Report of Environment Committee, Tues. 12\textsuperscript{th} July 2011 in School House at 8.30 a.m.

Present: Jane Lawrey, Charmian Marsh, Elizabeth Ward (Chair) and Richard Knight Chairman of Recreation Committee.

Apologies: Mary Evans, Tony Woodrow-Clark.

Recreation Ground: discussion followed, Philip Edmeads contract has been terminated and Norman Catt now cuts the grass. He uses his tractor and OPC mower. He has Public Liability Insurance.
Dog fouling is still a problem particularly near the Pavilion and on the Petanque pitch. Suggest we erect a notice at both points requesting feaces put in a suitable bag and deposited in a dog bin or nearest litter bin.
Request that the dog bin currently behind the cricket nets is moved to a more prominent position in that area (nearer the hall?)

Hale Lane: Norman Catt continues to cut the grass. The ground and Pavillion is to be used by the Junior Football Club. Questions were raised about their funding, do they pay their coaches, do they pay insurance?. OPC to prepare an agreement for the use of the land and the pavilion, e.g. cleanliness and respect for the interior of the building etc. If they are to be the sole users water consumption and electricity will be their responsibility. OPC as owners of the building to have informal checks to see that all is OK. OPC to have the opportunity for four community events a year.
Charmian reported that we still need more funding for the trees that are to be planted on the western boundary. She is meeting Louise Smith NWKCP. It is hoped that 'Planting Day' will be on Saturday 12th November.

Palace Park Wood: Following agreement with the Woodland Trust Steward, a local farmer will be cutting the grass shortly and taking it away for hay.

Planters: All the planters are showing their age, we are wondering if the Fete Committee can be approached to fund some or all replacements. There are quite a few communities that have solid plastic tubs that may be more suitable. This is to be investigated.

The Parade: This area has become an eyesore. The committee are to investigate where the rubbish is coming from, not a welcome sight for folk coming to our village.

Pilgrims Way West Verge: Although strictly under Highways pressure should be exerted before the autumn and winter for proper levelling, turfing and hard standing on a portion of the large uneven earth area left by gas contractors in the Spring. As the bus route has changed, passengers using the bus now have to get on and off at this particular point.

Litter Picking: Paul Robertson our Community Warden together with McDonalds have arranged for a 'Pick up' on 27\textsuperscript{th} July and those present today will be joining the group.

Dates for future meetings: 6th Sept. 4\textsuperscript{th} Oct. 8\textsuperscript{th} Nov. all at 8.30a.m. in School House.