

## 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, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**Present:** N Nimmo- Smith, P Clement, P Stanier, R Winterton

**In Attendance:** D Taverner (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

**Apologies for absence:** R Hayes, M Millen, J Smethurst, P Buchanan and S Maund (Parish Lengthsman)

### **1 Appointment of a Chairman for the Meeting**

It was agreed that Peter Clement would Chair the meeting.

### **2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

### **3 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were none.

### **4 Report of the Parish Paths Warden**

**Bridleway MW-508:** Norman Nimmo- Smith reported that he had taken part in discussions with Steve Lloyd at Worcestershire Golf Club about their plans to improve drainage adjacent to the bridleway where it emerges from the Fruitlands estate.

Mr Lloyd was also the concerned about public safety issues relating to flying golf balls. This had been reported to Fiona Argyle (WCC Countryside Services), who has arranged to meet Mr Lloyd to discuss the proposals in more detail.

**Footpath MW-518:** One of the vertical supports on a stile had rotted at ground level, and had been replaced.

**Bridleway MW-551:** Fiona Argyle had sent a second letter to the bursar (Mr Mehran Noor) at Abbey College in July, requesting that the timber debris obstructing the bridleway is removed. The bursar contacted Fiona in September to say that "he is still on the case". Apparently getting hold of the adjacent landowner, presumably to arrange access for clearance work, has been a bit problematic.

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

**Peter Clement** had again reported that **MW 526** requires vegetation clearance and the silted stream bed dug out.

The way marker post on **MW 523**, near to the road, had become unstable and repairs were needed.

A new gate is required at grid reference 78494175 on footpath **MW 528** but had not yet been fitted by the landowner

**MW 554** – a new gate had been installed in place of the original stile,

Pam Stanier and Richard Winterton drew attention to the fact that Footpaths **MW 518, 522 and 555** were quite overgrown and the Clerk advised that these issues would be reported to the Parish Lengthsman for attention.

**6 Date of future meetings** the following schedule of meeting dates for 2017 was agreed.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

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

Approved Chairman -----

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016