

Mendip Ramblers Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th Feb 2020 at The Highwayman at 11.00 am.

Present : Mike Plaskitt, Kevin Moynihan, Peggy Fortunati, Janet Morland, Mo Bennett, Mary Birchall and Mary Dadley.

Apologies : Les Stather, Nancy Moynihan, Ken Masters and Tony and Jane Dyson.

There were no matters arising.

- 1 Membership report filed .There is a problem communicating to members if a walk is cancelled. Les will set up a list of people who do walk as BCC. (blind copy that hides email addresses) We need a list of those who do not have email. eg. Dave Dare.
- 2 Peggy said that the deadline for walks for the next programme is 10th February. Please mention the lack of Sunday leaders at rambles.
- 3 Tony Dyson will put on a course for new leaders, to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 4 Both footpath reports received. Janet said there is a need for the footpath between ST 494 306 and ST 491 307 to become a public right of way It is in South Somerset. Les will mention it at the Somerset AGM.
- 5 Publicity : Some areas have no email contact details, eg. S Somerset and Bath. The festival publicity is up to date. We are asked to look at the Ramblers email 'Don't lose your way'. Somer Valley Group has thanked Mendip for the festival signs which they borrowed. Mendip Times has a link to Mendip RA.
- 6 Socials : 25 people attended a Barn Dance at Wanstrow Village Hall organised by Mo. It was a great success as the caller, Peter Bolton, was good but it made a loss as he charged £100. Jane was away.
- 7 The next festival will be at Shipham Village Hall, the hall has been booked and paid for. Tony Strange, Les, Roger and Kevin are planning the walks.
- 8 The working party has been in the Castle Cary area which is in South Somerset. Mary Dadley would like a list of their work for publicity.
- 9 Lynton Holiday, we are waiting for the invoice. Most people are fully paid.
- 10 There was a reminder of the Somerset Area AGM on Sunday 16th February.
- 11 Please delete Peggy's seabreeze email address and use outlook.com.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 24th June.

Mendip Ramblers Committee Meeting 5th February 2020

Membership Secretary report

At the end of December we had 327 members and though we gained 4 new members throughout January we have 324 at the end of the month. Hopefully the members who have forgotten to pay so far will re-join.

Communication

With regard to the recent situations when we really needed immediate communication with our regular walkers, I would like to ask if the following message – or an edited version – could be added to our next programme. Peggy will have to advise whether it can be fitted into her format.

In the last few months some situations have arisen when it was necessary to contact all members of the Thursday/Monday walking groups at short notice. Unfortunately it isn't feasible to do this by email. Peggy has only walk leaders' addresses, and in any case she does more than her share in preparing the programme. Also messages posted on the website aren't always seen immediately.

If you have access to the Internet, could we ask you to join Facebook? In this technological age it is the obvious route for us all to share necessary information. The blue Facebook icon is on the home page of the Mendip Ramblers' website. Some of us are reluctant to join Facebook (I include myself) but the experts in the group will be able to address our concerns, I'm sure.

Some points to the positive:

- Other users cannot access your page without your permission
- You can just be attached to the Mendip Ramblers page and no other.
- If a message is posted on Facebook, a notification will appear in your email in box, so you don't have to remember to look for messages.

If we know that you do not have Internet access we will be able to contact you by 'phone.

Mary B.

Footpath Officer Report Mendip East February 2020

WN4/6. North Brewham

We walked this path on Tony Parsons recent Thursday Walk. Some modifications need to be made by Clare but I am pleased to say that it is now passable

SM 13/9 Lamyat

Response from Rob Coates SCC

My initial investigations into this suggest that there is possible drafting error on the Def Map as the route is plotted through the pond on the original parish survey in 1951, which has then remained through to the drafting of the Def Map. The subsequent development of barns is a separate issue. I am unsure of when these barns were built.

My colleague Vicky Taylor (Diversion Officer) has been liaising with one of the landowner's regarding the footpath to try and address both these issues through a Public Path Order (PPO) with the consent of the relevant parties. We will continue to try and negotiate a resolve through a PPO & will keep you informed of any progress.

Lost Path In from The Retreat to Aderwell

The secretary of state has been informed about his path and been requested to enforce Somerset County Council to expedite their process. This path has been claimed but now blocked by the land owner.

Frome Walkers Welcome

Frome held a very successful Walkers are Welcome Walking Festival and had over 200 walkers over the two days, This festival; will be repeated in November next year, Thanks for all the support from the ramblers,

Footpath Improvements in Bruton

I have not yet received the minutes of the 30th of September meeting. Key points are:-

- The permissive footpath through Gilcombe Farm has been closed by the farmer due to abuse by walkers (leaving gates open and letting dogs off leads).

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- .Mendip Ramblers Working Party were thanked for the repair work they had done.
- The group have created 17 walks, written these up and produced leaflets. I am trying to get a link to these for our web site,

CL 19/3 Farrington Gurney Golf Course

Modification 249 to re route this path is now closed. I am checking to see if the path has been diverted and way marked,

WS 2/36

A site visit is required with Alan Carr to understand the official route on the definitive map.

Lost Paths in Frome

I have identified two paths that are not on the definitive map. One goes from Egford Lane to join FR 14/59. The other is from Packsaddle Way to FR 20/2. I am sure both of these paths have been worked over a 20 years period and will be collecting evidence for a DMMO. No progress on this as yet.

FR 10/15

This path has been opened but a site visit is required to determine to definitive route.

FR 11/13

The working party has opened this path

SM 7/43

This path at Doultong has a notice at the start of the path, which is a tarmacked cul- de- sac, stating "Private Road No Public Right of Way" We have asked for this to be removed, Chasing this up to see if it has been done.

SM 7/53

Jan Crewe is in discussions with David Entwistle the owner of the land through which SM 7/53 passes and will contact me if she needs further help

SCC Re categorisation of Rights of Way.

As Jake has left I do not know what will happen to this.

Meeting with Head of Somerset RoW –

I have requested an update from Peter Hopley and not received anything despite being prompted regularly.

A knowledge base has been created for all footpath issues. This can be found here
<https://www.somersetramblers.co.uk/footpath-issues.html>

03/02/2020

BT Yahoo Mail - footpath officer west report

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From: Ken's Email (kenmasters265@gmail.com)

To: janet.morland@btinternet.com

Date: Monday, 3 February 2020, 20:38 GMT

Hi Janet, not much to report this time.

I may not make the meeting as i have a physio appointment. can you give my apologise if i am no there

Thanks, Ken

WS 2/31 Butleigh. have received notification that the diversion has been approved and implemented.

WS16/22 (Knowle Hill) Complaint by a mr. Chris Jagger that the footpath is blocked by locked gates. This is already reported on Explore Somerset. It is in fact not a locked gate but two pieces of metal fencing joined by a chain(with padlock) This seems to be done to stop cattle escaping down the path while the farmer moves them across the path. It is easily stepped over, but a gate , stile or just a barrier hooked on two posts at this point would be an improvement .