

**Minutes of Mendip Ramblers Annual General Meeting
19th November 2011 at The Poachers Pocket Chelynch.**

1). Clive Edney commenced the meeting at 7pm

2). Apologies for absence: 26 Mendip Ramblers attended. Apologies were received from: Margret Nuth Barbara Calverly Paula Ruddock and Lisa Sutton

3). The minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting were circulated. No errors or omissions were noted. The approval of the minutes was proposed by Brian Underwood and seconded by Mary Davis.

4) Matters arising from minutes of 2010 AGM:

There were no matters arising

5).Chairman's report. Clive provided a comprehensive written report which is attached.

He said that we had had a successful year with a couple of minor mishaps with injuries on walks and a complaint that was later retracted. It was an active year with tremendous festival breaking all records for attendance. We have had a full programme with the usual holidays and social events.

The working party are still active but Clive stated that regarding Somerset County Council Rights of Way. "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak"- they do not fulfil their promise. Bob Berry said it was like stirring porridge backwards. However we must continue to pursue things with them.

Clive stated that he had enjoyed working with the committee. He stated that we need "new blood" to come forward to the committee and take up positions as it is likely to be the last year for some. Clive thanked Carol Griffin our treasurer for 6 years for keeping meticulous accounts. He stated that he did not wish to stand again as chair or remain on the committee. He also stated that the post of vice chair should be elected at the next committee meeting.

6). Treasurer's report.

Carol Griffin stated that the club had a healthy balance £2,547 mainly due to the successful festival and reduction in the cost of producing and distributing programmes..

7). Appointment of auditor. Mike Calverley agreed to do this again.

8). Secretary's report.

Les stated that there was nothing to report over and above things already covered. Clive thanked Les for his support during the time he was chairman.

9). Press and Publicity Officer's report.

Paula was unable to attend the AGM. Her report is attached.

11). Footpath Officers reports.

East. Tony Parsons Nothing further to add to the report attached

West. Brian Underwood. Report attached. Brian stressed the need for all walkers to inform the footpath officers of any faults they found on the network.

12). Social Secretary's report.

Alice Lock had nothing to add to her attached report.

13). Webmaster's report.

Les Stather had nothing to add to his attached report.

Membership Secretary's report.

Barbara Calverley reported that the group membership numbers had dropped slightly.

Election of Officers and Committee Members.

a). Retiring members.

Clive Edney

Barbara Calverley

Clive thanked all the retiring Officers and Committee Members for the contribution that they had made to the group.

b). Election of Chair

Clive stated that the vice chair Mike Plaskitt was prepared to stand. There were no other nominations. Mike was nominated by Tony Parsons and seconded by Brian Underwood. Mike took over the meeting

c). Election of current Officers retaining the same post.

Secretary Les Stather Prop Alice Lock Seconded Bob Berry

Press and Publicity Paula Ruddock Prop Tony Parsons seconded Mary Davis

Social Secretary Alice Lock Prop Cyril Griffin Sec Gordon

Membership Secretary Barbara Calverley Prop Clive Edney Sec Bob Berry

Webmaster Les Stather assisted by Tony Dyson

Area Representative Nick Harding

Walks Programme Co-ordinator Peggy Frampton Prop Mary Davis Sec Clive

Edney

d). Election of Officers to vacant posts.

Treasurer Tony Dyson Prop Gus Halfhide Sec Alice Lock

d). Election of Committee Members.

Mary Birchall
Mary Davis
Jane Dyson

Any Other Business. (AOB).

Mike Plaskitt thanked all the committee members for their contribution over the year and Peter Gatenby for taking photos, festival display and producing the calendar.

The Mendip Ramblers Annual General Meeting concluded at 7.32pm and was followed by a buffet supper and an enjoyable game of skittles.

Mendip Ramblers Committee 2010-2011

Chair	Mike Plaskitt
Secretary	Les Stather
Treasurer	Tony Dyson
Footpath Officer (East)	Tony Parsons
Footpath Officer (West)	Brian Underwood
Social Secretary	Alice Lock
Press Secretary & Publicity Officer	Paula Ruddock
Area Committee Representative	Nick Harding
Webmaster	Les Stather assisted by Tony Dyson
Walks Programme Co-ordinator	Peggy Frampton
Membership Secretary	Barbara Calverley
Committee Member	Mary Birchall Mary Davis Jane Dyson