

West Somerset and Exmoor Bridleways Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting July 13th 2016 **White Horse Exford**

Apologies : Julia Holtom and Sandy Scott

Present : Alison Kent, Jaye Jones, Val Roberts, Barbara Wigley, Micaela Beckett and Shelagh Dean

Minutes of meeting held 7 April 2016 - Agreed and signed

Matters Arising - Items covered in Agenda.

Finance: 44 paid up members. Balance in the bank - £787.69. No payments pending or outstanding.

Rights of Ways Updates

Wydon Farm Diversion - Possibility of enquiry as there have been objections

Kendle Farm - Landowner has proposed slightly different route for diversion out of farm yard.

Worth Wood (near Tarr Steps) - New diversion work completed - to be opened soon when surface has settled

Horsen Farm - Informal consultation pending.

Two Moors Way - Surface improvements on RB near Long Chains Combe.

Pickedstones on 2MW - major works consultation currently under way for new surface and drainage.

Porlock Parish Council are collecting evidence to claim Greencombe Lane as a public bridleway.

Higher Access for Horses / cyclists on ENPA owned land. Alison Kent (through the Exmoor Local Access Forum) is in consultation with Exmoor National Park re possibility of increasing access for horses and cyclists on suitable ENPA land. Not likely to be the same access as for walkers but there are some possibilities

Somerset County Council. Brief discussion re lack of funding with regard to their staff shortage and very limited funds for Rows maintenance.

BHS - update - have been some staff changes but nothing to affect Access Department. BHS have recently run a high profile Road Safety campaign.

Ride Reports

April Ride - cancelled

May Ride from Haddon Hill - started with 7 riders but lameness and transport problems there were only two riders but we enjoyed a good ride.

June Ride - Well attended with 8 riders and a successful and enjoyable ride

August - Cancelled at the moment

September Ride - This may be separate ride as planned or possibility for combining with a Treasure Hunt ride as a more organised event with more riders and possibility of more members. **ACTION - Jaye and Julia** - research for suitable ride area with available venue.

Summer barbecue - need suitable venue in case of wet weather, to be on agenda for next year

AGM - Proposed short talk by Jaye and Julia on their riding holiday in Wales last month - with some photos. Followed by update from Exmoor National Park by a bridleway officer to update generally on new procedures - reporting faults etc.

ACTION - Alison Kent - to arrange for speaker and venue (Exmoor House?)

Dates: week starting 1st Oct to 4th Nov.

**Next Meeting: Wed 7th September at the Rest and Be
Thankful - Wheddon Cross**