Malvern Wells Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Environment Committee** duly convened and held in The Committee Room, Malvern Wells Village Hall- commencing at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 3rd April, 2012**

Present: Marilyn Millen, Ros Hayes, Norman Nimmo Smith

In Attendance: David Taverner (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

Apologies: Peter Clement, Cllr Mrs Ann Cheeseman, Cllr Jim Black, Cllr Peter Buchanan, Pam Stanier, Richard Winterton, Tom Hayes, John Lambeth and Michael Jupe

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting & Welcome

It was agreed that Norman Nimmo Smith should Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on **17th January**, **2012**, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Footpath 510– Marilyn Millen advised that the footpath was now clear and the obstruction caused blocked by a fallen tree at its junction with footpath 511had now been removed.

Footpath 550- the Clerk reported that the Parish Lengthsman had undertaken substantial clearance works to the path

4 Report of the Parish Warden

Peter Clement had given his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but Submitted a written report of the Parish footpaths meeting, held at Worcestershire County Council, which he and Marilyn Millen had attended on 13th March

Around the outside of the meeting room were stalls providing information on various subjects from details of the new Millennium Way to health walks and an opportunity to meet other Parish Path Wardens

The meeting had started with an excellent talk on ancient trees and orchards. Other topics included health walk development across the county and details of how problems are being resolved by the Countryside team to reduce the number of outstanding complaints. The final session was a talk about Trampers (off road mobility scooters) for Disabled Ramblers.

The event was considered by many as the best and most interesting annual meeting held to date.

Peter had also sent details of the Malvern Walking Festival which was due to be held from, Saturday 26th May to Tuesday 5th June and advised anyone interested in attending to make an early booking as the event had proved to be extremely popular in recent years.

Due to popular demand the festival would include the 2010 Heritage trail and there would be a very varied programme would hopefully suit everyone. 5 To Review Public Rights of Way in the 'Care of Each Member'

It was noted that Cllr Jim Black was heavily involved with the current gas lamps renovation project within the Parish. As a result Cllr Black had requested to be temporarily relieved of the responsibility for footpaths under his care.

The list of the footpaths and bridleways in the care of each member had now been updated as follows:-

Peter Clement 523,524,525,526,527,528,529,554

Peter Buchanan 558, 559, 530, 531

Michael Jupe 544,546,547,548,550,551

John Lambeth 504, 507, 508, 509, 664 & 665

Pam Stanier/

Richard Winterton 501,502,515,516,517,518,520,522,555,666

N Nimmo- Smith 532,534,535,537,538,539,540,541,542,543

Marilyn Millen 510,511,512,513,514

Tom and Ros Hayes 533,536,552,553

6 **Date of Next Scheduled Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 10th July, 2012

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm

Chairman

10th July, 2012