Minutes of ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 2ND SEPT. 2014 at 8.30 am in School House.

Present – Jane Lawrey, Charmian Marsh, Elizabeth Ward (Chairman)  
Apologies – Mary Evans

Minutes of last meeting in July were approved.

There were no declarations of interest.

**Condition of Oxenhill Woods** - There was nothing to report.

**Chalkpit Area** - Cllr. J Verrall feels that some labels need to be prepared, more information is required from him.  

**Long border in Palace Approach** – Two successful working parties have taken place over the summer to cut out the dead wood in the shrubs. Thanks are due to Mrs. Roy and her two sons for their assistance and to Brian Thomas for the removal of the sacks containing the debris. One more shrub needs attention.

**The Recreation Ground** – A spot ‘dog poo’ check happened at the end of July, only 3 were found. Three notices have been installed, one on the football pavilion, one on the village hall wall facing Park Lane and one by the stile onto the rec. at the northern end of the rec. Another ‘check’ will take place on 30/9/14 at 8.30 a.m.  

**Palace Park Wood** – Contact will be made with the Steward to ensure that the rides will be cut before autumn as walking in long grass in the winter is very difficult for walkers and dogs. Check also on the clearance of the ditches.

**Telston Park** – Posters are being prepared to ask for local community help with a working party on the morning of 27th SEPT. 9.30 a.m - 12.30.

**Hale Lane Rec** – Discussion took place regarding the vandalism of some of the trees. A possibility is being investigated.

**School House Frontage** – Work still delayed

**Community Working Party** – 27th Sept from 9.30 am – 12.30 p.m.
Correspondence – e-mail received from resident re. newly erected style at the level crossing at Otford Station. Check usage with residents

A.O.B. – The Christmas Tree on the Green - It is diseased and will have to be removed. Until a decision is made as to a replacement would it be possible to illumine the adjacent lime tree? McDonalds have offered to contribute towards a tree or lights.

Date of next meeting – 30th September following an 8.30a.m. ‘Poo Check’ on the Rec.

Elizabeth Ward 4th Sept 2014