

# Wardle Society

*\* NEXT MEETING \**

*THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2003*

*WARDLE COMMUNITY*

*CENTRE 7.00pm*

*ALL WELCOME \**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2003

**Present:** - Jane Rickards, Barbara Fitzsimons, Sylvia Lear, Pauline Hopkinson, Beryl Wright, Julie Roberts, Ann Southerton, Ted & Hazel Bolton and Rebecca Waddington.

**Apologies:** - Bernice Clifton, Ashley Dearnley, Sean & Rita Cushen.

**Conservation Area: - St. James** Rebecca Waddington attended the meeting to give us the latest update in regards to the situation, the planning permission that had been granted for four cottages has been revised to include a third bedroom on an upper floor. A number of conditions have been attached to cover areas such as to the materials to be used; these are to be addressed when Rebecca Waddington meets with the architects Cruickshank and Seward on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. At the meeting there will also be discussions about revisions to designs for St. James Church and specifications for the Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme, the architects and the client have been sent the application forms for H.E.R.S.

A representative from the Church of England Diocesan Office has confirmed that they have asked Oldham and Rochdale Groundwork Trust to discuss the tidying of the Churchyard with the builders M.D.C., particularly in regards to the Knotweed, which will need to be dealt with quickly. The graveyard itself will however remain in the Church ownership.

The private land acquisition has been completed.

A schedule of works for St. James Church is required from M.D.C. construction as part of the R.M.B.C. land transaction and the H.E.R.S.

Some concerns were expressed by members that builders might not complete the whole project which was an issue raised at the beginning, it was thought that they might complete the cottages but not that of the church. Rebecca assured us that as far as the council was able this would not be allowed to happen and had been built into the initial contract for the work.

Other plans in the Conservation Area are as follows.

- Year 1 St. James Church Development.
- Year 2 Methodist Church and Tannery area.
- Year 3 Environmental enhancement of the square.

There will be some grants available to encourage house owners in the area to reinstate original features to their properties. This information will be sent to properties in the Conservation Area when appropriate.

Our thanks and appreciation was expressed to Rebecca Waddington for coming to the meeting and keeping us up to date on matters arising from this important development she has promised to continue to keep us informed as things arise.

**Litter:** - Concerns expressed about continuing problem of dog fouling in the village which seem to be getting worse, there was a suggestion that signs may be obtained that could be put on the litter bins which would inform dog owners that they could put bags with dog faeces in the street bins. Beryl Wright has said she will investigate with the council if we can have signs, which we can put on the bins ourselves.

Mixed reports of the litter situation in Birch Road there still seems to be a lot of food packaging left on the ground. Litterbin outside the school has been sited in the middle of the pavement. Despite, there been room for it near the grass area, at the moment it blocks the centre requiring anyone with a pram to go in the road.

**Youth Matters:** - Young people gathering outside the Library area is sometimes causing problems with local residents, the police have been called on occasions to disperse the groups. Jane Rickards is attending the Open Forum of the Pennines Township Meeting at St. James School and will raise the issue of this and the policing of the area.

**Any Other Business:** -

**Planning:** - Nothing to report

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

**Recycling:** - Most of the members interested had now got their green bins and plastic bags for glass and paper, those who have not as yet got them can ring 0845 120 6253 to obtain them.

**C.P.R.E. Raffle Tickets:** - It was agreed to buy a book of tickets on behalf of the society and any money won would be used for a project within the village. (First prize £2,500)

**Tree Fund:** - There is still some money remaining in the fund and would welcome any suggestions in using this to enhance an area of the village.

**Recreation Ground:** - It was understood that the railings installed near the play area were to be extended along the back of the rec. (near the stream) Beryl Wright is to enquire on our behalf whether this is to be done in the future.

**Pump House:** - Concerns raised over the deterioration of the building, most of the tiles are now missing from the roof, which is leading to damage to the fabric of the walls and stonework.

**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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**<http://wardle2000.homestead.com>**

**TREASURER'S REPORT 6.3.03**

Deposit account: (Trees)	125.35		Balance at 6.2.03	829.97
(Society)	185.36	310.71	Expenditure: P&S	<u>4.06</u>
Current account		462.95		
Cash on hand		<u>31.70</u>		
		<u>805.36</u>		<u>805.36</u>