

Wardle Society

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 3rd March 2011

Present: Sylvia Lear (Treasurer & Vice Chairman), Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Cllr. Janet Darnbrough, Eddie Rogers (Sec), Jane Rickards, Barbara Fitzsimons, Cllr. Ashley Dearnley and Ted Bolton

Apologies: George Caygill (Chair), Cllr. Robert Clegg and Carolyn Gibson

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 January 2011 crime statistics for the Wardle Area that he had obtained from www.police.uk

Burglary	-
Anti Social Behaviour	4
Robbery	-
Vehicle crime	2
Violent crime	1
Other crime	2

Treasurers Report: Sylvia presented the report shown below.

TREASURER'S REPORT 3.3.11

Deposit account:	1366.87	Balance at 3.2.11	1419.83
		Income: Interest	<u>0.09</u>
Current account	38.18		1419.92
Cash on hand	<u>14.87</u>	Expenditure:	<u>0.00</u>
Total	<u>1419.92</u>		<u>1419.92</u>

Planning: The new planning application by Coronation Power to revise its access to the previously approved wind farm for x12 Turbines at Crook Hill was discussed.

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/WPHAPPDETAIL.DisplayUrl?theApnID=11/D54145&backURL>

It was decided by the meeting that Wardle Society would oppose this application, and Eddie was asked to write a letter outlining our reasons to the RMBC Planning Department.

Wardle Society Web Site: 1155 'hits' to the website since it started.

St James' Churchyard: Cllr. Ashley Dearnley has contacted the Community Payback Team, and they are looking at a program that would see them maintaining the graveyard x4 times this year.

Public Footpaths: The garden fence that had fallen onto the public footpath that runs behind Shaftesbury Drive has now been removed.

Wardle Recreation Ground: Cllr. Janet Darnbrough told the Meeting that the x16 Areas of Improvement Work within Wardle would be taking place in the near future. The 'closure' of the fencing gap on Wardle Recreation Ground was one of those improvement areas.

Road Grates/Gullies: Two members confirmed at the meeting that they had now actually seen the drain in question at the start of Knowl Syke Street, albeit it was more or less covered with soil etc. ([see here](#))

Cllr Ashley Dearnley said he would pass this information onto the relevant RMBC Department asking them to fully expose the drain it and keep it clear in future.

Grit Bins: Ted reported to the meeting that the broken Grit Bin on Alpine Drive had still not been replaced; Cllr. Ashley Dearnley said he would follow this up.

Double Parking in Wardle Square: Cllr Janet Darnbrough had contacted the Bus Company regarding the double parking in Wardle Square, and they reported that they had not had any problems reported to them from the drivers. Cllr Janet Darnbrough said she would continue to monitor the situation.

Law Flats Footbridge: Cllr. Janet Darnbrough stated that work had started on replacing the Law Flats Footbridge. The footbridge itself had been taken away to be refurbished, but would be returned and repositioned once the embankments had been built up.

Public Footpaths – Community Payback Team: After a short discussion it was thought that the Countryside Wardens and Green Team would be more suited in ensuring that the public footpaths in the Wardle area were all accessible, tidy and not overgrown etc. Cllr. Janet Darnbrough agreed to contact them to ask if this was possible.

East Street: The Double Yellow lines have now been reinstated at the beginning of East Street; however the actual format of the ‘no through road sign’ was still being discussed.

Spring Clean 2011: Eddie had made contact with the various youth organisations in Wardle (Scouts, Guides etc) inviting them to participate during the week commencing Monday 11th April.

Cllr. Janet Darnbrough has booked the skip to be placed in Wardle Square.

Ted has made arrangements for the Pickers and Bags to be available from Green Lane, Heywood. Eddie had produced for Carolyn a ‘schedule of events/programme’ for collecting and distributing the pickers and bags during the week, a task Carolyn had volunteered to do.

Hazel had produced a draft Poster that Steve said he would pass onto the Observer. Hazel would produce the other Posters and arrange to have them displayed in the local shops, Library, Notice Board etc

Eddie would produce a 'Thank You Certificates' for all those who had participated in the Event

A rota for manning the Skip would be created at our April Meeting

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Flower/Plant Containers outside the Library: Jane was concerned that 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.

She asked the Members present for their thoughts on moving the containers to an alternative location. This would be discussed again at the next meeting.

Meeting Venue: Ted raised the point that if the rumours were true, then the Globe Inn may not be available for our next meeting in April. The meeting thought that an approach to both the Conservative Club and the Hare & Hounds to see if we would be

made welcome at either of them was a good idea. Ted agreed to contact the Conservative Club and Cllr. Janet Darnbrough said she would speak to the Hare & Hounds.

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting:

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

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

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