

Minutes of the Scarborough Group of the Ramblers held on 24 November 2011 at the Friends Meeting House.

22 members Including Peter Ayling (Area Countryside Officer) present

Chairman	Phil Trafford
Secretary:	Pam Grimwood
Rambles Organiser:	Ray Johnson
Footpath Secretary	Les Atkinson
Minute Secretary:	Robert Clutson

1. Apologies: Harry Whitehouse (Treasurer), Peter Fahy., Margaret Ingham
2. Minutes of 2010 Accepted as an accurate record, proposed Judy & seconded by Dennis
3. Matters Arising: None

4 Chairman's report:

Chairman welcomed all the members present and started by thanking fellow committee members, who have all worked so hard over the past year to keep the group functioning as a rambling group, and in improving access for all to enjoy in our area. He continued: thanks to all our walk leaders, who have enabled Ray to draw up a comprehensive programme on Sundays and Summer evenings.

4.1 Les, as always, has been very busy and will tell you about some of his work in his report tonight. You may recall that legislation went through parliament to enable Natural England to create a right of way around the entire English coastline. We were asked to walk the coastline in our group area, suggest a route and make any other relevant comments. Bob and I helped Les complete this task. We walked from Ravenscar to Hunmanby Gap in 3 stages. We have a ready-made route in the CW from Ravenscar to Filey. However, South of Filey, there is currently no right of way through Primrose Valley, the Bay Village (the Old Butlins) and beyond, so we suggested a suitable route. Sadly, although the legislation is in place, funding to actually do the job seems to have fallen victim to Government cuts.

4.2 Harry volunteered to become our Treasurer last year. As well as ably taking over the treasurer's reigns from Malcolm, he has set up the group website, with which I'm sure you are all familiar.

4.3 Margaret has continued to put out a group newsletter which you all receive with the area news. I know she always needs contributions for this, so would welcome any offerings from members who wish to impart news to the group.

4.4 Pam continues to receive loads of information from Area and Central Office, which she has ably dealt with. Her job has been made harder this year by loads of requests from objectors to wind turbine planning applications seeking our comments and support. We could really do with another committee member to act as “countryside officer. His or her job would be to comment on these requests.

4.5 Thanks to Bob, who continued to turn up with his laptop and record all.

4.6 Although not on the committee, Lisa has again organised our social programme for which we are all grateful and looking forward to the Copper Horse next Saturday.

4.7 When we get to election of committee members, I do feel we need an injection of new blood. Many hands make light work. The commitment is not too onerous as we only meet once every two months. I’ve already mentioned that we could do with someone to comment on planning applications.. We also could do with a representative to attend the area council. As we haven’t had a rep, either Les, myself, Bob or Harry have attended most of the ACs. The AC meets once every quarter. The task could easily be shared between 2 or more.

4,8 We could also do with a publicity officer to liaise with the local press and radio. This morning, I had a meeting at the town hall with the officers who organise the discoveryorkshirecoats.com website. They will be putting on a link to our website. The member who springs to mind who has the skills and experience to do this job is Harry. He would be willing to do it if elected, but we will need to find someone else to act as group treasurer. Past treasurers Harry, Malcolm, Bob and Jean assure me this is not an onerous task and Harry would be happy to explain all.

5, Treasurer’s report: Received from Area £155 for 2011, balance now stands at £350, chairman reminded members of the savings which can be made by members receiving newsletters by email. Please register with chairman. In response to a request as to how the group was financed, chairman explained how funds were allocated from Head Office via Area.

6. Footpath Officer’s report

6.1 Stape (Leaf Howe) blockage caused by fallen trees. No result after 11 months , and still neck at 6.2

6.2 Ewecote farm. Resolved me b

6.21 Nunburnholme bridge

6.3 Spikers Hill problem unresolved.

6.4 Discussion with Emma who will shortly be taking Maternity Leave .

6.5 East \Ayton – modification order agreed to changes.

6.6 Folkton Hall progress. “Private” sign on gate at drive still there although access is approved

6.7 Eastfield path in poor condition. RoW will be affected by housing developments

- 6.8 Met Council official to discuss ROWs in Park and Ride park.
- 6.9 Meeting on Forest sale; overtaken by evemarksnts.
- 6.10 Whinsill path badly damaged discussions continue
- 6.11. Saltergesiate Inn path obstructed by flooding. Culvert promised.
- 6.12 Brompton path by lake diversion. Agreed by Ramblers since disabled access improved, but member of Parish Council disagrees with planned change. Unresolved
- 6.13 Skinningrove steps damage reported.
- 6.14 Scugdale stile problem reported
- 6.15 Waymark damaged at Buttercrambe Farm.

7. **Proposals for consideration:** None

8. **Election of Committee**

Chairman proposed by Lisa, seconded by Judy

Secretary Pam Proposed and seconded

Treasurer: no volunteers

Rambles organizer: Ray agrees to stand again . proposed and seconded

FPO Les Atkinson ; roposed RMC and seconded

Social Secretary: In absence of another volunteer, Lisa Proposed and seconded

Minute secretary: Robert proposed and seconded

Countryside officer: no volunteer (Peter Ayling gave details on the duties)

AGM representative: no volunteer

Newsletter: Margaret offered to continue with the role. Proposed Pam Judy seconds

9. **Election of Auditor:** Presently a neighbour of Harry, who will continue

10. **Any other business :** Pat proposed a vote of thanks to the committee. Chairman thanked Pat who organized the "Get walking keep walking day ."

10.1 Peter Ayling raised the topic of the boundaries of areas of responsibility between adjacent areas noting that this has been discussed since 1996. Chairman explained that we had achieved no result after much effort, so group decided to keep Cleveland group informed of problems hoping that they would reciprocate.

10.2 Christmas lunch at Hayburn Wyke. Walk starts from the carpark at 1000 am. Advance warning of numbers would be welcome.

11. **Date of next AGM:** last Thursday in November 2012 to be arranged with Friends Meeting House sec.

11.1 Lisa offered paper copies of Dinner dates for 2012. Still seeks numbers for Copper Horse Christmas meal.