

Wardle Society

*** NEXT MEETING ***
THURSDAY 4th May 2006
WARDLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2006

Present: - Eddie Rogers(Chair), Bernice Clifton, Ted & Hazel Bolton, Sylvia Lear, Barbara Fitzsimons, Jane Rickards, George Caygill, Julie Roberts, Janet Darnborough, , Ann Southerton, Michael Byrne (Roch Ob.), Bev. Marmont, Marylyn Christie.

Apologies: -Ray Goodhall, Michael Fitton, Peter Denison, Ashley Dearnley, Pauline Hopkinson, Charlotte Brazil.

Treasurers Report: - A copy of the treasurer's report is attached.

Police Matters: - No Police Present, so nothing to report.

Correspondence: - The Chairman read out letters sent to Roger Kennedy – Warden, Watergrove – and to his superior at United Utilities, expressing our appreciation of Rogers's efforts on behalf of the village and community, and wishing him well on his retirement. Replies to these letters were also read out. There was also correspondence regarding the 70th Anniversary of the opening of the building which is now the Community Centre. The Open Day to celebrate this anniversary was apparently a great success.

Planning: - Jane reported on the planning application to erect 10 stables at Clough House Farm, for Mrs Bebb. Mrs. Christie, who has an interest in this application, informed the meeting that planning was satisfied with the proposed location and the materials to be used, and she added that should anyone wish to view the proposed development, Mrs. Bebb would have no objection to this. The committee raised no objection to these plans.

Tannery: - No further information.

Footpaths: - There will not be a walk this month. The next walk is scheduled for 21st may- meet at the square at 10am. Martin Lee has been contacted with regard to treating the designated footpaths and hopefully will start work on this in the next few weeks.

Wardle in Bloom: - George read out the minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee for this project. He outlined plans which are quiet ambitious, but which are going forward. It was decided that the project could come under the umbrella of Wardle Society and it was suggested that George approach Nico Blackburn who took on the role of Chairman representing the youth of Wardle, with a view to getting the youngsters involved in the clean –up side of the enterprise.

Vision for Wardle: - See below

Filing Cabinet: - This is now available, George to organise installation and Ted will dispose of the old one on request.

Parking: - Julie has taken photographs of cars parking restrictively in Wardle, these need passing to the relative department.

Any Other Business: - George reported incidents of vandalism, namely the tearing down and destroying of electricity fencing at Clough House Farm, also gates left open allowing horses to roam. Also fencing destroyed at the bottom of Knowl Syke Street and at allotments behind Ramsden Road. The Police have been informed.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Vision for Wardle

There were several ideas put forward on this subject.

1. For roads, footpaths, pavements, drain etc., and general infrastructures of the village, to be maintained and kept to a good standard. The existing facilities, i.e. recreation grounds, tennis courts, memorial gardens, flower baskets and tubs, tourist information boards to be kept in good order. Litter cleared on a regular basis – more input from Wardle High School would be welcome here. Controversial building applications closely monitored, and existing work, i.e. St. James' Church and Churchyard project watched very closely
2. For small businesses and enterprises to be encouraged into the village – hopefully the Wardle in Bloom project will make it an attractive place to work. Try to retain such buildings as the old Co-op, so that the ethos of the village is not completely lost.
3. Develop the land behind the Community Centre. A woodland area, with trees planted and footpaths and cycle paths laid, possibly a pond. A place, which could be enjoyed by all ages. It was decided that the Society would support Michael who is currently looking into such a scheme, liaising with Moor End Trust. We would need to check on who would be responsible for maintaining this should it be developed.