

Wardle Society

MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2006

Present: - Eddie Rogers(Chair), Hazel Bolton, Sylvia Lear, Barbara Fitzsimons, Julie Roberts, Janet Darnborough, Beryl Wright, Ray Goodall, Michael Fitton, Ashley Dearnley, Pauline Hopkinson, Christine Hardman (Com Support Officer), Damon Wilkinson (Rochdale Observer), Robert Clegg.

Apologies: - Ted Bolton, Peter Denison, Jane Rickards, Bernice Clifton, George Caygill.

Barbara Fitzsimons took the chair

Police Report: - Little to report except the usual disturbances by the youth element. Christine also reported damage to cars in the Hurstead area; she also reported that five more officers are due to be recruited in the autumn, some of whom will be in our area.

Christine mentioned that the Head teacher at St. James' primary school had asked for volunteers - parents /grandparents, to escort children to and from the Library on their regular class visits. There is apparently a shortage of staff to undertake this duty.

It was reported that a Youth Forum has been set up but was poorly attended. There are lots of activities available for youth during the summer, but more adults are needed to organise these and to help obtain funding for further projects.

Janet reported Quad bikes being ridden on the Bridle Path at Watergrove. She had informed the police and obtained an incident number. Hopefully action will be taken.

Crook Hill Wind Turbines: - Julie has correspondence from Coronation Power inviting us to a Tapas Evening (no date given). The Society voted to ignore this correspondence.

Treasurers Report: - A copy of the treasurer's report is attached. Sylvia reported problems obtaining an invoice for rental of our meeting room. She will set out what she requires, before paying the account.

Correspondence: - No letters. Eddie had a phone conversation re: - School Crossing Patrol which is to be sited at the bottom of Crossfield Road from September.

Planning: - Nothing to report.

Footpaths: - Ted has been in touch with Martin Lee, with no success. Ashley has promised to ask the Council to take on this project for us.

Barbara has a reply regarding the numbering of footpath signs. Not viable at present but will be looked at in the future.

Michael reported a footpath lost (Howarth Knowl area). Possible for discussion at Lost Footpaths meeting.

Next footpath walk 20th August 10am Wardle Square

Vision for Wardle: - Eddie reiterated the remarks in his report – to maintain and improve on what we already have. No other comments.

Any Other Business: - Moor End. Michael reported a bid being put together for funding for a feasibility study for a Country Park – cost £4,998. Extra £5,000 grant available. Michael proposed this be spent on cleaning up the valley of dead and dangerous Poplars. Ashley promised to get in touch with the council to request that they remove dead trees. Michael asked for written support from the Society for this project.

Church: - Work is ongoing on the building and a deadline has been set that the weatherproofing of the building to be completed by October.

Coop Building: - Hopefully refurbishment of this building will be underway soon.

Road Maintenance: - The question of local road maintenance was broached. Work to be carried out in this financial year.

Next meeting 7th September 2006 at 7pm all welcome.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Membership now due for renewal