Report from Environment Committee Meeting 10th January 2012 at 8.30 a.m.

Apologies:- None

Present:- Mary Evans, Jane Lawrey, Charmian Marsh. Elizabeth Ward (Chair)

Review of November meeting

Telston Park:- The second working party planted two sackfuls of daffodil bulbs in the areas that had been cleared on 15th October. All are now looking forward to the results in the Spring.

Oxenhill Woods:- Although a considerable amount of cut timber has been corded ready for removal from the site. There is still a lot of substantial cut trunks to be cleared, particularly from the ditch on the western edge of the Shaw. It is hoped this can take place soon as the ditch needs to be kept clear. Overall this latest area of coppicing has been successful. Folk are beginning to see why it has to be done.

Pilgrims’ Way East:- The ivy has been cut back from the edge of the footway. A working party will be necessary to cut back ivy on the boundary and on many of the trees in the wooded area of the Chalkpit. This will be an ongoing task.

Pond:- The pruning of the western willow tree has been done and in due course will have to be removed. A sapling willow is to be planted in a new position in the near future.

Planters:- Six planters will be required, recycled plastic construction is being investigated. Measurements of requirements have been finalised. Quotations are being sought. It is hoped that the cost can be covered by the SDC Community Fund Grant, a contribution from the Fete Committee and other sources if possible.

2 for The Parade
1 at the Pharmacy
1 at the Antique Shop by the Bull
1 at the Car Park entrance
1 at the western side of the village, top of Willow Park? or frontage of Yvonne’s shop. The latter is still under discussion.

It is hoped all will be looked after by volunteers in the future. The colour scheme for this year is to be Red, White and Blue.

Kent Men of the Trees Voucher:- A Voucher for £15 has still to be spent, being the amount received for our taking part in their village survey last year. This is to be used to purchase a White Barked Birch, to be planted in Telston Park where there are already two commemorative trees. (The Oak near the entrance from Telston Lane, the Queen’s Silver Jubilee, the Golden Ash on the lower area adjoining Willow Park, the Queen’s Golden Jubilee)

Hale Lane Rec:- On 5th Nov. residents together with guidance from North Kent Countryside Partnership planted a mixed hedge on the western boundary, some specimen trees, a small orchard near the pavilion and numerous bulbs. All this we hope will enhance the area for the future for the nearby residents to enjoy.

Correspondence:- Copy of CPRE ‘Fieldwork’ Magazine for Winter 2011

Dates for future Meetings:- 11th Feb. 9.30 a.m. Working Party on footpath from the Station to Tudor Drive. Committee Mtg. 6th March 8.30 a.m School House.