

Wardle Society

*** NEXT MEETING ***
THURSDAY 8th August 2002
WARDLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME *

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2002

Present: - Jane Rickards, Sylvia Lear, Bernice Clifton, Julie Roberts, Ann Southerton, Beryl Wright, Sean & Rita Cushen, Ashley Dearnley, Rebecca Waddington, Clint Street.

Apologies: - Pauline

Conservation Area: - Clint Street attended from Birch View Tenants and Residents Association and was told that Wardle Ward was one of the most deprived areas and his group are trying to highlight this when applying for funding, and is trying to raise the profile of the district. There are 5 tenants groups in the area with Ashbrook soon to be 6. Money has to fit the criteria of funding bodies and has been focussed elsewhere up to now. They have a community base that attracts outside agencies e.g. Citizens Advice (C.A.B) and possibly a health and baby clinic later, but it is sometime difficult to get people to use the services offered I.C.T services to be set up soon and tutors are to be provided by Hopwood Hall for 8-12 hours a week, the computers could also be used for after schools clubs and homework groups.

Also RADPAC are to visit in the summer. It is hoped to use some funding to set up an employment project, and to manage the swimming pool at Wardle High School and they also need to find lifeguards to run the pool. We are to discuss the "Ward Profile" and address the issues at the next meeting. We need to keep Wardle in the frame by bringing issues to the Pennine Township meetings. Focussing on issues like street cleaning, dog fouling, dogs roaming, lack of policing. When people see the environment first impressions make the difference as to whether they want to live there. To be persistent with issues and send digital photos by email to keep RMBC aware of the changing issues e.g. on the walkabout, also ask the officers to come on the walkabout

Ashley Dearnley said we are due to have a designated person in the council to take responsibility for all "The little things" that need doing in Rochdale.

He also told of the idea to get "Early Break Teams" in to tackle the growing problem of drink and drugs in the areas, Crime and disorder panels in the township need to be aware of what is going on in the area. Under 18's are getting drink from the local shops and cars are speeding around.

Jane Rickards has spoken to planning about the stable block that has been erected without planning permission at East Top Farm; they say it is in the hands of officers to investigate the situation is the same as before. Rebecca Waddington is to get back to us on this.

St. James Church: - Rebecca told us that work on St. James Church has stopped due to the fact that they have not been complying with the conditions of the planning, and there are to be new architects.

The hairdresser shop has closed and she has decided to go mobile.

There are concerns about the possible loss of further retail businesses in the village. Both Tattersalls and the Village Store have been up for sale for some time.

Wardle History Group: - Congratulations were given to Wardle History Group for the hard work in putting on the excellent Open Day on the 4th May, which was attended by not only Wardle residents but other interested parties.

Planning: - Extension to cottages at Calf Hey, Bernice Clifton is to write to planning to state that we have no objections to the developments.

Treasurers Report: - See attached, Also Financial statement for the year ending 31st May 2002. Thanks were expressed to Sylvia Lear for all her hard work for keeping our accounts up to date and in order.

Hanging Baskets: - Ashley Dearnley, Jane Rickards and Sylvia Lear are meeting up with Peter Cunningham from RMBC in the village tomorrow (14th June) to discuss the placing of the hanging baskets.

Police Matters:- It is very important that residents reports ALL crimes no matter how apparently trivial. Crime statistics do influence the level of policing in an area, so please do encourage others to report every crime. If you can't get through on the telephone we have been advised that writing is the next best thing. email infodesk@gmp.police.uk or write to Rochdale Police Station Esplanade Rochdale.

Walkabout: - The walkabout took place on 25th April Jane Rickards sent Ashley Dearnley a report on what needed attention. It was reported that the railings around the St.James' Primary School streams viewing platform were in a dangerous condition and they have been fixed because of our concerns.

East Street rubbish pile as now been added to, along with a burnt out horsebox. Beryl Wright has said that she would raise the matter with the appropriate authority

It was found that the stream edges at Wardle fold where the footpath runs along side have been damaged by the possible use of a tractor using this as access. Rita Cushen is to take action and follow developments.

Tree Survey: - A reply has been received from the council saying that they will be removing some of the older poplars, because it's the end of their natural life, and these will be replaced by new trees over the next few years.

Any Other Business: - Amenity land at the bottom of Wardle Road, there is some confusion as to how this is being sold, as it has been mentioned that this may be sold as separate plots.

People and Places, Jane Rickards has sent in an update of Wardle Society's entry in this publication.

UDP plan is to be passed around members for their comments; it can also be viewed in the library.

Bernice Clifton expressed concern that RMBC had failed to respond to ramblers survey re. Footpaths. This could have serious implications of future funding.

The next meeting of Wardle Society is to be held at The Community Centre
Wardle Road on **Thursday 8th August 2002**

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