



Minutes of Committee Meeting on 19th February 2026

Present: Jim Turner, John Day, Maureen Day, Bill Tregillus, Bill Pratt, Wendy Yates, Phil Bradshaw.

Apologies: Martin Pakes, Rosie Arampatta.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd October 2025 were approved.

Matter Arising: None

Chairman's Report:

Jim Turner said he had been working on cleaning up the Ramblers Association database list of registered walk leaders. Both John Day and Phil Bradshaw advised that they no longer wished to lead walks. John Day advised Peter Milligan should also come off the list.

Jim said things were just going on though he noted that on Sunday walks there were people who were no longer doing the longer or more hilly walks.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Pratt reported the bank balance was £1345. There was little movement in funds with £60 received from RWH Travel and £176 from the Ramblers Association Group entitlement. Expenditure year to date was £135.15 for room hire, £11.70 for mileage and £15 for flowers.

Secretary's Report: None

Programme Co-ordinator's Report:

Martin Pakes was absent and no written report submitted

Walks Programme Co-Ordinator Reports:

John Day reported that the Thursday January to March Walks Programme was full except for the last Thursday in March. Bill Tregillus will plan a walk for this date. The next programme April to June was well in hand but with five dates still to be covered. John gave thanks to Philip Bowers-Tolley and Marian Pattison for filling so many of dates with a varied programme of walks.

Jim Turner reported that Peter Bradford was co-ordinating filling up all the dates on Sundays but one of the regular leaders living on the levels was unable to get out to do test walks due to flooding. Jim added that most Sunday walks were reced on



Thursdays usually by a few leaders. The resultant walks were captured in GPX files so they could be shared or passed to others if the nominated walk leader could not lead a walk.

Bill Tregillus reported that a recent Thursday walk had to be cancelled at 24 hours' notice as the walk leader was unwell – no one else had route details. Bill emailed out the cancellation, Jim sent a Facebook message and Jean Verkroost updated Walks Manager. Marian Pattison attended the start point in case anyone turned up.

For the future Bill Tregillus said we needed back up to access Walks Manager to update it as Jean will not always be available. Jim confirmed he had the access.

Footpath Secretary's Report:

Phil Bradshaw had dealt with an enquiry about a blocked path near Ilchester/Yeovilton. He had sought to confirm the path with the issues but the person who reported the problem failed to send him further specific details.

Phil said he was looking to resolve a path near 'Teals Café'. It appears that an old path runs across a field to meet the A303. It then stops; however, a hard track exists that heads west to Teals, this is on farmland. Phil was hoping to get agreement for the track to be used to link to a road junction near Teals.

Phil explained that he was now the Parish Footpath Liaison Officer at Boltonsborough. He had walked over 38 paths and arranged for 40 new gates to be installed using the Mendip Group team with support from the ranger. He had also developed a range of local health walking routes up to 2.5 miles long.

Social Secretary's Report:

Wendy Yates confirmed the Christmas Dinner is at Cricket St Thomas Golf Club, on 11th December 2025 had been held successfully. The view was that the food was good and we should use the same venue again. Wendy would seek to arrange a 'Summer Supper' on 30th July 2026.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Bill Tregillus reported that the group had 211 members. Most members were aged between 70 or over. He explained that he had been through the Member database and tidied up the mailing list.



Any Other Business:

Group Policy on Dogs – Jim Turner explained that many Sunday walkers did not like dogs or had a real fear of them. He requested that we show on every walk either

- Assistance dogs only.

Or

- Dogs welcome and must be on a short leash at all times.

Bill Tregillus pointed out that on Thursdays we had a number of newer walkers who brought dogs and they would only walk with their dogs. He would remind leaders to ensure that dogs are kept on leads.

Cancelling walks due to Weather Warnings – Bill Tregillus said that following the recent weeks with many weather warnings he believed we should put something in our Walks Programme. He suggested

‘Cancelling Walks - Weather Warnings

Where a **Red Warning** is in force at the time of the walk, the **walk will be cancelled** as dangerous weather is expected.

Where an **Amber or Yellow Warning** is in place at the time of the walk, the walk leader will determine if the walk should proceed. In these cases, you **MUST phone the walk leader** on the numbers given in the schedule to check BEFORE heading to the start point.’

Group Officers

John Day and Maureen Day said they would be standing down from the committee at the AGM. John would also cease his role as Walks Programme Co-ordinator.

Next meetings

Committee – 7.30pm on 25th June 2026 at Tintinhull Village Hall.

Committee – 7.30pm on 29th October 2026 at Tintinhull Village Hall.

AGM – 2.00pm on 7th November 2026 at Tintinhull Village Hall.

Bill Tregillus, Membership Secretary