

# Wardle Society

**\* NEXT MEETING \***  
**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May 2003**  
**WARDLE COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE 7.00pm**  
**ALL WELCOME \***

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2003

**Present:** - Jane Rickards, Beryl Wright, Ann Southerton, Barbara Fitzsimons, Rebecca Waddington, Hazel Bolton, Bernice Clifton, Carolyn Gibson. Eddie Rogers.

**Apologies:** - Ashley Dearnley, Julie Roberts, Pauline Hopkinson, Ted Bolton, Sylvia Lear.

**Conservation Area:** - **St. James**, Rebecca Waddington gave us an update on the situation involving the church, planning permission has been granted for the cottages and for the consolidation of the Church's fabric. The council has specified that when the building work is finished the area must be made good before people can move into the buildings, this will involve such things as the gable end when the hairdressers has been dropped. Groundwork Trust has been working to clear the churchyard on behalf of the builders M.D.C. There are concerns about the existence of Japanese Knotweed in the area and what will happen in regards to this, as it is hard to eliminate once it is in place. Members expressed their concerns that care of this area will revert to the diocese, Hazel Bolton is to write to Christine Hart or Chris Barrett to ask what their plans are for the ongoing upkeep.

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Rebecca has agreed to bring her specification to the next meeting so that we can discuss matters further, the new plans should be arriving at the council in the near future. Bernice brought up a planning matter involving an application for a window in 1 Vineyard Cottages which is a listed building. Rebecca has visited the site and has said she has no objections to this as it will be in keeping with other windows in the building.

Rebecca has had a request from Mrs Wild of Whittaker Mill Farm in Knowl Syke Street as to whether there are any photos of the building as she wishes to replace the current windows with ones that are more in keeping with the age of the building. Bernice is to see if she can find any in the History Group's archives, Rebecca has suggested that if she waits she may well get help towards this work under the grants that will be available in the next stages of the work on the conservation area.

**Tannery:** There has been a meeting in regards the Tannery building between the Council and Strong International to discuss development of the site, any buildings will need to retain the 'industrial' nature of the building. They will not be permitted to build detached houses in large gardens but will need to be in keeping with the site such as terraced housing built in natural stone. Continuing concerns are the access to the site and whether there has been any chemical leakage into the ground from the work previously carried out there.

**History Group:** - They are planning to have an Open Day in late May and have asked if Rebecca would like to have a display of the Church development.

**Wardle Fold:** - The buildings in Wardle Fold which previously belonged to Albert Jackson have now been sold.

**Planning Officer:** - There is a new officer for the area his name is Andrew Eadie.

**Litter Bins:** - There are now signs on some of the litter bins indicating that people can put dog faeces in them.

**Thanks:** Wardle Society would like to thank Rebecca Waddington for her continued involvement and hard work in this and other matters involving the village and conservation area.

**United Utilities:** - Despite letters from the Society and individual members we have not received any information in regards to the fate of the gates at Watergrove. Jane thought we should involve Rochdale Observer and this was agreed, at the same time she is to raise the matter of the continuing deterioration of the Pump House and the repairs to Littletown where some of the walls have been vandalised.

**Youth Matters:** - (Open Forum) There is a new Police Inspector for the area called Dale Sexton, he has stated that the matter of youth problems across the Pennines will be dealt with, Wardle has been allocated one beat officer. No reply in regards to supplying a youth shelter in the area.

**Pennines Environment Group:** - This was attended by three members Bernice, Jane and Pauline, various matters were raised, included safety issues such as signs warning motorists of horse riders using roads in the village.

They are developing an Area Travel Plan which will look at the impact of visitors on the whole of the Pennines area and the possibility of encouraging them to use public transport instead of cars.

The meeting also looked at planning matters for the whole of the Pennines so there will be a unified approach to this matter.

**Tree Fund:** - Suggestions so far

- Trophy for the best kept garden/hanging baskets.
- Fence Baskets – could we provide them and the council maintain them?

Any further suggestions welcome.

**Hanging Baskets:** - Bernice expressed her concern that we were not following through with suggestions for further sites in the village for them, there are possibilities in such places as adjacent to the Conservative Club. Any other ideas?

**Any Other Business:** -

**Wheelie Bins:** - Hazel expressed her concern about who is responsible if someone has an accident involving a wheelie bin when they have been left out on the street in front of your property.

**Planning:** - Window 1 Vineyard House

**Treasurers Report:** - see attached report.

Please note that from now on the meetings will take place on the first Thursday of the month (except for January meetings.)

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#### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

*Have you visited Wardle's website yet?*

<http://wardle2000.homestead.com>

#### TREASURER'S REPORT 3.4.03

Deposit account: (Trees)	125.35		Balance at 6.3.03	805.36
(Society)	186.13	311.48	Income: Bank interest	<u>0.77</u>
Current account		442.95		806.13
Cash on hand		<u>30.37</u>		
			Expenditure: P & S 1.33	
			CPRE raffle 20.00	21.33
		<u>784.80</u>		<u>784.80</u>