

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, 8th January, 2015**

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

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

Apologies for absence: Michael Jupe, R Hayes and S Maund (Parish Lengthsman)

1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting

It was agreed that Norman Nimmo-Smith should Chair the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9th October, 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

The issue with the overhanging tree on **MW511**, which had been badly restricting height for horse riders, had now been dealt with by the County Council Countryside Services team.

Pam Stanier and Richard Winterton reported that the gate catch on footpath **MW502** near to the golf course was now operating satisfactorily

Peter Clement reported that there were still some issues with blockage of the brook adjacent to **MW526**. This could cause flooding during wetter weather.

Peter also mentioned that bridleway **MW523** needed to be widened to a width of not less than 3 metres. The Clerk advised that the Parish Lengthsman would be asked to undertake the necessary clearance work.

4 Report of the Parish Paths Warden

Norman Nimmo-Smith reported that he had met with the Chairman Jim Wilde and Steve Lloyd, the Course Manager, at the Worcestershire Golf course to review various issues.

Work was due to be undertaken to fix a broken gate and replace rotted way marker posts. The meeting had proven to be very productive and the golf club representatives had agreed to work closely with the Parish Council to address any future issues which may arise.

Norman also informed the meeting that that he would now be returning the six monthly wardens work record summaries to the County Council and asked that

all outstanding reports should be returned to him as soon as possible. The Clerk advised that he would be sending out the relevant pro forma for each warden to complete.

5 Review of public rights of way in the care of each member of the Committee

Marilyn Millen reported that she had undertaken further strimming and cutting back of overgrowth along the bridleway **MW511** and it was now much more accessible since a fallen tree had been removed.

Pam Stanier & Richard Winterton advised that they had cut back dangling brambles on **MW517** and they had noticed that the handrail on the bridge at the junction with **MW518** was slightly wobbly.

Pam and Richard also advised that a safety warning sign on **MW502** near to the golf course was obscured by a hedge, which they now intend to cut back

Peter Clement reported that bridleway **MW 523** should be widened to its ideal width of 3 metres. Steve Maund would be asked to carry out this work. MW524 was muddy but passable. MW 526 requires vegetation cleared and the silted streambed dug out. As this job is likely to be substantial action is required by the County Council.

Peter Buchanan reported that the signpost at the junction of **MW530** and the Wells Road had rotted at its base and fallen over. It would need to be replaced.

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 April, 2015

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Approved Chairman -----

Dated 9th April, 2015