

**Minutes of the eighty-third meeting of the Board of Trustees of
the Open Spaces Society held at 18.00 on Thursday 2 November 2023
by videoconference**

PRESENT Phil Wadey (chairman)
Graham Bathe (vice-chairman)
Chris Beney
John Hall
Simon Hunt
Tara-Jane Sutcliffe

IN ATTENDANCE Kate Ashbrook (general secretary)

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

The meeting was preceded by a presentation of our digital marketing by Abbie Cavendish and Sarah Hacking. The trustees warmly thanked Abbie and Sarah.

The meeting started at 18.46

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

181/23 There were no interests to declare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

182/23 It was noted with pleasure that, with the Trail Riders Fellowship and the Ramblers, we had won the Redmarley, Gloucestershire, case under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, and the Hanover Green road would therefore not be closed.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 5 OCTOBER 2023

183/23 The minutes of the meeting on 5 October 2023 were approved and it was agreed to publish them on the website.

MINUTES OF MEETING BY EMAIL ON 11 OCTOBER 2023

184/23 The minutes of the meeting by email, regarding the Redmarley, Gloucestershire, section 116 case, were approved.

MINUTES OF MEETING BY EMAIL ON 31 OCTOBER 2023

185/23 The minutes of the meeting by email, to approve additional funds to intervene in the Dartmoor wild-camping case in the supreme court, if necessary, were approved.

MINUTES OF LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9 OCTOBER 2023

- 186/23 The minutes of the legal committee regarding the Redmarley, Gloucestershire, section 116 case, were noted.

MINUTES OF LEGAL COMMITTEE ON 23 OCTOBER 2023

- 187/23 The minutes of the legal committee regarding the Dartmoor camping case, were noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Draft minutes of finance committee on 10 October 2023

- 188/23 The draft minutes were noted.

Treasurer's report, management report, and investment report to 30 September 2023

- 189/23 In the absence of the treasurer the reports were noted.

Procurement policy

- 190/23 The trustees approved the policy, on the recommendation of the finance committee, with the addition of a note that the policy does not apply to legal services.

DESIGNATING FUNDS

- 191/23 It was agreed not to identify at present the projects on which we might spend additional funds, but to consider making provision in the budget to ensure that we can do this when opportunities arise.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENT APPOINTMENT

- 192/23 It was agreed to appoint Mick Freer as local correspondent for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council for one year in the first instance.

REVIEW OF MEETING

- 193/23 The trustees were content with the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 194/23 Thursday 7 December 2023 at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 19.12.



Phil Wadey
Chair of Trustees