

MINUTES

Date: 30th January 2024

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Lionel Mackay. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Helen Howe. Paul Buckles. Rob Young. Ian welcomed Lionel to the meeting.	Actions <i>(initials)</i>
	Apologies: none	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held 6 th September 2023 were agreed.	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda	
	• New Year Lunch was very successful • Mailchimp sent re encouraging car sharing	
3	Chairs report / Area Matters - Ian	
	Noting specific that isn't covered elsewhere. Area minutes had been circulated. Area looking at how to fund first aid courses, wait until the guidance comes out. Area AGM at Oulton Broad	
4	Finance Report – Lionel	
	Lionel had sent a statement out for information. Ramblers walking holidays donation £20 received, to be moved to self funded 'pot'. Little other movement. Half of annual funding requested Balance £387.24 and self funded of £97.15 • Decision on additional bank account with Unity – matters arising from last minutes. Lionel does not wish to have a second account, no requirement. • Claiming expenses for out of area recces. Ramblers policy was discussed. A group policy will be drafted and once agreed will be circulated to members and added to the website Expenses must be pre authorised. If agreed can claim £25 per person, max 2 claims per person per year. For recces 40 miles from Ipswich town centre. Mileage to be claimed at 25p per mile. JM to draft and send out. • Self funded balance will be kept separate. To be used for soup	JM
5	Membership Report - Ann	
	315 members. Last 3 months 12 new, 18 leavers (10 lapsed, 1 deceased, 7 resigned)	
6	Footpath Report – Helen / Paul	

	Melton 22 working party 10th March - details on website Bentley: application for solar farm at Grove Farm – objection has been made. Shotley: large part of river path to be closed for re-construction work. Diversion will be available on site. Ipswich Garden suburb: Application for reserved matters for land south of railway line at Westerfield. Footpaths (Fonnereau Way) will be affected but once houses are built the paths will be passing through housing to the railway crossing bridge. Brantham FP6 High Bridge: The railway crossing on FP6 has been closed for many years by National Rail. Attempts have been to re-open and/or re-route. There is now a proposal to put a path alongside the A137 from the top of the hill (near Bull) to the bottom. The original route was attractive with the path descending across a field to Brantham Bridge. I do not consider walking alongside a busy A road to be a satisfactory alternative. However this might be a good option.	
7	Holiday	
	Bakewell. 24th to 27th June. • Accommodation. All sorted. • Walks. 1 in the ramblers magazine. Other offers have been made. Have a meeting for those who would be prepared to lead. Ideas can be emailed round then meeting. • Meals. At least one evening meal. JM will send email details updating	JM
8	Programme and any specific upcoming walks	
	• Soup walk 17th April. Gt Blakenham? Followed by Walks meeting and committee meeting • Cake walk 17th July committee meeting packed lunch followed by walk and then cakes. Martlesham heath by Douglas Bader • September committee meeting in a hall room. Monday 2nd 2pm. • AGM. 6th Nov. Grundisburgh JM to add draft details to Walks manager to reserve dates and investigate hall costs.	JM
9	AOB	
	• Geoff Knight, details to be sent out / website. April 5th. Helen will say a few words on behalf of the group. • Walk leader guidance online meeting. Dates in February, Ian will see what dates have a space and advise if others want to join. • Short walk Saturday leaders . send out email that more leaders welcome • Donation of books and maps, details to be listed on website, members can borrow. • Walk leader guidance regarding back markers. Remind leaders of the use for backmarkers, possibly take a phone number. Once new	IG JM KM JM

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