

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION-YORK GROUP

Minutes of Committee Meeting On 21st January 2020

At Beech House, 49 Main Street, Escrick, York

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

1/- **Apologies:** Tom Halstead

2/- **New Committee Members:** Mike Norman and Anne Parker were welcomed to the committee.

3/- **Minutes of the last meeting** on 15th October 2019 were approved,.

4/- **Matters arising.** None

5/- **Treasurer's Report:** PS reported that the bank balances at 30th September were £1199.24, and £782.33. IR would enquire at the Area AGM on Saturday, if Area would like us to transfer some of our funds to them to reduce our balance.

6/- **Membership:** IR reported that the York Group membership was 493 members, an increase of 11 since the last meeting.

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

Amblers: DF reported that had some new members and that walk numbers were healthy. \amblers had taken on board the reporting of issues with paths on recces, and had already reported broken styles etc. SL said that NYCC were supportive of this initiative. SL suggested that photographic evidence of issues would be of use.

Wednesday walks: SH reported that there continued to be a full and varied programme but that it was difficult in getting leaders to commit for the summer months. Perhaps the programme should be delayed by a month or so, as it was felt that people were booking their summer holidays after the Christmas holidays into January. Any change would have to be coordinated with Area as the Walks booklet publication would be affected.

PT Walks; AS reported that there were continuing problems with train and bus timetables being altered, and services cancelled. E-mails had to be sent out before most walks to advise walkers of changes to schedules. Another trip to the Dolomites was planned for the end of June

Tuesday walks: IR reported that Marilyn Skelton was standing down, but that Lynda Gall had stepped in to be Tuesday walks secretary.

IR Reported on the events of the West Knapton incident, when a landowner had tried to physically prevent a Wednesday group from walking on a designated footpath, together with blocking a gate with hardcore. The matter had been reported to NYCC, the Police and Central Office. The path was now clear, but in view of the aggressiveness of the landowner, it was felt that this might not be the end of the story.

8/-Footpath Sub-Committee: Parish Paths

Sub-committee: DN referred to items which were ongoing from the minutes of the last sub-committee meeting which had been circulated at the AGM.

Parish Paths SL Is hoping to e-mail all the path monitors in order to confirm that they are still monitoring their designated Parishes. There are still vacant Parishes. The NYCC initiative on training of volunteers for waymarking etc, appears to have stalled somewhat. However a discussion followed about how we could organise work parties to clear overgrown paths etc, which we could do on our own initiative. **SL** to write a piece on these issues for the newsletter.

9/-Publicity and Websites;

Publicity:-VT .matters were ongoing, nothing to report at present.

Website. MN explained his current involvement in the website, and how he was liaising with Tom Halstead and Geoff Richardson. He would eventually take over from Tom.

10/- Website Walks Editors MN said that he was getting descriptions of walks from leaders after their recces, and putting that on the website. It was felt that this was useful information for walkers to have.

11/-Newsletter: AP was given various information and ideas for the next newsletter. **SL** would provide a piece re Parish Paths .**RB** would forward the booking form for the May Coach Ramble to Anne for inclusion. Amblers had submitted some photos and text of their Dolomites trip.**IR** would send a report on the WEST KNAPTON incident for inclusion in the AREA newsletter. **VT** would assist Anne with the layout and presentation of the newsletter.

York Group have been asked to help out with Stuffing of envelopes with newsletters and walks booklets on **19th March 2020 at 7:00 pm at Huntington Village Hall**. Anne Lang has requested 10 volunteers to help out. Volunteers from the Committee were MN, PS, VT, IR, RB, DF plus Dianne Norman and Anne Bramall who were volunteered in absentia. We need to find a couple more volunteers nearer the time,

12/- 2019 AGM It was felt that the AGM had been a success, and that the presentation by the NYCC had been very well received. It was agreed that **RB** should book Welburn Village Hall for 18th November 2020 for the next AGM

13/Area Council: The Area AGM is on Saturday at Welburn, **IR** and **DN** will attend.

14/- Correspondence: None

15/-Coach Ramble: IR has planned the A walk which will be 12 miles linear. From Hadden Hall to Bakewell. **DF** will plan an approx. 9 mile circular walk, but will probably not be able to lead, **AS** would look up a few possibilities for around 7 miles .It was felt that leaders could be found for the other walks if the routes were already planned. **RB** to send **AP** the booking form including the details we have for the walks. Also the September Coach Ramble to Malham should be advertised in the Newsletter.

16/-AOB :None

17/- Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 24th July 2020 at 10.00 am at 33 Millgates Boroughbridge Road, York YO26 6AT kindly hosted by David Nunns.