

Minutes of the Ramblers AGM (Scarborough Group) 17th November 2016 at
Burniston Village Hall

Committee: Chairman	Phillip Trafford
Secretary	Pam Grimwood
Minute Secretary	Robert Clutson
Footpath secretary	Les Atkinson
Rambles Organiser	Trish Mumford

Address from the Chairman, welcoming 13 members (plus committee) to the meeting

1 Apologies for absence Lisa Crozier, Maureen Whitehouse, Sue and Malcolm Hunter.

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM were noted, there were no matters arising from those minutes.

4. Chairman's report attached.

5. Treasurer's report attached

5.1 £185.94 cheque: Treasurer had had further discussions with Ramblers' auditor, following late presentation of a cheque

5.2 Ramblers holidays has contributed £80 in the year.

6. Footpath Officer's report:

6.1 Attended four meetings this week.

6.2 Report from Wykeham forest rejected by NYMNP because insufficient deciduous trees are being planted.

6.3 Report on self-closing bridleway gates (122pp)

6.4 Planning committee report (171pp)

6.3 South Moor Farm proposal to build an airfield and hangars. Rejected twice by NYMNP and finally a hearing, attended by FP Secretary The hearing Inspector accepted the proposal, dismissing among other items the evidence on noise .

6.4 Seggimire Lane bridleway. Stones earlier put in place to deter 4-wheel drive vehicles using the lane had been removed and a 4-wheel drive vehicle became stuck at the bottom. The new order permits motorcycles to proceed only in a downward direction only which was the original decision was appealed by Ramblers.

6.5 Volunteering proceeds on a monthly basis, clearing ROWs.

6.6 Call from a newspaper claiming 1 in 4 ROWs are obstructed. A gross exaggeration challenged by FP Sec FP Sec declined to give further information to the newspaper since same is usually significantly edited and changed.

7. Webmaster's report: attached.

8. Rambles organiser's report: attached

8.2 Week on Saturday meeting at Friends' Meeting House for existing and willing new walks leaders.

9. Election of Officers 2016 - 17

9.1 Chairman : Phil Trafford proposed and seconded

9.2 Secretary: Gary Malcolm nominated, proposed and seconded.

9.3 Treasurer: David Grimwood, proposed and seconded

9.4 Rambles organiser: Trish Mumford proposed and seconded

9.5 Footpath officer: Les Atkinson proposed and seconded

9.6 Social meals organiser, would prefer to stand down, but in the absence of any other volunteer – proposed and seconded

9.7 Committee: Margaret Atkinson, Ray Johnson & Pam Grimwood

9.8 Minutes secretary: Robert Clutson Proposed and seconded

11. Election of group representatives to attend Area Council Meetings (four per year): Gary Malcolm volunteered to attend the meetings

12. Election of auditor. Rowena Oulton

13 Proposals received. None

14. Visitor from area council Roy Hunt summarised his past year as a trustee of the Ramblers, a post he proposes to relinquish in order to concentrate on furthering the charitable aims of the ramblers.

14.1 Problem detailed is that approximately 10,000 new members join each year because of our charitable aims but the Ramblers loses about 5,500 each year of those new members therefore our aim must be to improve retention. Question is how the work on volunteering could be used to persuade new members to remain.

14.2 He noted that significant bequests are made to the Ramblers to support the charity in its aim of protecting ROWs.

15. Any other business. none

16 . Date of next AGM to be arranged