

# Wardle Society

**\* NEXT MEETING \***  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August 2003**  
**WARDLE COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE 7.00pm**  
**ALL WELCOME \***

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

**Present:** -Jane Rickards, Sylvia Lear, Julie Roberts, Bernice Clifton, Barbara Fitzsimons, Ted Rogers, Eddie Byrne, Christine Hardman ( Community Support Officers).

**Apologies:** - Rita Cushen, Janet Darnborough, Ashley Dearnley, Pauline Hopkinson, Ted and Hazel Bolton, Rebecca Waddington.

**Police Matters:** - The Meeting was attended by the two Community Police officers Eddie Byrne and Christine Hardman. They are working on getting the goal posts returned to the rec. They reported that problems on Clough Street are an ongoing police project. They told us that they are working with Peter Egan on crime prevention in the Pennine Area. Discussions are to be held on how to involve the young people in the area in such things as football etc. Eddie Byrne is to be directly involved with local people in running these groups. They told us that they are both involved in prevention and addressing situations that might lead to something more serious.

**Contact can be made @**  
**Littleborough Police Station 0161 856 8575**  
**Minicom 0161 872 6633**  
**Micro Beat Officer is P.C.9200 Fear**

**Conservation Area: -**

**St. James church;**- The builders M.D.C. have gone in to receivership however the architects are interviewing two other builders to take over and complete the work that has been started. The bronze sheep from the centre of Rochdale will have to stay grazing in Rochdale for the moment. Barbara is contacting the Centre Manager to look at Wardle giving them an appropriate home. A copy of the letter received will be sent to Hazel Bolton in regards to the situation of St. James Graveyard.

**History Group:** - Andrew Moore has spoken to Bernice to give the good news that items taken from the Library will be returned to the safekeeping of the History Group, thanks to Bernice for keeping the pressure on R.M.B.C. to return these to the village.

A suggestion was made that the Society should have a table at the next History Group Open Day, we will need to have a clearer focus on our role in the future; a time will be set aside in the September meeting to discuss the matter.

**Hanging Baskets:** - There is a welcome return of the hanging baskets both on Clough Street and the mini roundabout.

There is also a new display now in place on the railings outside the Chemists.

**United Utilities:** - A path has been laid into the plantation area, its purpose as yet unknown.

A letter is to be sent by Jane to them asking for an update on the situation regarding the damaged gate and pillar.

A letter is to be sent expressing our concern on the continuing deterioration of the pump House.

**Wheelie Bins:** - Hazel Bolton has asked for confirmation on the legal situation in the event of an accident involving a Wheelie Bin.

Planning: - Jane has been to see the plans for the two houses in Wardle Fold (D41778) there do not seem to be any obvious reasons to object, but concerns were expressed that the materials used should be appropriate as these two houses will be in the Conservation Area.

There was a query as to whether there is a public footpath running through this area which has been used by local people in the past, access having been denied by the farmer.

Continuing concern in regards to the development off Ramsden Road, by Barrets is being expressed by local residents.

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

**Any Other Business:** -

Jane attended a meeting of Birch View residents association which has provided some useful information for the future.

Jane also attended the setting up of a local branch of the C.P.R.E.

We are to hold a meeting in September which will look at what it is the Society will be doing in future, an agenda will be sent out with the next minutes.

Jane Rickards told the meeting that she will be stepping down as Chair at the end of December.

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***

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