

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

A meeting of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Mr R Atterwill, Miss L Woolnough and Mr R Sherlock

**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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 to be confirmed.**

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

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

None

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

A report had not been received. The clerk is to chase the most recent report and send a blank inspection report to Mr Sherlock.

**6. Playground Development – Gooseberry Hill**

Mr Atterwill reported that all equipment ordered has now been installed and the final bills are to be paid. Concrete bases need to be laid for the picnic benches, and an emergency order of a concrete section for the picnic bench on the village green has been made, due to it's dangerous state after being vandalised.

**a) To agree signage for Gooseberry Hill**

Mr Atterwill reported that there is a necessity to display some signage recognising the grant bodies that have helped fund the playing field project. The clerk is to create something for the notice board.

The clerk is to speak to a stonemason about a stone feature with a flat face to display a metal plaque engraved to mark the opening of the site and acknowledging the work put in by volunteers and the generosity of funders.

A 'No Litter' sign is required for the gate and stickers on the bin stating 'Please Place Litter in Bin'.

Three brass plaques are needed for the new equipment stating the age suitability.

**b) To agree works required to complete fencing Gooseberry Hill**

Mr Carrick has been invoiced for the materials for the Gooseberry Hill fencing repairs as the materials purchased have not been forthcoming. The clerk is to follow up with EW Crane for a price for the fencing repairs.

**c) To agree works for improving car park at Gooseberry Hill**

Mr Sherlock raised concerns about cars parking in the car park late at night. A discussion occurred about the possibility of making the car park larger and installing a bar to be closed at dusk. It was agreed that the shrubbery at the front of the field should be reduced, whilst retaining the high fencing, so that potential trouble makers can be more visible.

**d) To agree requirements and date for the opening ceremony for Gooseberry Hill**

A provisional date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> April was agreed. It was agreed that the plaque should be unveiled, a tree planted and the possibility of a local celebrity attending should be investigated.

**7. Village Green**

**a) To consider pruning requirements of trees on village green**

A working party was arranged for the pruning of the trees. This is to be done at the same time as setting the concrete bases for the picnic benches.

**b) To agree enhancement work on 'car park' area of village green**

Mr Atterwill recommended that the sub committee apply for funding to landscape the current 'car park' area of the village green. The leylandii need to be removed and the area levelled, with the exception of the access for the cottage owners which needs a surface laid. Oak posts need to be put in to prevent any vehicles inadvertently driving in the grass. The grassed area then needs to be part of the grass cutting contract in the future.

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

Mr Atterwill showed a plan of a potential all weather sports pitch for the village. The plan showed a pitch of 13m by 26m, but 18m x 33m would be needed for a tennis court. Sports clubs have already registered their interest, and Sue Barnes (Cockers FC), Gary Huggell (Swanton Morley FC) and George Northall (Swanton Morley Cricket Club) would be interested in future discussions. £800 has been authorised for a feasibility study into the project, and conversations are to be had with Lyng Parish Council and North Elmham Parish Council to see how they progressed with their projects.

**9. Finance**

**a) To agree 2008/2009 budget for sub-committee**

It was agreed that £1500 would be required for maintenance of the village green and Gooseberry Hill areas. This would cover maintenance of seats and the village sign, and also any repairs/insurance excess required for the new equipment. £250 unspent for this financial year for the opening ceremony and £250 for the car park improvements for Gooseberry Hill would be carried forward.

**b) To receive report of grant applications**

Miss Woolnough had sent the required information to Biffaward to claim monies pledged.

**10. Correspondence**

Mr Atterwill reported that the Gooseberry Hill project had made the front page of the Norfolk Playing Fields Association magazine.

Correspondence had been exchanged with Adventure Playgrounds about the prices of an aerial slide and some kickwalls.

**11. Any items to be Approved by Full Parish Council**

Authorisation to repair fencing and to install a high chain link fence at the far end of the Gooseberry Hill playing field.

Approve finance for concrete under picnic benches (materials only) and a new bin for the village green.

**11. Any item to be Reported for Next Meeting**

Opening ceremony  
All weather sports pitch

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at the village hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.30

.....(Chairman) .....(Date)