



Committee Meeting 27th October 2011

1. **Welcome & apologies for absence**
Alice Lock and Mike Plaskitt
2. **Minutes of last meeting**
Minor changes were made and approved.. Proposed Mary Birchall seconded Brian Underwood.
3. **Matters arising**
Barbara and Carol confirmed that 2 new members had joined in March and that Mendip Ramblers had received the first years membership fees.

A map reading course will be run in the spring.
4. **Officer & Sub-Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership Secretary
336 active members. Barbara will be notified of new members weekly. If they supply an email address they will pointed to the web site for details. Les to supply Barbara with 20 programmes each run so that they can be handed to new members
 - b. Treasurer
Report attached as Appendix 1
Carol notified the meeting that she would not be standing for re election at the AGM
 - c. Footpath Officers
Report attached as Appendix II
 - d. Walks Programme
On schedule for completion early November
 - e. Publicity Officer & 2011 Walking Festival
Report attached as Appendix III
 - f. Social Secretary
Report attached as Appendix IV
5. **Working Party Update**
Clive reported that the working party was active but there was not much work coming from SCC. It was agreed that Les would write to Parish Secretaries and PPLOs informing them that the working party could act as volunteers for their parish.
6. **Walk Leaders**
 - a. Walking through fields with Cows and or Horses
 - b. Role of walk leader when there is an accident
 - c. Mileage and pace on walks
These items were discussed. It was agreed that walk leaders should gather the group together before going through fields with cows or horses as some ramblers and agree whether to work across in a group

as some members are not confident walking through fields with these animals.

7. 2012 Spring Holiday

Les to check that this has been included in the programme

8. 2012 Self Booking Holiday

It was agreed that the 2012 Self booking holiday will take place from the 12th to 19th of September in South Brittany around Concarneau. Tony Dyson agreed to arrange this with Margaret Speicher who lives near Concarneau.

9. Preparation for AGM

It was confirmed that the Poachers Pocket was booked for the AGM on the 19th of November.

Clive is to stand down as Chairman but is considering remaining on the committee as Vice Chair. Mike Plaskitt, current Vice Chair has been approached to stand as Chair.

Carol Griffin will be standing down as Treasurer.

Paula Ruddock will be stepping down as publicity officer after next year. Mary Birchall has agreed to shadow her this year to see what is involved.

Les stated that reports were not required for the AGM as he has all the reports for the year and will create the AGM report from this and circulate to committee members for approval.

10. Other Business

11. Date and venue of next meeting

26th January 2012 7pm at the Dust Hole Shepton

Appendix II

Footpath Office West May to October -

Footpath Modifications/Diversions

SM14/23 Path diversion, Lydford on Fosse. Site visit 27th May. Alternative will be an improvement on existing route.

WS8/24, Deerleap to Easton, upgrade to bridleway. Site visit 9th August. No problems envisaged. Improvements will be made to access and gateways.

Morrisons planning appeal for Wells supermarket re-submitted. My previous report will be noted.

Path Complaints submitted by Ramblers

West Town, Baltonsborough. Broken stile step and stiles on Butt Moor in poor condition. PPLO had resigned - fault posted in interactive map.

North Wooton. Fenced off footpath. PPLO to be contacted by complainee.

SCC Footpaths Survey

6 paths surveyed. 3 failed or part failed.

Liason with SCC Warden.

Site meeting with Chris East on 10th August resulting in new gate hanging on WS16/10A, path obstructions cleared on WS16/11 and new Bristol gate at Model Farm, Wookey Hole (instigated by Clive)

Footpath Officer East Report

FR 3/18 Footpath diversion in the Parish of Buckland Dinham (approve)

FR 4/33, FR 10/2 Vobster/Coelford site visit way marking and faults reported

SM 1/10 T'other Side the Hill in the Parish of Ashwick site visit and fault reported

WS 3/1 Parish of Chewton Mendip site visit faults reported

CL 19/5 CL 19/3 CL19/10A (No.8) Modification Order in the Parish of Stone Easton upgrading to bridleway. Site visit have no grounds to object.

FR 15/3 FR 15/5 Diversion order in the Parish of Tellisford

Site visit, the paths have not been used for some time and the alternative routes are in use with no

Obvious disadvantage (approve)

SM 4/9 Site visit ref planning application for a barn adjacent to the foot path could see no reason to object

Social Secretary

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Appendix III

Publicity Secretary

REPORT JUNE TO OCTOBER

Editorial plus photo of a group of Mendip Ramblers' holiday in Ireland sent to Somerset Rambler.

Walks programme sent to Mid-Somerset Series also walk details sent to Glastonbury and Street/Meare free paper.

Martin Webb rang about a "Healthy Living" Day being put on by Glastonbury Surgery on Saturday 17 September, 10.00am to 12.00noon and asked if I

could take a display table as he would be away. I said I would do my best to go along with some promotional material. When I spoke to the Surgery and discussed this, we agreed that as Ramblers do not organise any walks under 6 miles and the majority of people wanting “health walks” can’t manage this distance, it was not worth Ramblers taking part.

Hopefully walk details being listed in Mid-Soms Series and Somerset Standard/Guardian?

Glastonbury/Street/Meare free paper are publishing details of Mendip Ramblers walks.

Promotion/publicity for festival appeared to be very successful. Waiting to hear about Doulling Village Hall for 2012. Possibility of building work which would mean will not be available.

Mark Adler of Mendip Times took photos on Monday of festival and I sent a piece of editorial.

Festival editorial and photo sent to local media.

Confirmed entry for Residents’ Handbook (STANDBROOK GUIDES LTD, free listing) – Frome; Glastonbury; Wells & Shepton Mallet.

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