

**Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Wakefield & District Ramblers Group
held at 2.30pm on Saturday 18th January 2025 at Walton Village Hall, Walton. WF2 7PA**

- 1) **Attendees:** Horace Price, Mike O'Donnell, Pat Cartwright, Pauline Rylance, Adele Clark, Robert Fowell, Gill Paver, Theresa Gallagher, Carol Parr, Joyce Lowery and Derek Lowery.
- 2) **Apologies:** Tom Wakefield, Carole Jones and Jerry Rawlings.
- 3) In the absence of Carole Jones the meeting was chaired by Horace Price.
- 4) **Minutes of the last AGM:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th January 2024 were made available to the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 5) **Matters arising:** None
- 6) **Chairs Report.** The Chair's report was accepted by the meeting.
- 7) **Treasurers Report.** The Treasurer's report was accepted by the meeting. As a follow on to the last AGM it has since been decided that we will no longer produce a walks leaflet as we used to due to both the cost and the fact that we used to distribute the leaflets to libraries, tourist information booths etc but never seemed to pick up any members from this. We now just produce a paper leaflet to hand out on the walks. The meeting thanked Glen Scholey, our auditor, who provides his services voluntarily. It was agreed to buy Glen a small gift as a mark of our appreciation for what he does.
Adele asked a question re the contribution from the Ramblers Holidays. If anyone books a holiday through one of the Ramblers associated companies their group gets credited with £10.00.
- 8) **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report was accepted by the meeting. As regards uploading the AGM minutes to the group webpage as discussed at last years AGM the group webpages are still not up and running.
- 9) **Walk Coordinators Report.** In the absence of Tom this was read by Derek Lowery. The report was accepted by the meeting. There was a brief discussion on how often we should update our walks program. At the moment we update every 6 months mainly to tie in with the area walks program. Area, however, is no longer producing a printed walks program, it is web based only, so that gives us the flexibility to alter our timescales.
- 10) **Election of Committee Officers for the period until the next AGM:** All committee members (details below) were proposed, seconded and elected unanimously, followed by a similar procedure for the election of officers. We also elected two more group members to the committee and they have both taken up roles within the committee.
The members of the committee are now:

Chair	Carole Jones
Secretary	Derek Lowery
Treasurer	Michael O'Donnell
Walks co-ordinator	Tom Wakefield
Walks editor	Pauline Rylance

Footpaths officer Robert Fowell
Social Media Secretary Adele Clark
Members Pat Cartwright, Horace Price.
DL to notify Area of new committee details.

11) **AOB:**

- a) Discussed the meeting on the 11th January where the future of the West Riding Area was discussed. Lower Wharfedale group proposed a motion which was passed and which will go forward to the Area AGM on 25th January. Please see details of the motion attached with the minutes.
- b) The proposed solar farm at Sitlington which was rejected by Wakefield MDC has gone to a planning enquiry.
- c) The proposal by the owners to continue tipping at the Welbeck waste site, opposed by Wakefield MDC, has gone to a planning enquiry which ended last November. A decision is expected early this year (2025).
- d) The government has indicated that the deadline of 2031 to register lost paths will be scrapped and no further deadline imposed.

12) **Date & Time of next committee meeting:** Monday 7th April 2025, 10.30am at Café Create

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

Signed:

Committee Chair.