

**MINUTES OF THE CNCC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 06 OCTOBER 2006
AT HELLIFIELD VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

The Meeting commenced at 20.00.

PRESENT: Glenn Jones (LUG), Les Sykes (YSS), Bernard Bond (BCC), Geoff Barber (PP), Roy Holmes (DHSS/CRO), Ric Halliwell (CPC), Pat Halliwell (CPC), Malcolm Hughes (BPC), F. Hartley (NK), A. Speight (YSS).

1. APOLOGIES: Jim Sloane (LUG), Andy Whitney (RRCPC). Janet Graham (ACC)

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes accepted and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES:

Omission from attendance list, M. Hughes.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Geoff, explained the new set up of conservation within the England, with the consolidation of the three conservation bodies into Natural England. Geoff explained that as from this meeting he would no longer represent English Nature at CNCC meetings.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Verbal report that will be covered in other parts of the agenda.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Written report presented.

Glenn provided a written sheet, which showed that the CNCC accounts were healthy; a full account will be presented at the AGM. Glenn also mentioned that CNCC funding is available for cave projects in the Northern Pennines. Certain projects have already been successfully funded, Glenn reminded clubs receiving funding that it would be polite to mention this at events like Hidden Earth. Glenn explained the long running saga of the photocopier with Xerox, hopefully Xerox will sort its self out.

ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OFFICER:

Not present, no report received.

TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT:

No Training Officer at present.

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

TECHNICAL GROUP:

LS explained that work had virtually ground to a halt until BCA fund some new batteries.

5. MEETS SECRETARYS REPORTS:

Leck Fell:

Written Report submitted. No matters of contention, there are plenty of permits available for weekends and mid week for the foreseeable future.

Casterton Fell:

No reports

Birks Fell:

Nothing to report.

Penyghent and Fountains Fell:

No problems reported by the landowners.

Other Areas:

Nothing to report.

9. BCA REPORTS:

None. Glenn explained that the BCA now had a new membership secretary, and that it was anticipated that the problems that have occurred over the past years would not occur again.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

An email has been received fro S. Liebermann. It stated that a Bat research group had fit a new gate to County Pot, there appears to be very little consultation on this, Rick and Geoff will contact the group to ascertain what the situation is.

A letter has been received fro F. Hartly on behalf of Padfield Caving Club requesting members. The secretary explained that CNCC did not have a membership and that access to CNCC controlled caves was through BCA for member clubs. He also explained that clubs or groups of individuals could not use permits from other member clubs for access-controlled areas, as they were not insured under the landowner's access agreement.

12. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:

Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield.

Committee Meeting 19 January 2007

Meeting closed 21.30.