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| Minutes of DIGS Meeting, Tuesday 24th September 2019 at  Dorset Wildlife Trust, Brooklands Farm, Forston | |
| **Present:** Peter Bath**,** Andy Bradley, Ian Hacker, Alan Holiday, Kelvin Huff, Charles Jackson, Geoff Pettifer, David Price, Rhiannon Rogers, Geoff Rowland | |
| 1. | **Apologies for absence:** Jeremy Cranmer Paul Ramsden, Niall Simpson, Pat Snelgrove, Roger Snelgrove, Jo Thomas, Ruth and Martin Warden. |
| 2. | **Minutes** of last meeting (16.7.19) and matters arising:  The minutes were accepted as a true record.  **Matters arising:**  4c) Geological trails: AH will re-work these in due course.  4h) AH has had no luck contacting Whiteball Quarry  5f) GP visited Crookhill Brick Pit with Lyn Cooch on 15th August and has established informal path access. Paperwork is with Natural England regarding permissions to access the site. |
| 3. | **Financial update:** See Minutes from AGM |
| 4. | **Recent happenings:**   1. The Square and Compass Fossil Festival 27-28th July-was cancelled owing to lack of exhibitors. 2. The Rockwatch Dorset week from 29th July – 2nd August was very successful and included a visit to Brownsea Island. 3. The Wessex O.U.G.S. visit to do graphic logging at the Upwey Cutting on 11th August went well and was helped by a DIGS conservation session prior to the event. 4. Southampton Fossil and Mineral event, Lyndhurst, 7th September. DIGS were represented here and thanks go to David Price, John Scott, Colin and Linda Morley who helped on the day. 5. The visit of the Black Country Geology Society 13th- 16th September went well, assisted by Richard Edmonds, John Scott, Steve Etches and Alan, who gave a talk on the Friday evening. |
| 5. | **Sites and conservation:**   1. A successful session took place at Rockpit Farm on 19th July. Alan was impressed by the work accomplished. 2. Poxwell 25th July. Work star4ted and will continue on into the autumn. 3. Upwey Cutting 5th August. See 4c above. 4. A successful session took place at Red Lane on 22nd August and we have been given permission to extend the site.   e) Update on Crookhill Brick Pit – Potential dates for conservation work (tbc) are October 7th, October 22nd, 8th November, all starting at 10.00 a.m. Alan will send these dates to Lyn Cooch, who will accompany us on the site visits, and who has a key!  f) **Program for the next few months.**   * We are due to go to Wanderwell on 27th September but the weather forecast is poor. * Further work at Poxwell will take place but date dependent on the Crookhill visit. * Westhill Chalk Pit, Corfe Castle, joint OUGS/DIGS event, 20th October. Also ties in with Earth Science Week. * Rodwell Cutting: Thursday 14th November and Wednesday 11th December, both at 10.30. * Hardown Hill, Crack Lane, Todber Church Lane and Bird’s Quarry, Red Lane all require maintenance over the coming months. Dates to be confirmed once Crookhill visit is confirmed. |
| 6. | **Future Events**   1. DGAG lecture 9th October. “When did the Moroccan High Atlas get high?” 2. DIGS / Wessex OUGS conservation and field trip Corfe 20th October. 3. DGAG Holiday Rocks 26th October. Talks on Morocco (AH), U.S.A. (KJH) and web technologies demo (GR) 4. Volunteer Awards, nomination for DIGS for 2019 Wednesday 30th October 6-9pm at the Dorford Centre. AH, GR and KJH plan to attend. 5. Wessex OUGS Bowleaze Cove FT 10th November. 6. DGAG lecture 13th November. “Sarsens: Troublesome stones of dubious origin.” 7. DGAG Annual Dinner16th November, Rembrandt Hotel, Weymouth. Guest speaker: Dr. Jonathan Murden. 8. DGAG Christmas Workshop 14th December. |
| 7. | **Any other business**:   1. GR will attend a meeting of the Somerset LGS Group on 30th September and report back. 2. GR mentioned the Sidmouth Science Festival and will send the details on to AH to see if there is a possibility of DIGS mounting a display there. (Talks details attached with these minutes) We also need to consider our contribution to the GeoWeek May 2020. Vallis Vale may fit the bill.   **Meeting closed 8.35 p.m.** |
|  | **Date of next meeting**: **Tuesday 12th November, 7p.m**. |