Report of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 19th September 2011.

Present: Cllr Richard Knight (Chairman); Cllr Doug Cracknell; Cllr Charmian Marsh; Jackie Howe (Co-opted); Brenda Hambrook (Parish Clerk); Brian Thomas (GMS); Barry Davies (OAA).

1. Apologies for absence:
   Cllr. Mary Evans

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 18th July 2011
   None

3. Allotments
   3.1 From October 2012 the rents will increase to £1.60 per Rod and Hose charges will remain at £1.50 per Rod. Expenses incurred by OPC must, if possible, be covered by the rents and hose charges received from OAA. OPC feels that it should be able to recoup all, or part of an exceptional expense, without the need for 12 month notification period.
   OAA – AGM
   3.2 BT occasionally has space available in the cemetery skip to dispose of OAA rubbish and will discreetly remove it from the allotments if he is notified.
   OAA – BT
   3.3 OPC is unhappy to pay for the clearance of neglected plots and expects the OAA to find a solution to this problem.
   3.4 OAA - AGM 8th October 09.30 OVMH
   RK to attend

4. High Street Recreation Ground
   4.1 Wicksteed report on the playground equipment has been received. BT reported some vandalism in the play area, most of which has been repaired. Some damage was caused by unsupervised children from West Heath Special Needs School. A letter is to be written to the School.
   Some dissatisfaction with the Grass mowing especially at the bordering areas of the different activities and responsibilities.
   BH
   4.2 Fire risk assessment for the Pavilion, accepted.
   Fire extinguishers are being checked
   4.3 To receive an update on the recharging of electricity and water to OUFC. This is still not resolved. The OUFC treasurer is aware that charges are due.
   An inspection of the Pavilion, electricity and water supply is to be carried out.
   RK + DC +JV
   4.4 Committee recommend the early renewal of the tennis club lease for another 25 year period. This will enable them to apply for grants for additional floodlight. The ground rent to remain the same at £1.00.
   Legal costs to be paid by the Tennis Club.

5. OSA
   5.1 Next Committee meeting 12th October 2011
   Useful to make them aware of the twinning with “Neufchatel-Hardalot” and participating in sporting exchanges.
   ME + RK
6. **Chalk Pit**

   6.1 No further developments from OUJFC

7. **Hale Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion**

   7.1 The agreement for the occupation of the Pavilion by OUJFC has been amended as discussed and approved, but needs to be accepted by OUJFC. RK

   7.2 Fire risk assessment for the Pavilion was approved.

   7.3 The recommended specification for the two external emergency fire doors was accepted. The existing doors will need replaced in 1 to 2 years time and must be allowed for in a future budget.

   7.4 Children’s Play area – 5 Quotations are being obtained for an installation costing around 35K for which grants will be sort. CM + RK

   7.5 Tree Planting preparations commence on 2nd/3rd Nov. with the Community planting activity on the morning of the 5th, overseen by the NW Kent Countryside Partnership. They will be paying for the digger work undertaken by BT. Publicity will be needed through Newsletter, leafleting in the locality, Sevenoaks Chronicle. SS/ Newsletter & Sev. Chronicle Et al.

8. **Youth Forum/Council**

   8.1 Next meeting scheduled 6th October, Methodist Church Hall. CM + JH + RK

9. **A.O.B.**

   None

   The date of the next scheduled meeting, 21st November 2011, 8.00pm at School House / Parish Office.