashbrook Hey playground are not in the R.M.B.C. Budget.
2. Vandalism and deterioration of St.James' Church building  
Diocese state in letter to Ray Woolfenden (Planning Dept.) that the Wardle Parochial Church Council still have responsibility for the church building. Society will contact Harry Iles, P.C.C. Chairman to express our concern and send him copies of relevant letters (copy to Mr.Wolfenden).
3. Civic "Coffeethon" on Saturday 15th. July 10a.m. to 12 noon in the library.  
Half the proceeds will go to the National Council of Civic Trust Societies.  
Volunteers:- S.Lear, B.Clifton, A.Lines, A.Southerton, C.Clarke, B.Wright.
4. Bus shelter, Wardle Square. Now been replaced.

Treasurer's Report (enclosed) SEE A.G.M. MINUTES

Secretary's Report

1. Wardle Angling Club:-Apology received from Marcus Pearson for non-attendance at our last meeting. Letter received from Colin Clarke stating that their members were able to form a committee at their A.G.M. He hopes our Society will be supportive of their aim to provide and maintain amenities and facilities within the village.
2. Planning Applications: (a) D32058 Wardle Mill erection of storage building for pelts. Letter sent to Planning Dept. stating that this would be an improvement on present situation, but any demolition should be done properly and site left tidy as is in Conservation Area. Acknowledged. (b) D32015 Cook St. Pallets; Workshop extension. Letter sent to Planning Dept. expressing concern at the possible increase in vehicular traffic on East St. and Ramsden Rd. Acknowledged.

Any Other Business

1. Police Matters  
Concern at vandalism in general in village, and poor contact and follow-up by Police. Chairman suggests meeting with Senior Police Officer at a later date to

air these problems. New Inspector (Spruce) has taken over at Littleborough Police station.

2. Accidental damage to tape recorder caused by trailing lead.  
Cost of repair to come from Society funds.(approx.£25)

3. Professional photography at old Water treatment house, Watergrove.  
Costs considerably greater than estimated, however interior shots excellent.(£76.)

4. Increased expenditure from Society Account 1994/5.  
Treasurer proposed that £100 from the Tree Account be transferred to the Society Account, as the donation to Groundwork Trust (for Environmental work) had been made from the Society A/c. This was seconded by A.Lines and approved by committee.

5. Alternative Uses for St.James' Church building  
R.M.B.C. seeks suggestions. For discussion following our ordinary meeting on 7th. September.

6. Sub-committees

a) Planning-Anne Lines co-ordinator, members; -A.Southerton, S.Lear, B.Clifton, J.Whitehead. Meet as required, mid -month in library.

b) Oral History-Bernice Clifton co-ordinator.

Both groups to produce written report for committee meetings, at request of chairman.

7. Chairman stated that the following items should be dealt with by committee at a later date;-

a) Footpaths

b) Listed and historically interesting buildings and the Conservation Area

c) Ways of increasing membership and encouraging youth membership.

The meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

The next meeting will be on August 3rd. at 7.45p.m. in the library.

*Anne Lines*  
3/8/95

