

# Wardle Society

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

**Present:** Jane Rickards (Chair), George Caygill (Vice Chair), Eddie Rogers (Sec), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Cllr. Janet Darnbrough, Peter Thwaite, Barbara Fitzsimons, Jason Addy, Ted Bolton and Carolyn Gibson.

**Apologies:** Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Cllr. Ashley Dearnley 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 received.

Eddie 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	2
Anti Social Behaviour	4
Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Violent Crime	2
Vehicle Crime	0
Public Disorder & Weapons	1
Other Theft	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>10</i>

**Treasurers Report:** Sylvia presented the report shown below:

### TREASURER'S REPORT 2.02.12

Deposit account:	1217.78	Balance at 1.12.11		1304.94
Current account	78.05	Income: Interest (2 months)	0.16	
Cash on hand	<u>21.27</u>	Subs	12.00	<u>12.16</u>
Total	<u>1317.10</u>			<u>1317.10</u>

**Planning:** Nothing to report.

**Wardle Society Web Site:** 57 'hits' to the website during the last two months, taking the total to 1593. The meeting asked if Steve would produce a monthly 'hit review' covering the last 12 months, regarding value for money from the Web Site.

**Public Footpaths:** It was reported to the meeting that the public footpath adjacent to the old 'Posh Wash' building passed through a rear garden of a residential dwelling. Following discussion it was agreed not to contact RMBC regarding redirection.

**Law Flats Footbridge:** Regarding the lack of progress in replacing the Law Flats Footbridge, Eddie reported that this was in the planning stage with United Utilities and that work would commence in the near future.

**Wardle Recreation Ground (Clough St) – Green Gym Project:** Ashley had forwarded his apologies for not being able to attend this meeting and so hopefully at next month's meeting he would be able to give us an update regarding him contacting both the RMBC Planning Department and Recreation Department to see if the Green Gym Project was a viable proposition.

George reported that the Moorend Development Trust was considering supporting the Green Gym Project, with a sum of £500 - but require more information.

George has researched that around £2500 would be required to fund the project.

There is a meeting at Rochdale Town Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at which Julie from Link for Life will be attending – Carolyn said she would try to attend so she could approach Julie with regards to where to apply for funding etc.

It was thought that the 'Friends of Springfield Park' have just completed a similar project <http://springfieldpark.btck.co.uk/> - David Logan being the contact.

**Paved Area outside the Shops at the top of Birch Rd:** The paved area is currently being monitored by RMBC with regards to its poor condition, and also by the Police with regards to the vandalised planters.

#### **AOB:**

**Township in Bloom** – Jason Addy told the meeting that if Wardle was going to be included in this years 'In Bloom' competition, then he would be happy to clear the hedge adjacent to Birch Road. He also said he had recently planted various fruit trees adjacent to the old 'Posh Wash'

**Law Flats Bus Stop** – it seems that the Litter Bin has been removed by RMBC employees and has not been replaced, Cllr. Janet Darnbrough is to investigate.

**Hare & Hounds Pub** - It has been noticed by several members that there is a large amount of litter; cigarette ends etc in the area outside the front of the Pub – Carolyn said she would speak to the landlord.

**Spring Clean 2012** – It was decided that this years Annual Litter Pick would take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, also:

- That the various youth organisations in Wardle (Scouts, Guides etc) would be invited to participate during the week commencing Monday 16th April and would be issued with Pickers and Bags etc – Eddie to write to the various Leaders etc.
- That x1 Skip would be sited in Wardle Square - Cllr. Janet Darnbrough to organise.
- The Pickers and Bags etc would be collected from Green Lane, Heywood and distributed to the various organisations during the week - Ted to organise,
- Posters to be displayed in the local shops, Library, Notice Board etc – Hazel Bolton
- 'Thank You Certificates' for those who participate in the Event - Eddie
- A rota for manning the Skip would be produced at our April Meeting.

**Alpine Drive Pot Holes** It was stated that there are many large potholes in the roadway of Alpine Drive. Cllr. Janet Darnbrough told the meeting that she is aware of the situation, having visited the location with a RMBC official, and that the problem is now 'in hand'

The Meeting closed at 8pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 - 7pm at the Globe Inn

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

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