

* PLEASE READ FOOTNOTE RE: NEXT MEETING

WARDLE CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st. February 1996

Present: J.Rickards; M.Pearson; B.Wright; B.Clifton; J.Roberts;
A.Lines; A.Dearnley; A.Southerton; B.Fitzsimons.

Apologies: B.Schofield H.Kenyon S.Lear

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising :-

1. St. James' church building

The R.M.B.C. Architectural Heritage Group meeting has been postponed until March. Ray Wolfendon(Planning) is off work ill, so issue of Listed Building Enforcement order not raised at R.M.B.C. Environment meeting, held on 31st. Jan. Will try to contact him before our next meeting.

2. Footpaths

Letter received from Mr.Woods, Footpaths Officer, R.M.B.C.stating that he is unable to attend any of our meetings "as there was not enough Officer time available, and that it would set a precedent for other groups". Cllr. A. Dearnley feels that this is not acceptable and will try to arrange some contact either through the Township meeting or a daytime meeting with some of the committee, through Mr.Bleasdale, Director, Technical Services Dept., R.M.B.C. Will contact secretary before our next meeting.

3. Water Treatment House Planning Application(for change of use to residential flats)

Pennine Planning sub-committee decision deferred until 21st. Feb.(6.15pm. Butterworth Hall, Milnrow) due to concern at possible damage to setts on Ramsden Rd. by developers. Likely that plans will be approved once this matter resolved. Society is concerned at increased traffic that will result but does not object in principle to planned alterations to building.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer absent on holiday. Financial position as at 4th. Jan. 1996.

Secretary's Report

Rochdale Observer "Community Noticeboard" will be contacted each month prior to our meetings.
Letter re Footpaths, received as above.

Planning matters.

Extension planned at St. James' Primary School.

Oral History Report

Committee agreed that project should continue and Group to report back to the September meeting. Still within original budget and additional funding not required as yet. Full report enclosed. Storage cupboards have been acquired and will be sited in the library and eventually house tapes and historical material acquired.

Any Other Business

1. Pennine Township sub-committee meeting to be held at Wardle Community Centre at 6.15 pm. on Thursday 22nd. Feb. 1996. A.Lines and possibly other committee members will attend and raise issues of footpath problems and speeding on village main roads in "Open Forum". Will suggest siting of 30 mph. zone signs on Wardle Rd., Ramsden Rd. and Birch Rd.

Issues of speeding and traffic congestion to be discussed more thoroughly at our April meeting.

2. Directory of Local Studies being revised. Our insertion to be amended to read Wardle Civic Society

3. A proposal was put forward by the secretary;-
"to amend the Constitution at the next A.G.M. in order to give power to the Executive Committee to vote to remove any committee member who fails to attend four consecutive ordinary meetings".
This was voted down by the committee: -an informal approach by letter was felt to be more appropriate.

4. Hector Kenyon has been ill for some time. Secretary will convey our best wishes and send a card and flowers.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm.prompt.

Ashley Dearnley has arranged for the Footpaths Officer, Mr.T.Woods, to attend the March meeting and he will speak first. Will all those members who are particularly interested in footpath matters please try to be present, and have some questions ready to put to Mr.Woods. There is a footpaths map in the filing cabinet in the library with every footpath numbered:-please refer to that number when discussing any footpath you are concerned about.
