

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, 11th July, 2013**

Present: R Winterton (Chairman), Cllr S Atwell, Peter Clement, Pam Stanier, Marilyn Millen and Michael Jupe

In Attendance: David Taverner (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)
Steve Maund (Parish Lengthsman)

Apologies for absence: Cllr P Buchanan, N Nimmo Smith, Tom and Ros Hayes

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting & Welcome

It was agreed that Richard Winterton should Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on **17th April, 2013**, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Peter Clement asked whether there had been any response from the landowners regarding the repairs that were necessary to the gate at the junction of path **525/526/527**. The Clerk advised that he had written to the landowners but there had been no response. Steve Maund advised that he would visit the site to see if it was possible for him to take any remedial action.

Footpaths 526 and 527 would be strimmed by Steve on his next visit

Steve was also asked to see if he could undertake repairs to gate post catches on footpaths **533** (at the Hanley Road end) and on footpath **536** near the junction junction with footpath **552**.

4 Report of the Parish Warden

Peter Clement informed the meeting that Tracy Sutton -Countryside Access Maintenance & Improvement Officer at Worcestershire County Council –had now returned from her sabbatical study leave. Tracy was giving a talk today on the work of a Marine Conservation project in the Philippines which she had partaken. Peter had enquired as to whether she will be giving the talk again on another date so he or members of the PPW's could hear about the experience.

Peter thanked everyone for the latest footpath reports which had been submitted and the Clerk was asked to action the various works which had been reported.

A large tree fallen into the brook adjacent to path from St Wulstans Local Nature Reserve. Peter would be contacting the County council again to request its removal.

Peter reported problems with overgrown vegetation on bridleway **MW550** which runs over land at the back of houses which is in the ownership of the individual residents. The bridleway was not being kept clear to the required width and height for a bridleway. Peter would be contacting the County Council to ask if their contractors could undertake the necessary clearance work.

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

Peter Clement asked whether any response had been received from the landowner regarding repairs that were needed to the gate post on footpath **528** which had rotted at its base. The Clerk advised that nothing had been received from the landowner and Steve Maund was asked to assess whether it was possible for him to carry out the repairs needed.

In their absence the Clerk advised that **Ros and Tom Hayes** had submitted a second report highlighting the fact that replacement catches were needed to the gate at the end of footpath **533** and that gate between footpaths **553 and 536**.

Marilyn Millen reported that bridleway **511**, alongside New Pool, was in need of strimming and that she has spent a couple of hours cutting back overgrowth towards the western end of the bridleway.

Norman Nimmo Smith had submitted a written report. He had fitted new waymarker discs attached to the new stile at junction of footpaths **534, 535** and **536**,

6 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Thursday 10th October, 2013

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

Chairman -----
Dated 10th October, 2013