



WARDLE CIVIC SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 1997

Present: B Fitzsimons, PC K Hutchins, S Lear, M Pearson, J Roberts
A Southerton, B Wright.

Apologies: B Clifton, C Darnbrough, G Mortimer I Rhodes, J Rickards

There was a discussion on the traffic / car parking situation in Wardle:-

Sylvia said that other residents of the village had signed a petition and sent it to the Council to ask them to think about the two main problems which are speed and parking.

Beryl said that the bus company had announced that unless the parking problems were sorted out, they will stop running buses up to Wardle village. Ann had recently seen a bus turn round at Crossfield Close because it could not manage to weave its way up to the square. It was generally felt that many residents still rely on the bus service and that it is important to keep it going.

We had heard at our December meeting of the difficulties of people with prams, pushchairs and wheelchairs, also of visually impaired people (and of one local man in particular) who find it impossible to walk about the village independently and safely because of cars parked halfway on the footpath.

A number of solutions were put forward these included:-

- i) double yellow lines
- ii) double white line down the middle
- iii) bollards to make a single passing place
- iv) humps
- v) rumble strips
- vi) pay and display parking areas

The preferred option was to have double yellow lines from the new houses (opposite the Post Office) all the way up to the church drive entrance.

Rumble strips / bumps could be incorporated to discourage speeding up the new clear route.

Also, people need to be encouraged to use all the available "correct" parking spaces.

Beryl said that the Director of the Environment Dept. had agreed to attend this meeting and was surprised that he had not attended. She said that she would get Ashley to speak to the appropriate Officer, to stress the urgency of the matter (particularly re buses) and to tell him our preferences.

The *minutes* of the meeting held on 6th February 1997 were approved as a true record.

There was a discussion of matters arising from those minutes:-

- a) The last footpath walk was cancelled because of the bad weather, so there is no feedback to give to Tim Woods about footpaths but Barbara will phone him to acknowledge the installation of the signs. Ivan is interested in joining future walks. The next walk will be Sunday 16th March at 10am, from the Globe.
- b) There was some discussion about a commemoration of the New Year 2000 AD. A large village bonfire was one suggestion to mark the occasion. It was decided to make this the discussion point for the first half hour of the June meeting, to which other village groups would be invited.

Treasurer's Report: See details attached.

New signatures on the Giro Account are: Sylvia Lear, Julie Roberts and Jane Rickards.

Secretary's Report: The only letter received was from the planning authority, telling us that the work at Lawflat would go ahead, subject to it being in keeping with the rest of the row.

Community Police: There was a discussion about the on-going "problem" of young people who gather outside the Library / phone box / on the bench. It was agreed that going to this meeting place is a phase that most teenagers go through and usually no harm is caused. However, Margaret said that recently she had seen particularly noisy behaviour at c.2am and also large stones had been thrown on the Library roof. Keith said that he would request Specials to visit the area, but whenever people had a concern, they should phone the Police Station.

Planning: There was only one application for Wardle this month: Lodge Foundry wanting to insulate a silo. We had no comments to make.

Beryl reported that the plans for the water treatment works had been recently heard by the council. NW Water were now refusing to agree to restore the sets on Ramsden Road. However it was passed with the conditions still on.

Other business discussed included:

1. The Society decided to buy a copy of the booklet about stone slab walls, put out by Rochdale Civic Trust.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Next meeting Thursday 3rd April
The date of the ~~next meeting~~ will be **Thursday 8th May 1997** at 7.30pm in the library
(a week later than ^{following} normal because of uncertainty of polling station venue).

Treasurer's Report 6.3.97

Girobank deposit account (Tree fund)	175.35	
(Society)	126.18	301.53
Girobank current account		257.84
Cash on hand		<u>16.77</u>
		<u>576.14</u>
Balance at 6.2.97		554.41
Received: Membership	1.50	
Photocopying	19.50	
Coffee money	1.60	
		<u>22.60</u>
		577.01
Expenditure: Milk	27	
Stamps	60	
		<u>87</u>
		<u>576.14</u>
Membership: Ordinary	24	
Senior citizens	17	
Family or Group	6	
Life	5	