

Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Committee: Mike Stock – Chair (MS), Keith Coxon – Treasurer (KC), Julie Lloyd (JL) - Secretary, Pam Duesbury (PD), Trevor Griffiths (TG), Morag Hunter (MH), Karen Lewis (KL), Howard Lloyd (HLI), Louise Mitchell (LM), Rob Turner (RT). Also present: Maxine Barker, Kathryn Bull, Tim Carney, Joe Colls (JC), Clare Coxon, Keith Donovan, Lorraine Donovan (LD), Geoff Ellis, Sonia Ellis, Ryan Fee, Wendy Fletcher, Jan Foulds (JF), Christine Gott, Ceri Griffiths, Sue Jones (SJ), Caroline Kalsheker, Noor Kalsheker, Charlie King (CK), Anna Ledger, Peter Lewis (PL), Liz Lister, Steve Naylor (SN), Tony Norcross, Brian Palmer (BP), Ruth Palmer, Jill Pearce, Heather Pendleton, Neil Stafford, Dawn Stewart, Rachel Tyndsley.
Where	Kinoulton Village Hall
When	13.45, Sunday 19 November 2023
What	Rushcliffe Ramblers Annual General Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	AGENDA	
0.1	- Chairman's Opening Remarks - Apologies - Minutes of the AGM held 20 November 2022 - Matters Arising - Secretary's Report - Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts - Election of Committee - Appointment of an Independent Examiner - Presentation of Awards - Any Other Business	
1	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	
1.1	The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting, extending particular thanks to the cakemakers, and to the committee members for their hard work over the year.	
1.2	Rushcliffe Ramblers are hosting the next Area AGM, on 4 February 2024, for which a sub-committee had been formed, comprising MS, MH, JL and KL. They will be looking for volunteers to help on the day and for cakemakers. RT will be circulating a notice in due course.	RT
1.3	There are four places left for the Christmas dinner and four places for the musical <i>Betty Blue Eyes</i> . Anyone interested in the latter should book before Christmas.	
1.4	The Chairman reported the deaths of walkers Betty Douglas, Peter Chambers and Wendy Robertson, the latter being a Broxtowe member but used to walk with Rushcliffe.	
2	APOLOGIES	

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2.1	Apologies were received from Adrian Baldwick, Lynn Baldwick, Shirley Cooke, Martin Culshaw, Philippa Culshaw, Elizabeth Dalton, Angela Dobie (AD), Bill Jackson, Hazel Lee, Lesley Matthews, Jeremy Pratt (JP), Alan Wilson.													
3	MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 20 NOVEMBER 2022													
3.1	These were agreed as a true record (LD/SJ).													
4	MATTERS ARISING													
4.1	None.													
5	SECRETARY’S REPORT													
5.1	The Secretary’s Report is attached. She extended heartfelt thanks to everyone for their contributions over the year – walk leaders new and old, plus the walkers themselves. She added a plea for new walk leaders, for whom plenty of advice was available, from current leaders, from the Walks Co-ordinator and from the website.													
5.2	All members of the committee had agreed to continue, apart from the Treasurer, who was stepping down after seven years in the post. She underlined that MH had done an excellent job at getting to grips with new ways of working on the walks programme and that our newsletter had been highlighted by Central Office as ‘best practice’. HLI was working his way through a Ploughing and Cropping Survey, plus had set himself the task of walking all the footpaths in his area, totalling 188 to date. When this project is finished, he will be parcelling areas out to volunteers to keep a watch on them. The report was accepted (KL/HLI).													
6	TREASURER’S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS													
6.1	The Treasurer’s Report and Statement of Accounts is attached. KC extended thanks to BP for auditing them and to everyone for their assistance during his tenure. The report and accounts were accepted (MH/JC).													
6.2	MS particularly thanked KC for his role in assisting JP when they covered the post of Area Treasurer, and presented him with a gift as a token of appreciation for his work over the past seven years.													
7	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE													
7.1	The committee for 2023-2024 was elected as follows. Proposer and seconder for the new Treasurer were RT and SJ, with PL and SN proposing and seconding all other members. <table><tr><th>Position</th><th>Member</th></tr><tr><td>Chairman</td><td>Mike Stock</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Julie Lloyd</td></tr><tr><td>Minutes Secretary</td><td>Pamela Duesbury</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Karen Lewis</td></tr><tr><td>Footpaths Secretary</td><td>Howard Lloyd</td></tr></table>	Position	Member	Chairman	Mike Stock	Secretary	Julie Lloyd	Minutes Secretary	Pamela Duesbury	Treasurer	Karen Lewis	Footpaths Secretary	Howard Lloyd	
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8	APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER																
8.1	BP was appointed as independent examiner (JF/LD), for which thanks were extended.																
9	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS																
9.1	RT relayed walks, walkers and distance statistics. For the 2022-23 year a total of 78 walks had covered 608 miles, with 1,261 walkers covering 9,774 walker miles. The walks ranged from 4 to 13 miles, with the most people on a walk totalling 40. He extended his thanks to everyone, then presented awards as follows. Membership Secretary’s Special Award: Brian Palmer, for going above and beyond the call of duty to help people, deriving no identifiable benefit to himself. RT cited two examples on his own walks when BP had added to his research and subsequently taken it further in his own time. New Walker of the Year: Ryan Fee, who had achieved the magnificent total of 13 walks. New Leader of the Year: Sue Jones (runners-up Bill Jackson, Adrian Baldwick and Howard Lloyd). Leader of the Year: Karen Lewis (runners-up Alan Wilson, Jeremy Pratt, Liz Lister, Rob Turner and Angela Dobie). RT proposed a new category for the following year based on walker feedback, ie a paragraph to be submitted, describing why a walk was particularly appreciated. There was general agreement from the floor.																
11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS																
11.1	CK suggested that weather conditions could be taken more into account on the day, ie if it were very hot the walk could start earlier, if it were a very long walk there could be three breaks instead of two. Furthermore, on recces near the day, if the terrain were particularly saturated, an alternative route could be devised so that walkers had a more pleasant experience.																
11.2	PL gave a vote of thanks to the committee for their work.																
11.3	There being no further business, the meeting finished at 14.36.																