

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

A meeting of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Mr R Atterwill (Chairman), Mr J Carrick and Miss L Woolnough

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Mr R Sherlock and Mr C Perry

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Election of Chairman**

Mr Atterwill confirmed that he was willing to continue as Chairman. Miss Woolnough proposed that he continue, Mr Carrick seconded.

**4. Minutes of Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005 to be confirmed.**

These minutes were agreed as a true record.

**5. Matters Arising**

- Miss Woolnough had obtained a quote for usage of Wet Pour rubber as opposed to Safagrass mats as a safety surface. The quote of £20,901+ VAT was deemed too expensive.
- Mr Atterwill advised that the lower branches from the village green had been removed.
- Miss Woolnough, whilst acting as Parish Clerk, had spoken with the Council's insurance company and they had advised that no liability would be passed to sub-committee members when making general inspections of village property.
- Mr Atterwill confirmed he would register with the Norwich and Norfolk Voluntary Services.

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

- Mr Atterwill informed the sub-committee that Mr Perry had volunteered to assist with playing fields inspection reports.
- The table on the village green requires fixing to the ground.
- The clerk is to investigate what powers the Parish Council requires to create a byelaw to ban dogs from the village green.
- The car park area on Gooseberry Hill requires some maintenance as it becomes very muddy in wet weather. Mr Carrick is to obtain a quote for the work required but estimated it would be in the region of £200 to £250.
- Mr Carrick questioned whether inspections were made of the Village Hall. Mr Atterwill responded that it is not part of current inspections as the site is managed by the Village Hall management committee but could be included in the future.

**7. Playground Development : -**

**a) To agree further improvement works to be carried out, and establish working parties.**

The following work was identified:

- Picnic table on Gooseberry Hill required staining. Miss Woolnough is to see whether any stain is left over from previous work and Mr Atterwill is to obtain a price for any extra stain required.
- Chain Link fence on Gooseberry Hill requires fixing.
- Additional bark is required around the play area as the current bark has settled. Mr Atterwill is to provide the clerk with the measurements of the area and the clerk is to obtain a quote from Karen Peel.

A working party was established for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Carrick suggested that some of the vegetation around the chain link fence should be removed prior to the working party meeting to assist with access to the fence.

**8. Finance / Grant Applications**

**Confirmed Funding:**

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| £7,500 | WREN                               |
| £5,000 | Awards For All                     |
| £500   | Norfolk Playing Fields Association |

**Current Applications:**

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| £,5000 | Breckland Council. Original decision was due on 6 <sup>th</sup> June but there has been a delay in processing |
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| £13,500 | <b>NEWS. Due to their policy on best value, NEWS have requested that our quotations be like for like. Further quotes have been received from alternative suppliers and will be forwarded to NEWS shortly.</b> |
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**9. Correspondence**

Confirmation of grant of £500 from NPFA (as covered in item 8)

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

- Approval of £250 from budget for surface dressing of Gooseberry Hill Car Park
- Approval for funds for stain

**11. Any item to be Reported**

- There has been very positive feedback with regards to restoration work done to the village sign.
- The seats in the village should be varnished once a year so as to help prevent greater maintenance work and / or replacement in the future. Miss Woolnough to obtain quotes for this work.

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

To be confirmed after a response has been received from NEWS