

# WARDLE CIVIC SOCIETY



## *Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 1996*

**Present:** B Fitzsimons, S Lear, A Lines, M Pearson, I Rhodes, J Rickards, J Robe

**Apologies:** B Clifton, C Darnborough, A Dearnley, PC K Hutchins, G Mortimer, A Southerton, B Wright (who arrived later in the meeting)

**Open Discussion:** *Special* thanks were given to Margaret Pearson for all her time and effort spent over the period she has been involved with Wardle Civic Society, as she stands down from being Secretary and committee member.

A Newsletter will be brought out in time for Christmas with contributions from Jane, Bernice,, Barbara and hopefully PC Hutchins and others.

Marcus Pearson came in to inform us of a possible planning development at the Tannery. The only details available to date are that the Tannery may be converted into flats and the possible building of houses on the land behind the Tannery. Wardle Angling Club are holding a meeting in 'The Globe' on 16th October, on this issue.

The *minutes* of the meeting held on 5th September 1996 were approved as a true record.

There was a discussion of matters arising from those minutes:

1. The footpath walk on September 22nd, turned out to be great fun and a little embarrassing for the three members who took part. Having taken the wrong footpath it was discovered that the party were no longer on the planned route. It was then suggested that the map could possibly be used for the next footpath outing.
2. The grass on the Village Green has been cut leaving the wildflower patch untouched yet again. We shall ask Ashley to contact the appropriate department again.
3. It was reported to the meeting that the Authority has installed a new swing to replace the broken one reported to them by the Society earlier this year.
4. There has been no more development regarding Knowl Syke Brook footbridge and so this subject will be raised again at the next meeting of the Civic Society. It is thought that a possible second letter should be sent to the Borough Solicitor following our next discussion.

**Treasurer's Report:** See details attached.

**Secretary's Report:** A letter has been received from the Planning Authority with reference to the proposed alterations of the listed building at Law Flat. All alterations being carried out are within the law and so no further action is necessary.

A letter has been received in reply to our letter sent to Sgt. Lees regarding motor cycles. The letter is from PC Hutchins – see below.

The Secretary also read another letter from the Little borough Civic Society informing us of their 25th Anniversary. A card will be sent to Congratulate them on their great achievement.

**Community Police:** PC Hutchins had sent his apologies, with a letter stating :

- a) Sgt. Lees is no longer the Community Sgt. for Littleborough.
- b) Photocopies of our letter (about untaxed and unlicensed motor bikes, riding through the village), have been sent to Rochdale Traffic Dept. and Off Road Bike Squad, to see if they can assist.
- c) PC Roger Gill (contact name for future) of Oldham Off Road Bike Squad, caught 2 local lads a few weeks ago. They were on Wardle fold and have been reported for several offences. Hopefully, large fines will deter them and others from riding on the roads again.

**Planning:** An application has been made with reference to the premises once used by Amblers Pattern Makers. A change of use has been applied for. The building to be used for religious worship and a youth club are mentioned in the application.

**Other business** discussed included:

1. Colin is to be asked to purchase a poppy wreath for 10th November.
2. We are asking <sup>Malcolm Giles</sup> Martin Jarvis to supply bulbs and to deliver them to the Library where warden Roger Kennedy will collect them.

The date of the **next meeting** will be **Thursday 7th November 1996** at 7.30pm in the library.

Treasurer's Report 10.10.96

Girobank deposit account (Tree fund)	175.35	
	(Society) 126.18	301.53
Girobank current account		240.34
Cash on hand		<u>27.33</u>
		569.20
Balance at 30.8.96		561.82
Received: Membership	18.00	
Bank interest	0.76	<u>18.76</u>
		580.58
Expenditure: Stamps	0.60	
Stationery	0.78	
Flowers (AGM)	10.00	<u>11.38</u>
		569.20
Membership: Ordinary	22	
Senior citizens	15	
Families	5	
Life	5	