

# Wardle Society

**\* NEXT MEETING \***  
**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2003**  
**WARDLE COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE 7.00pm**  
**ALL WELCOME \***

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2003

**Present:** - Sylvia Lear, Julie Roberts, Bernice Clifton, Ashley Dearnley, Beryl Wright, Pauline Hopkinson, Janet Darnborough, Rita & Sean Cushen, Eddie Byrne, (Community Support Officer) Sergeant Lees.

**Apologies:** - Jane Rickards, (attending local CPRE meeting) Ann Southerton, Rebecca Waddington.

**Police Matters:** - A wide ranging discussion covered present (and welcome) police coverage of the village, especially the efforts and commitment of PC Byrne. He is in the village at least twice a week and is promoting Wardle's involvement in Pennine initiatives for young people.

- A letter from a local resident concerning disturbance behaviour in the vicinity of the recreation ground was discussed. Both police and councillors have reacted to this.
- Spokespeople for Wardle's interest in young people's activities would help PC Byrne in his work in the wider Pennine context.
- PC Byrne will code any property and give security advice if asked. His phone number is 0161 856 8575 or minicom 0161 872 6633.
- Both policemen were thanked for attending the meeting and agreed to attend the next meeting. Minutes are to be sent to them.

**Conservation Area:** - No reply as yet to the letter sent by Hazel Bolton, to the Diocese Office in regards to the continuing upkeep of the graveyard of St. James Church.

**History Group:** - An open weekend in October will have the theme of Wardle and Smallbridge Present and Past. Local groups will be invited to present displays of their development from beginning to present.

**Hanging Baskets:** - Ashley informed us that the baskets would be erected near the car park by the Conservative Club, and on the railings by the chemist.

**United Utilities:** - Rita reported 'official looking' activity at the former Pump House recently.

Agreed that if no action on the erection of the gate at the entrance to Trap Car Park, or the repair of Littletown, is visible by the next meeting, we write again. Reference to the Pump House should be included.

**Wheelie Bins:** - Information from Hazel: Any accidents involving a wheelie bin is the responsibility of the householder. All agreed these are a potential hazard in many ways, though necessary to rubbish collection.

**Planning:** - Nothing new to report. Barn conversion in Wardle Fold and Cook Street development continue. Discussion on Cook Street – regrets expressed that Field House will be lost to the village and that the Ramsden Road frontage design of the houses is not in keeping with the present village character. Individual letters concerning the project can still be sent.

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

Discussion on subscriptions followed, given that our regular expenses now exceed our annual income it was agreed that.

- Life, family and group membership be cancelled.
- Ordinary membership fee to be raised to £5 p.a.
- Concessionary membership to be raised to £3 p.a.

Julie will amend the website information and make new membership forms.

**Any Other Business:** -

**Footpaths:** - Rita reported that the gate between Wardle Fold Barn and Brown Cow Farm is locked. This is a public footpath. Jane to be asked to write to the Footpaths officer about this.

- Bernice welcomed the inclusion of a return from RMBC in Rambler's Association Annual survey of Council Footpath Provision. Last year we wrote complaining that RMBC had made no return for this survey. The RMBC return refers to under funding of the rights of way service, and submits that only 5% of its paths are 'easy to use' (note Bury 69%, Oldham 47%, Trafford 39%, Manchester 69% - Birmingham at 7% was nearest to Rochdale) Councillor Jackie Beswick has a footpaths brief – agreed Bernice to write to her noting the report and requesting information on the budget for the footpaths.

**UDP:** - The revised version of the Unitary Development Plan is now available from Jane if anyone wants to read it. There are matters of interest to us in this.

**Funding and Wardle Society:** - Jane attended a recent Funding Drop In session. This highlighted the fact that we have to be clearer about our aims if we want to claim funds.

**Agreed next meeting to be a discussion of short and long term aims of Wardle Society and to achieve sharper focus in our discussions and activities.**

**Tree Fund:** - A suggestion for the use of the tree fund money has been received i.e. to replace any dead / damaged trees in Wardle Commemorative Wood. Jane to be asked to contact Roger about using the funds to replace any gaps in the wood.

**Wardle Society articles in Keeping of Museum service:** - Bernice commented that there has been no progress on this situation since the original correspondence in Feb 2002. She will write to Andrew Moore to try to get things moving.

**Wardle in Bloom 2004:** - Agreed that this is to be discussed at the next meeting, in the context of short and long term aims of the Society. See above.

**Pennines Environment Group:-** Future meetings will be held on:

- 14<sup>th</sup> July 2003
- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2003
- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2004

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 5.6.03**

Deposit account: (Trees)	125.35		Balance at 1.5.03	783.47
(Society)	186.13	311.48		
Current account		442.95		
Cash on hand		<u>27.25</u>		
			Expenditure: P & S	1.79
		<u>781.68</u>		<u>781.68</u>