

# The Watercress Way

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

7:30pm on Thursday 15 June 2023

At Wonston Bridge, Sutton Scotney



This meeting reports on the period from June 2022 until June 2023.

The 9 Trustees are the only members of The Watercress Way. Members of the public are invited as observers.

**Attending:** Jackie Porter, Mike Collis, Chris Brunskill, , Brigid Taylor, Julie Fullstone

**Apologies:** Clive Cook (Trustee), Stephen Jeffery (Trustee), Emma Banks (Trustee), Tony Langridge (Trustee), Jim Thompson

**Guest:** Graham Lambert (Railway Ramblers)

**1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 16 June 2022:** Agreed

**Matters arising:** None

**2. Meet the Trustees:** Jackie introduced Julie Fullstone (Treasurer), Mike Collis (Secretary) and Chris Brunskill and Brigid Taylor

**3. Report from Chairman:**

- **Annual report: Progress so far and plans for 2023 – 24:** Jackie presented her annual report which will be posted on the website and to the Charity Commission.

She highlighted:

- ◆ The effects of the Covid 19 pandemic have lessened so we have got back to more usual levels of activity.
- ◆ The replacement of damaged waymarkers and leaflet boxes.
- ◆ The finalisation of the Right of Way on the old railway line in Top Field, Kings Worthy. The map of the route will be changed to reflect this.
- ◆ Dawn to Dusk Day on 23 April 2023 was very successful and we ran 3 walks including a Dawn Chorus Walk.
- ◆ The fencing at Wonston Bridge has been installed following a successful crowd funder and donations from Wonston Parish Council.
- ◆ Installation of a magpost and bench at Worthy Down Halt plus 3 further benches in Itchen Abbas and Alresford.
- ◆ Our successful collaboration with Watercress and Winterbourne to run a series of walks and to train volunteers.

**4. Report from Treasurer:**

- **Accounts to year end April 2023:** These have been agreed by the Trustees following auditing by David Mead.
- **Current funds:**£13127.36

5. **Public Question Time:** Graham Lambert of Railway Ramblers was very appreciative of how their donation of £500 towards the Wonston Bridge fence had been used. He commended the trustees for their excellent progress over the last 7 years and asked to be kept informed of our plans. He promised the support of the Railway Ramblers where they can help.
6. **Date of next meeting:** Mid-June 2024

**Mike Collis**

**Secretary, The Watercress Way**

**16 June 2023**