

Wardle Society

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th August 2010

Present: Jane Rickards, Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Ted Bolton, Eddie Rogers (Secretary), Barbara Fitzsimons, George Caygill (Chair), Carolyn Gibson, Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Cllr Ashley Dearnley, Cllr Janet Darnbrough, Cllr Robert Clegg, Peter Thwaite and Richard Chatman

Apologies: PC Greg Chambers - Community Police Officer

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.

Police Report: PC Chambers had sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting; however he had sent the following crime statistics by email.

Wardle and West Littleborough figures for the last for weeks are as follows.

Assault - 10
Burglary - 6
Theft of motor vehicle - 3
Theft from motor vehicle - 3
Shoplifting - 4
Misc thefts - 11
Criminal damage - 21
Drugs - 3

Please note that the above figures are for the Wardle AND West Littleborough area. PC Chambers had been asked if we could be supplied with the Wardle figures only - but he said this could not be done.

For more detailed information and statistics for the GMP Pennine area, in which Wardle and Littleborough is a part of, click here:

<http://maps.police.uk/embed/greater-manchester/rochdale-borough/rochdale-division/pennine/>

Treasurers Report: Sylvia presented the report shown below.

TREASURER'S REPORT 5.08.10

Deposit account:	1366.24	Balance at 1.07.10	1451.93
		Income: Interest	<u>0.09</u>
Current account	64.18		1452.902
Cash on hand	<u>21.60</u>	Expenditure:	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>1452.02</u>		<u>1452.02</u>

Sylvia also made the meeting aware that we owed Wardle Community Centre £60 for last year's hire of the room. Jane said she would forward the appropriate amount to the Community Centre Treasurer.

Now we have moved the venue of our monthly meetings to the Globe Inn, Sylvia thought that the Wardle Society Filing Cabinet and its contents in the Community Centre be offered to the Wardle History Group – this was agreed by the meeting.

Sylvia would however continue to keep a copy of all Wardle Society's past minutes at home. Sylvia also offered to 'lend' Steve the relevant copies of the previous minutes that were missing on the web site, so he could scan them and upload them accordingly.

Sylvia made the meeting aware that Subs. for this year are now due, several members paid on the night but could others please forward the correct remittance to:

Sylvia Lear, 11 Heath Road, Wardle. (Cheques made payable to Wardle Society)
Adults - £6
Concessionary (under 18s & over 60s) - £4

Planning: Nothing applicable to report

Wardle Society Web Site: 875 'hits' to the website since it started.

St James Churchyard: Ashley reported that he had been in contact via the Probation Service with the Community Payback Team. They have committed themselves to tackle the overgrown graveyard and as opposed to the Youth Offending Team, because they are adults, they can use appropriate power tools.

Footpaths: Barbara has written once more to the Footpaths Officer in regards to our concerns over the access and availability of Footpath 15 – we still await a response.

Regarding the footpath closure at Law Flats due to a replacement steel bridge that is needed. Ashley produced an email from Peter Clapham (Technical Excellence & Business Development Leader, Highways & Engineering Impact Partnership) stating that the required work is now part of this year's capital programme and will be done before April 2011 - sooner if possible.

East Street: 'No Through Road' signs still not erected, but the Cllrs. present informed us that the money was made available at a Highways meeting this week.

Briardene Stables: The wall has now been rebuilt to comply with the Enforcement Notice issued in March 2004.

Pennines in Bloom: Ted accompanied the Judges on judging day and said they were particularly impressed with Holy Trinity School and the allotments in Littleborough, and also Milnrow Park – the results should be announced by the end of August, beginning of September.

Next year, Wardle and Shore will replace Milnrow in the competition.

United Utilities Substation: Due to United Utilities non response to the original letter Eddie sent last month, he has written once more requesting that the ground around their Substation at the junction of Wardle Road and Birch Road be tidied up. Hazel Bolton has also telephoned a lady at United Utilities, the same lady that she had spoken to and got a good response from last year.

Also relating to the same United Utilities Substation, Sylvia has received a telephone call from the company asking if we had an agreement/licence for our Notice Board that is situated just inside the Substation Fencing, the company would now be sending some documentation in the post for our perusal. It seems that United Utilities may be planning to sell their land containing the substation.

Rydings Dam: Rydings Dam still remains virtually empty. Steve contacted P Casey (Plant Hire) Ltd who are situated next to the Dam, to see if they could update us regarding the present situation, they have currently failed to call him back as promised.

Steve said he would now contact the Environmental Agency for any support/guidance they may offer.

Recreation Ground: Good news..... 2 goal posts have now been erected following an on-site meeting involving Mick Ripley, Environmental Management RMBC, Cllr Ashley Dearnley, Eddie and Steve.

2 metres of metal fencing which is part of the play equipment area is still 'missing' – Cllr Ashley Dearnley is going to chase this up.

Potholes on Alpine Drive and elsewhere in the Wardle Area: The potholes on Alpine Drive had now been repaired, however the many other potholes in and around the Wardle area have still not been repaired. Cllr Ashley Dearnley said a programme outlining the schedule of work was shortly due to be issued – he would update us of this at our next meeting.

‘Youth Bus’: Both Cllr Ashley Dearnley and Ian Bentley had contacted the RMBC Youth service regarding the provision of a ‘Youth Bus’ in the Wardle Area. As a result, the Youth Bus has been scheduled to visit Wardle on the following Saturdays between 12:30 and 2:30pm - funded by the Pennines.

17th July 2010	Wardle
24th July 2010	Wardle
31st July 2010	Wardle
7th Aug 2010	Wardle
14th Aug 2010	Wardle
21st Aug 2010	Wardle

Hopefully something more long term may develop from this.

MoorEnd Development Trust: George reported that the Trust is still seeking a £10K National Lottery Grant to continue its Wardle Countryside Gateway Project which aims to develop 15.9 hectares of land bordered by Ashbrook Hey, Wardle Road and Birch Road. It had come across a small problem when completing the application form with regards to a minimum of 5 year lease being required on the current land, but hopefully this would be overcome.

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Road Grates/Gullies: George made the meeting aware of the large number of road grates/gullies that were currently blocked on Knowl Syke Street and Ramsden Road. Cllr Ashley Dearnley said that if someone would make a list outlining the location of these blocked road grates/gullies he would pass that information onto the relevant department – George offered to collate this information.

Waste Bins: The meeting was made aware of the poor condition of several Bus Stop waste bins, especially the one near the United Utilities Substation and the one near Law Flats – Cllr Ashley Dearnley offered to pass this on to the relevant department.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 2nd September 2010, 7pm at the Globe Inn

****NEW MEMBERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME****

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