



The Ramblers South Somerset Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 13 February 2020 at 7.00pm
at 11 Manor View, Crewkerne

Present: David Fawthrop (in the chair), Phil Bradshaw, Roger Cripps, June Curtis, John Oliver, Stuart Thomson, Linda Fawthrop (taking the minutes)

Apologies: Carl Earl, Peter Milligan, Ian Rendall, Wendy Yates

Minutes of the last Meeting 3rd October 2019

The minutes of the 3rd October meeting were approved and signed by the Joint Chairman, David Fawthrop.

Matters arising

Ian Rendall has produced a list of Leavers and Joiners for the walk secretaries..

Joint Chairman's Report

It was agreed that Programme Distribution for the next programme (Jul 2020- Nov 2020) would be 9 July for both C and D Walks at the Summer Supper being held at the Quicksilver Mail.

David Fawthrop and the committee thanked Ruth Goodland for organising the Summer Supper and all her work arranging, printing and distributing the programme.

It was agreed that the Christmas lunch would be held at the Muddled Man on Thursday 10 December.

Numbers attending walks David Fawthrop reported that we are still getting more in winter than summer with an average of between 15-18 per walk. People are more willing to swap between C and D walks.

Ruth Goodland's Report.

Printing the Somerset Rambler and Walk Programme It was agreed that 300 programmes and 150 Somerset Ramblers should be printed. 82 South Somerset email addresses now on her list.

Discussion took place re using Ruth's email list for non programme items. Decisions on this are made by the Joint Chairmen.

Somerset Rambler

Linda Fawthrop produces the text for the Somerset Rambler which has to be submitted to Mavis Monaghan before the date of the Committee Meeting. It was asked whether anyone else was willing to take on this role.

Treasurer's report February 2019

The Group's current balance stands at £868. We have started to pay travelling expenses for the working party. We have received a further £40 from RWH. On 10 January we received £90 from Somerset County Council (SCC) regarding Carl Earl's claims and on 31 January a further £90 from SCC for working parties. If the working party claim expenses it will be covered. The accounts show we are in a healthy position. The amount received from HO is based on head count £88 per quarter. Mileage 28p a mile for Footpath Secretaries.

Secretary's report

and Correspondence received (up to 11th February 2020)

1) Letters / E-mails received .

(a) Newsletter from Vanessa Griffiths (R.A.'s CEO) The last of her newsletters was on 16th. December 2019 as we are informed she resigned from The Ramblers on 13th. January 2020.

(b) Newsletter from Rachael Bayley (Director of Operations & Volunteering at Central Office) to inform us that they are now looking for a temporary replacement for V. Griffiths and also for a permanent replacement.

(c) No other correspondence has been received apart from the normal e-mails for the changes of memberships.

(2) Ramblers have issued a Walks survey asking in general terms how many walks we have and the number of programmes we produce, etc. I completed the questionnaire and returned it.

(3) Walks Leadership Essentials courses are being arranged by CO. The one nearest to this area is at Bristol on 20 February 2020.

Membership:-

This time the figures below show a decrease since last September. The total is 3 less than as it was on the 1st January 2019.

At 01/02/20

Individual 100, Joint 93, Individual Concession 26, Joint Concession 25

Life - Individual 1, Life - Individual Concession 6, Life – Joint 2, Life – Joint Concession 4

TOTAL 257

At 02/09/19

Individual 99, Joint 90, Individual Concession 31, Joint Concession 27

Life - Individual 1, Life - Individual Concession 6, Life – Joint 3, Life – Joint Concession 4

TOTAL 261

Publicity Officer's Report

Wendy Yates reported her usual circulation of programmes continues with the addition of Muntanya in Sherborne. It is a new shop selling outdoor clothing and equipment, very enthusiastic. Hopefully it will encourage further members over the border!

Footpath Secretary East (P Bradshaw)

November 2019. Abbas and Templecombe. WN29/4. Diversion around field edge. No objections provided new gates supplied. Made visit 34 miles

December 2019. Charlton Adam Diversion of L 6/22 caused by new housing development.. Made suggestions to simplify diversion. Made visit 12 miles

January 2020. Templecombe. WN 29/20. Diversion around field edge – suggested some better gates be installed. Made visit 26 miles.

Footpath Secretary South (P Milligan)

1. Bridleway at Closworth has Issues 52432 and 44174 show that there is no indication of a path. 44174 has been active since May 2016.

2. Y32/15 Footpath just outside of Yeovil Country Park, and part of Monarch's Way appears to be taken out of use as there is a barrier across it and there are no waymarks to indicate start and finish.

3. Several broken stiles reported at East Coker. Issues 53999 and 54000 active since 5/11/19

4. There are many issues at Hardington Mandeville that have been on the books for a long time. Mainly around Kingswood Farm.

5. Defect 53899 at Barwick is resolved

6. RoW Issue No 54032 has been resolved

Footpath Secretary North (J Verkroost) - nothing significant to report

Footpath Secretary West (R Cripps)

Footpath diversions at Rusheywood Farm, Haselbury Plucknett finally agreed and order made.

Application for new Bridleway/Restricted Byway at Green Knapp, Merriott. Refused.

Various apps for Bridleways/Restricted Byways south of A303 near Combe St, Nicholas agreed and confirmed and another north of A303 (to give a continuing path) still to be decided. Rejected.

Application to divert cross field paths to field edge paths at Downclose Farm, North Perrott. Visited with Carl Earl and agreed with provisos of new gates to be installed to replace stiles. Now confirmed and order made.

A new footbridge across the River Ding has been installed on FP between Horton and Broadway. This replaces one damaged by flooding.

Discussion took place regarding footpath reports. What should be reported at the committee meeting? It was generally agreed that not so much detail was required.

Diversions are being made round field edges to prevent walking through the middle of cropped fields.

It was queried whether footpath secretaries are aware they can claim expenses?

Does Carl Earl receive the footpath secretaries reports?

Working Party

Carl Earl reported that the Somerset County Council have appointed a new Volunteer Organiser - Martin Cooper. Due to a gap in their handover, there was no Working Party work done in January. Recently work has been done on stile erection, clearance and signpost erection. The Working Party will claim £30 per session from SCC. Members mileage claims must go to our Treasurer.

Programme Secretary Sunday walks - nothing significant to report

Programme Secretary Medium walks

June Curtis reported that everything went very well in finding walk leaders for the next programme. There are quite a few gaps to fill in the Aug-Nov programme.

Programme Secretary Short walks

Phil Bradshaw reported there were a few gaps and he is filling the gaps himself. The Committee reiterated that he must not feel obliged to fill the gaps himself.

Programme Co-ordinator

The Committee are pleased to announce that Martin Pakes has volunteered to become programme co-ordinator for all sections. He succeeds David Fawthrop in this position to whom we offer the Group's thanks. Martin has been sent the raw data from the next programme and he will be able to see how it starts and finishes but be free to put his mark on it.

Programme Enveloping Ian Rendall to liaise with Ruth Goodland.

Any Other Business

First Aid Training Carl Earl is absent today as he is attending a First Aid course. Roger Cripps certificate runs out in February 2020. 8 South Somerset members attended a First Aid course held at the St John Ambulance in Yeovil.

Summer Supper 2020

The Quicksilver Mail is booked for Thursday 9th July. Two course meal and coffee £11.50. Ronnie White has agreed to lead a walk beforehand.

The Group AGM 2020 will be held on Saturday 2nd November at East Coker Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. The proposed start time for the walk beforehand will be 11.30am to be lead by Derek Lucas.

All members of the committee confirmed that they agree to their names being included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Phil Bradshaw on behalf of the Committee thanked to Linda and David Fawthrop for hosting the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th June 2020 at 11 Manor View, Crewkerne TA18 8JT at **7.00 pm** to be chaired by Roger Cripps.

South Somerset Ramblers Group Accounts 2019/20 as at 8/2/2020

Opening balance 1 October 2019

£668.93

INCOME					
Date	Folio No	Source	Amount	Int	Total
29/10/2019		Ramblers HQ	£91.58		£91.58
31/10/2019		RWH Travel	£40.00		£40.00
10/01/2020		SCC	£90.00		£90.00
27/01/2020		Ramblers HQ	£88.00		£88.00
31/01/2020		SCC	£90.00		£90.00
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TOTAL					£399.58

EXPENDITURE											
Date	Paid to	Folio No	Chq No	Walks Progr	Publicity Newsletter	Practical Work	M'tings	Admin	Campaigns Casework	Other	TOTAL
03/10/2019	J Verkroost	240	BACS	7.32							£7.32
04/11/2019	Clover Press	241	BACS		£72.00						£72.00
06/11/2019	R Cripps	242	BACS				£42.00				£42.00
17/12/2019	T Temlett	243	BACS			£9.44					£9.44
19/12/2019	W Yates	244	BACS				£6.00				£6.00
19/12/2019	R Cripps	245	BACS			£12.60					£12.60
04/01/2020	E Coker VH	246	BACS				£30.00				£30.00
08/02/2020	P Bradshaw	247	BACS			£20.16					£20.16
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				£7.32	£72.00	£42.20	£78.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£199.52

Ramblers Association South Somerset Group
Balance Sheet YTD 18/1/2020

Assets	2019/20	2018/19
General Fund at year beginning	£668.93	£828.14
Income minus expenditure 2019/20 ytd	£200.06	-£159.21
Balance	£868.99	£668.93

Income	2019/20	2018/19
From RA Group entitlement	£359.58	£375.95
Interest	£0.00	£0.00
Self funded Sales of Programmes, donations	£40.00	£40.00
Total Income YTD	£399.58	£415.95

Expenditure	2019/20	2018/19
Walk programme	£7.32	£316.46
Publicity / Newsletter	£72.00	£144.19
Practical Work	£42.20	£49.75
Meetings	£78.00	£34.94
Admin	£0.00	£4.32
Campaigns & Casework	£0.00	£25.50
Total expenditure YTD	£199.52	£575.16

Income less Expenditure YTD	£200.06	-£159.21
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BANK BALANCE	2019/20	2018/19
Opening Balance as per Balance Sheet	£668.93	£828.14
Plus deposits cleared	£399.58	£415.95
Less payments cleared	£179.36	£575.16
Current Bank Balance	£889.15	£668.93
Plus deposits made - not yet cleared on statement	£0.00	
Less payments made - not yet cleared on statement	£20.16	

NET FUNDS	2019/20	2018/19
Bank Balance as per Statement dated 31-Jan-20	£889.15	
Bank Balance as per on-line account 08-Feb-20	£869.15	