

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION-YORK GROUP

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 15th October 2019 at No 8 Fox Garth, Nether Poppleton, York

Present: Ian Reavill (Chairman), Richard Bramall (secretary), David Nunns, Doreen Felton, Viv Taylor, Avis Strudwick, Simon Lyle, Steve Hoather, Paul Shepherd,

1/- **Apologies:** None

2/-**Minutes of the last meeting** on 16th July 2019 were approved,.

3/- **Matters arising.** **DN** reported that York City Council had published a Definitive Map Modification Order for the claimed Hoisty Field Path following the Ombudsman's report.

(Minute 7)

4/-**Treasurer's Report:** **PS** reported that the bank balance at 30th September was £1654.64. It was agreed that some fund could be transferred to Area at an appropriate time. The transfer of funds had been delayed until Area appointed a new treasurer, who was now in place. The shortfall reported on in July had been resolved. No leaders were making any expenses claims for coach Ramble Recces. **R B** reported that the Invoice(£420.00) from Inglebys had not yet been received.

5/- **Membership:** **IR** reported that the York Group membership stood at 482 members, which although a slight fall was quite healthy.

6/-**Promoting Walking, Amblers, Wednesday walks, Public Transport walks, Tuesday walks.**

Amblers: **DF** reported that numbers were very healthy, averaging around 22. There was no problem getting leaders and some new leaders had come forward.

Wednesday walks: **SH** reported that there continued to be a full and varied programme with sufficient leaders.

PT walks; **AS** reported that problems with bus companies continued but that walks were well attended. There had been a successful trip to the Dolomites attended by 15 people, many of whom had shown an interest in going again next year. The first of the PTT walks had taken place and been well attended.

Tuesday walks: **IR** reported that Marilyn Skelton had not reported any problems.

7/-**Footpath Sub-Committee: Parish Paths**

Sub-committee DN reported that the sub-committee meeting had been postponed until next Friday. YCC had appointed extra staff to clear the backlog of outstanding issues.

Parish Paths SL was still putting together the list of parish monitors, as there was still information outstanding. He hoped that by the AGM he would have put together a list of vacant Parishes so that monitors could be put in place.

The recently introduced idea of using Recces to conduct footpath surveys should have started to bear fruit by the AGM and **SL** hoped that he would be able to report on the feedback by then. **SL**

Had been in discussion with Rosie Sanderson the PRO for NYCC, she hoped eventually to be able to use our website to see if our walks covered paths of interest to NYCC so that she could get leaders feedback.

8/-Publicity and Websites;

Publicity:- AS reported that PT walks leaflets were available.

Website. RB circulated a report from Tom Halstead with a screen shot of the new website, which is now up and running. The website is managed by ten super users including Tom and Geoff. It is hoped that eventually there would be limited access for a nominated person to post Photos etc. they would have to have knowledge of Joomla.

There was a proposal by the webmasters to write a complaint to CO, following a breakdown for several days, to the walks feed on the website, caused by errors at CO. Tom has asked the Committee for permission to sign the letter on the Group's behalf. Permission was given unanimously.

Action TH

9/- Website Walks Editors

Our walks groups are all covered by walks editors and information on walks is now being added, so that details of walks are available before walks take place. Already we have had holidaymakers from other areas who have liked the description of walks and joined them.

10/-Newsletter: IR and VT had put together the last newsletter but we still need a newsletter editor. So far no-one has come forward. It was suggested that we incorporate our newsletter within the Area Newsletter. This was thought to be a good idea, although someone would still have to edit our content. **IR to speak to Area.**

Action IR

11/- AGM

RB has booked Welburn Village Hall for Wednesday November 20th 2019. Cakes and coffee to be provided for 50 people after the AGM. **RB** suggested a draft Agenda. **SL** was to invite Rosie Sanderson, the Public Rights of Way Officer of NYCC, to give a short presentation.

RB would circulate the Agenda to committee and ask Tom to put it on the website.

Action RB/SL

12/Area Council: Next meeting is in Wetwang on Tues 10th December at 7:30. Due to a mix up with dates York Group were unable to send a representative to the last meeting, although **RB** had submitted a report.

Area have called for papers to be included in the Annual Area Report. **RB** would produce the report in conjunction with **IR** but if any one had any items or Photographs which they would like to be included, please let **RB** know in the next week or so.

Action ALL

13/- Correspondence: Letter from Environment Agency re Strensall Flood Storage. Ramblers CO appeal for volunteers for Area Council

14/-Coach Ramble It was agreed that Sunday 17th May 2020 would be an outing to Bakewell, and that Sunday 27th September 2020 would be to Malham. **IR** and **PS** would organise walks leaders.

RB to advise other Area Groups of these dates in order to avoid clashes

Action IR/PS/RB

15/-Committee Membership. We continue to have vacancies on the committee, and all would try to recruit new members.

Action All**16/- Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 10.00 am at Beech House, 49 Main Street, Escrick, kindly hosted by Viv Taylor.