

Wardle Society

*** NEXT MEETING ***
THURSDAY 5th July 2007
WARDLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2007

Present: - Barbara Fitzsimons (Chair), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer and minutes), Bernice Clifton, Jane Rickards, Ray Goodall, George Caygill, Beryl Wright, Ted Bolton, Janet Darnbrough, David Booth, PCSO Sarah Rafferty, Nasser Afzal.

Apologies: - Pauline Hopkinson, Ashley Dearnley, Julie Roberts, Eddie Rogers, Robert Clegg

Minutes from the last meeting – Apologies to Julie Roberts for omission of name from people present.

Police Report: - Vehicle crime – 1 damage to and 2 thefts from cars. Burglary – 2 from garages. Youth causing annoyance – 3 reports. Off road bikes – 10 reports.

There will be an evening of crime prevention at the Coach House on 21st June.

PCSO Sarah Rafferty will have a word with contractors driving huge Lorries up and down Ramsden Road – to see if they will regard Wardle as a residential area and slow down and take care.

Moorend Trust:- Update – Nasser Afzal – Community Affair Officer RMBC does 2 days a week at Hare Hill – came to the meeting to tell us the outline idea for a feasibility study for the Wardle Countryside Gateway. (Cost funds etc.) Moorend Trust (supported by RMBC and hopefully Wardle Society and other interested groups) would like to develop the 15.9 hectares of land bordered by Ashbrook Hey, Wardle Road and Birch Road. Hopefully a feasibility study would give an idea of what could be on the site e.g. Mountain bike track, Countryside park, Community gardens, Picnic tables, Walkways etc. There will be a project director to liaise with Nasser Afzal, Manager. After the feasibility study consultation will be needed to discuss possibilities. Funding for a study could possibly be from ‘Awards for All’.

Options for use, costing, where funds are available – these are some areas the study should provide answers for.

Correspondence: -

1. Access to the old pump house – No conditions on either Knowl Syke Street or Ramsden Road
2. Pennine Township plan – Additional seating may be considered. Officers already involved in getting rid of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan balsam.
3. Planter for Wardle Village – Ordered and will be in place soon. George thinks there will be a 3 tiered planter in the square.
4. Barbara thanked Sue Thornton for help with the skips etc. for the clean up weekend.
5. Ashley is dealing with litter bin emptying problem – not been cleared daily.

Treasurers Report: - See attached.

Subscriptions to be raised to £6 and £4 (from £5 and £3)

Planning: - Nothing to report.

Wardle in Bloom: - George Caygill gave a report on progress.

NW in Bloom – Judging by Peter Wiseman and Trevor Lees on the 5th July between 2 and 3pm.

Financially, George has sold bedding plants and is hoping for donations from local businesses, groups and individuals to help with prize money and plants for troughs near Wardle notice board and flower beds near village green etc.

Best kept garden competition will be judged later in July – to enter contact George.

An application to Pennine Township for funding for bulbs will be submitted later in the year. Thanks to George for his hard work.

Footpaths: - Tannery owned by Casey's has a JCB blocking entry to the footpath – Barbara is to write to the footpaths officer.

Walks on Sunday – footpath survey 10am Sunday 17th June Wardle Square.

Shaftesbury to Crossfield and back off Crossfield and short path Ramsden to Pennine has been sprayed with weed killer. Thanks to Ted for arranging this.

Any Other Business: -

Birch Hill: - An application has been made to fence off large areas prior to redevelopment. A number of people from Wardle and Littleborough went to look round. The present plan is to demolish buildings and rebuild a work/ live area. Questions were asked as to whether it could be designated a conservation area in order to save and adapt as many buildings as possible. A letter will be sent by Bernice to RMBC to consider this.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting 5th July 2007 at 7pm, all welcome.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME