

Minutes 9th July 2025

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Lionel Mackay. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Paul Buckles. Rob Young. Ian welcomed Chris and Richard Ambrose and Gill Proctor to the meeting who were observing to get an insight to the committee.	Actions (initials)
	Apologies: Helen Howe	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held 9 th April 2025 were agreed.	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda	
	ICE cards are available, we have 50 to hand out to members.	
3	Chairs Report / Area Matters	
	Nothing to report	
4	Finance Report - Lionel	
	Bank balance total £414.27 made up of main account £319.12 and £95.15 self funded. Having circulated the accounts by email Lionel confirmed that things were quiet at present. Money in and out for holiday meal.	
	Membership Report - Ann	
	306 members, 8 new in last 3 months, 18 left. Gradual reduction over the last 6 months.	
6	Footpath Report – Helen / Paul	
	Nothing in particular happening with footpaths at present. Comments on planning applications need to relate to footpaths only if on behalf of the group. Any personal objections need to be made separately.	
7	Holiday	
	Swanage was enjoyed by the group and was a successful event Following an incident with a painful knee it was decided that first aid kits would be better to have crepe bandages for pains and sprains. Jo to order for the group kits, also look at knee supports. Possible location for next year, closer to home, is Norfolk.	JM
8	Future events and programme	
	AGM 5th November. Tuddenham village hall is available. £82. Jo to book To discuss committee roles and nominations. Overall discussions regarding how to encourage members to take up the vacant roles. Concerns were raised about three major roles possibly being vacant, Jo to talk to head office, can we run without named positions filled? Details were given to observers as what some of the roles entailed.	JM JM

9	AOB	
	Walk leader training changes had been advised by HO by email. Currently there are 47 listed walk leaders but the reality is much less than this. Email to go out advising we desperately need walk leaders, according to the HO email existing leaders who do not complete training or fill in a self assessment form, details of which are currently unknown, will be taken off list, we need commitment by leaders and new leaders to come forward or there could be consequences to the group.	JM

Update after various conversations during the walk that followed the meeting

Chris Ambrose would be willing to stand as secretary, possibly also incorporating the walk editor role too much as Jo does now.

Richard Ambrose would be willing to stand as Chair

Sarah Clark, Anne Benger and Hazel Brierley would be willing to form a social subcommittee, calling on other volunteers as and when for different occasions.

Ian and Jo will meet with Chris and Richard to give more information, and they will both be invited to the September meeting. It may be that the group would have to have a 4th signatory on the bank account, please can Lionel look into this so that both the group and the individuals are protected. **LM**

Jo will contact the social subcommittee interested parties to confirm their thoughts and look at any guidance Ramblers may have for this. It would be expected that at least one from the group attend committee meetings. It might be that one or more of these could also become admin on the FB page. **JM**

A paragraph will still be included in the email that is to be sent advising that the group needs support from it's members, and that we are still looking for someone to take the Webmaster role. **JM**

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd Sept. 2pm venue to be decided.

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