

Wardle Society

MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

*** NEXT MEETING ***
THURSDAY 5th October 2006
WARDLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2006

Present: - George Caygill (Vice Chair), Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Bernice Clifton (Minute Secretary), Ray Goodhall, Jane Rickards, Janet Darnborough, Beryl Wright, Hazel Bolton, Ted Bolton, Ann Southerton, C.P.O. Peter Dickinson, Damon Wilkinson (Rochdale Observer).

Apologies: - Pauline Hopkinson, Ashley Dearnley, Barbara Fitzsimons, Eddie Rodgers, Robert Clegg, Julie Roberts.

Police Report: - Continued reduction in reported events; the camera at the end of Wasp Mill Drive is still working but slow to download and therefore not always practicable. Reasonably accurate timing for searching an incident helps a lot.

Dispersal order expires mid October.

Off road bike team was in this area about four weeks ago; again, evidence of a need in the area is required before a specific request for the off road team can be allocated. Online reporting can now be made, www.stopoffroadnuisance.co.uk

Information given that cars are being parked on footpaths by the school and the Conservative Club. School staff have requested that this should not happen.

Children in playground and on school roof during the summer. Most people present felt that the playground was safer than being on the streets. Responsibility for safety was discussed.

Crook Hill Wind Turbines: - Tapas invitation had no date and Jane has received no reply to her letter to Coronation Power.

Scout Moor walk will be held on Sunday 10th September 2006, all members were urged to attend and support.

Treasurers Report: - see attached.

Correspondence: -

1. 16/8/06 from Stephen Lett (Highways Officer) to Councillor Dearnley – Alpine Drive footway and carriageway inspected and defects marked for repair very soon. Area to be considered next year for slurry sealing.
2. 17/8/06 From Peter Cunningham (Environment Department) to Councillor Dearnley – Many dead and diseased poplars in the borough – Wardle high on list for action

3. 21/8/06 from J. Hartley (Street Lighting) to Councillor Dearnley – New lighting columns on Alpine and Pennine Drives installed but United Utilities held back by lack of resources. Their backlog should soon be addressed.
4. 14/07/06 from Francis Comyn (Environment Co-ordinator) to B. Clifton – replied to queries about RMBC's specific responsibilities for renewable energy as stated by Coronation Power. It is a long and detailed letter generally saying that no specific official mega watts are known of. Apologies for not having letter to hand will forward to Barbara for the next meeting.

Planning: - Wardle Fold conversion of garage to a studio is of concern to some local residents.

Footpaths: - Discuss again at next meeting. 20th August walk did not take place. No September walk.

School Crossing: - This has been relocated to the top of Crossfield Road

Church: - Work is ongoing again. Members commented on mud being created in path to church on highway.

Possible car sales site on the car park for new houses is being monitored. It is believed that there may be some planning problems.

Coop Building: - We are still waiting to see work recommence on the building.

Road Maintenance: - Ramsden Road resurfacing is nearly completed; some members expressed dissatisfaction at the quality of work and the collection of water at numerous junctions. Road markings not yet in place, however, all agreed it is an improvement on the previous surface. Beryl will enquire into progress.

Moor End Development Trust: - Feasibility Study: - Bernice circulated the draft of a letter backing Michael. All agreed this should be sent.

Any Other Business: -

Members noted with pleasure that most gulleys have been cleared.

Monday 13th November 7.30pm Conservation talk by David Morris. With Wardle & Smallbridge History Group. Wardle Society will take responsibility for refreshments; Jane offered to do the door, Ted & Hazel the refreshments.

October meeting the agenda should be

Wardle in Bloom There may be a need to take out insurance and have a constitution etc.

Japanese Knotweed

Heritage open weekend – leaflets distributed

Remembrance Sunday – Ted has ordered the wreath.

Next meeting 5th October 2006 at 7pm all welcome.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Membership now due for renewal