

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AREA RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2018 AT BILSTHORPE**

Minutes

Present James McGill (Chair) Judith Anson (Area Secretary & Membership Secretary), Jim Norris (Area Vice-chair, Area Countryside Officer & Gedling), Steve Parkhouse (Minutes Secretary, Newsletter Editor & ROW Secretary), Barbara & David Dobson (Nottingham), Allan Rogers (ROW Secretary), Chris Thompson (Area Tourism & Heritage Paths Officer), Keith Jacobs (Broxtowe), David & Elaine Hobson (Vale of Belvoir), Alan Wilson (Rushcliffe), Rachael Drewery (Notts & Derbys), Keith & Janet Ross (Worksop), Susan Rick (Mansfield & Sherwood), David Hunt (Area Council Member), Barrie Evison (Southwell)

1. Apologies
Alex Staniforth (Mansfield & Sherwood), John Young (Vale of Belvoir)
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (17th July 2018)
Approved; the factual correction of Alan Wilson as Secretary of the Nottinghamshire Footpaths Preservation Secretary (not Chair) had already been made in the circulated minutes.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
None – all covered on agenda.
4. Area Officers Reports
 - 4.1 **Chair Appendix I.** Future links with Walking for Health Schemes were currently on hold while Central Office considers other options following the loss of funding. Groups were asked to promote and submit items for the Area website www.nottsarearamblers.org.uk
 - 4.2 **Secretary Appendix II** The dates of First Aid Courses offered by the Red Cross had been circulated. There was poor take up for the course in Mansfield to date.
 - 4.3 **Treasurer Appendix III** A report had not been received from Jack and Judith circulated a summary of the bank account payments/receipts. Groups had not received the annual return forms and Judith would follow this up. **Post Meeting Note:** Jack had been taken ill and subsequently resigned as Area Treasurer.
 - 4.4 **Rights of Way Secretaries Appendix IV** over 260 user forms received so far for the Lady Bay claim. NCC using Statutory Declaration on their own land at Eastwood to legally recognise footpaths. It was reported Gedling District Council had a new cycling strategy. Steve reported on Lady Bay and also on Attenborough ROW. Council agreed that Steve could liaise with Notts Wildlife Trust on a joint publicity event in 2019.
 - 4.5 **Countryside Officer Appendix V** Area Council agreed to delegate authority to Jim to make decisions on HS2 impact on ROW between Council meetings as a

response was required on the latest consultation by 21st December. Chris Thompson and Allan Rogers would accompany Jim to the next HS2 meeting.

- 4.6 **Membership Secretary** *Appendix VI* Groups were reminded to let Central Office know the changes in Officers as the Dashboard training was for the new Membership Secretaries.
- 4.7 **Tourism & Heritage Paths Officer** *Appendix VII* Area Council agreed that retrospective expenses for surveying expenses for the Pilgrim Trail could be paid up to £150. Should the expenses up to 30.9.18 exceed that, it would come back to Council for approval. Expenses from 1.10.18 would be paid quarterly as other Officer expenses. A Working Party was to be set up for the Pilgrim Trail. The other key points C to G were also approved by Council.
- 4.8 **Communications Subcommittee** *Appendix VIII* The opening rate for Notts Walker was 65% for the Ramblers list and 73% for the public list. Groups were asked to note the blog post from Dave Hobson on how to include walking tracks and routes on websites.
<https://vbramblers.blogspot.com/2018/08/displaying-routes-and-tracks-on-maps.html>
5. Group Reports *Appendix IX*
In addition to the written reports:
Rushcliffe – HF offer discounts for Groups attending for the first time
Southwell – correction to the report: 11 members could be contacted only by post
Worksop – the Ramblers Roadshow at Lincoln had included the Membership Dashboard which was impressive; Janet also mentioned the Lincs Area walks booklet which gave all the walks for every Group in the County.
Newark – James gave a summary of the report, the AGM is being held after a regular walk, the social events are well attended
Vale of Belvoir – HF will offer sole occupancy of the accommodation to a Group if they take up 80% of the rooms.
6. Discussion Topic for January 2019
Council agreed the discussion topic for January would be led by John Young of Vale of Belvoir on Compiling a Walk Programme. Groups should invite their Walk Coordinators to attend. An issue for discussion would be that where members did not attend a regular Group's walks but went on whatever walk they liked, this meant they did not ever lead walks. Members should be encouraged to lead walks for their Group or the Group they attended regularly.
7. Notts Ramblers and ROW Work

James led small group work on examples of rights of way work. The role of the ROW Group and of District Coordinators was explained. DCs worked geographically on planning applications and on obstructions in their patch. Allan Rogers handled definitive maps consultative orders and Steve Parkhouse the claims for lost ways. Group Footpath Secretaries were encouraged to work closely with their DC.

8. Date of Next Meeting:
Tuesday, 15th January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed 9.35pm