

Wardle Society

*** NEXT MEETING ***
THURSDAY 4th September 2003
WARDLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME *

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2003

Present: - Jane Rickards, Sylvia Lear, Julie Roberts, Bernice Clifton, Barbara Fitzsimons, Ted and Hazel Bolton, Pauline Hopkinson, Janet Darnborough, Ashley Dearnley, Beryl Wright. *Rita and Sean Cushen omitted off these minutes but were present*

Apologies: - Eddie Rogers.

Police Matters: - As this meeting was to follow member's attendance at the Pennine Planning Meeting it was suggested that the Community Police Officers need not attend this time as we were unsure as to when our meeting would start. A message was left at Littleborough Police Station for them. It was noted that we had received a letter from a local resident complaining of incidents concerning the Globe Inn and football in the square, Jane contacted the Community Officer Eddie Byrne who said that they were aware of the situation and would contact the resident to discuss what action might be taken.

Conservation Area: -

St. James church: - Ashley has received a letter confirming that the work on the Church will be starting soon and should be completed by March 2004.

History Group: - Andrew Moore will be handing over items that the Museum has been keeping, that belonged to Wardle Society, on 11th August 2003.

Hanging Baskets: - New hanging baskets have been placed on the piece of land adjacent to the Conservative Club and along with others that have been installed are helping to improve the visual aspect of the village.

United Utilities: - Jane has received two letters with regards to matters at Watergrove. They have now received 4 quotations regarding the rebuilding of the gate at Trap Farm and will be contacting the society in the next few weeks to say when the work will be carried out. A second letter says that the information regarding the deterioration of the Pump House has been passed on to Trevor Green, Process Compliance Manager; Jane will send a letter directly to this department as we have not heard from him yet. No further information regarding repairs to Little Town.

Wheelie Bins: - Hazel has received a letter saying that they will be following up our request for written confirmation regarding householders' responsibility for accidents involving wheelie bins.

Planning: - Several members attended the Planning Meeting in Littleborough involving the development of 63 houses on Cook Street Pallet land; the meeting was told that following negotiations with Barrets changes had been made, to the design of the houses and the walls around the estate, to lessen the impact on the village. There have also been changes to the section next to Fern Street so that it was now gardens instead of buildings. They have agreed to use reconstituted stone and grey concrete roof tiles for the houses and will be looking to use stone for the wall around the area.

Treasurers Report: - see attached report.

Any Other Business: -

Pennines Environment Group Meeting: - Jane attended on behalf of the Society. There is now a new set up with regards to technical services that covers such matters as grass cutting and street cleaning. Complaints should be addressed to Jim Fish who is Pennines Street Manager. The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th October with the venue to be notified closer the date.

Moorend Development Trust:- This has been set up to allow residents of the Pennines to access funding that might otherwise not be available to them and we would encourage as many people as possible to join. There is no charge to be part of the group which would allow you to take part in decisions as to where funding would be spent. In the event of the trust stopping members would be liable for a charge of £1.

Living Spaces: - A government scheme open to local groups to help improve open spaces in their neighbourhood. Bernice is to make enquiries as to whether suggestions made to look at cleaning footpaths along Wardle Brook from Wardle Fold to the new estate would be covered by this sort of funding as other parties are involved such as RMBC and United Utilities.

Wardle Society: - The next meeting is to focus on looking at where the Society is to go in the future. We would appreciate all input whether you attend the meeting or not. Suggestions may be given to Jane Rickards at 200 Wardle Road. We will be looking at the constitution, abridged copy attached, to see what our aims are to be in the future.

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month, (except for January meetings).

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