

Malvern Wells Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Environment Committee** duly convened and held in The Committee Room of Malvern Wells Village Hall- commencing at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 16th October ,2019**

Present: N Nimmo- Smith, P Clement, Mrs J Smethurst, P Stanier, R Winterton
In Attendance: D Taverner (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

Apologies for absence: S Atwell

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting

It was agreed that Pam Stanier would Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 17th July,2019, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes There were none.

4 Report of the Parish Paths Warden – Norman Nimmo – Smith PPW Report for Environmental Committee Meeting, 16th October 2019

Concern had previously been expressed by a resident in King's Road living adjacent to bridleway **MW-551** about the state of the trees in the wood owned by Abbey College. The WCC Countryside Service's Highways Tree Surgeon examined the trees on 30th August and advised that they showed no indications of instability or poor physiological health. The resident has been advised of the findings.

Water flowing from an adjacent field continues to cause very boggy conditions underfoot on bridleway **MW-511**. I've discussed this again with the landowner, Adrian Frost, and his current plan is to dig a drainage channel across the bridleway and so prevent water from pooling on the surface.

No new problems have been reported since the last committee meeting in July.

5 Review of footpaths and rights of way reports from assistant parish paths wardens (PPW)

Peter Clement reported that footpath **MW-526** again requires vegetation cleared and the silted stream bed dug out. On footpath **MW-527** A crop of Barley had been blocking the footpath making it impassable. Norman

Nimmo Smith reported that the Parish Lengthsman had undertaken work which had helped improved the condition of MW **522**.

Peter Clement suggested that it might be possible to improve the surface of **MW502** using tree chippings resulting from any tree surgery which might be undertaken in the immediate area. **MW 546** could also benefit from such work and Peter suggested that John Bibby may be able to assist in that regard, post-Christmas, with the chippings produced by his timber shredder.

Jackie Smethurst advised that **MW511** had some thick brambles overhanging it which needed cutting back, but the path had been recently strimmed by the Parish Lengthsman. Brambles on **MW665** had now been tidied and cleared.

Pam Stanier had replaced the way markers at the junction of **MW530** and **MW531**. Generally, despite the recent heavy rain the footpaths were in good condition

6 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that future meetings would take place as far as possible on the third Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting of the Committee was then scheduled for Wednesday 16th October

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

Approved Chairman ----- 15 January,2020