

RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

Mid Lancashire Area

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Broughton and District Club on Saturday 26th January 2019 at 1:45 pm.

PRESENT Brian Dearnaley (Chairman)
 Eric Crichton (Vice Chairman)
 David Kelly (Secretary)
 Carole Chandler (Treasurer)
 plus 29 members were present and Teri Moore (Board of Trustees).

APOLOGIES Apologies were received from 5 members.

1. Brian Dearnaley welcomed all those present to the meeting and thanked those who had been involved with the catering.

2. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 27th Jan 2018 had been made available to all present. It was proposed by Bryan Rawlinson and seconded by Joe Howard that the Minutes be accepted. The minutes were then approved.

3. **Matters arising**

Updates on two subjects were included on the Agenda. No further matters were raised.

4. **Annual Report & Statement of Accounts**

Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th Sep 2018 were available at the meeting and also on the web site.

It was proposed by Marie Howard and seconded by Joan Smith that the Annual Report be accepted.

These were accepted by the members present.

Carole Chandler spoke about the accounts which appeared to be healthy.

It was proposed by Bryan Rawlinson and seconded by Barry Rutledge that the Statement of Accounts be accepted.

These were accepted by the members present.

5. **Election of Honorary Officers**

The meeting accepted that a new post of Walks Co-ordinator should be created and that Eric Crichton is to be nominated to fill this post.

The following Officers were elected / re-elected -

President	No nominations made
Chairman	Brian Dearnaley
Vice Presidents	Roger Brickell
Vice Chairman	Eric Crichton
Secretary	David Kelly

Footpaths
Publicity

Joe Howard
Kevin Matthews

It was proposed that the post holders should be elected on-block, which was accepted by the meeting

The above was proposed by Eileen Entwistle and seconded by Eileen Dearnaley, and was agreed by the meeting.

6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Alison Hunt had audited the accounts this year. It was accepted by the meeting that Alison should continue to audit the accounts.

7. Consideration of Motions given in writing

None

8. Motion for Submission to General Council (National AGM)

None

9. Address by Teri Moore (Board of Trustees)

Teri talked about the national situation with regard to the RA mentioning a few issues including the Agricultural Bill with regard to public access and the Do Not Lose Your Way campaign to get historical Rights of Way recorded before 2026. An article is to appear in the Sunday Telegraph soon about this.

Teri also spoke about the need to improve the Central Office web site and that county council budgets have been considerably reduced which is affecting Rights of Way.

Bob Singleton asked about progress with providing Coastal Access and was the 2020 target date likely to slip. Teri stated she would speak with Central Office staff about this and would feed comments back via David Kelly.

10. Any Other Business

Jeanette Carr asked about what is the policy regarding dogs on walks. Brian Dearnaley stated it was up to each group to decide its own policy on this issue. Preston Group has a policy of no dogs on walks other than assistance dogs. If a walk leader is uncomfortable with dogs then no dogs are allowed on the walk concerned.

Brian Dearnaley stated that he and David Kelly would be representing the Area at General Council which this year is being held in Manchester on the 13th and 14th April. If anybody would like to attend General Council this year as an observer this year then would they contact him.

11. The AGM was then closed at 2:15pm.

This was followed by a talk by Mick Starkey from Ramblers Holidays. Brian Dearnaley thanked Mick for giving the post AGM talk.