

Harrison's Rocks Management Group

Minutes of Meeting on 15th January 2018

Present: Tim Skinner (Chair), Rik Payne, Emma Harrington, Daimon Beale, Adrian Paisey, Bob Moulton

Bolt testing at Harrison's and Stone Farm due 2019

Cement Survey at Harrison's due 2018

Apologies: Sarah Cullen, Rob Dyer, Mark Brewster (stuck in traffic)

- 1 Minutes of meetings on 8th October and 13th December 2017 were accepted for accuracy.
- 2 **Matters Arising from 8/10/17 not Covered below**
 - a) item 4c. AP had passed on on some of the new bolts to Loz for trying at Bowles
 - b) item 4d. Woodland Management. It was not known whether the strimming had been done at the northern end of the Rocks - SC to be asked. There was some discussion about the desirability of trying to control Himalayan Balsam - it was agreed that this was necessary, though it was noted that it could be encouraged by the brashing. It was noted that there was now Himalayan Balsam below Long Layback at the lower path level. Also that some Rhodies were growing.
 - c) item 4?. The Code of Practice posters had now been put up. A question was raised as to whether RD had written to the local instructors as previously requested (but not minuted!) SC to check with RD.
- 3 **Code of Practice Crag Specifics**

BM's paper was discussed. It was agreed that the Crag Specific wording should agree with the BMC's RAD, but that the RAD needed updating in certain areas and that the treatment of the Sandstone crags should be consistent. It was noted that the RAD served a wider purpose than the Code of Practice, whose prime aim was protection of the rock, and it was assumed that it would be easy to update the RAD. BM to discuss with RD as to how these should be done and who would do it, including as to what could be said, if anything as regards access to the Isolated Buttress before the bridge was built: BM thought it would be something on the lines of 'access to and from must be by soloing'. Action BM.

Action

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BM

4 **Workdays**

BM's paper was discussed. He explained that as yet he had not received a sample Risk Assessment from the BMC. RP thought that we might need as many as six Risk Assessments to cover our activities! The question of what sort of First Aid qualification was raised. The importance of briefing all these attending was agreed, including the need to brief those who turned up late. This in turn led to discussion about the role of the Event/Activity Coordinators, and how they could be found when people were working in different areas - it was agreed that they should be on site all the time. DB thought that they should be non-workers, whereas BM wanted to maintain the spirit of everyone working together that had worked very well for many years. Whether non-BMC members would be covered by BMC insurance was discussed at some length. DB raised the question of whether the concept of the SVG had outlived its usefulness and whether it would be better just to call the workdays BMC workdays, but others disagreed with this. It was noted that there were workdays at crags other than Harrison's and Stone Farm, which were outside the remit of HRMG. In fact the next workday was likely to be at High, and BM would discuss what was necessary to make this comply with the BMC requirements with Graham Adcock and RD - also to put on the agenda for the next open meeting. Action BM to follow up on all these points. (after the meeting RD had provided the BMC Risk Assessment used at Crag Lough, and had also confirmed that non-BMC members were covered by BMC insurance).

BM

5 **Harrison's Work Reports**

a) Nothing to report on cement and resin work

b) **anchors:** The back bolt above Wailing Wall was a priority for replacement. Whether or not this would involve replacing the front bolt as well was a decision that would be made on the day. Action: the bolt team.

TS,
AP,
DB,
EH

c) **The Isolated Buttress Bridge:** nothing was known of progress. It was agreed that a project team was needed, with SC and RD taking the lead. DB report that Rockfax had agreed to make a significant donation to the cost, which was welcomed by the group.

**SC/
RD**

6 **Health and Safety**

No accidents to report

7 **Financial Report, HRMG Budget**

Nothing to report, not that anyone could really understand Alan Brown's report, which was now further complicated by 'legacy for Crookrise etc' and 'Stripe - re Horseshoe Heroes' that was now included in the Land and Property Trust accounts. BM said that as a

Trustee he knew that there were to be discussions re the future use of the trust, although he was not aware of there having been a Trust AGM in 2017! Action BM

BM

8 Stone Farm

BM reported on the outstanding tree work that Malcolm McPherson was planning at Stone Farm: the English Nature Consent had expired on 31/3/15. BM had emailed the EN officer who had given the consent about the work and was awaiting a reply. Though not a full SVG workday, we would want the work to be covered by BMC insurance; BM would contact MMcP to establish what Graham Enright's chain saw certificate covered, and if necessary we should pay for the chain saw work to be done by a professional.

9 Any Other Business

It was agreed that we should set up a Dropbox for common documentation. DB agreed to set this up.

DB

10 Date of Next Meeting

SC to set the dates and make the bookings for the next meeting and also the open meeting in May, usually between the two bank holidays.

SC

BM- 22/1/18