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RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION-YORK GROUP

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 25th February 2021

Via Zoom Conference

Present: Ian Reavill (Chairman), Richard Bramall (secretary), David Nunns, Tom Halstead, Steve Hoather, Simon Lyle, , Linda Gall, Avis Strudwick, Viv Taylor, Mike Norman and Eric Smith

Apologies: Paul Shepherd, Anne Parker and Judith Tosh

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Dominic Tooze from Central Office on the Don't Lose Your Way Initiative and was also attended by our guests, Marian Thomas, Tony Corrigan, John Harland and Gary Malcolm from Area.

The Ramblers website had a map of the country which had been marked up with possible missing rights of way being a total of 50,000 miles or so in total. Dominic outlined progress so far, and how it was hoped to prioritise by eliminating paths which were obviously not possible to reinstate. For instance some of the paths which had been found were now public roads etc. Up to 60% Of the routes identified on the Ramblers map could possibly be eliminated as being untenable. **IR** asked how the Group could get involved, **DZ** was suggesting that the local co-ordinators would be of help and that Ramblers would be following up with further information in due course. It was suggested that the British Horse Society was also doing work on the initiative and that it would be useful to contact them. At the completion of discussions **IR** thanked Dominic and the visitors for their contributions. They were then excused and the business of the committee began.

Committee Meeting.

1/. **Apologies:** see above

2/- **Minutes of the last meeting on 17th July 2020** and the newsletter meeting of 1st December 2020 were approved.

3/-**Matters arising.** **IR** thanked AP and VT for getting out the Newsletter, which kept members up to date with the situations of the various walk groups.

4/- **Treasurers Report.** **RB** reported on behalf of **PS** .

The balance on the Bank Account on Friday 19th February 2021 stood at £1,443.94 which comprise £926.13 in the Main Fund plus £517.81 for Self-Funded Activities. The latter includes £108.00 paid in advance by members for a Coach Ramble that has yet to take place due to the Lockdown restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus (Covid19) Pandemic. The only transaction in the current financial year was a receipt of £20.00 being commission from RWH Travel Ltd.

5/- **Future Walks Planning** There was no up to date advice from CO as to the resumption of walks. It appeared that from 29th March up to 6 people from different households would be able to meet outside under social distancing rules, and therefore any walks would have to be private and not

under the Ramblers umbrella. We will have to await Ramblers C O directive before any formal resumption of walks could take place.

6/. Coach Rambles. In view of the target of all restrictions being lifted by 21st June, it was felt that a Coach Ramble in September would be a possibility. The date of Sunday 26th September 2021 was fixed (it did not clash with HF walks dates) and it was decided that the destination would be the Peak District as cancelled in May 2020. **RB** would provisionally book the coach through Inglebys. There would be 3 walks **IR** would lead the linear **A** walk of 12 miles from **Hadden Hall**, **RB** would contact **Doreen Felton** to see if she would lead or suggest a leader for her circular **B** walk of **around 9** miles and **Eric Smith** offered to lead a **C** walk of 7 or so miles. **RB** to advise **TH/MN** to post the information on the website.

7/. AGMs. It was agreed that **RB** would investigate the use of Welburn Village Hall again for the **Group AGM**. It was hoped that a walk could be organised in the morning followed by the AGM after lunch. It may be that Welburn would not be able to provide refreshments this time. The Date of Wednesday 17th November was agreed. **RB** suggested that he would like to stand down as Secretary at the AGM, so that the Committee would have several months to recruit a candidate for the position.

It is York Groups turn to host the next **AREA AGM** in January 2022. **RB** to check the date and to make a provisional booking at Poppleton Community Centre, and to check what refreshment service might be available.

8/. Membership. **ES** reported that current membership stood at 464.

9/. Footpaths. **SL** had circulated the path monitors to update his records, but was disappointed with the response.

10/. Website **MN/TH** reported that when walks had been advertised ,during breaks in lockdown,the website was having multiple hits.

11/. AOB. Further to the **DLYW** initiative. It was decided that a good way to advance this was if the Parish Path monitors could play a part. By comparing the Ramblers missing paths map with their Parish maps, monitors would be in a position to investigate. **SH** would draft a letter as to how this could be done, with reference to Ramblers guidance, and **SL** would circulate this to the Parish Monitors. Subsequently it was decided to delay implementing this until Ramblers had completed their database, so that results could be recorded.

12/. Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be arranged when there is any meaningful change in Covid regulations