

Wardle Society

** NEXT MEETING **

THURSDAY 1st February 2007

WARDLE COMMUNITY

CENTRE 7.00pm

ALL WELCOME

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2006

Present: - Barbara Fitzsimons (Chair), George Caygill (Vice Chair), Janet Darnbrough (Minute Secretary), Ray Goodall, Jane Rickards, Eddie Rogers, Julie Roberts, Bernice Clifton, Ted Bolton, Ashley Dearnley, Beryl Wright, Ann Southerton, Robert Clegg, Christine Hardman (Com Support Officer), Damon Wilkinson (Rochdale Observer). Mr & Mrs J Clegg (old library nursery)

Apologies: - Hazel Bolton, Sylvia Lear, Pauline Hopkinson, Peter Denison, Michael Fitton.

Minutes for the meeting 2nd November were approved

Police Report: - Christine reported that there would be 3 new police officers to cover Wardle Hollingworth Lake and Smithybridge.

Youths were starting to drift back into the village in the evening. At the Police liaison meeting Robert enquired about the cost of a camera to replace the CCTV camera that has been removed. Ashley will make further enquiries.

Windows had been broken at the old library nursery.

Coronation Power - Crook Hill Wind Turbines: - A public meeting will be held at Todmorden town hall on Wednesday, 7pm to 9pm, for residents to find out about possibly owning one of the five turbines planned for the site. Jane had contacted Ray Buskin and there would not be a planning application before Christmas. It will be sometime in January before plans are submitted. Meeting, objecting to wind farm, to be held at Walsden Cricket Cub on Thursday 14th December. 7.30pm

Old Library (Nursery): - Mr & Mrs Clegg, who attended the meeting, are the owners of the old library, now a private nursery since 1988. It had been abandoned and in a derelict condition but is now a valuable asset to the area and employs 12 people. It is not a listed building and in August Mr & Mrs Clegg were told by Mr. Morris that they could do whatever was necessary to upgrade the building. They spent £20,000 on replacement UPVC windows. They were subsequently told that Wardle Society had objected to the new windows. The Society knew nothing about this issue and informed Mr Clegg that there must have been a serious misunderstanding. Ashley said that he would look into the matter.

Treasurers Report: - To follow

Correspondence: - Nothing to report.

Planning: - Halfway House New plans much reduced from previous application have been available to view at the pub to see if they are now acceptable. The Brewery want it to be run as a restaurant

rather than a just a pub. A brewery representative informed Ted that if planning is refused then the pub will close.

Water Treatment Works – Plans submitted for the erection of a new building to house power activated carbon dosing plant and installation of 500metre underground pipe loop system with associated landscaping work and formation of new access to Watergrove water treatment works.

Footpaths: - The footpath behind Crossfield Close and up to Shaftesbury Drive could be cut but certain weed killers can not be used because of the danger to animals.

Still no progress made regarding the proposed footpath from the back of Barretts Estate to Crossfield Road. Barretts had not agreed to resurface Fern Street as previously thought but had agreed to provide a turning circle.

Co-op Building: - Ongoing repairs should have been completed before Christmas but the owner had ordered UPVC windows which the council will not permit because it is a conservation area it has use wood replacements.

St. James Church: - It was reported that gravestones have been laid flat. Ashley reported that this was in the planning application for the flats. Documentation was made of the graves, reported in the paper and saved on to DVD, which is with the vicar. Ashley to make enquiries to find out if this information is available to all.

Birch Road Roundabout:- Reported that this would be painted when weather permits.

Wardle in Bloom:- George reported an insurance quote of £55 a day for up to 100 people had been provided for the clean up. Ted offered to contact Martin Taylor regarding exactly what is needed for the spring clean and the provision of equipment and application to be made for funds for two skips. It was suggested that indemnity forms be provided against accidents.

George reported that the Royal Horticultural Society had guides on its website about cleanup and also Keep Britain Tidy groups. An application form will be sent to us in the New Year regarding Wardle in Bloom.

Flower Hill:- Ashley has approached the council and they will look into the situation.

John Elliot Unit :- Ashley reported that cigarette butts left at the entrance to the unit were to be cleared and that the health service had been informed. In future culprits run the risk of fines and or face prosecution.

Parking on Church Bend:-. People have been booked for parking on yellow lines.

Moor End Trust:- Have had their AGM but nothing to report.

Graffiti:- Thanks were given for the removal of the graffiti on Ramsden Road.

Any Other Business: -

Birch Road – more litterbins are needed

Pump House – At present there is no vehicle access from Lower House Lane but because of the wording and new gates having been built the plans need to be checked. Barbara will write to United Utilities to clarify the position.

Next meeting 1st February 2007 at 7pm all welcome.