

Wardle Society

Minutes of the AGM held on 1st July 2010

Present: Jane Rickards (Chair), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Ted Bolton, Barbara Fitzsimons, George Caygill, Carolyn Gibson, Steve Barlow, Iain Bentley (Assistant Township Manager – Pennines)

Apologies: Eddie Rogers

Jane gave her thanks to everyone who had helped and supported Wardle Society during the last 12 months.

Sylvia gave a verbal report after producing the following financial statement:

WARDLE SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 31 MAY 2010

	£
Accumulated funds brought forward 1 June 2009	1753.17
Income for the year	<u>113.21</u>
	1866.38
Expenditure for the year	<u>414.55</u>
	<u>1451.83</u>
Represented by:	
Alliance & Leicester deposit account	1366.05
Alliance & Leicester current account	64.18
Cash in hand	<u>21.60</u>
	<u>1451.83</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Postage & stationery	.99	Subscriptions	98.00
Poppy wreath & donation	20.00	Bank interest	<u>24.44</u>
Website	83.56	Total income	113.21
Weedkilling	250.00		
Rent	<u>60.00</u>	Excess of exp over income	<u>301.34</u>
	<u>414.55</u>		<u>414.55</u>

The Election of Officers then took place:

Chair: George Caygill
Vice chair: Sylvia Lear
Secretary: Eddie Rogers
Treasurer: Sylvia Lear
Minutes Sec. Steve Barlow

The AGM was then closed, and followed by a monthly meeting

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st July 2010

Present: Jane Rickards, Sylvia Lear, Ted Bolton, Barbara Fitzsimons, George Caygill (Chair), Carolyn Gibson, Steve Barlow, Iain Bentley (Assistant Township Manager – Pennines) and Councillor Ashley Dearnley

Apologies: Eddie Rogers

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.

Police Report: No Police Officer or PCSO attended, no apologies given or report sent.

Treasurers Report:

TREASURER'S REPORT 1.07.10

Deposit account:	1366.15	Balance at 3.06.10	1451.83
		Income: Interest	<u>0.10</u>
Current account	64.18		
Cash on hand	<u>21.60</u>	Expenditure:	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>1451.93</u>		<u>1451.93</u>

Planning: Nothing applicable to report

Wardle Society Web Site: 830 'hits' to the website since it started.

Steve reported that the minutes of Wardle Society's meetings over the last 10 years are now accessible via our website. These being kindly provided by Julie Roberts

St James Churchyard: Steve visited the Youth Offending Team who were working on maintaining the church grounds on the 1st Saturday of each 'summer time' month, between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Although the 10 or so young people were working hard when he visited, it was very clear that this would not be enough to adequately maintain either the front of the church or the graveyard to the rear.

Footpaths: The meeting was told that Footpath 15, which runs from Birch Road to Howarth Knowle is still blocked. Barbara is going to write once more to the Footpaths Officer in regards to our concerns.

The meeting was also told that hopefully by August the banking on each side of the river will have been rebuilt, and the steel bridge will have been replaced at Law Flats.

East Street: 'No Through Road' signs still not erected.

Briardene Stables: Ashley produced a copy of a letter that had been sent by a RMBC Planning Officer on the 11th June 2010 to Mr & Mrs Clift of Briardene Stables. It stated that the stone perimeter wall be rebuilt leaving a gap of 1.5 metres, to comply with the enforcement notice issued in March 2004. This work was requested to be done by the 14th July 2010

Pennines in Bloom: Iain Bentley said the judging of this year's Borough in Bloom competition will take place on the 20th July; however because of time constraints this would not include Wardle, only Milnrow and Littleborough. It was hoped next year that Wardle would be included.

United Utilities Substation: Eddie had written to United Utilities on the 8th June, requesting that the ground around their Substation at the junction of Wardle Road and Birch Road be tidied up. No acknowledgement or reply to the letter has yet been received – Eddie was asked to please follow this up.

Rydings Dam: An article and pictures of Rydings Dam was in the Rochdale Observer a few weeks ago, however the dam is still virtually empty. It is not known whether the damage to the underground piping has not yet been repaired or that the Dam has not filled up yet due to the lack of rainfall in the last few months. – we will see if the situation changes in the next few weeks/months.

Recreation Ground: Eddie had written to Mick Ripley, Environmental Management, RMBC regarding the lack of goal posts and a section of the fence that was missing. No acknowledgement or reply to the letter has yet been received. Eddie was asked to please follow this up.

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Wardle Society Meetings' Venue. Jane told the meeting that she thought we should consider changing the venue of our monthly meetings from the Wardle Community Centre to a more centralised location in the village. This was discussed and it was agreed the George approach the Globe Inn to see if we could hold our future meetings there.

Addendum – before these minutes had been produced, George has confirmed that the Globe Inn are more than happy for us to hold our meetings there.

Potholes on Alpine Drive and elsewhere in the Wardle Area. An email sent to Ashley from Russell Maguire, Street Works Inspector, RMBC stated that routine inspections for the Wardle Area had started w/c 7th June, and any actionable defects would be marked up and repaired within 20 days. However it is now over 20 days from that date, and no repairs are evident – Ashley is to follow this up.

'Youth Bus' George brought to the attention of the meeting that several Todmorden Churches had got together and were running a Youth Caravan Project, providing a mobile Caravan/Bus for young people to meet and socialise on a suitable evening of the week.

The meeting thought this was good idea, however because a similar facility had been successfully provided in recent years by the RMBC Youth Service, Ian Bentley said he would contact them to see if they could once more offer their services in a similar manner.

MoorEnd Development Trust <http://www.moorendtrust.org.uk> George reported that the Trust is still seeking grants 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.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 5th August 2010, 7pm at the Globe Inn

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

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