



MENDIP BRIDLEWAYS & BYWAYS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

2 November 2009

1. GENERAL

- (1) The Mendip Bridleways & Byways Association's Annual General Meeting for 2009 took place at The Old Mendip Inn, Gurney Slade on Monday 2 November 2009. The MBBA committee members in attendance were:

Ms Cherry Lawson	Chairman
Ms Lesley Bumford	
Ms Sarah Osborne	
Ms Yvonne Sommer	Treasurer
Ms Ginnie Jones	Secretary
Ms Harriet Ray	
Mrs Angie Thyer	

2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

- (1) The MBBA Chairman began the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed those attending. She gave the safety brief for the meeting and explained the contents of the MBBA handout pack. She also announced that the guest speaker, local farrier John Ford, would be giving a talk on farriery once the AGM had concluded.

3. ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES RECEIVED

- (1) Apologies for being unable to attend the AGM were received from the following MBBA committee members:

Ms Jane Padfield	
Ms Marilyn Wood	Membership

4. ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF THE 2008 AGM

- (1) The minutes of the previous AGM had been published on the MBBA's website and were also included in the handout pack.
- (2) There were four matters arising from the 2008 AGM minutes.
- The Chairman thanked the MBBA members for sending postcards in support of the BHS Coastal Access campaign.
 - The MBBA has written to the MoD regarding concerns about low flying aircraft. In an article in *Horse & Hound* it was reported that the MoD views low flying exercises as necessary practice for personnel being deployed to Afghanistan; however, if the MoD are advised of any equestrian events taking place they will endeavour to avoid the area. Members were reminded to report any aircraft that they considered to be flying too low.



- (c) Still waiting for road planings for Durston Drove.
 - (d) Honeycliffe has been improved.
- (3) As no other comments were received, the Chairman asked for the minutes to be adopted as a true record and this was proposed by Jane Williams and seconded by Ruth Cameron-Baillie. All those present were in favour.

5. ITEM 3 – MBBA CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- (1) The Chairman noted that 2009 had been a positive year as two projects had been completed: Kennel Lane and Hunters Lodge UCR. She thanked Sheila Petherbridge from Mendip District Council for her help with Kennel Lane.
- (2) It is hoped that Watery Lane will be completed next year.
- (3) During 2009, MBBA raised over £10000. This figure will be boosted when monies from the Glastonbury Ride and the Glastonbury Festival stewarding scheme are received. The Chairman asked for suggestions for bridleways that need improvement.
- (4) The Chairman drew attention to the provisional programme of events for 2010.
- (5) The Chairman thanked those present for supporting the MBBA.
- (6) For reference, the Chairman’s report is included with these minutes.

6. ITEM 4 – MBBA TREASURER’S REPORT

- (1) Copies of the annual accounts were available in the member handouts.
- (2) The Treasurer gave her report. The main points of which were:
 - (a) Gross receipts increased.
 - (b) Good year for fund raising as all the rides were well attended.
 - (c) Membership fees were affected by problems with the Portman Building Society. Approx. 30 members were asked to complete new standing order mandates – only a third responded.
 - (d) The total balance now held is £5067 and the Treasurer concluded that the association is in a healthy position, with funds available for future works.
 - (e) There were no questions arising from the accounts and their acceptance was proposed by Hiliary Standen and seconded by Michele Reed. All those present were in favour.
- (3) For reference, the annual accounts and Treasurer’s report (hand written) are included with these minutes.

7. ITEM 5 – MBBA MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT

- (1) Notes from the Membership Secretary, Marylin Wood, were read out by the MBBA Secretary, Ginnie Jones.
- (2) 100 new members have joined this year.
- (3) To help increase membership, members were asked to give MBBA membership application forms to new riders that move into the region.
- (4) The Membership Secretary reminded those members with standing orders with the Portman to respond to letters requesting them to set up new standing orders. She thanked those members who have renewed their membership, and if they have not done so already, to consider payment via standing order.



8. ITEM 6 – ELECTION OF MBBA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- (1) In accordance with the Constitution, three members of the committee stood down.
- (2) Jane Padfield has resigned from the committee. Jane's enthusiasm will be missed; however, when her family commitments allow, Jane hopes to return to the committee.
- (3) Sarah Osborne and Lesley Bumford also stood down and offered themselves for re-election.
 - (a) Sarah was proposed by Jane Cox and seconded by Irene Minty.
 - (b) Lesley was proposed by Michele Reed and seconded by Hazel Comley.
- (4) A nomination for Michele Reed to join the committee has been received in advance of the meeting.
 - (a) Michele was proposed by Ruth Cameron-Baillie and seconded by Irene Minty.
- (5) All those present were in favour of the three elections.

9. ITEM 7 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) The Chairman asked members to put forward their ideas for speakers who could be invited to future meetings. Members were also reminded to notify the MBBA of any bridleways that need improvement work.
- (2) There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:30pm. She said that there would be a short refreshment break, followed by a talk on farriery from John Ford, a well-known and respected local farrier.