



The Ramblers South Somerset Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7.00pm
at 11 Manor View, Crewkerne

Present: David Fawthrop (in the chair), Roger Cripps, June Curtis, John Oliver, Ian Rendall, Stuart Thomson and Wendy Yates, Linda Fawthrop (taking the minutes) In attendance: Peter Milligan

Apologies: Phil Bradshaw and Carl Earl

Minutes of the last Meeting 6th June 2019

The minutes of the 6 June 2019 meeting were approved and signed by the Joint Chairman, David Fawthrop.

Matters arising

It was agreed that the Quarry Inn had been a suitable venue for the Summer Supper and the food had been of a good standard, although the service was a little quick.

Ian Rendall was asked to continue distributing lists of members who have lapsed and new members joining.

The Summer Supper - Peter Milligan will be investigating the possibility of using the Yeovil Golf Club. Stuart Thomson will contact the Windwhistle Inn and has looked at walk possibilities although there are some steep hills en route. Agreed the venue, menu and price should be firmed up by our next meeting 13 February 2020. Since this discussion the venue should be agreed at the AGM.

Peter Milligan stated he did not wish to be a Committee member but turn up occasionally or by invitation.

Joint Chairman's Report

David Fawthrop and the committee thanked Ruth Goodland for organising the Summer Supper and her work emailing programmes etc.

Online walks co-ordinator

Jean Verkroost continues to add our walks to the Ramblers online walk finder. We have very few additional ramblers on a Sunday who use this tool. She asked whether walks being listed on the online walk finder was having any effect on Thursday walks. Members from other Ramblers groups had turned up on our walks. The general view was that if it encouraged a few extra walkers it was worthwhile.

It was agreed that Programme Distribution for the next programme (Apr 2020- Jul 2020) would be 12 March at The Helyer Arms for the short walks and programme distribution for the C walk would be 5 March at Ilminster.

The Group AGM 2019 will be held on Saturday 2nd November at East Coker Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. Roger Cripps has agreed to chair the meeting. Wendy Yates has organised the refreshments and extra cake makers would be appreciated. Derek Lucas has agreed to lead a walk beforehand. Stuart Thomson raised the issue of there being too long a delay between the end of the walk and the start of the AGM. In the following years it is proposed a start time of 11.00am for the walk.

Numbers attending walks David Fawthrop reported that numbers attending walks increased in Autumn/Winter with the average number in September being 18 whereas in the summer it was 15.

Enquiries to South Somerset Ramblers are sent to David Fawthrop. We have received an email from Active Crete Walking Holidays. It was agreed we do not take external advertising in our programme.

It was noted with regret that Ken Pritchard, walk leader for some years, had passed away.

Ruth Goodland's Report.

Christmas Lunch 2019 - The Muddled man is booked for December 12th. The cost is the same as last year £17.50 and the menu is the same. Booking information has been sent out. Peter Milligan to ask Jean Verkroost about the Sunday walkers all sitting on one table.

Printing the Somerset Rambler and Walk Programme It was agreed that 300 programmes should be printed but the Somerset Ramblers should be reduced to 150.

Last time we had 197 address labels, 121 envelopes, 76 posted. 92 e mail addresses now on Ruth's list.

Treasurer's report February 2019

The Group's current balance stands at £668.93. We have started to pay travelling expenses for the working party. Only Roger Cripps and Tom Temlett have put in claims to date. Carl Earl has submitted a claim to the County Council of £30 per working party but this amount has not yet been received.

We received £40 from Ramblers Worldwide Holidays and payment was received on 31 October 2018.

Stuart will present the accounts at the AGM (hopefully after the Independent Examiner, Peter Bradford) has reviewed them. Our budget this year will only be the Ramblers Headcount budget which is just under £400.

Secretary's report

and Correspondence received (up to 1st. October 2019)

(1) Letters / E-mails received .

(a) Newsletters from Vanessa Griffiths (R.A.'s C.E.O.) of 21/06/2019, 22/7/2019, 23/8/2019, 27/8/2019, and 23/9/2019 which all committee members and officers should have received. Votes being given for "Britain's Best Walking Neighbourhood" were required to be submitted in June and we are told that Falkirk in Scotland was the winner.

The July newsletter informs us that the Ramblers' board of trustees this year had a weekend out in Wales. The July issue also tells us that Ramblers have made some revisions to their Privacy Policy.

The August newsletter says that shared use paths are being given some attention from the use and safety points of view.

(b) Letter from the SSDC dated 27/6/2019 tells us that the consultation period for the Local Plan (2006 – 2028) would end in August.

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

(2) Ramblers Joining Leaflets. A new issue has just been published and distributed. They no longer incorporate a joining form so they are intended more as a publicity leaflet. Joining has to be done by the internet or by telephone.

(3) Ramblers Walking Holidays ~are mailing us circulars giving brief details of their holidays available at any one time but they have to be contacted for full details of any particular holiday.

Membership

The figures below show a small increase which just overtakes the membership of 260 as it was on the 1st. January 2019.

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

At 01/05/19

Individual 99, Joint 85 Individual Concession 34, Joint Concession 25

Life - Individual 2, Life - Individual Concession 6, Life – Joint 3, Life – Joint Concession 4,

TOTAL 258

Publicity Officer's Report

Wendy Yates reported she goes back to check to see if any programmes are left at local locations where she has asked for programmes to be displayed. John Oliver asked about the Tourist Office in Petters Way. Our programmes are up on the window sill with other brochures but it is a very small office.

Footpath Secretary East (P Bradshaw) - nothing to report.

Footpath Secretary South (P Milligan) - has been through all the path problems and some have been on there for ten years at least without any resolution. A few have been resolved. Peter asked if he has to go through every single footpath. This is not necessary. Roger Cripps informed the Committee that members should report faults to the appropriate footpath secretary or report the fault online. David Fawthrop mentioned he had put on a report of a problem at South Perrott which had been allocated to Les Braunton. Some problems that have been reported go back to 2012. There is currently a roundup of faults over five years old to resolve. Roger Cripps reported it is difficult to extinguish a footpath.

Footpath Secretary North (J Verkroost)

The upgrade of FP CH24/14 (between Puckington and Stocklinch Magdalen) to Restricted Byway has been completed and implemented.

There has been a proposed diversion of FP Y16/20 off Coat Road, Martock, into the field adjacent to the current line, which is now adjacent to an industrial site. I have not made any objection.

An order has been made, after appeal, for the upgrade to bridleway of FPs L17/5 and L17/3 in Kingsbury Episcopi.

Footpath Secretary West (R Cripps) - nothing to report

Working Party Volunteers and Surveys

Roger Cripps on behalf of Carl Earl reported that the area with the most problems is in Wincanton where Roger Lowe and Mervyn King do the surveys. Since the last meeting three working parties have taken place, mainly clearance work. If Roger did not attend there was no registered First Aider. The Volunteer Coordinator for the County Jake is leaving and no replacement has been nominated as yet. The three working parties did work in Martock, Donyatt and Aller. 75 surveys undertaken in August but no money had been received for these. We are happy to do surveys when we have received the money from the last batch.

Programme Secretary Sunday walks

The future programme Dec 19 to Mar 20 will have 2 gaps, the Sundays nearest to Xmas and New Years Day. I struggle to fill this programme as it is not a popular time of the year with leaders and it seems best, if I have to have gaps, that they are over the festive period when many people will either be away or have visitors.

Several Sunday Ramblers recently attended the Mendip Walking Festival, with one rambler attending on all 3 days. The Sunday walk was in fact led by one of us - Peter Bradford.

Programme Secretary Medium walks

June Curtis reported she has a full programme and has found some new walk leaders to replace the large number that are no longer leading walks.

Programme Secretary Short walks

Phil Bradshaw had a full programme. Two walks are due in. Post meeting now received.

Programme Co-ordinator

David Fawthrop announced his intention to stand down at the AGM. It was agreed that the vacant position should be as widely known and publicised as possible. The importance of house style and problems with front and back pages were mentioned including problem page breaks. The requirements should be reassessed as a high level of computer literacy is required. It was agreed that Ruth Goodland should email members regarding the position after the AGM.

Programme Enveloping Ian Rendall to liaise with Ruth Goodland.

Any Other Business

First Aid Training There are three places available on the course being run at the St John Ambulance building in Yeovil on 22 October. The cutoff date is the day before. Roger Cripps stressed the importance of refresher courses. Carl Earl will need to attend an indepth First Aid course. Roger Cripps certificate runs out in February 2020.

If members have a mobile phone there is an App (What3Words) that gives a unique three digit name which pinpoints the exact location for assistance in notifying emergency services.

Job Descriptions

Everyone on the Committee has received their job description.

Roger Cripps mentioned that he had not been very active in the year and did the Committee wish him to continue as Joint Chairman. Roger said he is happy to continue as currently and the Committee agreed they would like him to continue especially given his high level of expertise.

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

Stuart Thomson proposed thanks to Linda and David Fawthrop for hosting the meeting at their house and the work they had done on the programme.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th February 2020 at 11 Manor View, Crewkerne TA18 8JT at **7.00 pm** to be chaired by David Fawthrop.

South Somerset Ramblers Group Accounts 2018/19 as at year end 30 September 2019

Opening balance 1 October 2018

£828.14

INCOME					
Date	Folio No	Source	Amount	Int	Total
24/Oct		Ramblers	£93.95		£93.95
31/Oct		RWH travel	£40.00		£40.00
01-Feb		Ramblers	£94.00		£94.00
26/Apr		Ramblers	£94.00		£94.00
17/Jul		Ramblers	£94.00		£94.00
TOTAL					£415.95

EXPENDITURE											
Date	Paid to	Folio No	Chq No	Walks Progr	Publicity Newsletter	Practical Work	M'tings	Admin	Campaigns Casework	Other	TOTAL
26/10/2018	Rockwell Pri	230	BACS	50.4	36						£86.40
14/12/2018	East Coker V	231	BACS				£30.00				£30.00
15/12/2018	W Yates	232	BACS			£6.00					£6.00
25/02/2019	Clover Press	233	268	48	£32.00						£80.00
12/06/2019	S Thomson	234	BACS						£25.50		£25.50
01/07/2019	Clover Press	235	BACS	£48.00	£48.00						£96.00
22/08/2019	I Rendall	236	BACS	£170.06	£4.23		£4.94	£4.32			£183.55
22/08/2019	W Yates	237	BACS		£23.96	£5.00					£28.96
29/08/2019	R Cripps	238	BACS			£29.12					£29.12
17/09/2019	T Temlett	239	BACS			£9.63					£9.63
				£316.46	£144.19	£49.75	£34.94	£4.32	£25.50	£0.00	£575.16

Ramblers Association South Somerset Group

Balance Sheet at year end 30 Sept 2019

Assets	2018/19	2017/18
General Fund at year beginning	£828.14	£708.39
Income minus expenditure 2016/7 ytd	-£159.21	£119.75
Balance	£668.93	£828.14

Income

From RA Group entitlement	£375.95	£750.00
Interest	£0.00	£0.00
Self funded Sales of Programmes, donations	£40.00	£10.00
Total Income YTD	£415.95	£760.00

Expenditure

Walk programme	£316.46	£461.78
Publicity / Newsletter	£144.19	£138.24
Practical Work	£49.75	£0.00
Meetings	£34.94	£30.75
Admin	£4.32	£2.90
Campaigns/ case work/surveys	£0.00	£6.58
Campaigns & Casework	£25.50	
Total expenditure YTD	£575.16	£640.25

Income less Expenditure YTD	-£159.21	£119.75
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BANK BALANCE

Opening Balance as per Balance Sheet	£828.14	£708.39
Plus deposits cleared	£415.95	£760.00
Less payments cleared	£575.16	£640.25
Current Bank Balance	£668.93	£828.14

Plus deposits made - not yet cleared on statement

Less payments made - not yet cleared on statement

NET FUNDS	£668.93	£828.39
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