

Minutes

Date: 30th May 2023

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Keith Redfern. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Paul Buckles. Helen Howe. Rob Young.	Action s
	Apologies: none	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of 6 th March 2023 were agreed	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in	
	• Constitution not being changed • Walks advertised in In Touch magazine	
3	Chairs Report / Area Matters	
	Nothing to report since the last meeting	
4	Finance Report – Keith	
	Discussions regarding spending and reserve funds. Cake and mince pies to be put through accounts as part of promotional events under general expenditure. Reserves will be less than £500 by the end of the financial year. Going forward committee meetings will be held when hiring halls for promotional walks such as soup / cake picnic during the year, therefore also admin for the group. Social account – Keith to investigate options.	
	Membership Report – Ann	
	328 – 15 new / 7 left in last 3 months. 6 new members following the promotional 50 th birthday walk in April.	
6	Footpath Report – Helen / Paul	
	The contract for Onelife Suffolk, who provide wellbeing walks, ends in September. At the moment, there is no information on whether any other company will be taking on the work of walks administration. These walks are supported by Ramblers nationally. A large number of footpath closures have been published for the period 1st June to 30th November, 2023 to facilitate overhead electricity refurbishment work. I have emailed the named contact to ask whether these closures will be in place for the whole of the stated period. I await an answer. Roger Wolfe has retired from co-ordinating checking of the East Suffolk Line walks. Aaron Taffera who is Chairman of the ESL rail partnership is now the contact. Planning permission for the solar farm at Bramford Tye / Somersham / Burstall has been re-submitted. I have sent an objection.	
8	Holiday	

	• Walks all in place • Restaurant. Weds eve. Make pre order but pay individually on the night. • Set up WhatsApp group • Next meeting date for all before the cake walk 7th June. Hastings	
9	Future events and programme	
	• Summer picnic / walk locations –Melton picnic site 19th July. Picnic at 12noon followed by walk (1pm/1.30) of about 5-6 miles. Need a leader. • AGM 8th November. Tuddenham village hall emailed and booked £75. When to start mentioning committee positions for succession	JM
10	AOB	
	• Incident reports – To be completed if someone falls on walks. Link to form on website. • Register – email has been sent by Ian to Head Office, do we need to do it? Send email with info to all. Instructions. Shred if paper. Reply received after meeting finished – Registers no longer mandatory so if leaders which they can just take numbers on the walk and advise one of the committee until we receive further	JM/KM

Date of next meeting: 6th Sept Grundisburgh Village Hall meeting room following walk. Paul to lead walk. Jo to arrange hire of hall and request car park from 9.30, hall from 12:30 to 15:30

GDPR – Committee members consented to their names being included in the minutes above.

Addendum

The following day Keith Redfern resigned as treasurer as he was not comfortable with the outcome of the meeting. After communication with Vanessa Slawson our engagement officer at HO it was decided and agreed that the committee would administer the accounts until a new treasurer was appointed at the AGM in November. Rob Young will take on this role. The relevant steps have been taken to update records.