

WARDLE SOCIETY.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st. June 1995.

Present: A.Lines; S.Lear; M.Pearson; J.Roberts; H.Kenyon; B.Schofield; B.Wright; J.Rickards; A.Southerton.

Apologies: B.Clifton; A.Dearnley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

1. Rochdale in Bloom

Wardle Horticultural Society contacted and ideas/suggestions sought (secretary on holiday). Launch not attended, but information pack obtained-will photocopy relevant sheets/application forms and distribute to schools/shops/pubs etc.

2. Photocopier

Letter sent to Director, R.C.L.S.S., informing him that we will not be siting it in the library due to prohibitive insurance costs.

3. Listed buildings at risk

Letter sent to R.Wolfenden, thanking him for keeping us informed of the situation involving the churches.

4. Wardle Angling Club

This issue put on hold as representative from club not present, and information requested not received.

5. Retirement of Tom Seed

M.Pearson presented Tom with a gift voucher and card from the Society to mark his retirement from work as Warden at Watergrove and to acknowledge the work he has done in co-operation with us.

Treasurer's Report

(separate sheet)

Secretary's Report

1. Wardle Fold car-park wall now repaired.

2. Civic Trust

a) National "Civic Coffeethon" to be held on Sat. 15 July. Ours will be held in the Library at 10a.m-12 noon, subject to approval. Admission charge of 60p. to be split between Society and National Council of Civic Trusts. Publicity material will be obtained from Civic Trust.

b) Regional Office at Swinton now closed.

c) Result of National questionnaire into activities of Societies-70% of Societies felt planning issues were their most important function.

d) Questionnaire received on most important planning issue affecting our Society in past two years-voted: 1) demolition of Church School, 2) quarrying affecting skyline, 3) greenbelt policy of Society.

3. Planning Information R.M.B.C.

a) Approval of plan to convert barn, East Hill Top Farm, to residential use, subject to certain conditions.

4. Township meetings reports

a) Wardle Spring Water Co. Re-submission of plans for access door for plant machinery onto East Street (retrospective), awaiting a site meeting-opposed by local residents.

b)Application for double yellow lines (at own cost) on Ramsden Road/Fern Street junction for Cook Street Pallets, to enable large vehicles to negotiate bend early morning, unrestricted by parked cars.

c)Fixed Play Areas:-Wardle and Ashbrook Hey, and three other areas, given priority in 95/96 budget.

d)"No Ball Games" signs:-some funding available from Township Fund for erection on private sites eg. gable ends, fences etc.

e)New rules for applications to Township Fund:-
One application per organisation per year.
Twice yearly dates for application-June and November

f)Roundabout changes/roadworks junction of Birch Road and Ramsden Road have been approved for inclusion in the 1995/96 budget.

Any other business

1.A.G.M.

Ann Southerton suggested that committee members "job-share". The chairman pointed out that various members were already involved in sub-groups set up this year for planning, oral history and history, and distribution of newsletters; and that if all officer posts were filled by separate individuals then there should be no problems of over-commitment.

2.Northern Rock Building Society.

Now has policy of charging if balance falls below certain level, so our Treasurer will monitor the situation.

3.Bus shelter, Wardle Square.

Still not been replaced, although in schedule:-Cllr.Beryl Wright will make enquiries.

4.St.James'C.E.Church (disused)

Concern at vandalism and fires at the church. Possible access due to poor security and damage. Local residents should contact Police when they see it happen, but Police do not always respond quickly enough to catch them. Will contact Diocese to express our concern at their neglect of the building and the easy access for vandals. Gate from old School building site onto Ramsden Road is dangerous, and allows access for vandals:-suggest they block it off. Copies of letter to:- R.Wolfenden, Cllr.Dearnley, Police plus separate letter to Police(Littleborough).

The meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on
THURSDAY 13th JULY at 7.45p.m.in the library
followed by an ordinary meeting.

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Treasurer's Report 1.6.95

N.R.B.S: Tree Account	262.92	
Society Account	238.91	
		501.83
Cash on hand: Society		<u>40.98</u>
		<u>542.81</u>
Balance at 4.5.95		541.47
Received: Photocopying	60	
Subs (for 1995/6)	24.00	<u>24.60</u>
		566.07
Expenditure: Postage, phone	3.26	
Gift voucher	20.00	<u>23.26</u>
		<u>542.81</u>

Membership

Ordinary	28
Pensioner	26
Junior	1
Corporate	2
Life	<u>3</u>
	<u>60</u>