

Wardle Society

*** NEXT MEETING ***
THURSDAY 7th December 2006
WARDLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2006

Present: - Barbara Fitzsimons (Chair), George Caygill (Vice Chair) Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Hazel Bolton (Minute Secretary), Ray Goodall, Jane Rickards, Peter Denison, Eddie Rogers, Pauline Hopkinson, Julie Roberts, Ashley Dearnley, Damon Wilkinson (Rochdale Observer).

Apologies: - Ted Bolton, Bernice Clifton, Janet Darnborough

Minutes for the meeting 5th October were approved

Police Report: - No Police presence. Comments about frustration, at being unable to get action, following phone calls, to be kept on board.

Coronation Power -Crook Hill Wind Turbines: - There is a News Report of a 2nd exhibition to be held at the Coach House Littleborough on 9th November 12-noon – 7 pm and 10th November 10a.m – 2.45pm. There was much discussion on this topic. Jane thought she would attend one of the meetings.

Treasurers Report: - see attached.

Correspondence: - Nothing to report.

Planning: - Nothing to report. Some discussion about the development of the old Pump House.

Footpaths: -

- Barbara has commitments which prevent her from doing a monthly walk. But she will do one as and when possible, anyone wishing to join her will be most welcome.
- George mentioned the state of the footpath which runs from the old Tannery to Clough House – it is completely overgrown. Peter offered to make an attempt at clearing this.
- Ashley to check on whether the council will treat the footpath behind Crossfield Close and up to Shaftesbury Drive.
- No progress has been made regarding the proposed footpath from the back of Barretts Estate to Crossfield Road.

School Crossing: - The school gates have been re-opened allowing the children to cross on Crossfield Road again.

Co-op Building: - Work is in progress although nothing has gone through planning yet. Ashley to follow this up.

St James Church: - Work is going ahead on this building. Ashley to check on progress.

Any Other Business: -

Blocked Gullies- Ray reported that the Brook Street and Fern street areas which were particularly affected appeared to be blocked by silt and debris, in the case of Fern Street it is probably from the Barrett Estate, they just need clearing out.

Hazel asked if Barretts had agreed to resurface Fern Street and provide a turning space at the top as part of their development plan. Ashley is to check.

Remembrance Sunday Wreath. Ted will collect this and deliver it to Barbara on Tuesday morning.

C.C.T.V. Camera. This has now been taken down.

Birch Road Roundabout. This continues to be indiscernible. Beryl has nothing to report on this issue.

Wardle in Bloom. A representative from Littleborough Committee has provided George with some ideas. Jane suggested we form a sub committee with the constitution for the project coming under the umbrella of Wardle Society. George to look into the insurance aspect – possibly through the Citizens Advice Bureau. Ashley will also check with the council regarding insurance.

There were complaints of graffiti in Ramsden Road, going up to the reservoir and in the Birch Road area. Not sure who is responsible for cleaning this. Ashley has written to United Utilities and awaits their response.

Peter reported that the Lagoon at Watergrove has been totally fenced in. Peter will contact United Utilities to find out the reason for this.

Information has been passed on to us about a New Grant Scheme offering grants of up to £1,000 for worthwhile projects. George to look into this for Wardle in Bloom.

Julie reported people from the John Elliot Unit, smoking at the road entrance and leaving cigarette butts on the floor – very unsightly. This should possibly be reported.

Jane remarked on the eyesore of palettes, batteries, vehicles at the back of Flower Hill Farm. Ashley will look into this.

Parking on Church Bend. Peter asked if double yellow lines were enforceable. This is an ongoing debate which has not yet been resolved. Ashley and Beryl to report back.

Moor End A.G.M. Monday 6th November 7.30p.m. At Butterworth Hall. Jane and Barbara will try to attend.

Next meeting 7th December at 7pm all welcome.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Membership now due for renewal