

# 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 **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**

**Present:** Peter Clement (Chairman) Cllr S Atwell, Cllr P Buchanan, Norman Nimmo Smith, Pam Stanier, Richard Winterton, Ros and Tom Hayes

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

**Apologies:** John Lambeth, Margaret Millen, Michael Jupe

## **1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting & Welcome**

It was agreed that Peter Clement should Chair the meeting.

Due to pressure of work and other commitments John Lambeth had decided to resign from the Committee. The Chairman placed on record his thanks for all the work that John had undertaken during his time with the group. The footpaths and bridleways for which John had been responsible would be re-allocated to other group members in due course.

## **2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

## **3 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Michael Jupe reported that the entrance to bridleway 551 was still narrow in places. The Clerk replied that he would ask the Council's lengthsman to carry out further remedial works.

The broken and worn steps on footpath 510 had now been replaced by the County Council

## **4 Report of the Parish Warden**

Peter Clement advised that the County Council had congratulated the footpaths team for the manner in which the local footpaths and bridleways had been maintained during the previous year and that the County Council had no outstanding issues with them.

Peter had asked Amanda Hill at the County Council to contact Cllr Atwell to arrange his footpath warden training

It was agreed that it would be useful to invite Steve Maund to the next group meeting so that he could pick up on any issues related to the maintenance of the footpaths.

**5 To Review Public Rights of Way in the 'Care of Each Member'  
Assistant Parish Path wardens reports were submitted as follows:-**

**Peter Clement** reported a gate at the junction of path 525/526 had rotted at its base. A temporary repair had been made but the Berrington Estate office was to be contacted to request that the gate post should be replaced or new supports spliced in to the base

The gate post on footpath 528 had also rotted at its base. Kingsley Morris the landowner was to be contacted to request that the gate post should be replaced or new supports spliced in to the base

**Ros and Tom Hayes** reported that a new catch was needed to the gate at the end of footpath 533 and that the catch between footpaths 553 and 556 had become bent and no longer closes.

**Richard Winterton and Pam Stanier** asked if they could have a supply of way marker signs to correct problems with missing signage at footpath 502

The Clerk advised that he would ask Steve Maund to look at the various issues which had been raised with a view to undertaking any repair works that might be necessary.

**6 County Council - footpath winter clearance programme**

Members were asked to consider any suggestions for the County Council's footpath winter clearance programme. These were to include works to heavy undergrowth in the surface of the right of way only. Priority should be given to those paths obstructed by vegetation so that we can request that they are added to the County Council's maintenance programme

Following discussion it was felt that no such works were necessary within the Parish at this time

**7 Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Chairman -----  
Dated 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013