

Committee Meeting 6th June 2022 held at 16:00h on Zoom

Present: Val B (Chair), Gill L (Treasurer), Lynda K (Secretary), Joy W, Richard W, Phil B.

1. **Apologies:** Jane L
2. **Minutes of Meeting on 14th March 2022:**

These were agreed by the Committee.

3. **Matters arising:**

- Arrange date for group session on use of OS Maps app
Gill suggested a date Friday 22nd July 10am from Trull, go for a short walk plotting the route and then return to the Hive cafe for training session over a coffee. Lynda to contact members who are signed up to using the group membership.
- Collection for Dave Patten
Dave has indicated that he would like any money that has been collected to be donated to a charity in aid of Ukraine. Gill will do this.
- Area AGM Sunday 12th Feb 2023
Lynda has provisionally booked the village hall at Hatch Beauchamp
- Collection for John Ollerenshaw
The cheque which was sent to John has now been cashed
- Summer coach trip
This is now fully booked and an email has been sent out to those booked on the trip about the change to the pick up point which will be the Park & Ride at Silk Mills

4. **Officers' reports:**

- **Treasurer's report:**

Cashbook	Main	Self-funded	Total
Opening balance	635.29	934.85	1,570.14
Surplus/(deficit) on R&P	121.83	557.50	679.33
Closing balance	757.12	1,492.35	2,249.47

- The accounts include £725 for the coach trip, which is now full, with one reserve (should anyone not be able to go).
- There is a total donation £7.50 for Dave Patten.
- We have received another donation £20 from RHW Travel Ltd. This is because someone has booked a holiday and nominated TD Ramblers to receive this donation.

We are receiving our funding from Area on time.

- **Membership secretary report:**

1 March 2022 – 31 May 2022

TDR membership remains steady at 258 members. Since our last meeting: 10 new members (8 new to Ramblers, 1 new to Area and 1 new to the group) and 1 member rejoined; 12 members have left (7 lapsed, 5 resigned).

- **Footpath officer:**

Report from Phil:

Having received no reply from Somerset County Council in 7 months for an update on progress with the re-opening of bridleway T2/11, I have decided to cease any further activity on this issue, and have informed Mr French accordingly.

I have continued to liaise with Les Stather (Area FPS) and Sara-Ann Bucks of BHS regarding the ongoing A358 proposals. Unfortunately, to date the main concerns in the Taunton Deane Group area have not been addressed by National Highways. I will be meeting with Les and Sara-Ann this Friday afternoon to discuss the scheme further.

TDR has received an email from Mike Green concerning the West Deane Way, in particular the stretch between Taunton and West Bagborough, which he said was difficult to follow because of missing waymarkers. Phil and Lynda walked the route from Staplegrove to Kingston St Mary in order to check the waymarkers and found that this stretch needed about five more to mark the route clearly. Waymarkers are sometimes lost when they become damaged or when posts are replaced. Lynda had received a quote for 100 waymarkers from a company called the MAP Group which was £196 + VAT. It was agreed that this would be a good use of TDR funds as the upkeep of Rights of Way is a function of the Ramblers. TDR were involved in the design of the waymarkers and also took responsibility for placing them along the whole route in 2015. Periodic maintenance of the waymarkers by TDR would ensure the route is kept on the map. Gill confirmed that we have sufficient funds in the account to cover this. Lynda will obtain a second quote from another company to compare prices.

5. Summer Walk Programme

The Wednesday afternoon walk programme continues to thrive with walks listed into August, mainly due to Richard's hard work in encouraging walk leaders to come forward and offer walks. It is good to see several of our newer members leading these walks and numbers on the walks are often 20+.

The Committee discussed the lack of walks currently offered and how to encourage more walk leaders to come forward. There is currently only two all day Sunday walks listed but many of the regular walkers are on holiday or have other commitments. There have been a few Sunday afternoon walks recently and one Friday morning walk which 10 members attended, so there is a need for these. It was suggested that Committee members could come forward with some Friday walks but it would be necessary to book at a pub prior to

the walk if going there afterwards. Friday morning or afternoon walks might be easier to start with. There are currently no Sunday afternoon or Friday walks listed.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Date, time and place of next meeting :

Monday 12th September at 16:00h on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 17.08h