

Get Your Boots On

Committee Meeting 5 of 5 - AGM



Date: 22/11/2025

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Bishop Wilton Village Hall

Attendance: Nikki Beckett, Stephen Down, Richard Andersen, Rosie Dyball, Becky Andrew, Laura Harrison, Daniel Craven, Kate Richards, Kieran Dunford, Quentin Watson, Martin Gall, Elizabeth Hugill, Tom Stanley, Charlie Rounce, Amy Newlove, Ellen Norman, Waldo Walker, Matt Newsome, Sean Sedman, Andrew Prior, Karen Travis, Adam Watkins, Charlotte Spur, Richard Hawkins, Steve Smith, Giulia Gallio, Neil Allen, Matthew Jones, Louise Watson

Apologies: Naomi Voet, Katie Wheeler

Topics discussed:

1. Reports from current committee
2. Weekends Away
3. Map Reading Training and encouraging new walk leaders
4. Pace of walks and walk etiquette
5. Election of new committee

Minutes:

Reports from current committee

Annual reports were shared by the Chair, shared by Stephen Down on Naomi Voet's behalf; Walks Secretary; Publicity; Treasurer; Membership Secretary and Social Secretary. Please see full reports on file.

Weekends Away

There have been three excellent weekends away this year led by Karen Travis, Martin Gall and Lizzie Hugill. Rosie Dyball has organised the Easter weekend for next year.

Map reading training and encouraging new walk leaders

Map reading training to be organised again next year, and new committee to consider making this a yearly event/yearly refresher.

We asked for feedback on ways to encourage new walk leaders. A checklist for leading your first walk on the website was suggested.

The Ramblers App also has a walk database that may be helpful for all walk leaders.

Pace of walks and walk etiquette

A query was raised about whether it was in the group's ethos to run a faster-paced walk for those who would prefer this. We discussed anyone is welcome to lead a faster-paced walk provided this is made clear on the walk description, including the pace expected.

We discussed walk etiquette, including making sure you let the walk leader know if you join or leave a walk partway round, step aside to let other walkers coming the other way or who are faster pass the group so they do not have to wait too long, and remain single file when walking through crop fields.

Election of new committee members

The new committee was elected:

Rosie Dyball - Chair - nominated by Karen, seconded by Martin

Neil Allen - Treasurer - nominated by Amy, seconded by Adam

Amy Newlove - Secretary - nominated by Ellen, seconded by Giulia

Matthew Newsome and Richard Anderson - joint Walks Secretaries - nominated by Lizzie, seconded by Ellen

Giulia Gallio and Louise Watson - joint Membership Secretaries - nominated by Nikki, seconded by Karen

Rebecca Andrews - Social Secretary - nominated by Charlie, seconded by Rosie

Adam Watkins - Webmaster - nominated by Lizzie, seconded by Martin

Daniel Craven, Ellen Norman, Steve Smith, Matthew Jones and Laura Harrison - General Members - nominated by Rosie, seconded by Adam.

There were no volunteers for the position of Publicity Officer - this responsibility to be shared between the committee for now, and to approach possible other volunteers who were not able to be at the AGM.

There were no contested committee positions.

Welcome to the new committee and thank you to the outgoing committee! 😊

Action needed:

Louise to add new committee members to WhatsApp group