

Minutes of The Dales Way Association meeting held on 13th August, 2006 at 1.30pm at Linton Village Hall

Present: Colin Speakman, Chris Musson, Alex McManus, Michael Buckley, Douglas Cossar, Ken Staines, Margaret Staines and Pauline Robertshaw.

Apologies: David Smith and Bill Griffiths.

Margaret read an e-mail received from David, who was sorry to miss the meeting.

He stated he does not want to take on any new initiatives and would like to limit his involvement. The meeting agreed we would make an effort to lighten David's load. Any other points in David's e-mail are covered below.

Minutes of last meeting ? AGM 7th May, 2006: These were taken as a true record.

Matters arising: Dales Way Seat at Ilkley ? Cllr. Kate Brown was very enthusiastic to have a Dales Way Seat in Ilkley and requested she looked at the plans and design of the Bowness seat. Ken contacted Frank who said he would post the plans to him but to date these had not been received. Kate Brown said there had been problems with the positioning of the Board on Ilkley Bridge from English Heritage but this had now been resolved. The new seat would be positioned on a triangle of grass near the bridge. Colin commented that the Board was fading as it faces South. Maybe it would be possible to reposition it when the new seat was erected.

Correspondence: None.

Officers' Reports: Sales ? David had reported the question of Sales needs to be addressed. At the moment sales of certificates, badges, handbooks and guide books are doing well. Sales of other items, sweat shirts etc., are very low. Mark Wilson was not present at the meeting so we could not get any comments on his side of the Sales. We need to consider whether or not to continue selling these items. Footpath ? Alex read his very detailed report and said he would send a copy to all committee members. Pauline commented some of her guests had trouble finding their way through Bolton Abbey area.

Alex would contact them. Membership ? David had reported there was little change. Finance ? David had reported the finances were satisfactory.

Web Secretary ? Visits to our website were favourable, Chris handed out a sheet showing statistics. At the last meeting Chris had asked for photos for a new Website ?Let's stay Yorkshire Dales?. As he did not receive any photos he scanned in a copy of our postcard. This has reproduced really well. Chris would still like to receive photos. Chris brought up the subject of re-designing our Website souvenir order form but no decision could be reached until the problem with the Sales was rectified. Our Website provider has not re-produced the format we asked for, the one they have produced on the Website is most unsuitable.

Dalesway User Survey: Seven people in all helped Douglas with the survey on 25th June-1st July. 7 days from 9.00am to 6.00pm at Hubberholme Church.

Numbers of walkers were down on last years survey. The reason could be

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the fact the World Cup was taking place. Douglas was worried about the timing of the September Survey at Bowness. It was decided to cut it down to 3 days rather than a full week. The Association would have to fund the survey this time. The funding came from the YDNP for the survey in June. The dates decided on are 28th, 29th and 30th September.

Any other business: Handbook 2007 ? Douglas has been producing the Handbook since 1979 and would now like some help. Bill Griffiths had offered his services. David had requested the Handbook be produced earlier as he has requests for them very early every year. Margaret would send out a letter to all B&B's stating a deadline of December 1st for amendments.

Meeting venue ? It was agreed Linton Village Hall was not a convenient meeting place. Colin said he would let Margaret have a contact name for Addingham Memorial Hall. As soon as a date for the next meeting is fixed Margaret will circulate to all members.

REMINDER ? YDNP MEETING AT GRASSINGTON TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2006 AT 10.00 AM. ✓

Please let Alex know if you are going.

Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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