

WARDLE CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on April 4th. 1996.

Present: S.Lear, J.Rickards; M.Pearson; A.Lines; B.Clifton; J.Roberts; I.Rhodes; A.Dearnley; A.Southerton;
PC.Keith Hutchins

Apologies: H.Kenyon.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:- Approved subject to the following amendments :-

- (1) Footpaths: current map in use is 1966 map not 1996
- (2) Civic Trust 1996 Renewal fee £21 not £21-90
- (2) Ark bus is run by the Branches Christian Fellowship not the Methodist Mission.

Matters Arising :-

1. Speeding and Traffic problems in Wardle.

P.C.Livesey (Rochdale Police, Traffic) was unable to attend as hoped but will be informed of the outcome of this meeting.

Problems defined:-a) Congestion in village on Ramsden Road due to parked cars, increased usage at junction with Crossfield Road particularly at start and finish of school day, and narrowing of road north of Post office.

b) Poor or no visibility on downhill approach to Wardle Square by Globe Inn.

c) Congestion at entrance to Westmorland Drive due to overnight parking of a large lorry.

d) Speeding on Wardle Road, and Birch Road particularly at weekends and evenings, (and especially in the summer when non-residents come up to use the water sports facilities at Watergrove.). Police state that this is regularly monitored, but admit it is done during the day, when in fact traffic is light.

Action to be taken:- Secretary will contact Highways Dept..R.M.B.C to

a) find out when the alterations to the roundabout at the junction of Birch Rd. and Wardle Road will commence- already approved in last years' budget. (This was in fact raised at the Pennine Township meeting in Feb.1996 but no response since then)

b) present these problems and ask for suggestions to remedy them. Invite an officer from the Department to come to discuss these problems at one of our meetings.

2. Footpaths.

Maps and information requested from Tim Woods, footpaths Officer, provided. Members will carry out a footpath survey of the route between Bank cottages and Shore via East Top Farm and barn, to establish if it is blocked, on SUNDAY 28th. APRIL at 10am. from Margaret Pearson's cottage (4 Bank cottage). Individual maps will be provided.

Township Fund application will be made for the June deadline for the cost of replacing some of the missing footpath signs.

3. St.James Church building

A.Dearnley attended a meeting by the Heritage group with the Diocese recently. It was decided to form a "T.E.C." Heritage Group of local councillors, council officers, local architects, Groundwork Trust, Building Preservation Society and representatives from the local community to see what could be done with the building to try to preserve it as a functional building. This group will meet next on 10th May at 2pm. at Telegraph House, Baillie St. Rochdale. A representative from our Society will attend on our behalf. (either J.Rickards, B.Clifton or A.Southerton)

4. Ark Bus update

The bus has not appeared lately but youths continue to congregate.

5.Civic Trust Fund-raising Event

To be held on Sat.13th.July at 10 am. in the Library. Ideas and volunteers at our next meeting.

6.National Springclean Week

We decided not to carry out any special project this year, due to little support in previous years.

Treasurers' Report (see end)

Secretaries' Report

1. Letter received from Roger Kennedy, Warden at Watergrove regarding Commemorative Wood which is now fully planted. The Warden Service will continue to look after the wood, replacing trees as necessary, and renewing rabbit guards and will plant daffodil bulbs in the autumn if we provide them. The secretary will reply and thank him for keeping us up to date on the wood maintenance he is carrying out on the Society's behalf.

2. Letter of resignation from Committee member J.Whitehead, due to other commitments.

Planning matters

D32977-Renewal of outline planning permission for 2 bungalows on land adjacent to 12 East St. No action to be taken.

Any other business

1.Community Health

Consultative Group meeting of Rochdale and Bury Healthcare Trust held on 2nd.April. attended by J.Rickards on behalf of Wardle Civic Society.

2.Bill re: Dog fouling to go through Parliament.

If/When approved we should press the local Authority to carry out its legal obligation to enforce this bill.

3.Concern at low water level in Wardle Brook due to last years' drought and possibly less water being discharged from Watergrove Reservoir, resulting in possible harm to aquatic life and plants. Also rubble still remaining in brook between Wardle Fold and Crossfield Close.

Will contact N.W.R.Authority and Diane Rothwell, Environment Dept.,R.M.B.C

4.The Annual General Meeting will take place on 18th. July at 7.30 pm. in the Library, followed by an ordinary meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Our next meeting will take place on 9th.May, at 7.30pm. in the Library, due to Polling taking place in the Library on our usual date.

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Treasurer's Report 4.4.96

Girobank deposit account (Tree fund)	175.35
(Society)	<u>125.42</u>
	300.77
Girobank current account	208.45
Cash on hand	<u>15.88</u>
	<u>525.10</u>
Balance at 7.3.96	546.99
Received: Deposit account interest	75
	<u>547.74</u>
Expenditure: Stamps	1.14
Telephone	50
The Civic Trust	21.00
	<u>22.64</u>
	<u>525.10</u>

Membership: 55

Agenda for Meeting to be held on Thursday 9th. May at 7.30pm. in the Library

Members Present ✓

Apologies ✓

Approval of April Minutes ✓

Matters Arising:-

1. Traffic Problems-response from Highways Dept. ✓
2. Footpath survey report ✓
3. Fundraising Event in July a) change of date required due to librarian's holiday
b) plans and volunteers required to organise/run it.

29th June.
Bring + buy.

Treasurer's Report ✓

Secretary's Report ✓

Planning Matters ✓

Any other business : —

10am / 12 noon.

Cup + saucers

Boiler.

Coffee

Milk

Biscuits

Orange juice

Tea.

Sugar

Date of next meeting 6th. June.