



* Next Meeting
Thursday 4th February
1999
7.30pm
All Welcome *

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 1998

Members Present:- Jane Rickards (Chair), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Ann Southerton, Janet Darnbrough, Bernice Clifton, Carolyn Gibson, Julie Roberts.

Apologies:- none

Wind Turbines:- Jane, Janet & Julie attended the windpower meeting of Friends of Great Hill at Walsden in November, where it was confirmed that it would cost £60 per household nation-wide to subsidise R.E.S. and the development of the wind turbines. Jane picked up a new poster to put in her window and it was suggested that we try to get some put up in shops. Until planning comes on to the agenda leafleting may not be a good idea due to lack of funds and manpower etc. Letters of protest will be sent to the Department of Environment in Bristol highlighting the impact on environmental issues such as eco factors not visual. Next meeting of Friends of Great Hill will be Thursday 21st January 1999. Wardle Society has donated money towards car stickers, Janet has a contact for paper car stickers which are £50 for 100. Our thanks to Sylvia who has been taking cuttings from newspapers & putting them into our file which is on view in the library. Last month we wrote to the councillors about our concerns about the wind turbines, we have received letters back from them, they all say that they will take into account our views when the time comes. A copy of this letter will be sent to all our members with these minutes. It would be a good idea to keep this letter as it will be useful information when planning application is made to RMBC when any letters could be sent to show our concerns. It was also noted that bridleways can only be used as horseways not for access by vehicles. Bridleways go through the land designated for wind turbines. It was also noted that access via Calderbrook would be unsuitable.

Footpaths:- We have had no news on this issue and the ground is still wet and muddy.

Remembrance Sunday:- Thanks to Jane for laying this years poppy wreath.

Planning:- Nothing to report.

Treasurers report:- See attached

Any other business:- Bernice has had a letter from Paul Simpson, Planning officer, about the Flagstone wall, it was a very encouraging reply.

Bernice has also come up with a list of monuments for National recording.

The bench at the top of Birch Road has disappeared along with hanging basket, we asked Ashley and he said that the hanging basket was lost but the bench had been removed due to residents complaining. We were wondering if the bench could be moved to the Rec for the parents to sit on while their children played on the new equipment.

Julie got a chance to see inside the old St. James church this week while Granada television were filming, she noted that since the roof tiles were taken down and replaced with boards that the flooring was rotting.
The old school land and playground is to be used for community use.

**We would like to wish all our members a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy 1999**



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Treasurer's Report 3.11.98

Deposit account (Trees)	125.35		Balance at 29.10.98	642.30
(Society)	178.45	304.56	Income: Membership	<u>27.00</u>
Current account		177.59		669.30
Cash on hand		<u>31.60</u>	Expenditure: Postage	4.80
			Poppy wreath	20.00
			Cartridge	80.75
			Great Hill	50.00
		<u>513.75</u>		<u>155.55</u>
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Membership (paid for 1998/9):	Ordinary	11
	Seniors Citizens	9
	Family or group	6
	Life	5