Draft Minutes of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING on TUES. 2nd DEC. 2014. at 8.30 a.m. at School House for the following.

Present: Jane Lawrey, Elizabeth Ward, and Mrs Irene Roy (co-opted)

Apologies. Mary Evans, Charmian Marsh

Minutes of the last meeting were approved
Declarations of Interest: None

Oxenhill Woods: The area is very wet. Contact still to be made for the removal of Sumachs, and garden rubbish at the Information board facing the entrance at Tudor Drive. EW/RF

Chalkpit Area: The site is tidy, grass will be replaced over the Scout bonfire patch.

Recreation Ground: New mesh and gravel has been laid at the main entrance. The Mesh at the youth shelter still needs attention. In hand with B.T. It has been reported that football was being played on the Public Tennis court.

Palace Park Wood: VERY wet.

Village Green: The Christmas tree has been felled and removed due to a virus and stump has been ground out. Discussion on replacement continuing C’tee/OPC

Pond: A considerable amount of Flowering Sedge is to be removed. In hand BT.

Planters: All the planters have been restocked for the winter and bulb planting has been done by the Committee and helpers at the Gateways.

School House front garden: A further quote has been received for laying additional paving, discussion in hand. Weeding of the existing path has been done. Also the area of gravel on the notice board side has been weeded.

Christmas Tree: Mentioned above, a temporary tree has been purchased and erected in the front garden of the Parish Office. Lighting has been installed and working

Telston Park: The area has been checked this week, a further community working party will be arranged in the New Year. C’tee

Hale Lane: Checked this week, grassed area and play area fine but someone has ‘tipped’ two large thick pieces of upholstery foam at the edge of the car park. OPC/SDC

Correspondence: Receipt of the latest magazine from Kent Wildlife. Email from Otford Society re money from R.A.D.I.O. OPC

AOB: Two young boys were climbing the outside of the Palace tower. They were told to come down, and did. To be discussed at OPC meeting 8th Dec. OPC

Date of next meeting – Tues. 6th January 2015. 8.30 a.m. School House.