

Sylvia Lear

WARDLE SOCIETY.

Minutes of the meeting held 2nd MARCH 1995 AT 7.45p.m.

Present

M.Fitton; M.Pearson; S.Lear; J.Roberts; B.Clifton; Mr.Kenyon; A.Southern.

Apologies

A.Lines; B.Wright; A.Dearnley; B.Schofield; J.Rickards.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Matters Arising.

1. **Role of the Society in Relation to Listed Buildings:** discussion deferred to the next meeting.

2. **Township Fund:**

(a) Photocopier: Ashley Dearnley to see if photocopier can be covered by the Library insurance for fire/theft/public liability, if sited there, since the cost is prohibitive for the Society to insure separately.

(b) Application for £330 for equipment to record oral history is approved by the Township sub-committee, on condition that it is a Pennine Township-wide initiative and thus available to other groups, eg. Littleboro Historical Society.

3. **Planning Matters.**

(a) D 31656, Residential Development on Land Opposite Ash Brook Hey Lane [outline planning permission]: Committee agreed to oppose this as the land concerned is a proposed green space corridor within a defined urban area.

(b) D 31649, Change of Use from Industrial to Residential [full permission]: Water Treatment House to 10 Dwelling Units, Watergrove for NWW Ltd: The Committee welcomed the application as it means that the building will not be demolished nor allowed to deteriorate. Change of use not opposed, but several points cause concern:

- (i) inadequate access via Lower House Lane
- (ii) possible inadequate parking space allocation
- (iii) belief that the building should remain within present boundaries
- (iv) land surrounding the building should not be changed
- (v) village is already congested with traffic
- (vi) feel that the change of use to residential in a green belt should not set a precedent.

Planning Department will be notified on both applications.

The Committee feels that a photographic record should be made of the water treatment house before it changes use. The sum of £25 for the services of a professional photographer plus the cost of film were approved unanimously by the committee. B.Clifton will contact Michael Whitworth, NWW Ltd. and arrange a site meeting.

Treasurer's Report. 2/3/95.

		Balance at 2/2/95	582.69
NRBS Tree A/C	247.92	Received: Refreshments	1.40
Soc. A/C	<u>304.91</u>	Subs	1.00
	552.83		<u>2.40</u>
			585.09
Cash on hand	<u>23.60</u>	Expended: post/phone	3.67
	<u>576.43</u>	tapes	4.99
			<u>8.66</u>
			576.43

Membership = 53

Secretary's Report. 2/3/95

1. Tape recorder and 2 microphones ordered from Canford Audio through David Broome, Town Clerk's Dept..
2. Approval given for siting of photocopier in library, following letter to Cllr. Stott and request by Cllr. Dearnley. Insurance position to be clarified. [presently covered by secretary's home insurance.]
3. Civic Trust Insurance letter - full cover available at £115.
4. Contacted local newspaper and voluntary groups about availability of photocopier.
5. Contacted Groundwork Trust re; unfinished village green-Geoff Dowden will be in touch.
6. Letter received from Littleborough Civic Trust inviting us to a talk at the Coach house, Littleborough at 8 pm. 28th. March on the SOUTH PENNINE PACKHORSE TRAIL .
7. Wardle Fold carpark-letter received via Cllr. Dearnley on ownership of land [RMBC].
8. Calendar of Township meetings 1995/6. received.
9. PENNINE TOWNSHIP SUB-COMM. meeting 23/2/95 at 6.15 pm attended on behalf of the society and raised 4 matters in Open Forum
 - (a) HADES HILL continuation of work after time limit has expired, and stated concern at lack of manpower to monitor situation. Mr. Roskell will be in touch.
 - (b) Air raid shelters-one in field at Law Flats used by glue sniffers and Mr. Fitton had blocked it off at his own expense [on his land]. Is council responsible? R.M.B.C. say landowner responsible.
 - (c) National Solus advertising hoarding near Sandknockers Pub, Halifax Road surrounded by discarded bills-R.M.B.C. will ensure owner removes [has obligation to do so.]
 - (d) Sign in field Birch Rd. for housing development Dovedale Drive-no planning permission, and grass verge has been damaged. R.M.B.C. will investigate.

AGENDA ITEMS 3,4,5. [matters affecting Wardle]

- [3] Township fund-application for tape recorder and microphones approved subject to undertaking that we make them available to other groups in the Pennine Township for the recording of oral history. Verbal agreement given by me to the committee.

[4] Britain in bloom report-Mr.C.Flintoff [R.C.L.SS] and Mr.Giles [Countryside Officer] will attend our next meeting to discuss hanging baskets e.t.c.

[5] Wardle High School baths-open to public during school holiday 31st.July-19th.August [3 weeks only as overspent last year]

TOWNSHIP PLANNING MEETING-8 pm. 23/2/95

Attended with Ann Southerton who spoke on behalf of the Society to oppose application D30277; continuance of quarrying at Middle Hill, Wardle. Application submitted to Full Planning Committee [2/3/95] without any recommendation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1.Meeting arranged for 7.30 pm. 21/3/95 in the library to discuss the historical side of the society.

2.Committee approved the purchase of 25 audio tapes by B.Clifton for oral history project

3.Police making a special patrol in village at weekends inc. plain clothes officers, to combat current youth problems. P/C Hutchins will attend our next meeting.

4.A.Southerton reports that the Great Hill group and fund are still in existence should a wind farm application be made two years hence when the Government may re-assess the present situation

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

The next meeting is on THURSDAY 6th.APRIL at 7.45 pm.

Ann Lister