



West Berks Ramblers Annual General Meeting

**Draft Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at
7.30pm**

Location – The Bowlers Arms

Present: Fifty-two members of West Berkshire Ramblers

Apologies: Caroline Clugston, Rita Gardner, Jayne Kirk, Jane Pike, Frances Rayson

Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes

Proposed – Neil Lawrence

Seconded – Richard Trimmer

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted as correct.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report has been available for members to read on the West Berkshire Ramblers website and on the night a copy was posted on the Ramblers notice board along with Officer's reports. Eugene read the majority of the report. Within the report, but not read was the coach walks planned for next year. These are:

7th April - Stratford Upon Avon

19th May - Christchurch

30th June - Swanage

11th August - Petersfield

22nd September - St. Albans

Treasurer's Report

The accounts have been available for members to scrutinise on the West Berkshire Ramblers website prior to the AGM. On the night they were posted on the Ramblers notice board.

Approval of the Accounts

Proposed – Dawn Tait

Seconded – Robin Clugston

The accounts were accepted.

Thanks were given to Jane Pike for being the Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Other Offices

Reports from the Secretary, Walks Coordinator, Membership Secretary, Footpath Secretary, Publicity Officer, Walking Environment, and Working Party and have all been available to be read on the West Berkshire Ramblers website prior to the

AGM. On the night copies were posted on the Ramblers notice board along with a report from the Events Coordinator.

There were no questions from the members with regard to any of the reports.

Election of Committee Members and Officers

As there were no volunteers with regard to taking on an Officer's position Eugene proposed the re-election of the present committee in a block. The only change was Sue Trimmer stepping down as Walks Coordinator and the present Assistant Walks Coordinator, Siân Williams, taking over the role. Eugene gave thanks to Sue for the work she has contributed since taking over the position. Not mentioned at the AGM was the fact that Sue will remain as Assistant Walks Coordinator for the coming year, but not a committee member.

Chairman: Eugene Futch

Treasurer: Jayne Kirk

Group Secretary: Gill Lawrence

Membership Secretary: Robin Clugston/John Gardner

Footpath Secretary: Neal Pike

Walks Coordinator: Siân Williams

Publicity Officer: Richard Trimmer

Events Coordinator: Shona Kelly

Walking Environment Officer: Graham Smith

Webmaster: Steve Collins

Proposed – Richard Moore

Seconded – Sue Pepper

Eugene mentioned as part of his report that he has been Chairman for three years will definitely be stepping down at the 2024 AGM at the end of his fourth year.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner for Group Accounts

Jane Pike has once again kindly volunteered for this role

Proposed – Eugene Futch

Seconded – Richard Trimmer

Any Other Business

There were no questions raised.

Meeting Ended - 7.43pm

The meeting was followed by an interesting and enjoyable presentation on 'Jack of Newbury' by Dr David Peacock.