

Ramblers Association Mendip Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 11.00am at The Highwayman

Present : Mike Plaskitt (Chairman), Peggy Fortunatti, Brian Underwood, Jane and Tony Dyson, Brian Underwood, Mary Davis, Mary D, Les Strather, Kevin, Mo Bennet, Nancy Moynihan

Apologies from Colin Glibbery

Tony Parsons was there as an observer.

- 1 The minutes if the last meeting were accepted.
- 2 Sub-committee reports.
 - A Mary Davis's membership report is enclosed
 - B Tony Dyson's accounts had been sent out and were accepted
 - C Brian's footpath report for W Mendip enclosed. Janet needs to check footpath 15/82.
 - D Les gave his footpath report for E Mendip, report enclosed
 - D Peggy gave 5th Feb as the deadline for the next programme's walks.
 - E Mary Dadley sent her report. West Mendip Ramblers are getting there walks into the Mendip Times but ours are not being reported there. Mike will ask Tony Strange for one of the West Mendip Group to join our committee.
 - F Jane gave her report which is enclosed.
 - G Nancy said that there were 51 people going to Torquay. We have paid for entertainments for 2 nights as none are laid on by the hotel. The walk leaders ned to meet again and all will give copies of their walks. She has been unable to book for the holiday next year until after April. If the holiday is not booked in time for the August programme then a statement will be made in the next programme. Those on the holiday will be asked about using a coach.
 - H The Working Party has been busy and there is a lot of paperwork from Somerset. A First Aid course will take place on 12th April for the Working Party and others.
 - I This will be the last year for Martyn to organise our Walking festival, this year in Ditcheat. All the walks designed and the walk leaders found.
- 3 Any other business
 - A Jane has organised a Ramblers Treasure Hunt starting at 6.00 pm at Holcombe Village Hall followed by a barbeque, cost £5.
 - B Mary Birchall will organise a treasure trail around Frome.
 - J Martyn is liasing with Katherine Devonshire, the Healthy Lifestyle Officer for Somerset for 4 themed health walks in Somerset in late May or early June.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th June at 11.00 am at the Highwayman

Footpath Officer Report Mendip East January 2018

WN4/6. North Brewham

I asked Carl to chase up this as an urgent matter. We have threatened them with a section 130 order. He responded as follows

Hi Les – the problem with a Section 130, for which we need Head Office consent, is that the County can claim that they are actively dealing with the problems, especially as it has been obstructed by buildings, which requires a diversion to resolve. The latest I heard is that agreement had been reached with one landowner for a reasonable diversion, but they are still trying for agreement with the other. I will give Pete Hobley one last opportunity to satisfy us that resolution is near before we go for a Section 130, but I must check with Head Office if they would agree in the circumstances. Head Office needs to be involved as we could risk a claim for charges if we go to Court.

Incidentally there is a similar problem on the Mendip/S. Somerset border at Lovington, which I will also be progressing. Carl

FR 21/33 Marston Park

I have been informed, by a member of the public, recently that this footpath has been re-routed. I have checked with Clare and she is aware of a plan to re-route this path but this has not been approved as yet. I will be checking to ensure the official row is still open.

Colliers Way from Cheese and Grain to Welshmill Weir

Neither this path nor the path on the opposite side of the river is dedicated rights of way. I am checking to find out their status and how they are protected.

FR 4/50 Newbury Farm Highbury

A report from path watch has been received regarding numerous problems around Newbury farm Highbury. I have written to Clare to see if she is aware of this and has spoken to the land owner.