

# Wardle Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005

**Present** Sylvia Lear, Jane Rickards, Ann Southerton, Bernice Clifton, Barbara Fitzsimons, Pauline Hopkins, Peter Denison, Hazel & Ted Bolton, Eddie Rogers, George Caygill, Beryl Wright, Ray Goodhall, PCSO Peter Dickinson.

**Apologies** Ashley Dearnley, Robert Clegg, Julie Roberts, Michael Fitton

Minutes taken by Bernice Clifton

**Police Matters:-** PCSO Peter Dickinson introduced himself as the new officer working in the Pennine Township area.

He said that off road activities are being targeted by the Police off road unit. There are continuing concerns in regards bogus officials and a recent Rogue Trader have been calling on the elderly in the Village but have not as yet been caught.

The box in the Post Office for people to register their concerns with the police has not been monitored so usage is not known.

Crime statistics in the Wardle area continue to be low.

A member reported on an incident of a brick being thrown through a bus window on Wardle Road.

Anyone interested in taking part in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme can contact Ted Bolton for further information.

Please note that Handy person scheme run by RMBC are able to install safety features for over 60's and disabled, they will call on householders and carry out an assessment - contact them on phone number 01706 866671.

It was agreed that if we wished to discuss a particular police matter at a meeting we would contact them.

**Planning:** - Application D/45736 the conversion of the Filter House at Watergrove it was agreed that Jane would write on behalf of the Society to the Planning Department.

**Footpath:-** re Haymaker Rise we are awaiting to hear from Robert Clegg as to whether he has had any success in contacting the residents this is on hold until the next meeting when he will be attending.

Barbara explained the intention to include a small scale map of the local footpaths in What's in Wardle booklet and is currently working on this project.

It has been agreed that Barbara is to be our spokesperson on matters concerning footpaths.

**Double Yellow Lines:** - The matter to be raised when Ashley is present.

**Street Furniture:** - To be discussed when Robert Clegg is present.

**Wardle in Bloom:** - Charlotte Brazil is to make this a project for next year. George is to ask her to attend a meeting soon to discuss the details of her plan.

**Tennis Courts:** - There has been increased usage which is to be welcomed however it is to be hoped that they may be upgraded in the near future as they are in very poor condition. We are waiting for information from Ashley.

**Treasurers Report:** - see attached

**Any Other Business:** -

Concerns expressed about blockages of the pavements by cars and wheelie bins, Barbara is awaiting a reply for the Highways Department. If there is no response by the next meeting we will discuss the next move. Potential problems at junction of Wasp Mill Drive and Ramsden Road where there is a new mini roundabout.

**What's in Wardle:** - Is nearing completion. Jane is to check on the situation at Team Print in Littleborough.

**Village Green notice board:** - Previous repairs have not lasted; Ted has offered to look again at the situation and to bring ideas and quotes to the next meeting with a view to apply for funding from the Township Grants Committee.

**Talking Townships:** - Copies of the August edition were distributed at the meeting; items of interest to Wardle were noted as follows – Community Centre Car park improvements. Alpine Drive street lighting and a new Tourist Information Board in the Village Square. All the members praised the new layout information.

**Wardle and Smallbridge Community Centre:** - will be closed during September and October to allow for major repairs to be completed to the front of the building. All the groups using the centre will need to find alternative venues during this time.

Topics for the next 12 months

- Wardle in Bloom
- Monitor usage with the mini roundabout and parking
- Arrange footpath walks to record access and blockages
- Village Notice Board

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