

# Wardle Society

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011

**Present:** Jane Rickards (Chair), George Caygill (Vice Chair), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Cllr. Ashley Dearnley, Peter Thwaite and Ted Bolton.

**Apologies:** Eddie Rogers (Sec), Carolyn Gibson, Barbara Fitzsimons and Cllr. Janet Darnbrough,

**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](http://www.police.uk)

Burglary	-
Anti Social Behaviour	11
Robbery	-
Vehicle crime	2
Violent crime	1
Other crime	5

**Treasurers Report:** Sylvia reminded the meeting that Subscriptions were now due for 2011-2012 and that a prompt payment would be very much appreciated.

[Click Here](#) to download the Form which can be then printed off and used for the renewal of subscriptions or for new membership of Wardle Society.

Sylvia also provided the report shown below:

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1.9.11

Deposit account:	1217.38	Balance at 4.8.11		1299.35
		Income: Subs	28.00	
Current account	63.18	Interest	0.08	<u>28.08</u>
Cash on hand	<u>46.27</u>			1327.43
		Expenditure: receipt book	0.60	
Total	<u>1326.83</u>			<u>1326.83</u>

**Planning:** George informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mark Platt of Impact Partnership, informing him that the Casey Group would shortly be demolishing the dangerous ex-Canteen Building located on the old Isherwoods Tannery site.

**Wardle Society Web Site:** 45 'hits' to the website this month, taking the total to 1421

**Public Footpaths:** George told the meeting that the dangerous steps on Footpath 80 had now been repaired.

**Law Flats Footbridge:** Steve reported that he had spoken to David Brennan, Rights of Way Officer, RMBC, 01706 922058 regarding the lack of progress in replacing the Law Flats Footbridge. It seems that the delay at present is due to negotiations taking place between RMBC, United Utilities and the landowner regarding compensation being paid to the landowner for use of his land in accessing the site.

**United Utilities Substations:** It appears that United Utilities (UU) have tidied up their Substations on Alpine Drive and Wardle Road.

Eddie (Sec) would be asked to email his contact at UU thanking them for the work done, but also reminding them that the Shaftesbury Drive site was still overgrown with weeds and very unsightly.

**Elm Grove Bus Stop Litter Bin:** A new floor standing bin has now been provided. Cllr. Ashley Dearnley was thanked by the meeting for his contribution in achieving this.

**Pennines in Bloom:** Ted reported that the 'North West in Bloom' results would be announced in September.

**Lower Lane:** George told the meeting that remedial work had recently been undertaken on Lower Lane, and that he was now happy with the standard of work.

**Alderbank:** It seems that the grass verge had been overlooked by the 'grass cutters' – but the work has now been done.

**Wardle Recreation Ground – Play Area Gates & Tyre Ring:** Ted told the meeting that the two Play Area Gates on Wardle Recreation Ground are still not fitting correctly - and hence not closing properly. Cllr. Ashley Dearnley said he would contact Iain Bentley for a progress report.

Cllr. Ashley Dearnley was also asked by the meeting to see if he could find out why the Tyre Ring was removed, and if/when it would be re-fitted.

**Higher Slack Brook:** Because Cllr. Robert Clegg was not present at the meeting, we didn't know whether he had spoken to Stephen (Watergrove Warden) regarding the walls at Higher Slack Brook being in a poor condition.

**Horse & Rider Signs:** Cllr. Ashley Dearnley reported to the meeting that The Bridleways Group had suggested locations for the Horse & Rider Signs, and that these locations had been accepted. The signs are expected to be fitted shortly.

**Community Project Award:** Steve has registered a prospective Wardle Society project on the Nat. West. Bank CommunityForce web Site: <http://www.natwest.com/communityforce> however it seems that we are too late for this year, but we will monitor the web site during the next 6 months or so to see if the same scheme is available in 2012.

**Community Clean-Up Project:** The first one took place this evening between 6pm and 7pm at the corner of Crossfield Road/Ramsden Road.

**AOB:**

**Wardle Recreation Ground - Green Gym Project:** In response to a previous interest shown by Wardle Society members at providing a Green Gym on Wardle Recreation Ground, Cllr. Ashley Dearnley presented to the meeting a letter that had been sent to him by Mark Widdup, RMBC Environmental Management – outlining the cost (£14,760) of a similar scheme at Albert Royds Street, Belfield in October 2009.

This was supplied by: The Great Outdoor Gym Company <http://www.tgogc.com/>

Another web site which promotes Green Gyms is here:  
[http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/greengym\\_starting](http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/greengym_starting)

Cllr. Ashley Dearnley also produced at the meeting an eight page fact sheet outlining help in securing funding for a Green Gym Project or similar.

The letter and document can be [Viewed Here](#).

**Wardle Countryside Gateway Project - Moorend Development Trust**

George gave an update on Moorend Development Trust's Wardle Countryside Gateway Project which aims to develop 15.9 hectares of land bordered by Ashbrook Hey, Wardle Road and Birch Road. This land being at the rear of Wardle High School.

Part of his update included a proposed meeting he had with Clare Butler of Inspired-spaces. Inspiredspaces is a company set up by Carillion and its joint venture partners (RMBC and others) to deliver educational transformation through the Government's Building Schools for the Future programme. Wardle High School is included in this programme.

Have a look here <http://www.inspiredspacesrochdale.co.uk/> for more details

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 - 7pm at the Globe Inn

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

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