

# Wardle Society

*\* NEXT MEETING \*  
THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004  
WARDLE COMMUNITY  
CENTRE 7.00pm  
ALL WELCOME \**

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2004 Taken by Jane Rickards

**Present:** - Alan Whale, Sylvia Lear, Julie Roberts, Bernice Clifton, Jane Rickards, Rita Cushen, Hazel Bolton, Pauline Hopkinson, Barbara Fitzsimons, Eddie Byrne.

**Apologies:** - Sean Cushen, Ted Bolton, Eddie Rogers.

**Thanks:** - to Sylvia Lear for chairing the meeting in the absence of Eddie Rogers.

## **Matters Arising:-**

**Moorside Gardens D41481** – Meeting attended by Alan Whale from RMBC Planning Department to discuss matters arising from the development of Moorside Gardens on Ramsden Road. The Society had some concerns about the wall around the site, which we had initially understood to have been in stone, which is from Fern Street to East Street, but it is still unclear as to whether the brick wall on East Street is to be retained or replaced.

Barretts have chosen to employ a private firm to deal with planning regulations rather than the Council's department. Discussions followed on what was possible within the Council's control and Alan Whale pointed out the need to work with builders to gain concessions which might not be covered in the previously agreed plans. Bernice raised the possibility that the end of the Living Spaces Footpath might have more than one access point from the planned public area. Alan Whale thought there would need to be a discussion with Barretts as to whether this was possible.

**East Top Barn Stables:-** The unauthorized stables are an ongoing situation, it was asked whether the Society could be informed as to any further developments.

Thanks were given to Alan Whale for attending the meeting.

**Police Matters:** - Eddie Byrne reported that there had been 1 burglary, 1 theft of a car and 9 incidents of youth nuisance, young people riding motorized scooters have been verbally warned but some are still using them in local areas.

Use of quad bikes on the land opposite Kings Grove and Watergrove, these vehicles are not licensed to be used on public roads or on private land without the owners' permission.

In conjunction with the Lancashire Police Force a letter outlining the legal position is to be available to be sent to people through the post. It was asked whether we might have some sort of guide as to what is legal/illegal in regards to those riding vehicles on public/ private land.

Thanks given to Eddie Byrne for attending the meeting.

**Living Spaces Footpath:** - The rest of the money has now been received which means some outstanding bills will now be paid to the developer. The area from Shaftesbury Drive to Crossfield Road still needs to be strimmed, a request will be made for this to be done. Thanks given to all those connected with this project in helping the Society to create this pathway.

Contact to be made to the Rochdale Observer to tell them that the pathway is now complete. Action Eddie Rogers.

**Planning:** - Society to write to the Secretary of State with regards to stabling and access on Wardle Road outlining our objections. Action Sylvia Lear

**04/D43422** Change in the planning application at Clough House to a 'Camping Barn' there are continued concerns about the level of traffic that may result from this development. Action Pauline Hopkinson.

**CPRE and Pennines Environmental Group:-** Jane Rickards attended on our behalf, both were poorly attended. At the CPRE meeting both the treasurer and the chair resigned due to health problems. The Pennines Environmental Group will not be meeting until after the elections.

**History Group:-** There is a second Digital Picture Show on the 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, a charge of £1 will be made for entrance.

**Treasurers Report :-** As attached. The treasurer has been trying to contact Giro Bank to look at moving to one with a better interest rate.

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

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

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