

**MINUTES OF THE GEDLING & DUKERIES GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM RICHARD HERROD CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Julie Najuk                      Brian O'Neill                      Pat Rogers  
                 Brian Torr                              Alex McGowan                      Liz Pritchett  
                 George Wood                              Jonathan Ankers                      Heather Darwent  
                 Jim Norris

**APOLOGIES:** Graham Dicker.

**1. CHAIRMAN**

Brian Torr was elected chairman for the meeting.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

Proposed Heather Darwent, seconded George Wood, and passed.

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

Brenda Wilcox was still having treatment. Val Disney had informed H.O. so she will not be charged.

Dorothy Marshall had attended the a.g.m.

There was more positive news on Graham Ware, who had received a new liver.

Mick Rawdin would be speaking to the Sunrisers Club on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Jonathan gave the walks flyers to Brian Torr to pass on to Malcolm.

**4. MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Secretary's Report

1. There is a new bridleway at Church Warsop. It has taken 5 years since we first tried to get this new right of way. We persuaded the landowner of the former rail line between Church Warsop and Langwith Junction to accept compensation for dedicating 2.5km as a bridleway.
2. In Spring 2018, ITV will be celebrating Britain's Favourite 100 Walks in a special one off show, and as the experts on walking, we've been helping them look through the best that Britain has to offer.
3. The new Walkingworld app is now available in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. You are able to download it for free and, if you are a Walkingworld subscriber, follow walks on 'proper' OS Landranger and Explorer maps.
4. HF Holidays unveils its 2018 UK holidays.
5. We've been in the media making the case for access, as part of a feature on sheep-worrying on last week's Countryfile programme. Arguing against a proposal to divert paths to protect vulnerable livestock, we called instead for effective measures to promote responsible access by dog owners.

6. The change of the Group name needs passing to Ramblers HQ. We should not use the new name until they confirm acceptance. A form is being completed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance £478.36. The committee room has been booked for 11/1, 8/3, 10/5, 5/7, 13/9 and 8/11/2018

Regarding the change of name; the chequebook does not say "Dukeries."

#### Walks Programme Editor

More walks are needed for summer 2018. Brian also needs a list of significant dates. The deadline is 6/1/2018.

#### Footpaths Secretary's Report

There is a fence at Annersley which needs reporting to Alex Staniforth. George would inspect and report back to Brian. Walks leaders need to report all footpath issues encountered to Brian Torr and not direct to the Council. Jonathan would advise all walks leaders when possible.

#### Membership Secretary's Report

##### **31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

Total	214
Annual Individual	123
Annual Joint	84
Life Individual	5
Life Joint	2
Payments Pending	4
Members no longer in the group	0
New Members	1
Members Reinstated	2

#### Social Sub Committee Report

The annual dinner has been booked at Mapperley Golf Club on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Tickets would be £14 inclusive of a £0.50 tip. Ideas are needed for the entertainment.

Sufficient raffle prizes for Christmas had already been received. Maggie's would be the beneficiaries of the charity collection.

#### Coach Secretary's Report

Two trips for 2018 are confirmed: Hunstanton on 6<sup>th</sup> May and Whitby on 15<sup>th</sup> July. As a 53 seater was not filled last time, a 49 seater would be booked with the possibility of an upgrade subject to demand. A 50p tip for the driver would be included in the price. The coach company is again Little's.

#### Publicity

Malcolm not present.

#### Area Liaison Officer's Report

Group reports are required quarterly and annually. Any issues should be raised at committee with Jim Norris. **It was agreed** that Jim write and submit these reports as required by Area.

Unlike other counties, Nottinghamshire County Council do not cooperate with the Ramblers to effect repairs and maintenance to the path network. However, the HS2 organization is interested in using the Ramblers, as a specialist local group, in the planning process.

#### Webmaster's Report

No news.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Torr would obtain prices for a run of Gedling Group badges.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The meeting closed at 2058.