

WARDLE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th August 1998

Members Present:- J.Rickards, (Chair) S.Lear, (Treasurer) C.Gibson, J.Roberts, A.Southerton, B.Wright, J.Darnbrough, P.Ince, D.Ince, J.Bannister, K.Urin.

Apologies:- B.Fitsimons, B.Clifton.

Wind Turbine Issue:- Rochdale Council have a publication relating to UDP - Wind Power Developments ,on how to deal with planning applications. Planning permission is to be sought in September. We fear that a large area of the south Pennines will be covered with wind turbines, spoiling our area and using our money as subsidies from the government. It would mean no change in the number of nuclear power stations, and money should be put into developing ways to use less electricity. Subsidies are available for house insulation, but are not taken up. Cars are the main cause of pollution so transport systems need to be sorted out. For planning they might have to have an Environmental Assessment. Friends of Great Hill cover a wider area than just Great Hill. There is a group of people - environmental scientists, that are going to write a paper about the impact. A steady trickle of letters to the Observer would keep the subject in peoples minds. There is to be a meeting, on the 10th September at 8pm,at Walsden Cricket Club to discuss the issues. To object write with basic reasons for objecting .It was thought that there would be an Outline letter for people to use, from the next meeting of Friends of Great Hill, which could be amended for our use. Ann is to arrange for a box file to be left in the Library, for people to view, on the subject of Wind Turbines.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Footpath:- 138/139 is in a terrible state. It was noted that the fencing had been taken down rolled up and left there, but with all the rain it had been laid down again by users of the path and walked on to stop them sinking into the mud. Beryl has spoken to Tim Woods about the present situation and was told that the bill had already been paid for its removal, and would be followed up. Beryl will also have another word with Sue Thornton on the long term prospect of this footpath.

Blue Plaque:- Bernice and Julie came up with a list of possible sitings for the plaques and all were in agreement that the project should go ahead. Beryl thought that we could apply to the Pennine Township for a grant from it's fund. We thought that the plaques should be oval and green, and should also say Erected by Wardle Society and the year.

Leaflet:- Discussed format, and Julie will formalise the design.

Treasurers report :- see attached.

Planning :- nothing to report.

Meeting :- To be held, for anyone interested, about wildlife in the Pennine area ,at Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre, on Wednesday 23rd September 2.00 - 4.30pm

Next meeting Thursday 29th October 7.30pm Wardle Library