

**MINUTES OF THE GEDLING & DUKERIES GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM RICHARD HERROD CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Mick Rawdin Val Disney Jonathan Ankers  
Pat Rogers George Wood  
Brian Torr Graham Dicker Ann Staples

**APOLOGIES:** Brian O'Neill, Liz Pritchett, Jim Norris.

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

Proposed George Wood, seconded Ann Staples, and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Burton Joyce railway crossing closure had been mentioned in the Walk magazine.

New membership forms had been issued.

**3. MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Chairman's Report

Not too much appears to have dropped into my e-mail box since the last meeting. I did notice an article in the Sunday Times on 3rd. July 2016 about The Ramblers change of governance proposals. The article seems to suggest that our outgoing chief executive, Benedict Southworth is leaving his post because the governance changes did not meet with the approval of the delegates at this year's conference. This he denies. The draft copy was spread over many pages and I remember seeing the response to the proposed changes from the Kent Area, which, again, over many pages, was very critical of the changes.

At the next meeting in September we will need to discuss and organise the AGM day. I will need to remind committee members to submit their annual reports by a certain day, arrange to get copies of the AGM papers to the printer in time for the meeting, who will lead the short walk on the day, and to try and establish members who will stay behind to prepare the room ready for the food to share and AGM.

Finally, some of you may have noticed that a Go- Outdoors outlet is going to open where B & Q were in Daybrook Square sometime in October 2016.

Secretary's Report

The Pendle Walking Festival is taking place between the 13th and the 21st of August.

Adverts from Collett's mountain holidays are available.

There had been a problem with charging horses encountered on the footpath off main road in Kinoulton heading towards Hickling, the first on your left after the canal heading away from Kinoulton. OS Explorer map 260 grid ref 67.6 30.6

British Cycling has launched a campaign calling for cyclists to have access to more paths in England and Wales as well as greater access to the countryside.

Walk About Britain is our new GB-wide walking festival that will take place from 3 to 11 September 2016. Supported by the players of the People's Postcode Lottery (PPL), Walk About will invite people to come walking with us – through Ramblers group walks, health walks, Ramblers Routes and Medal Routes in Scotland. There will also be three exciting flagship events (one in England, Scotland and Wales) which will offer the full Walk About festival experience of walking, food and fun.

#### Treasurer's Report

The current balance is £970.32.

It has been confirmed that the Area grant is £318.68; £5.76 less than 2015-16. The allocation is based on membership count according to the Area Treasurer, Jack Prust.

The Meeting Room cost is now £14, up from £12.

#### Walks Programme Editor

The Walks programme has been prepared. Brian Torr will take to the printer..

#### Footpaths Secretary's Report

A path blockage had been reported at the Bridle path from Gonalston Road to Hagg Farm. The path is overgrown and impassable. The path was walked on 10<sup>th</sup> July and there had been some cutting back of the hedges on either side. However, there would still be a problem should a walker meet a horse! A new gate had been installed at the Gonalston Road end next to Car Holt Farm. There is no way mark and Alex Staniforth will be informed.

#### Membership Secretary's Report

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Total                          | 236 |
| Annual Individual              | 132 |
| Annual Joint                   | 97  |
| Life Individual                | 5   |
| Life Joint                     | 2   |
| Payments Pending               | 1   |
| Members no longer in the group | 1   |
| New Members                    | 2   |
| Members Reinstated             | 0   |

#### *Membership Forms*

I have received more new (amended) membership forms from Central Office. Destroy earlier forms. The forms have had to be amended to due to HMRC making changes to the wording relating to 'gift aid'. Could walk leaders carry spare forms?

#### *Retention & Recruitment*

I have received an email from Judith Hanson, Area Membership Secretary regarding the proposal to set up a subcommittee that will look at ways to retain and recruit more members. I am happy to pass on any ideas of what may work. Keith Wallace is asking if anyone is

interested in getting involved in the planning of Member's Day's (next one is in August) or Walk About Festival (planned for first week in September).

#### *Proposed Dukeries Group Transfer to Mansfield Group*

I have received one more reply to the questionnaire. – the member is not bothered either way answer to both questions. I will confirm the final response prior to the AGM

#### Social Sub Committee Report

Pat has enough raffle prizes for the coach trip.

There is no Christmas fuddle in the programme as there are no spaces.

#### Coach Secretary's Report

The Bridlington trip was full and paid up.

10 seats remained for the Grassington trip. Heather Darwent was not present due to recent eye surgery.

There was a discussion about when non-members could book coach trips. **It was agreed** to accept bookings for only one non-member with a Gedling Group member for two months before being open to all.

#### Publicity

##### *Go Outdoors*

Val had e-mailed Go Outdoors suggesting our participation in the October opening.

Jenny needs programmes for the Gedling and Southwell shows and Bestwood Winding House.

#### Area Liaison Officer's Report

No report.

#### Webmaster's Report

The site has been updated. Any observations should be addressed to Graham.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Val informed the meeting that Jane Chambers no-longer wishes to receive e-mails.
2. Brian Torr said there had been interest in the material Gedling roundalls. **It was agreed** to wait until after the AGM to be certain of the correct Group name.
3. Mick confirmed that the members' day out in Idle Valley would be 6th August.

Also, the Big Pathwatch dates had been put back due to the political situation.

The meeting closed at 2040.

#### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016.