

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 April, 2014**

Present: P Clement (Chairman), Cllr P Buchanan, Marilyn Millen, Michael Jupe, N Nimmo-Smith

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr S Atwell, Tom and Ros Hayes, Pam Stanier, Richard Winterton and S Maund (Parish Lengthsman)

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting

It was agreed that Peter Clement should Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on **9th January, 2014**, having been previously circulated, were **approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Replacement gate catches had now been fitted to the gate at the end of footpath **533** and the broken gate at the end of footpath **536** had been removed
Norman Nimmo-Smith advised that way marker disc from footpath **535** had now been replaced

Peter C informed the meeting that most of the survey forms indicating the number of stiles, gates, bridges, steps and handrails on each of the paths had now been returned by the individual parish path wardens and thanked everyone for their help in undertaking the survey

4 Report of the Parish Warden

Peter C drew attention to the fact that he had received the renewal forms from the County Council with the documentation to be signed for continuing his time in the role of the Parish Path Warden.

Peter advised that he had now served more than ten years in the role and that he would be happy to stand down if there was any member of the Committee who might be interested in succeeding him in the post.

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

Peter C reported that further work on the large fallen tree on Bridleway 511 would be undertaken by the County Council contractors to clear the remaining debris which was still partially blocking the bridleway.

Following discussion and liaison with the landowner a gate had been installed on **Footpath 525** to replace the broken stile near its junction with paths **528/529**.

Michael Jupe reported that overgrowth on bridleways **550** and **551** meant that the minimum width and height clearance was still not being met in certain places.

Steve Maund was to be asked to see if any further clearance work could be undertaken.

Some residents whose properties backed on to bridleway **550** had experienced some problems with clearing water from the ditch running along part of its length.

It would be necessary for a small digging machine to be deployed to undertake remedial work although the work would not take long to complete and the general feeling of the committee was that it would be supportive of any work which would be helpful in curing the drainage problems thereby improving access for all users of the bridleway.

Peter C reported that the ground near to the brook at the junction of paths **525/526** had dried out considerably it would now be possible for some remedial Parish lengthsman to see what clearance work could now be undertaken.

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 July, 2014

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7 40pm

Approved Chairman -----

Dated 10th July, 2014