



SOUTH SOMERSET GROUP

of THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting held on 24.10.24 at Tintinhull Village Hall

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

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm.

Apologies for Absence : Martin Pakes, Katherine and Bill Pratt, Rosie Arampatta.

Minutes of the Last meeting on 13.10.22

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and passed. There was one matter outstanding. JT has a supply of ICE cards and will bring them to the AGM.

Chairman's Report

Ramblers have now issued new guidance for walk leaders. There is no longer a need to provide a written risk assessment. Existing assessments must be kept for 3 years. Recces are not mandatory but are recommended. A recent communication from Ramblers gives an update as to where all relevant information for walkers can be found.

Treasurer's Report

There is currently £1145.91 in the account, and there are no major expenses due.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Programme Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Walk Programme Co-Ordinator

There was a discussion as to why we are having problems recruiting walk leaders and/or retaining them. It was felt that perhaps a 4 month programme was too long and people did not want to commit that far in advance. Taking into account comments received from the Coordinators it was decided that from April we will trial a 3 month programme.

Footpath Secretary

Phil Bradshaw remarked on how much work the Mendip team had done in replacing stiles with metal gates in our area.

Membership Secretary's Report

As of October 2023 we has 227 members, it dropped to 220 in May 2024 and is at 217 as at June.

Any Other Business

AGM:

JT will check on the availability of the kitchen facilities.

The change to the programme length will be announced at the AGM.

Bank account:

Bill T agreed to be a signatory. JT will ask our Treasurer to do this.

Christmas Lunch.

Wendy had done a lot of research into possible venues. The committee decided on The Royal Oak at Hardington Mandeville at a cost of £24 per head. There will be cap on numbers of about 40.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20th February 2024 at Tintinhull Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Other meetings will be in May and October, dates to be agreed.