

Wardle Society

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 2nd June 2011

Present: George Caygill (Chair), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer & Vice Chair), Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Carolyn Gibson, Jane Rickards, Barbara Fitzsimons, Beryl Wright, Cllr. Ashley Dearnley, Cllr. Janet Darnbrough, Peter Thwaite and Ted Bolton

Apologies: Eddie Rogers (Sec)

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.

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

Burglary	1
Anti Social Behaviour	7
Robbery	-
Vehicle crime	-
Violent crime	-
Other crime	3

Cllr. Ashley Dearnley thought it may be a good idea to hold the monthly Wardle PACT (Police and Communities Together) meeting at the same time and venue as our monthly meeting. This was agreed, and Cllr. Ashley Dearnley said he would enquire with the Police if this could be arranged.

Treasurers Report: Sylvia provided the report shown below.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2.6.11

Deposit account:	1217.13	Balance at 5.5.11	1420.09
		Income: Interest	<u>0.09</u>
Current account	63.18		1420.18
Cash on hand	<u>14.87</u>	Expenditure: Weedkilling	<u>125.00</u>
Total	<u>1295.18</u>		<u>1295.18</u>

Sylvia also presented the financial statements for the year ending the 31st May 2011, shown here:

WARDLE SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011

STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 31 MAY 2011

	£
Accumulated funds brought forward 1 June 2010	1451.83
Income for the year	87.08
	1538.91
Expenditure for the year	243.73
	<u>1295.18</u>
Represented by:	
Santander deposit account	1217.13
Santander current account	63.18
Cash in hand	14.87
	<u>1295.18</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2011

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Rent (to April 2010)	60.00	Subscriptions	86.00
Poppy wreath	16.50	Bank interest	1.08
Website	42.23	Total income	87.08
Weedkilling	125.00		
		Excess of exp over income	156.65
	<u>243.73</u>		<u>243.73</u>

Planning: Eddie has received a letter from the RMBC Planning and Regulations Services regarding the x2 planning applications for revising the access to the approved Wind Farm at Crook Hill.

The letter advised of two Planning Sub-Committee meetings that were taking place, and which the public are welcome to attend. These are:

1. Rochdale Township Planning Sub-Committee on 7th June at Rochdale Town Hall, commencing at 6.15pm
2. Pennines Township Planning Sub-Committee on 8th June at Rochdale Town Hall, commencing at 6.15pm

Wardle Society Web Site: 1295 'hits' to the website since it started.

St James' Churchyard – upkeep: Cllr. Ashley Dearnley reported that the Community Payback Team was now looking to attend the churchyard - week commencing Monday 13th June.

St James' Churchyard – knotweed: Cllr. Ashley Dearnley told the meeting that Rochdale MBC would be sorting the problem out, and he would hopefully be able to provide an update at our next meeting.

Public Footpaths: Cllr. Janet Darnbrough informed the meeting that the Countryside Wardens do not use the Community Payback Teams for the upkeep of public footpaths due to Health & Safety issues.

Eddie has sent an email regarding the dangerous steps on Footpath 80. The steps in question are located where the Footpath comes down from Lower House Lane. To present he has not received a reply.

Wardle Recreation Ground:

1. The gap in the childrens' play area fencing has now been replaced.
2. The large double gates on Alpine Drive, used for access to the Recreation Ground for maintenance purposes by RMBC staff are still being left unlocked. Cllr. Ashley Dearnley offered to follow this up.
3. The residents of Ramsden Road (opposite the Con. Club Car Park) whose properties back onto the Recreation Ground, and who were leaving their waste and recycling bins on the Recreation Ground have been written to by K Goodridge, Waste Operations Manager. This letter reminded them that their waste containers should be stored within the boundary of their own property. At this moment in time, the residents concerned have complied with this request.
4. The three Scouts that had attended April's meeting saying that they felt that more equipment & facilities for young people of their age should be provided on the Recreation Ground – have not yet got back in touch with Cllr. Ashley Dearnley.

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

East Street: The meeting was pleased to hear that the 'no through road sign' at the start of East Street has now been fitted.

United Utilities Substation It had been noted by several of our members that the land surrounding the United Utilities (UU) Substations at: the top of Birch Road, Shaftesbury Drive, Alpine Drive and next to the Nursery on Wardle Road were all becoming overgrown with weeds etc. and very unsightly.

Eddie would be asked if he would send a letter to UU reminding them of their responsibility in keeping the ground around the x4 substations well maintained.

Elm Grove Bus Stop Litter Bin: Cllr. Ashley Dearnley had received a letter from M Ripley, Environmental Management saying that they would be monitoring the area and should a new bin be required it will be ordered and fitted accordingly

AOB:

Potholes: It seems the programme to repair the many potholes in Wardle's roads has ground to a halt. Many of the potholes have been sprayed with white paint, but have not been repaired. Cllr. Ashley Dearnley volunteered to chase this up.

Village/Community Notice Board: Jane told the meeting that the Village/Community Notice Board at the top of Birch Road was looking a bit 'tatty', with many rust spots from the drawing pins that had been used. Ted volunteered to clean and tidy up the board.

Bus Service: The meeting discussed the fact that Bu Val Buses Ltd had allegedly gone into liquidation. The meeting then went on to thank Cllr. Janet Darnbrough for her part in attaching notices to the Bus Stops - informing bus passengers of the situation and also showing a revised timetable.

Pennine in Bloom: Ted reported that 'Pennines in Bloom' have once more entered the North West in Bloom Competition. The Judges on the 12th July will start in Milnrow, go up to Hollingworth Lake and finish off in Littleborough, visiting several sites in each of these main locations.

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting:

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 7th July 2011 - 7pm at the Globe Inn

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

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