

Notes for Committee Meeting Wed 29 April 2020

(not strictly speaking minutes as these points were discussed over a number of days by email and telephone)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

It was agreed the minutes of the last meeting could be signed off.

2. Matters arising. Actions taken.

There were no matters arising. Actions points had all been addressed or were dealt with as an agenda item.

3. Update on events planned before the lockdown:

a. SWCP and Lundy

The Shore Office is holding a £40 deposit until we can re-book. TS checked on the puffins' plans for the future and they say any time before August is good for them. Worst case scenario...we hold off until April 2021.

ACTION POINT: TS to monitor.

b. Mini break in Pembrokeshire

Parkdean have offered full refunds though to date none received. The re-scheduling of this much anticipated break is tied in with the Lake District, see below.

c. Lake District

EE shared his thinking that it is unlikely we will be able to continue with the plan to go to the Lake District in September 2020. We have until the end of June to cancel without penalty. If it transpires that we cannot go this year as planned, EE will ask Grey Cars if we can defer until May 2021.

If later in the summer restrictions are lifted it is possible that the mini break could offer members a get away!

ACTION POINT: EE to monitor and liaise with BW, NW and Grey Cars

d. Social Activities

The social committee updated all on the status of the various events: the Rockfish supper (for 17/4/20), the mindfulness session (for 23/9/20), and the Walk and Plymouth Gin Experience (13/10/20) have all been cancelled, however the fish

supper and the Plymouth walk are events that can be put on at short notice if lockdown restrictions allow and there is an appetite for them.

The ceilidh scheduled for July has been rearranged for Friday 22 October 2021

Paddy was thanked for the Saving Castle Drogo event which was well supported and very successful.

The Christmas lunch at Dainton Golf Club (11/12/20) is going ahead....we hope!

4. Walks Programme for summer 2020

NW has a walks programme in the computer starting the beginning of July rearing to go and she says she is 'ready to print a programme at a moment's notice'.

5. Survey

BW has drafted a survey and it was suggested we could get this posted onto the website, flagging it on Facebook so that members could complete.

ACTION POINT: BW to finalise and publicise.

6. Website: review of its performance

JF wanted feedback on what has worked and not worked.

EE felt Flickr was not as easy to use as hoped and that many tended to post on Facebook which is very straightforward.

7. Holiday 2021

The Working Party have come up with 2 providers and outline plans for a proposed trip to Austria. If the Lake District trip is postponed until May 2021, the next overseas trip would likely be in 2022 with possibly a minibreak to be offered for autumn 2021

8. Members' well-being. Consequences of this period of inactivity.

Little did we realise when we listed this as one of our objectives for the coming year that supporting one another would be of such importance. Alongside a lively Facebook activity, there are quizzes, a photo competition, many jokes and photos of daily walks. Many members of the committee have phoned friends and fellow Ramblers to check on their well-being.

Some sort of walk to ease us back into the regular program was discussed though as yet nothing has been arranged. One thought was that the AGM in November may well take a different format as there will be much less to report.

9. AOB

A report from BW, Footpath and JMHT Officer listed the ongoing work he both oversees and pursues. Notably:

- the new road signs for the JMHT diversion have been installed and he and EE inspected them.
- JMHT repairs (Metposts) have been done at Padacre Rd and Churston
- The spring monitoring must be postponed due to Covid19
- BW attended a semi annual footpath officers' meeting in March
- BW is looking at Public Right of Way (PROW) issue at Stantor Farm
- BW rected two drainage issues near Coleton Camp and path to Scabbacombe and intends to contact the National Trust ranger.

Reports from the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary were also considered.

10. Date and format of next meeting

Two dates in July: Wed 15 and Wed 29 – thus avoiding the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (SWCP) - were considered as possible dates and as everybody's diary is unencumbered these days, either is possible. However, nothing has been booked until we have greater clarity about the lockdown lifting and it was also felt that an informal meeting, possibly at the Atrium, could be a way forward if it was felt helpful.

ACTION POINT: TS to advise once agreed with EE

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