Minutes of committee meeting

Date: 15th April 2026

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Richard Ambrose, Chris Ambrose, Ann Buckles, Paul Buckles, Helen Howe, Lionel Mackay, Phil Bull, Rob Young +guests Janet Bull and (end of meeting) Hazel Brierley	**Actions** *(inits)*
	Apologies: none	
1	**Minutes of last meeting held 17/12/25**	
	approved	
2	**Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda**	
	First aid kits being updated tubigrip type bandages still need to be purchased	**CA**
3	**Chairs Report / Area Matters**	
	Area AGM 31.01.26: governance to be voted on at the meeting 25.04.26, mainly one member one vote frequency of "AGMs" may be changed to formal meeting just once every three years Ramblers admit that cost for AGM + other governance changes may be more expensive l**atest area meeting 14.04.26** no chair at the moment – rotating for each meeting as no volunteers revival of Suffolk Walking Festival for 2027: liaison Adrian from Sudbury Ramblers As requested at area zoom meeting RA asked if anyone would like to represent area at the national meeting on 25.04.26 as MK had to drop out – no takers. King Charles Path – 15/25 stretches open, 10 being worked on – Covehithe/Benacre issues with landowners. Everywhere on target for completion by end August. Vandalism of new signs – mostly around Felixstowe. May be asked to survey railway crossings that are under threat. Area AGM next year probably Newmarket	
4	**Finance Report**	
	Very little change – report e-mailed to all committee meetings. In credit, claimed about half of what we are allowed.	
5	**Membership Report**	
	312 members: 12 joiners, 16 left (none of leavers' names recognised as having walked)	
6	**Footpath Report**	
	Very little to report – just farm buildings at Tuddenham, conditions placed on their planning app by counc to protect path. Buildings are not on path, but	

	access will be needed and will use the path.	
7	**Holiday**	
	Proposed walks discussed, possibly 2 longer ones with shorter options, 2 shorter on day of arrival and shorter walk on leaving day. Pub to be found for group meal. Get reaction from holiday group.	**CA**
8	**Future events and programme**	
	King Charles Path celebration walks - Shotley to the Stour and the Orwell July/August New walk leaders – several recently qualified Suffolk in Motion Event (Suffolk County Council project) – finding out more info, as is Mary from Stowmarket Ramblers on behalf of area. Cake walk 15th July CA to contact social committee	**HH PB** **CA**
9	**AOB**	
	Encouraging car sharing – try Facebook. Post to suggest if interested in car sharing leave message on Facebook with rough idea of where you are based, then advertise walks on Facebook and leave members to contact each other. Suggested location for AGM 4th November 2026: Bealings Village Hall if possible. The committee thanked Hazel for organising and co-ordinating all the arrangements for the soup walk.	**CA**

Date of next meeting: 15th July 2026, venue to be arranged

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