



SOUTH SOMERSET GROUP

of THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Held on 12 October 2023

Present: Wendy Yates, Bill Treagillus, Bill Pratt, Rose Harampatta, Phil Bradshaw, Katherine Pratt

Apologies for Absence Received: Jim Turner, John Day, Martin Pakes, Peter Milligan, Maureen Day

The meeting was opened by Phil Bradshaw at 7.30 pm

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and passed. There were no matters arising.

Acting Chairman's Report

In the absence of the chairman, there was nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the accounts was provided. There is currently £1479.69 in the account.

Following on from a question in the last meeting, Bill checked with the association what the money in our account could be spent on. This included equipment, promotion of the group, travelling expenses, training and meeting expenses. Bill T stated that a lot of members first aid training was out of date so thought it would be very useful to hold a first aid training session. Katherine will contact the ramblers' association to see if they can recommend any courses. Members were also encouraged to claim back their own expenses, eg providing refreshments for meetings.

Secretary's Report

Katherine confirmed that she had received new leaflets from the Ramblers' Association. These give details of the organisation and confirms that membership will be increasing to £41 per year for an individual and £55 a year for a joint membership.

Katherine brought up the subject of Sunday walks. She felt that a lot of people might like to walk regularly but might be working on Thursdays and are put off by the length of the Sunday walks. It was suggested that some Sunday walks could be in a figure of 8 so if people wanted to, they could join for part of the walk. Jim to discuss this with Sunday walk leaders.

Membership Secretary's Report

Bill reported that we currently have 222 members and 1 affiliate member. There were 7 new members between July and October and 8 people left during this time.

Walks Programme Co-ordinator

Katherine gave details of the e mail received from John Day. He stated that there are a couple of gaps in the next programme but it is generally fairly full. He felt it would be useful if walk leaders mentioned at the start of each walk that we need new leaders and if anyone is uncertain, advice and training can be given.

Footpath Secretary's Report

Katherine announced that Peter Milligan is resigning as footpath secretary for Area South and resigning from the committee. We would like to thank him for all of his hard work.

Phil reported that there have been two recent footpath issues in his area, one in Mudford and one in Castle Cary. He has been out to investigate both of these and they have both been referred to the legal department. Phil has said that he could also take on the North of the area.

Social Secretary's Report

Wendy has some information display equipment at home that we no longer use. She is going to bring it to the AGM to see if anyone would like it. If not, it will be taken to the charity shop.

She confirmed that the Christmas meal will be at the Muddled Man and will cost £21 per person. Details will be sent out nearer the time. Positive comments were received about the summer supper so this will go ahead again next year. Wendy gave a possible venue of the Royal Oak at Hardington and a provisional date will be 8 August.

Preparation for AGM

Several people have offered to make cakes and Wendy will organise the tea and coffee. Katherine will put a notice on Facebook to remind people of the date.

Any Other Business

None

Dates of Next Years Meetings

15 February 2024

30 May 2024

26 October 2024

The meeting closed at 9pm

