

	THE RAMBLERS RUSHCLIFFE GROUP
	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
	HELD ON-LINE STARTING AT 7.30 PM
	MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Wilson (Chairman): Kathryn Bull; Joe Colls; Clare Coxon; Keith Coxon; Philippa Culshaw; Martin Culshaw; Angela Dobie; Lorraine Donovan; Keith Donovan; Pamela Duesbury; Adriana Fallon; John Fallon; Trevor Griffiths; Jean Gutierrez; Morag Hunter; Sue Jones; Charlie King; Karen Lewis; Lesley Matthews; Ruth Palmer; Brian Palmer; Neil Stafford; Mike Stock; Rachel Tindsley; Rob Turner.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members to the on-line Annual General Meeting of the Group.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Elizabeth Dalton, Hazel Hilton, Lesley Manson and Jeremy Pratt.

3. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2019 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report is attached to these minutes.

Mike said that this year had been a year like no other and he had not anticipated writing this sort of report.

He hoped that he had set out in his report the hard work done by individual members of the Committee in their respective roles to successfully meet the challenges presented by the lockdown. He said that the response to the pandemic had been a team effort of the Committee and other members who volunteered to be walk leaders when covid-secure walks were resumed in July.

He noted that we are in the throes of another lockdown, which has again suspended our activities but he hoped that we would resume group-organised walks before too long.

He wanted to strike an optimistic note and said our membership numbers have increased slightly and had noticed that some press reports commented on an increase of interest in walking. He said that this fits neatly with our publicity leaflet, which we intend to launch in the New Year.

He concluded by saying that the pandemic has reminded us of the beneficial effects of walking, both physical and mental, the value of friendship and general social interaction.

The Secretary's report was adopted unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Statement of Accounts is attached to these minutes.

Keith said that the accounts are presented as a Receipts and Payments account split between main, covering the costs of running the Group and self-funded, covering the cost of holidays and social activities.

Due to the curtailment of activities caused by the pandemic, the Group has received a full year's income but incurred low expenditure resulting in a balance of £1,430.00 including a grant of £250.00 from Rushcliffe BC to combat social isolation which will help fund our publicity initiative.

He said that as from March 2020, all activities have been transferred to 2021. The self-funded detailed accounts set out all the details with Page 1 showing the current year and Page 2 showing the relevant activity across two financial years.

Keith thanked Brian Palmer for examining the accounts.

The Statement of Accounts and Report was adopted unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The Chairman said that all members of the current committee have indicated that they are prepared to continue their respective roles. There being no other nominations notified in writing to the Secretary, the Committee was elected unanimously and comprises:

Position	Member
Chairman	Alan Wilson
Secretary	Mike Stock
Treasurer	Keith Coxon
Footpaths Secretary	Rachel Tindsley
Programme Secretary	Lorraine Donovan
Joint Social Secretaries	Morag Hunter and Hazel Hilton
Membership Secretary	Rob Turner
Publicity/Webmaster	Trevor Griffiths
Weekends Away/ Holiday Co-ordinators	Angela Dobie and Karen Lewis

Delegate to Area Council	Alan Wilson
Committee Member	Pamela Duesbury

8. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Brian Palmer indicated that he was willing to continue as the Group's Independent Examiner. It was agreed unanimously that Brian Palmer be appointed as the Independent Examiner.

9. QUESTIONS/MOTIONS

There were no questions or motions notified in writing to the Secretary.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alan asked if attendees had anything that they would like to raise.

Sue Jones said that she joined the Group in the last year and wanted to thank everyone in Rushcliffe Ramblers for making her feel welcome. She thought that we were a well-organised and a well-run Group.

Clare Coxon said that she would like to thank Rob Turner for producing the newsletter, which she very much enjoyed. Rob thanked her for her kind words but modestly pointed out various members had contributed with puzzles, jokes and poems.

Alan thanked Rob for his peerless work during the early days of the lockdown and praised the Group effort for 'keeping the show on the road.' He said that as Chairman he took great pride and pleasure of being part of such a Group.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.57pm.

Mike Stock
Secretary