



Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday September 29th 2010 at 7pm
VENUE: The King's Arms, Leg Square, Garston St, Shepton Mallet
BA4 5LN. Tel: 01749 343781

1. Welcome & apologies for absence

Apologies – Mike Beveridge. Tony Dyson

2. Minutes of last meeting

Mins approved by Carol

3. Matters arising

- a. **Action Points and matters arising from the minutes of the last committee meeting not covered by the agenda**

Auditors Confirmed

Map reading course confirmed. Currently 10 people interested. Venue Holcombe Village hall on 10th and 17th of November

4. Officer & Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Membership Secretary
351 members. At the end of August
- b. Treasurer
Report enclosed as Appendix 4
- c. Footpath Officers
Report enclosed as Appendix 2
- d. Publicity Officer , 2010 Walking Festival and recommendations for 2011
Report enclosed as Appendix 1
Festival Committee recommended that a festival take place in 2011. The committee agreed that the venue for the next walking festival can be decided by the sub committee.
- e. Social Secretary

5. Web Site

The web site is being kept up to date. Google Picassa is being used to share photos. Les is working with Peter to get the photos on line.

Les is also putting all the Walking Festival Brochures on line. Nunney, Oakhill, Coleford and Westbury Sub Mendip are now available to download,

6. AGM

Les to Review the constitution.
Officers to submit their reports to Les by 1st of November

7. Mendip Ring

Les now has all the work Owen had done on the Mendip Ring plus the historical content produced by Margaret Nuth. The next stage is to link this into the web site

8. Walks Programme

a. Process and Co-ordinator role

Les to check with Peggy that she OK with her role and the timing for the next programme
Next Programme collation date 18th November

b. Parking Permission

Note required in programme and to walk leaders to ensure parking permission is obtained when required.

c. Frome Rights of Way

There was a vote of 3 to 2 in favour of keeping these walks in the programme.

d. Use of email addresses

Les to set up Mendip ramblers email addresses for walk leaders as this will ensure that their surnames are not visible on the programme. Walk leaders will be asked if they give permission to use this address on the programme.

9. Ramblers' Dead End Campaign

The committee feel that we are currently doing everything we can to keep footpaths in Mendip open and clear.

The working party is improving its relations with SCC. The working party will be using the interactive map to identify areas with footpath problems. They will then recommend to SCC that they are used to rectify these. We have also asked walk leaders to report any issues they have with paths either to the Footpath Officer or log tem on the interactive map.

10. Working Party Update

Correspondence between Clive and Cllr Trollope -Bellew to be put on the web site
Face to face meeting with Cllr Trollope –Bellew on 22nd of October. Our aim is to move forward with SCC to improve the rights of way network however we do want to understand the reasons behind the allegations made by SCC so we can draw a line under it.

11. Code of Conduct for Dogs on walks

Draft code produced. To be checked by our dog walkers. Code is in Appendix 3

12. Walks with Restricted Numbers

Discussion took place. The meeting agreed that walks with restricted numbers should be allowed on the programme but the programme co-ordinator should endeavour to provide an alternative if possible.

13. Map Reading Course

Discussed under matters arising

14. Our Development Agenda – follow up on Brainstorming Creative Ideas for the Future

We have implemented the idea of short Sunday walks and these are very popular.
We should review the list on a regular basis

15. Any Other Business

Les has obtained use of three display boards at Frome Library in April to promote Mendip Ramblers and Walking. Les to ask Peter Gatenby if he can help.

The committee thanked Richard Plant for the organising the self booking weekends.

16. Date and venue of next meeting

To be agreed after the next AGM

Appendix 1 PUBLICITY REPORT MAY - SEPTEMBER 2010

MAY:

Festival advert to Ed Levy for inclusion in Somerset Rambler.

Get Walking Day in Wells – 15 people walked. 5 Mendip Ramblers (including Clive, leader and Paula, backmarker); 9 people who completed applications taking up £1 offer (this included a family of 3, so 7 applications sent to Ramblers Head Office); 1 came with a friend but did not want to join.

Walk Magazine: Festival advert states "walks start from Oakhill village hall". I emailed Ramblers head office to advise incorrect and my attachment confirms their error. As next issue Autumn, this will be too late.

JUNE:

Advert + walk details to Somerset groups for next programme. Also to West Wilts, Bath, Norton Radstock, Bristol plus Bristol HF Rambling Group. Plus Frome Rights of Way and Mendip Society.

Editorial/advert to

POSTLEBURY PARISH Mag: Includes: Trudoxhill; Wantstrow; Witham Friary; Nunney and Marston;

LEIGH ON MENDIP Mag: includes Stoke St Michael and Downend;

COLEFORD includes Stoke St Michael;

MELLS Mag includes: Mellis; Great Elm; Whatley; Chantry and Vobster; Buckland Dinham

BRUTON – The Dove mag

Advert to Mendip Times

JULY:

Festival posters to parishes via PPLOs; TICs; Libraries.

Editorial for "Club News" to local media.

Email to BBC Somerset re festival & to "Whats on in Somerset".

AUGUST:

BBC Somerset rang to request a radio interview about Marine Access Bill (report in Sunday papers). Passed on the Ann Fox-Huntley, Area Chair. BUT I passed Festival details on to reporter who said she would try to promote it nearer the time.

Get Well cards to Alan Mason's wife; Rita, Sue Tarbuck.

Glastonbury FM request and agreement to promote walking festival.

Richard Angwin – BBC West Weather – email request to promote festival

Festival details to "What's On" column to Mid-Soms Series; Soms Standard & Guardian; Midsomer Norton Radstock & District Journal; Fosse Way Mag.

Request to Ramblers HO for discounted membership – offer valid only on 3 days of festival. Can't do.

3TRFM – radio station for Frome and Warminster, contacted with request for festival promotion. Email returned and phone line unobtainable.

Request to Mid-Soms Series and Somerset Standard & Guardian for photographer to attend festival. Photographer from Somerset Standard & Guardian came on first day.

SEPTEMBER:

Editorial and photos sent to Mid-Soms Series; Somerset Standard & Guardian; The Midsomer Norton Radstock and District Journal plus Mendip Times.

Request from BBC Somerset for interview on issue between Mendip Ramblers and Somerset County Council – referred to Clive as Chairman.

Appendix 2 Footpath Officers Report Mendip East for Committee Meeting on 27th Sept 2010.

Since the last meeting, Monksham Farm Trudoxhill, diversion has been finalised and FR 14/75 at Manor Farm Tytherington diversion proposed and finalised within a month.

Site Visits.

16/5/10 Folly Farm Upton Noble FR 16/3 Blocked Path Report. F/Post found and replaced. Still in place 23/5/10.

Gt Elm FR 5/14. Access Poor- Photo. FR 5/12 Route Query. 22mls Total.

13/6/10 Stowford Farm Farleigh Site Visit ref complaint on FR11/33. 21mls.

24/8/10 Monksam Farm ref maize crop and Iron Mill Farm ref locked gate(not found wrong map ref. received).Holwell overgrown k.gate and underpass(not on ROW) 17mls.

26/8/10 Trudoxhill ref 6ft maize crop on FR 21/83. 11mls.

1/9/10 ditto Iron Mill Farm found locked gate spoke to tenant and lock removed and stiles to be fitted next to land gates.10mls.

3/9/10 Nunney visit at request of landowner ref dog owners behavior, advised contact parish council.

4/9/10 Re-visit Iron Mill Farm at request of landowner(Mrs Yeoman) to see work done. 10mls.

14/9/10 Visit Radstock Museum research old maps ref attempt by Mendip Trails Trust to reclassify F/path FR 4/56 & 10/9 as bridleway.

Footpath Officers Report Mendip West for Committee Meeting on 27th Sept 2010.

Nothing to report

Appendix 3 Code of Conduct for Dog Owners

1. Please consider other walkers at all times and ensure that their enjoyment of the walk is not affected in any way by your dog.
2. Dogs must be kept under close control when there is livestock about.
3. It is recommended that dogs are kept on a lead when walking on a highway with vehicular access.
4. If any walker feels that a dog is not under proper control they should speak to the leader.
5. Follow any directions given by the leader or back marker

