

## WARDLE SOCIETY



\* Next Meeting  
Thursday 27th May  
1999  
7.30pm  
All Welcome \*

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 1999.**

**Members present :-** Sylvia Lear (Treasurer & Chair), Julie Roberts, Barbara Fitzsimons, Bernice Clifton, Carolyn Gibson, Keith Hutchings.

**Apologies :-** Jane Rickards, Ann Southerton, Janet Darnbrough.

**Footpaths :-** There has been some improvement to footpath 138/139 as some old fencing has been removed.

**Planning :-** Nothing to report.

**Wind Turbines :-** No official developments on this have been heard. Lorna Fitzsimons has offered to make available the results of her questionnaire which was sent at random to affected areas.

**Ramsden Road improvements :-** Repairs to stone wall on Alderbank have begun; it is not known whether or not Council is responsible. It was reported that trees in the 12 acre field have been felled very recently. Investigative work on drains and gullies begins next month; The main work should take place in May.

**Traffic / pedestrian hazards :-** linked to St. James School - Julie summarised the comments on the survey which has been in shops and the library. We discussed :-

a/ Re-positioning the lollipop lady to take the children across Crossfield road rather than Ramsden road.

b/ The value of a safety railing outside the pedestrian entrance onto Crossfield road.

Sylvia will discuss with the head teacher, Mr. Ford, about jointly contacting the Council on these matters.

**Pennine township Meeting :-** on 11th March :- Papers from this are being circulated. It was noted that Ramsden road is second on the priority list for road safety signs which cost £750 approx'.

**Police Matters :-** The community police man, Keith Hutchings, informed us that during the last month there were no reported burglaries of dwellings or sheds in the area. There has been an aggravated burglary in the village. Advice to residents is to report incidents, whether or not goods have been stolen, as a pattern of incidents aid the police in their investigations. Garden sheds should be securely locked. Damage to vehicles and property has been mainly centred on main roads. Re football playing at Wardle square, Keith has put a lot of effort and research in to finding ways of reducing the nuisance caused by.

a/ local young people.

b/ end of week visitors from other areas.

A letter is being sent to young people from other areas who are found causing a nuisance in the village. Contact has been made with youth and community officers and discussions for local workers are taking place. From mid April more officers will be in the area on a planned basis to try to blitz the problem.

We discussed the under use of the recreation field. An all weather pitch would enable several different sports and many groups in the community to use it more frequently.

**Agreed :-** To write to Sports and recreation dept, (Peter Jackson), pushing the value of an all weather pitch and lights on the Rec.

Many thanks to Wardle community policeman Keith Hutchings for all the time and positive effort he has put into trying to solve these community problems, which really need a community based and multi - agency approach.

**Treasures report :-** See attached.

Renewal of membership of Civic Trust, It was agreed we do not renew membership this year but review the situation in a years time.

**Millennium ideas :-** no discussion

**Rochdale UDP :-** A letter from RMBC has been received re the acceptance of this report.

**Flagstone Walls in Rochdale and Wardle :-**The new edition of this booklet has now been published and copies are available for purchase at

£2. Wardle's flagstones are now included ( with thanks to Bernice). It was agreed to buy a copy for Wardle Library.

**Next meeting 27th May 1999 at 7.30pm Wardle library.**

Treasurer's Report 1.4.99

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|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|---------------|
| Deposit account (Trees)       | 125.35           |               | Balance at 4.2.98  |       | 512.55        |
| (Society)                     | 179.96           | 305.31        | Income: Membership | 25.00 |               |
| Current account               |                  | 177.59        | Interest           | 75    | <u>25.75</u>  |
| Cash on hand                  |                  | 53.81         |                    |       | 538.30        |
|                               |                  | <u>536.71</u> | Expenditure: P & S |       | <u>1.59</u>   |
|                               |                  |               |                    |       | <u>536.71</u> |
| Membership (paid for 1998/9): | Ordinary         | 12            |                    |       |               |
|                               | Seniors Citizens | 9             |                    |       |               |
|                               | Family or group  | 6             |                    |       |               |
|                               | Life             | 6             |                    |       |               |