

# Wardle Society

**\* *NEXT MEETING***  
***TUESDAY***  
***5th December***  
***2000***  
***ALL WELCOME \****

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2000

**Present :-** Jane Rickards, Julie Roberts, Sylvia Lear, Rita & Sean Cushen, Ann Southerton, Bernice Clifton, Barbara Fitzsimons, Beryl Wright.

**Apologies :-** Ashley Dearnley, Peter Dennison.

**Conservation Area :-** Reply received from Pennine Township Manager, Sue Thornton, who has asked for a response from the Environment department. She has requested copies of our letters regarding the Conservation area. Jane will contact her about our difficulties regarding correspondence, and our continued concern.

**Wardle Road, Halifax Road Roundabout :-** Members attending next Pennine Township meeting will bring up this matter and refer to our correspondence with RMBC.

**Footpaths:-** Bernice reported that the section of the footpath where it crosses Wardle Brook (in Wardle Fold) has been improved, although not to any great extent. Jane will see if she can find out about stream maintenance.

**Wardle History Group :-** Julie and Bernice told of their progress so far with Dena Longden. Another Photograph collection has been donated - those formally belonging to Ken Simpson. Cataloguing is ready to begin. A major problem is the siting of the resources, which it is hoped, will accumulate even further. There is a possibility of a room at Wardle Community Centre. Bernice will report back to the next meeting. A request for funds (to purchase catalogue cards, archive boxes, box files, folders for articles etc.) was agreed.

**Treasurers Report :-** See attached.

**Planning :-** Nothing to report.

**Any other business:-** It was agreed to buy a poppy wreath again for £20 to cover the cost of wreath plus donation.

Julie asked if Wardle Society would like a page on her Wardle website; which has links with a Rochdale site. Agreed and many thanks. <http://wardle2000.homestead.com>

Wardle Society and Wardle History Group have a page each, briefly describing their aims, on this Rochdale website. [www.rochdaleonline.co.uk](http://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk)

Ideas for the Wardle Society page include subscription form, meeting dates and general information as in the Wardle Society leaflet. This is an exciting new development with loads of potential.

**Whats In Wardle For You** It was discussed and agreed that we produce another copy or an amended version next spring.

**Church, Tannery, Conservation :-** Tannery - information at the public meeting implied that Strong International are intending to continue to use the building for storage. It will be interesting to see what future developments occur.

Church -We discussed the issues brought up at the public meeting about the future of the site and the buildings. Agreed to set aside time to discuss this at the next meeting. Suggestions to think about - retain spire? funds from sale of church stone etc...? Can we suggest a plan of action to the council? Also, we should attend the Township meeting when the feasibility study is discussed and decided on.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Dates for Pennine township meetings are:-

Thurs 14 December 2000

Thurs 1st February 2001

Pennines environment meeting is :-

Mon 9 October 2000

**The next meeting of Wardle Society is to be held in Wardle Library on 5th December 2000**

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