

**SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Mr R Atterwill (Chairman), Miss L Woolnough, Mr R Sherlock. Also in attendance were six members of the public and Mrs F LeBon (clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Mr C Perry

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Mr Sherlock declared a personal interest in the Gooseberry Hill site due to the location of his property.

**3. Minutes of Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to be confirmed.**

Miss Woolnough proposed that these minutes be accepted, Mr Sherlock seconded. All in favour. The minutes were signed as a true record by Mr Atterwill.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

Mr Atterwill reported that to date Mr Carrick had not returned the fencing materials to the Parish Council. The clerk reported that Breckland Council has provided some signage free of charge to help reduce littering, but it was agreed that these were not suitable.

**5. Matters Arising from Monthly Inspection Report**

Mr Sherlock reported that the Gooseberry Hill playing field was in good order. There was a slight nick in the climbing net but Adventure Playgrounds had repaired the wobble board. Miss Woolnough reported that Adventure Playgrounds had yet to remove exposed bolts and place end caps on the Litcham under the bridge.

**6. To Open Sealed Tenders Received for Fencing of Gooseberry Hill Playing Field**

Three tenders for the replacement fencing at Gooseberry Hill had been received and were opened. The clerk is to clarify with contractors whether the submitted prices included disposal of old fencing and whether old posts are to be removed.

Mr Atterwill proposed that the fencing and posts be replaced, Miss Woolnough seconded. All in favour. This is to go before the full Parish Council.

**7. Playground Development – Gooseberry Hill**

Mr Atterwill reported that the Parish Council had been successful in receiving a grant of £12,500 from Cemex. It was agreed that this money should be used to purchase an aerial slide at a price of £10,516.25 (as VAT cannot be reclaimed), with the residual funds being put towards the replacement fencing. This is to be put forward to full Parish Council.

Mr Atterwill had investigated the possibility of using two concrete posts with tanalised timber slotted between them to create a board on which the grant bodies could be acknowledged. Mr Sherlock is to continue investigating the possibility of a stone monolith.

**8. Opening Ceremony – Gooseberry Hill**

A provisional opening date of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April was agreed for the opening ceremony. Mr Perry had agreed to get the children of the school involved and it was agreed that the Under 5's group and also the grant bodies should be invited.

**9. Village Green**

A working party was arranged for February 16<sup>th</sup> to prune the trees on the village green. The clerk is to write to Mr Milne to request that the tree debris left from recent felling on his land be removed from the village green.

Mr Marsham is to concrete the new benches in.

**10. To discuss potential project of an all weather sports pitch**

There had been no response from Lyng, North Elmham or Hingham Parish Councils to find out information about their pitches and what was involved in bringing their projects to fruition. The clerk is to contact them by telephone.

The recommended football pitch sizes were 30 yards x 50 yards (minimum) to 40 yards x 60 yards (maximum). The smaller pitch is acceptable for training but the larger size would be required for matches. Mr Atterwill advised that these sizes could not be accommodated at the front of the village hall.

