

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 13 October 2021

Conference Call – 1930 hrs

Present: Steve Nicholas - Chair Neil Pritchard - Walks Co-Ordinator Neil Elder - Treasurer Mandy Norris - Secretary Apologies: None		
1.	Welcome Steve thanked Committee members for their attendance.	
2.	Annual General Meeting Steve confirmed he will be organising an on-line AGM date for mid-November and will advertise the event on the Group's website and Facebook page. It was confirmed that those currently on the Committee are required to step down from their roles to allow others to be nominated for the positions. Everyone confirmed that if nobody stepped up, they were happy to continue in their current roles on the Committee for another year.	
3.	Pre-Registration It was confirmed that Ramblers continues to recommend pre-registration for walks. It was agreed that the Group walk leaders should continue to use pre-registration to keep numbers manageable during walks and where car parking is limited, as well as for Covid Track & Trace. Contact details should be disposed of after three months.	
4.	Complaint Steve confirmed that an anonymous complaint has been received on the Group e-mail address alleging that a walk leader had not waited for the arrival of the walker prior to starting the walk. Steve confirmed that the walk referenced was his walk which started at the advertised time and the complainant had not contacted him by phone prior to the walk.	
5.	Christmas Party Steve confirmed that 30 people have booked to attend the Christmas Party at the Norton Park Hotel and three tables have been reserved. The balance will be paid at the end of the month. If anyone wants to stay at the hotel, they will need to book accommodation themselves. Steve and Mandy will organise the table plan.	Steve & Mandy

6.	Membership Steve confirmed that a walk leader has approached him about walkers who have potentially attended more than three walks even though they have not joined Ramblers. Steve confirmed he will post a message reminding people about Ramblers membership after three walks.	Steve
7.	Memorial Bench Steve gave an update about his research related to funding a bench in memory of Jan Wilson. Area Ramblers have confirmed it is permissible to use Group funding for this purpose, however, there are bureaucratic difficulties with seeking permission from landowners for a location for the bench. Steve has approached a contact who may know landowners in the East Meon area and is awaiting a response.	
8.	Financial Update Neil said it has been quiet regarding finances. £20 has been received into the main account for a Ramblers holiday. Refunds have been given for the cancelled Christmas Party last year. Deposits for this year's party have been paid to the hotel and the balance will be paid soon. The Group has not yet received its half year contribution from central Ramblers funds yet. Neil said that Ramblers has confirmed it is 5% down on membership fees this year.	
9.	Next Meeting AGM – date to be arranged.	Steve