

Wardle Society

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd September 2010

Present: Jane Rickards, Sylvia Lear (Treasurer & Vice Chairman), Ted Bolton, Carolyn Gibson, Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Cllr Janet Darnbrough and Beryl Wright

Apologies: Eddie Rogers (Sec), Barbara Fitzsimons, George Caygill (Chair), Cllr Ashley Dearnley and Iain Bentley.

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

Police Report: There was no police representative present at the meeting, and no apologies or crime figures had been received.

Cllr Janet Darnbrough was going to ask once more at the next monthly PACT meeting if PC Chambers could in future provide us with 'Wardle only' crime figures - as opposed to the 'Wardle and West Littleborough' figures that we previously received in August.

Treasurers Report: Sylvia presented the report shown below.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2.09.10

Deposit account:	1366.33	Balance at 5.08.10	1452.02
		Income: Interest	0.09
Current account	4.18	Subs	32.00
			<u>32.09</u>
			1484.11
Cash on hand	<u>53.60</u>	Expenditure: Rent (May 09 – Apl 10)	<u>60.00</u>
Total	<u>1424.11</u>		<u>1424.11</u>

Sylvia has now paid Wardle Community Centre £60 for last year's hire of the room.

Wardle History Group has not yet got back to Sylvia regarding the offer to them of our Filing Cabinet and its contents that is situated in the Community Centre

Sylvia presented the 'missing' Wardle Society minutes to Steve so he could scan them and upload them accordingly onto our Web Site

Planning: Cllr. Janet Darnborough reported that a Planning Application for a Travellers' Site on Dye House Lane had been refused.

Wardle Society Web Site: 915 'hits' to the website since it started.

St James Churchyard: Ted and Steve reported to the meeting that thanks to the Probation Service's Community Payback Team, the rear grave yard was looking much, much better. It was hoped that the few remaining 'black spots' and the front graveyard would be done during their next monthly visit.

Footpaths: Following Barbara's letter to the Footpaths Officer in regards to our concerns over the access and availability of Footpath 15 – a reply had been received from David Brennan, Rights of Way Officer. The letter was read out at the meeting, however because its content was unclear, Barbara would be asked on her return from holiday to contact David Brennan for clarification.

Carolyn was going to mention to Barbara on her return, the state of the overgrown footpath between Crossfield Close and Wardle Fold, especially on and around the bridge over the stream.

The replacement steel bridge at Law Flats has not as yet been replaced.

East Street: The 'No Through Road' signs have still not been erected, but Cllr. Janet Darnborough said it was now on the Council's 'jobs to do' list.

United Utilities Substation: Still no reply to Eddie's (Sec) Letters or a response to Hazel Bolton's phone calls regarding the untidy and overgrown land around their Substation at the junction of Wardle Road and Birch Road. Cllr. Janet Darnborough said she would try another approach by contacting RMBC's Housing Officer.

Regarding the same United Utilities Substation, Sylvia has now received from their Estates and Wayleaves Officer a copy of a Licence, allowing Wardle Society the continued use of the notice board on the Substations site. This licence needed to be signed and returned along with a £100 + VAT administration fee.

Sylvia said she had tried by telephone to explain to the lady concerned that this Notice Board was not owned by Wardle Society, but that it was first erected we think by the old Wardle Urban District Council back in the 1960s and that it was a village/community notice board.

Because the United Utilities Estates and Wayleaves Officer refused to accept this explanation from Sylvia, Eddie (Sec) on his return from holiday would be asked to explain the situation by way of a letter.

Rydings Dam: Steve reported he had contacted the Environmental Agency and they said they were aware of the situation. In fact their local representative had visited the Dam around x6 times, making sure that the fish and wildlife were not in a distressed condition.

The same person had also made contact with the owners of the Dam – Newhey Angling Society to determine why the Dam had suddenly emptied itself. It seems that a crack in an underground pipe was the problem and that it would be expensive to repair. Newhey Angling Society because of their low membership and very limited financial resources could not afford to have the problem pipe repaired, so they have decided to try to sell the ownership of the Dam to another Angling Club. Todmorden Angling Society had shown an interest in purchasing the Dam and then having the underground pipe repaired.

Wardle Recreation Ground: 2 metres of metal fencing which surrounds the children's play equipment area is still 'missing' – Cllr Ashley Dearnley at the next meeting will hopefully report any progress that may have been made.

Street Potholes in the Wardle Area: Cllr Ashley Dearnley at the next meeting will hopefully report if a programme outlining the schedule of work has yet been issued.

Road Grates/Gullies: Cllr Ashley Dearnley had received an email dated 9th August from Peter Milne, Drainage Inspector, Impact Partnership – saying that a works order has been placed with its maintenance contractor to clean and jet the blocked road gulleys on Ramsden Road, and that this will be completed within the next 15 days.

However, because Knowl Syke Street is unadopted, no maintenance work will be carried out on this street.

Replacement Waste Bins: Cllr Ashley Dearnley had received a letter dated the 12th August from Peter Cunningham, Service Director, Environmental Management regarding the two Bus Stop waste bins which were in very poor condition, one being near the United Utilities Substation and the other one near Law Flats.

The letter stated that there isn't an immediate stock of new litter bins to replace the 2 mentioned, although an order has been raised to purchase additional stock – and on delivery of the new bins they will be fitted.

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Grit Bins: Because we have seen none of the broken/damaged Grit Bins being repaired or replaced as we were told would be the case during the summer months, it was decided to ask Eddie (Sec) to write to Peter Cunningham, Service Director, Environmental Management for a progress report.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 7th October 2010, 7pm at the Globe Inn

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