

West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways Association

Minutes of the meeting held 31 August 2017

Present: Julia Holtom, Alison Kent, Val Roberts, Barbara Wigley

Apologises: Jaye Jones, Sandy Schott

Minutes from the meeting held on 29 June 2017 were approved.

Matters Arising - dealt with under other Agenda items

Finances & Membership - update from Treasurer.

Current Bank balance = £1042.19p 33 members.

Rights of Way

ENPA ROW & Access Annual report can be viewed on their web site. More bridleways have had improved work carried out than on footpaths. JH mentioned Gratton Cottage at Parracombe.

BHS

AK encouraged members to attend SW Access conference being organised by the BHS on Sunday 1st October at Ruishton.

“Taking Wales Forward” is set of proposals out for consultation to establish whether significant changes in Welsh Law would improve recreational facilities in Wales. Examples :- allowing horses & cyclists on suitable footpaths. Dropping the 2026 deadline for historical additions to the Definitive Map.

Rides & Events

BW had 4 riders (1 new member) but 4 others had pulled out.

SD had 6 riders. SS had 3 riders. Is it really worth doing another year?

Treasure Hunt had to be abandoned due to lack of helpers on the ground.

Christmas Cracker ride suggested but not a good time of year around Haddon Hill because of the big Shoots in the area.

A “Spring Scamper” was suggested which might be run jointly with EGB Wessex. **ACTION AK.12** -15 miles pleasure ride in one or two loops. £5 membership fee for non members of WS&EBA. To cover insurance. Rosettes required. Venue possibly Treborough Common **ACTION BW**

AGM - Thursday 9 November 2017 at Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross.

Anja Walker MRCVS is to give a talk on a wide range of veterinary matters. SD to be asked if she will again do the necessary catering. **ACTION AK / SD + BW = adverts etc.**

AOB- AK mentioned that opportunity in agricultural Brexit agreements that landowners should be held responsible for upkeep and maintenance of ROWS on their land. Silent Electric cars are a real hazard for horses as do not hear them coming up behind. **Next Meeting = AGM**

