

## Wardle Society

**\* NEXT MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2002**  
**WARDLE COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE 7.00pm**  
**ALL WELCOME \***

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2001

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

**Apologies:** - Ashley Dearnley, Michael Molcher (Observer).

Before the meeting started Rebecca Waddington, who is employed by R.M.B.C involved in conservation matters, asked us for help in designated areas of the conservation area that might need special attention. She is also looking for photographs of the area, which Bernice and Julie will see if they can find amongst the items that they have in the History Group. Items mentioned were the iron railings outside the Methodist church, replacement of sets, homogenizing the street furniture in the square, which itself is in need of a makeover. The issue of St. James church was raised she appeared to be saying that the fabric of the church may be one of the places worked on, some confusion was felt as we understood that the builder would be responsible for this. It was also mentioned that the pump house at Watergrove was deteriorating since the theft of the roof tiles over the last few years. The work that she is doing will be presented as a Conservation Area Appraisal in March. Thanks were given to Rebecca and we hoped to see her again when the report is completed.

**St. James Church:** - Work is to go ahead in February. Hairdressers may be offered the shop next to the globe when she returns from maternity leave in March.

**Wardle History Group:** - History Group is hoping to clarify the status of the gardens/ tennis courts/ Bowling Green to find out if they were built as a memorial after the Second World War.

Prints produced by the group have been selling well and very few are left.

**Planning:** - Nothing to report.

**Treasurers Report:** - See attached

**Hanging Baskets:** - Application put into Pennines Township for six self-watering hanging baskets.

**Inaccessible Footpaths:** - Please note any blocked footpaths and tell Bernice who will pass it on to the co-coordinator at R.M.B.C. Consultation for the definitive map (which is being done for the Right of Access Legislation) which ends on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2002. In

*Ramblers Assn.*

early 2003 a conclusive map of open country and registered common land will be produced, this is for the lower northwest, with this aim that everyone will be granted right of access to walk this land by issuing a commencement order. (For the whole country by Autumn 2004)

**Walkabout:** - Results of the walk:

- ◆ An additional litterbin for the playground at Clough Street.
- ◆ Land to rear of Globe and Vineyard Close to be cleared by "hit team" in the meantime ownership to be established.
- ◆ Bench to be installed on the Recreation Ground By Grounds Maintenance Agency.
- ◆ Overgrown vegetation bushes, etc. has now been cleared from blocking pavement at Field House Ramsden Road
- ◆ Dry stonewall opposite 200.204 Wardle Road is owned by local landowner; some repairs have been carried out.

**T.V. Mast:** - R.M.B.C did object to further installation on the original mast but as it was not considered to be in a prominent position they did not take the matter further. New legislation encourages development of existing masts.

**Any Other Business:** - Poplar trees at the bottom of Wardle Road maybe reaching the end of their natural life span, as is the case in Littleborough we may need to check on the possibility of replacements. Barbara suggested that it might be useful to do a survey of trees in the village. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Jane noted that on visiting Ryding Water this week that there was no sign of any ducks or geese there, gunshots have been heard over the last few weeks, any connection?

Bernice attended a Community and Voluntary Sector Seminar in regards to the new structure of R.M.B.C.

Jane spent an interesting morning at Hopwood Hall taking part in the Community Planning Conference which is looking to encourage local groups and individuals to become involved with issues such as Employment and Business /Education and Training/ Countryside/ Transport/ Crime and Community safety. There is to be a further conference early in 2002 to review the main concerns raised.

A list is to be made for Michael Molcher of the range of activities, topics and issues that the Society has been involved with over the years.

The next meeting of Wardle Society is to be held at The Community Centre on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2002**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THAT  
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2001/2002 YEAR ARE NOW DUE  
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

TREASURER'S REPORT 13.12.01

Deposit account (Trees)	125.35		Balance at 4.10.01	398.83
(Society)	183.61	309.16	Income: Subs	<u>24.00</u>
Current account		86.95		422.83
Cash on hand		<u>5.77</u>	Expenditure: P & S 0.95	
		401.88	Poppy wreath 20.00	<u>20.95</u>
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