

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, 17th April, 2013**

Present: Cllr P Buchanan (Chairman), Cllr S Atwell, Peter Clement, Norman Nimmo Smith, Pam Stanier, Richard Winterton, Marilyn Millen

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

Apologies: Michael Jupe, Tom and Ros Hayes

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting & Welcome

It was agreed that Peter Buchanan should Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on **16th January, 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**. The Clerk advised that he had written to the landowners but there had been no response. A further letter would be sent, failing which the Parish lengthsman would be asked to see if he was able to undertake the repairs necessary.

A supply of way marker signs were given to Richard Winterton and Pam Stanier so that they would be able to replace the missing signage on footpath **502**

The Clerk advised that he had also asked the parish lengthsman to see if repairs could be made to gate post catches on footpaths 533 (at Hanley Road end) and 536 near junction with 552 which Ros Hayes had previously reported.

4 Report of the Parish Warden

Peter Clement informed the meeting that Tracy Sutton -Countryside Access Maintenance & Improvement Officer at Worcestershire County Council - would be taking sabbatical study leave to attend a Marine Conservation project in the Philippines from mid April until mid June.

Whilst Tracy is on leave County Council contact should be made with the general inquiries number on 01905 768289 or by use of the County Council website and footpath database.

Peter thanked everyone for the latest six monthly work summaries which had been submitted which he would now be collating. Peter Buchanan agreed to send in his own particular summary so that this work could be completed.

John Lambeth had returned his identity badge following his resignation.

Peter drew attention to the Malvern Walking Festival which was scheduled for the period 25th May to 2nd June. The festival would include 41 guided interest walks and various themed walks. Further information could be obtained from the walking festival website. Publicity notices were to be posted on the Council's website.

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

Peter Clement again highlighted the fact that the gate at the junction of path **525/526** had rotted at its base. Whilst a temporary repair had been effected the Clerk was again asked to approach the landowners to ask them to replace the gate post or to get new supports spliced in to the base.

The gate post on footpath **528** had also rotted at its base. The clerk advised that he had contacted the landowner in this regard and, failing appropriate action, he had also asked the Parish Lengthsman to assess whether it was possible for him to carry out the repairs that were 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**.

Richard Winterton and Pam Stanier advised that they would now replace missing way marker signage on footpath **502**. In common with many of the footpaths in the area they reported that footpath 517 had become heavily waterlogged in recent weeks.

Norman Nimmo-Smith reported that footpath **543** was only passable with care following the recent heavy rain.

6 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would be Scheduled for Thursday 11th July, 2013.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman - - - - -
Dated 11th July, 2013