

Draft Minutes of Mendip Ramblers Committee Meeting  
24th September 2009 at The Kings Arms, Shepton Mallet.

Because Mike Beveridge became unwell, Owen Star agreed to chair this meeting.

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome and apologies for absence.
- 2) Rotation of chairperson.
- 3) Minutes of last meeting.
- 4) Matters arising.
- 5) Officer and sub committee reports.
- 6) 2009 AGM.
- 7) AOB and items for discussion. To include candidates for Chairman and Secretary.  
Letter from Eric Dole.

1). Present: Alice Lock, Colin Mansfield, Carol Griffin, Trevor Evans, Owen Star, Richard Plant, Nick Harding, Doreen Marks, Paula Ruddock, Mike Beveridge (became unwell).  
Apologies: Gill Moxey, Barbara Calverley.

2). Rotation of Chairman: In the absence of Mike Beveridge, this item was left undiscussed.

Possible nominations for Chairman:

The following people declined to be nominated for the position: Bryn Anstice, Trevor Letcher, Les Stather, Rose Rogers, Eric Dole.

Possibly interested: Mike Beveridge.

Definitely interested and would like to sit on the Committee: Clive Edney, Mike Plaskitt.  
It was noted that Mike Plaskitt is unable to attend the AGM because of family obligations.

The Secretary will contact the candidates regarding the AGM.

Possible nominations for Secretary:

The following people declined to be nominated for the position: Rose Rogers, Emma Coates, Heather Rushton, Ruth Wiley.

Possibly interested: Nick Harding.

Definitely interested: Les Stather.

The Secretary will contact the candidate regarding the AGM.

3). Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009.

Trevor Evans proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Nick Harding.

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

Owen Star proposed that the last paragraph of Section 10: Footpath Officers' reports be deleted. Richard Plant then proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Colin Mansfield.

4). Matters arising from Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009.

A letter has been sent to Rod Porter, but no reply has yet been received.

Matters arising from Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

a). Carol Griffin reported that Eric Beatty was not available as auditor of the accounts. Andy Watson has been approached. Proposed by Colin Mansfield and seconded by Owen Star.

b). Colin Mansfield will follow up simplified Rights of Way procedures from Somerset County Council.

c). Correspondence folder. No action to be taken until new Secretary appointed.

5). Officers reports:

Carol Griffin reported that the £400-00 Mendip Ring money was sitting in the accounts unused. The Committee agreed unanimously that the money be sent back to Ramblers HQ.

Officers reports for the AGM should be sent to Carol Griffin and Nick Harding by 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Colin Mansfield asked whether a letter of support requested by Mendip Cross Trails Trust had ever been sent.

He had also objected to one path diversion.

Trevor Evans had received three applications for diversion of footpaths, each one improving the usability of the path and therefore accepted.

Nick Harding reported that he was making the best of the material provided by the outgoing Secretary, Lisa Sutton.

Richard Plant reported that the venue for the AGM was booked.

6). 2009 AGM.

Committee to sit in a horseshoe shape, facing the audience, with the chairman in the centre. Richard Plant will organise the physical arrangement of chairs etc.

Owen Star agreed to cover as Chairman for Mike Beveridge should he still be incapacitated.

Nick Harding will prepare 50 copies of paperwork, with Officers reports being amalgamated to save paper.

Committee members: The number of Committee members was discussed. There is no minimum or maximum number and up to two may be co-opted onto the Committee after the election of existing Committee members.

The Chairman will ask for nomination of Committee members.

The Chairman will thank the outgoing officers for their contributions.

7). AOB:

Letter from Eric Dole was read out and the content noted.

Nick Harding will reply.

Colin Mansfield proposed that future Committee Meetings should start at 7pm.

This was proposed and seconded unanimously.

Carol Griffin reminded everyone that the cheques for attending the AGM should be sent to her.

Date of next Committee Meeting:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at The Kings Arms, Leg Square, Garston Street, Shepton Mallet BA4 5LN. Time 7:00pm.

The Meeting concluded at 9:25pm.

**ACTION POINTS**

Nick Harding: To contact candidates for Chairman and Secretary.  
To prepare paperwork for AGM  
To reply to Eric Dole.

Colin Mansfield: Will follow up simplified Rights of Way procedures from Somerset County Council.

Carol Griffin: To return Mendip Ring money to Ramblers' HQ.

Richard Plant: To organise seating arrangements for AGM.

Owen Star: To prepare to cover for Chairman at AGM.

Chairman: To note items in section 6, 2009 AGM.