

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, 17th January, 2012**

Present: Peter Clement, Cllr Mrs Ann Cheeseman, Marilyn Millen, Richard Winterton, Tom and Ros Hayes, John Lambeth, Michael Jupe

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

Apologies: Cllr Jim Black, Norman Nimmo- Smith, Pam Stanier

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting & Welcome

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Ann Cheeseman should Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on **11th October, 2011**, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Footpath 555 Richard Winterton reported that the handrail at the top of the steps on Footpath 555 remained loose and needed attention.

The Clerk advised that the Lengthsman would be asked to undertake the necessary repairs.

Footpath 510 – Marilyn Millen advised that the footpath was blocked by a fallen tree at its junction with footpath 511- the lengthsman would be asked to remove the obstruction.

Footpaths report forms -Ros Hayes advised that she had not received an electronic copy of the footpaths survey report pro-forma and Peter Clement agreed to send Ros a copy of the form by e mail.

4 Report of the Parish Warden

Peter Clement circulated 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.

Peter also advised the meeting that he had been in contact with the Countryside services team at the County Council to discuss various issues relating to fallen trees following the recent high winds. Peter asked that all outstanding footpath reports be returned to the Clerk as soon as possible so that any remedial works necessary could be followed up.

In particular there were fallen trees on footpaths 511 and 512 which needed to be removed. The Clerk was to write to the relevant local landowners to ask them to carry out any works to clear these particular footpaths.

Peter also circulated the existing wardens contact list and asked if it could be updated and distributed to all Members of the group.

5 To Review Public Rights of Way in the 'Care of Each Member'

Assistant Parish Path wardens reports were submitted as follows:-

Marilyn Millen reported that three wooden supports to steps at the south end of path 510 had rotted and fallen off. The Clerk advised that he would ask the Parish lengthsman to investigate the possibility of remedial works being undertaken. Also a tree had fallen and was blocking footpath 511.

Peter Clement advised that the spread of crop growth on footpath 554 appeared to have been addressed and that footpath was now accessible again. The Clerk reported that had been in contact with the landowners and had reminded them of their responsibility to keep the footpath clear.

Michael Jupe reported that the way marker post on footpath 524 had been uprooted and was in need of repair. Michael also agreed to liaise with Norman Nimmo-Smith with a view to revising the list of paths under their respective care.-

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

Peter Clement	525,526,527,528,540,541,542,543,544,554
Jim Black	546, 547, 550, 551
Peter Buchanan	558, 559, 530, 531
Michael Jupe	523,524,529,548
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
Marilyn Millen	510,511,512,513,514
Tom and Ros Hayes	533,536,552,553

It was noted that Cllr Jim Black was heavily involved with the current gas lamps renovation project within the Parish. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Black to see whether he required temporary help with the maintenance reports for the footpaths for which he was responsible.

Peter Clement drew particular attention to footpath 550 which had become very overgrown and was causing concern. The Clerk advised that he would liaise with the Parish lengthsman to assess any remedial works that might be necessary.

6 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 3rd April, 2012

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

Chairman

3rd April, 2012