

WARDLE CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held 5th October 1995

Present; J.Rickards, M.Pearson, S.Lear, C.Darnbrough, I.Rhodes, B.Wright,
A.Southerton, Mrs.B.Stott, Mrs.W.Flattley, Mr.Aspinall,
D.Martin(Sec.Sailboard Club), plus two members

Apologies; A.Lines, A.Dearnley, B.Schofield, H.Kenyon, J.Roberts, B.Clifton

1. Special meeting called to discuss changes to Watergrove Reservoir, attended by representatives from the Sailboard Club.

The recent drought and removal of setts from bed of reservoir have exposed three danger areas:-

- a) Area 1-Embankment with holes either side which require infilling.
No objection.
 - b) Area 2-Levelling of building to West of old.Ramsden Road.Sailboard Club wish to form a more level depth to make sailboarding safer
 - c) Area 3-Levelling of embankment. Grassy mound is to be left as it is.
- Apart from these three areas, the Sailboard Club feels no other changes need to be made. Concern was felt by some of the committee at possible future changes and subsequent loss of Industrial archaeological heritage. Recent removal of setts (which N.W.W. plc. deny responsibility for, in response to our letter of concern):- in absence of secretary our chairman will write to Water Board requesting that they re-lay the dumped setts, and replace the large slabs whose removal has exposed a dangerous hole.

2. Ordinary meeting

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- see separate page

Secretary's Report

1)Wardle Square-

- a) Letter received from J.Fish(R.M.B.C), cleaning-up ordered and new litter bin to be provided by bus stop.
- b) Information board:-no money available from council for replacement. We could consider application to Pennine Township Fund.
- c) Letter received from Andrew Reid (R.C.L,SS.); extra planters to be provided outside the library and the Globe P.H.
- d) Village Green:-daffodil bulbs ordered from Malcom Giles(Countryside Officer). To be delivered to library ,volunteers needed for planting after our next meeting.

Planning Matters-nil to report

Oral History Project

Meeting of sub-committee in November will report to December meeting.

Matters Arising

1) St. James' church building

No reply from Diocese. Information from Environment Dept. R.M.B.C. on position as at 2/10/95 (see back page)

2) Footpaths

a) Tim Woods, Footpaths Officer R.M.B.C. will try to attend our meeting in January or February. He will bring the new definitive map with him. He is also trying to form a "Rights of Way" forum to which civic societies and footpaths groups will be invited.

b) Penmin footpath reported to be closed. Cllr. Wright has contacted Mr. Woods who assured her that it will be re-opened.

c) Path behind Shaftesbury Drive being dealt with.

d) Path between 11 and 13 Alpine Drive, giving access to recreation ground, partly blocked by garden refuse. Council will be dealing with this in the near future.

3) Roger Kennedy, warden at Watergrove, will be addressing our next meeting at 7.30 p.m. He will be discussing the possible revival of country crafts and resurrection of the old Wardle Rural Show.

Any Other Business

1) Cenotaph area - the flagstones are slippery with algae, Cllr. Wright will ask the council to clean it up before Remembrance Sunday.

2) Need for a membership drive.

3) Need for traffic to slow down on Wardle/Ramsden Roads.

4) Bus shelter sited the wrong way round at Wardle Square - does not give protection from the weather.

5) Christmas meal for Committee - decision to be made at next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.⁴⁵pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd. of November at 7.30 pm. in the library

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Treasurer's Report 5.10.95

Girobank deposit account (Tree fund)	170.35
(Society)	<u>129.67</u>
	300.02
Girobank current account	214.10
Cash on hand	<u>21.53</u>
	<u>535.65</u>
Balance at 7.9.95	530.16
Received:	
Coffee money	1.80
Subs	5.00
Bank interest	0.02
	<u>6.82</u>
	536.98
Expenditure: Postage	<u>1.33</u>
	<u>535.65</u>
Membership	
Ordinary	22
Pensioner	19
Junior	1
Life	<u>5</u>
	<u>47</u>

**CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE, WARDLE
POSITION AS AT 2 OCTOBER 1995**

The position reached by the Council in seeking to protect this important building, and to secure its restoration and reuse, might be summarised as follows:-

- (1) Whilst no formal response has been received to the Council's letter of 15 August 1995 to the Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Finance concerning the unauthorised removal of slates from the building, it is understood that at a recent meeting of the PCC it was decided to ask the Chairman of the Council's Environment Committee to meet with Chairman of the relevant Church Committee's to try to explore a compromise solution.

The Council's position set out in the letter was to invite the Church to bring forward proposals to correct the unauthorised work, or to face the prospect of a Listed Building Enforcement Notice.

- (2) A sketch scheme for the restoration and reuse of the church, together with the development for housing of part of the church grounds, is presently in course of preparation. The intention is to see whether the restoration of the church may be able to be cross-funded from the sympathetic development of its setting.
- (3) The last meeting of the Architectural Heritage Group - established to promote solutions for all of the Borough's 27 Listed Buildings at Risk - determined to receive a report at its next meeting about all the avenues open to 'advertise' a suitable sketch scheme and to find an appropriate development agency.
- (4) Final steps are being taken by the Diocese to secure the Pastoral Measure necessary to formally end the use of the Church for worship. Once obtained, the measure allows a 'waiting period' of 3 years before any proposals for demolition can be implemented.

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