

Wardle Society

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 7th April 2011

Present: George Caygill (Chair), Carolyn Gibson, Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Eddie Rogers (Sec), Jane Rickards, Barbara Fitzsimons, Cllr. Ashley Dearnley, Peter Twaite and Ted Bolton

Apologies: Sylvia Lear (Treasurer & Vice Chair), Iain Bentley and Cllr. Robert Clegg.

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

Police Report: There was no one representing the Police at the meeting, and no apologies for non attendance given or a report emailed.

Eddie provided the meeting with the latest crime statistics for the Wardle Area that he had obtained from www.police.uk

Burglary	-
Anti Social Behaviour	3
Robbery	-
Vehicle crime	1
Violent crime	1
Other crime	8

Treasurers Report: Sylvia although not at the meeting, provided the report shown below.

TREASURER'S REPORT 7.4.11

Deposit account:	1366.95	Balance at 3.2.11	1419.92
		Income: Interest	<u>0.08</u>
Current account	38.18		1420.00
Cash on hand	<u>14.87</u>	Expenditure:	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>1420.00</u>		<u>1420.00</u>

Planning: Eddie on behalf of Wardle Society, has written to the RMBC Planning Department opposing the new planning application by Coronation Power to revise its access to the previously approved Wind Farm for x12 Turbines at Crook Hill.

Wardle Society Web Site: 1215 'hits' to the website since it started.

St James' Churchyard: Cllr. Ashley Dearnley reported that the Community Payback Team would be starting to maintain the graveyard around mid-May, and then around another x4 times during the 'growing season'.

Cllr. Ashley Dearnley also told the meeting that Iain Bentley whilst recently visiting the graveyard, noted that Knotweed was growing in several areas. Iain was now to going to look into the management of this problem.

Public Footpaths: Ted told the meeting that he had made arrangements for the annual weed spraying on the designated public footpaths to take place in about a month's time

Wardle Recreation Ground:

1. Cllr. Ashley Dearnley read out a progress report on the Improvement Work (x16 areas) that was currently taking place in Wardle. This includes the 'closure' of the fencing gap on Wardle Recreation Ground. The Improvement Work should be fully completed by the end of May.

2. Several members raised the issue of the residents on Ramsden Road, (opposite the Con. Club Car Park) whose properties back onto the Recreation Ground – leaving their waste and recycling bins on the Recreation Ground. These bins seemed to be often tipped/fallen over, resulting in their contents being split onto the Recreation Ground and blown around.

It was also mentioned that the large double gate used for access to the Recreation Ground for maintenance purposes was no longer being shut and locked after use.

Cllr. Ashley Dearnley agreed to look into both these issues.

3. Three Scouts attended the meeting (James, Alex & Joel) after being invited to by Cllr. Ashley Dearnley. They said that they felt that more equipment & facilities for young people of their age should be provided on the Recreation Ground.

They told the meeting that they were shortly finishing a school project looking at the various equipment and facilities that could maybe be implemented on the Recreation Ground. The meeting thought that this was a good idea in principle and looked forward to more detail being provided.

Cllr. Ashley Dearnley told the meeting that some Finance/Grants may be available - but that the setting up of a 'Friends of Wardle Recreation Ground' would be needed to benefit from this type of income.

Road Grates/Gullies: Cllr Ashley Dearnley advised the meeting that a Works Order had been issued to clear the drain located at the start of Knowl Syke Street.

Grit Bins: Eddie reported to the meeting that he had received a letter around 3 weeks ago, stating that the broken Grit Bin on Alpine Drive would be being replaced during the following week. Unfortunately this did not happen. Eddie agreed to monitor the situation.

Law Flats Footbridge: Work is in progress regarding the replacement of the Law Flats Footbridge.

Public Footpaths – Community Payback Team: Because Cllr. Janet Darnbrough was not at the meeting we could not be updated on whether she had contacted the Countryside Wardens and Green Team – to see if they could help in ensuring that the public footpaths in the Wardle area were all accessible, tidy and not overgrown etc

Hopefully we will receive an update from Cllr. Janet Darnbrough at our May meeting.

East Street: The ‘no through road sign’ at the start of East Street has not yet been fitted. Cllr Ashley Dearnley said he would pursue the matter.

Spring Clean 2011: Hazel had produced a Spring Clean 2011 Poster and Ted had distributed and displayed copies to the local shops, Library, Notice Board etc

Steve had contacted the Rochdale Observer with regards to an article covering the Spring Clean 2011 appearing on the ‘Wardle & Littleborough’ page.

A rota for manning the skip was produced:

Saturday 16th April

10 am to 12 noon – Eddie and Ted

2 pm to 4 pm - Jane

Sunday 17th April

10 am to 12 noon – Barbara and Ted

2 pm to 4 pm - Ashley

Flower/Plant Containers outside the Library: It was decided by the meeting that even though the large flower/plant containers in front of the Library kept getting litter etc dumped in them, and the plants inside were also been damaged/vandalised. – that they should not be moved, but remain in their current location.

AOB: None

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 5th May 2011 - 7pm at the Globe Inn

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