

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 **Thursday, 10th October, 2013**

Present: P Buchanan (Chairman), Cllr S Atwell, Richard Winterton, Pam Stanier, Marilyn Millen

In Attendance: David Taverner (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)
Steve Maund (Parish Lengthsman)
Cllr Mrs H Burrage (Parish Council Chairman)

The clerk welcomed Cllr Burrage to the meeting and gave a brief résumé of the work undertaken by the parish path wardens

Apologies for absence: P Clement, N Nimmo Smith, 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 **11th July, 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

Steve Maund was also asked to see if he could undertake repairs to the gate post catch on footpaths **533** at the Hanley Road end. It was agreed that the badly rotted gate on footpath **536** should be removed

Peter Clement had contacted the County Council to ask them to take action to remove a large fallen tree on Bridleway **511**. The fence on the bridleway was also leaning badly and action would need to be taken by the landowners to carry out the necessary repairs.

Peter had recently sent the relevant landowners contact details to the County Council for their attention.

4 Report of the Parish Warden

Peter Clement had tendered his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but had passed on his thanks for all the latest footpath reports which had been submitted.

Peter had asked that all the outstanding PPW summary work records should be submitted to him as soon as possible so that he could coordinate the half yearly returns summary to the County council. This return helps to support the Parish Councils annual footpaths grant claim.

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

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

Marilyn Millen reported that on bridleway **511** a tree opposite the steps was leaning badly. A large oak tree was leaning over the path restricting head space for horse riders. Two metal supports were protruding from the fence at one point on to the path which could cause injury to horses on the bridleway.

Pam Stanier and Richard Winterton reported that footpath **501** had recently been strimmed and was in good order

A gate at the Wells Road end of footpath **502** had lost its catch. Repairs were due to be carried out by the Parish lengthsman.

The stile on footpath **518** had become wobbly and the lengthsman was asked to see if repairs could be undertaken

There was evidence of fly tipping on footpath **518** and the way marker sign at the junction of Woodfarm Road and that particular footpath needed re-fixing.

The conifer hedge on footpath **521** had encroached quite badly onto the path from the last property on the right on Woodfarm Road. The lengthsman would attend to see if he was able to cut the hedge back

6 Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Thursday 9th January, 2014

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8 10 pm.

Chairman - - - - -
Dated 9th January, 2014