

MINUTES OF THE GEDLING & DUKERIES GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM RICHARD HERROD CENTRE

PRESENT:

Mick Rawdin	Liz Pritchett	Jonathan Ankers
Brian Torr	Pat Rogers	Ann Staples
Alex McGowan	Peter Dawson	Graham Dicker
Brian O'Neill	Jim Norris	

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed , seconded and passed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. MEMBER'S REPORTS

Chairman's Report

The two meetings that I recently attended are covered under AOB.

The invite to the official opening will also be covered under AOB.

There will be a Spring edition of the Nottinghamshire Walker but only available on the area website. The future of any further printed editions sent to all members is in doubt. I have sent the Group's report off to Keith Wallace who will edit the Spring edition.

I have sent a card from the group to Tony Underwood wishing him well .

The Ramblers are promoting The Big Pathwatch for 2015. All paths in England & Wales are to be hopefully surveyed by members and volunteers. The aim apart from the path survey is also to encourage more volunteers to the organisation. No other details available apart from the flyer.

Travellight Gedling Winter Walks Programme received. All invited to attend the free walks.

A thank you to the walks co-ordinators and for Brian putting the Spring / Summer edition of the programme together in good time.

Secretary's Report

1. A flyer will be given out at the Area Annual General Meeting asking members for their Email addresses. Area would like to communicate with its members on Area issues more than once a year and to keep costs to a minimum we would like to do this by Email. For example the electronic version of the Notts Walker can be sent out in this way. This will not result in lots more Emails. Area will be producing a communications policy to be agreed by Groups but it will be a maximum of one per month and probably less. Area will use the Central Office database so all Email addresses provided will be stored on the central record.
2. Get Walking Week: The week runs from Saturday 2nd May 2015 to Sunday 10th May 2015. It will be open to other walking groups, including Walking for Health Schemes. Notts County Council will promote the week and we will put the programme together. The emphasis of this event is to encourage people to take up walking and walks will be included in the programme from all around the County.
3. The walks programme had been uploaded to "Find a Walk." Thanks to Graham for making the job much easier.
4. Green Lanes: Bradley Lane is now a bridleway and can only be used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders.
5. Chris Thompson had missed the deadline for putting his Saturday walks into our programme.
6. Concerned Ramblers Group: Very critical of moves to have direct elections of officers and trustees, thus robbing the Groups of their influence. The change is the subject of a motion to General Council.
7. The 2016 Notts. Area AGM has no host group as yet.
8. Gedling Country Park: Official Opening - Civic Opening Monday 23rd March 2015; Public Opening on Saturday 28th March 2015 would take the form of a Family Fun Day: Marquee, displays; activities for children. Sunday 29th March 2015 - Sports; 10k run organised by Redhill Road Runners.
9. Contributions invited for an electronic version of Notts Walker. Anything considered.
10. The Nottingham Group is having a hostel weekend on March 20-22nd. We'll be staying at the Haworth Youth Hostel and there may still be a few beds available on our booking for Ramblers members. Alternatively, those who wanted to join the walks we have planned for Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st may be able to make alternative accommodation arrangements in the village. Please contact the organiser, Randy Barber, first if you would like to do so however.
11. Carlton Village Hall available for hire. It's in the village of Carlton on Trent, approx 7 miles north of Newark, a couple of minutes drive off the A1. We have a regular bus service during the day, with 2 buses an hour to Newark, Retford and Tuxford.

Treasurer's Report

Walks Programme Editor

Footpaths Secretary's Report

Chris Thompson had warned that Gedling BC wanted to build houses by the tarmac path that is the exit from the Country Park onto Spring Lane. JN said that there had been no planning application.

Membership Secretary's Report

28th February 2015

Total	248
Annual Individual	133
Annual Joint	107
Life Individual	5
Life Joint	2
Payments Pending	3
Members no longer in the group	5 (2 deceased)
New Members	1
Members Reinstated	0

The two deceased members were: M Holdsworth, a member since 1991, and Maurice Taylor, a member since 1989. Mrs Holdsworth had subsequently resined. **It was agreed** to send cards.

Social Sub Committee Report

52 people had booked for the annual dinner. The speaker was due at 2045 and would speak for 45 minutes.

Coach Secretary's Report

There were six seats left for Church Stretton. Stow was full and a waiting list started.

Publicity Officer's Report

None

Area Liaison Officer's Report

Subjects discussed at the Area AGM included constitutional changes, which failed to get sufficient support to be adopted and an application for fracking in north Notts (Misson.)

CT's job title had changed from Footpath Secretary to Rights of Way Secretary. There is no district coordinator for Gedling so CT has also assumed that role.

An individual had objected to a wind farm on behalf of the Ramblers when no footpath was threatened.

Web Officer

There was a discussion about how to translate walks submissions into electronic format. No changes were proposed as yet.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The wind turbine on Foxwood Lane was now operating. However, there is to be a retrospective review of the decision to allow it.
2. Pam Footitt had advised that there were to be 200 new houses in Woodborough on greenbelt land. The planning application was to be heard.
3. The Gedling Country Park opening would be 28th March. Alex Staniforth would bring a stand for use from 1030 to 1500

The meeting closed at 2100.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 7th May 2015.