



**Swindon &
North East Wilts**

Minutes of Committee Meeting: 13 October 2025 via Zoom

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
Present Apologies	Tom Allen, Peter Gallagher, Tracy Ockley (Chair), Gareth Reynolds, David Trease. Dawn Burt, Keith Grimes.	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June were approved.	
Matters Arising	Dawn had given notice of her intention to stand down at the AGM. The committee noted this with regret but completely understood the reasons. We would therefore need to find a new Publicity Officer. Tracy offered to take over responsibility for the Facebook page.	Tracy
Chair's Report	Tracy reported that she had received 100 walk books from Grahame – 20 of each of the 5 books – and explained how she was seeking to sell them.	Tracy
Treasurer's Report	The annual report and accounts had been circulated. Thanks to Grahame Lee, walk book sales had improved compared with the previous year. Prudent cost control had resulted in income covering our costs for the year. The accounts had been approved by the Independent Examiner.	
FWEO Report	Report had been circulated. Peter commented on PINS' poor handling of the diversion order at Park Farm Ramsbury, the success of the creation order at The Buildings Highworth and the lost opportunity to divert footpath BL4 at Kingsdown away from the "at grade" crossing of the A419. Tracy asked about the change of use of the hangar on Wroughton airfield; Peter explained that we are not notified of the outcome of applications we have commented on but he checked decisions periodically.	
Footpath Working Party Report	Report and spreadsheet for the year had been circulated. Tom also reported on further work that his team had been asked to do.	
Membership Report	David's report had been circulated. Our net loss of 1 member over the year was considerably better than some other groups. He highlighted the continued increase in numbers in the Area group; Area Committee was seeking to have this group closed down as it gave no benefit to the members.	

Programme Report	Report had been circulated with a note about the reasons for the new walk leader training requirements. David reported that two leaders had decided not to continue because they objected to having to take the training course. The need for more leaders was discussed; David thought they were more likely to come from new members after they had walked with the group for a while.	
AGM Arrangements	It was agreed that the notice of meeting and reports pack needed to be issued by 26 October; Peter would get the pack to David by that date. It was believed that Grahame was willing to organise the refreshments; Tom would check with him. Peter would contact the guest speaker before the meeting to check the arrangements. He understood that she was supplying everything needed for her presentation apart from the screen, which David would provide. She was not seeking any financial contribution to her organisation providing she could bring honey to sell, to which Peter had agreed.	Peter Tom Peter David
Any Other Business	None.	
Date of Next Meeting	12 January 2026.	