

SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th January 2008. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr R Atterwill, Miss L Woolnough, Mr R Sherlock and Mr C Perry. Also in attendance were Mrs S Barnes, Mr D Barnes and Mr G Northall.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr G Hudgell

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Minutes of 6th November 2007 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 6th November 2007

The clerk provided some potential wording for the sign in the notice board on Gooseberry Hill. It was agreed that 'No Alcohol' and 'This Playing Field is Closed Between Dusk and Dawn' should be added. Once it is confirmed whether Cemex can be added as a grant contributor then the sign can be printed A3 size and displayed in the notice board.

Aylsham Stonecraft had been contacted for a price for a monolith. The largest they had was 80cm and the cost was £90 plus £30 for cutting and shaping. It was agreed that this was not large enough and Mr Sherlock is to try to find a larger piece of stone.

The clerk had spoken with Mr Carrick about the fencing materials. He has them at Darbys and will deliver them to Mr Perry's house.

Some Type One aggregate is needed for the Gooseberry Hill car park – Mr Atterwill is to speak with Mr Marsham about this. The decision on whether the car park should be extended will be taken after the summer when usage at peak time can be established. Mr Marsham is also going to help to concrete the benches into the ground to lessen the chance of vandalism.

Jake Humphrey is unable to attend the Gooseberry Hill opening ceremony so something will be arranged with the children of the school. The clerk is to check whether April 2nd does not form part of the Easter Holidays.

The landscaping of the village green behind the old village hall land is to be delayed until after development has occurred on the old village hall site.

5. Matters Arising from Monthly Inspection Report

Mr Sherlock reported that a few nicks had been discovered in the climbing net. Holes in the chain link fence were still causing a problem but he has made temporary repairs on the largest hole. There is also an increasing problem with moles. The clerk is to ask Pest Control to make an inspection.

6. Playground Development – Gooseberry Hill

An offer of grant funding of £12,500 had been received from Cemex, which was the back up application should the Biffa grant fail. Cemex have been advised that monies have been received from Biffa but the monies could be applied to further equipment on the Gooseberry Hill site. A response is still awaited as to whether the grant can be retained.

The kickwalls have been installed.

With the chain link fencing becoming increasing problematic, the clerk is to go out to tender for prices on the replacement of the existing chain link fencing and to install a new fence at the far end of the field to prevent children going near the barbed fencing on the adjacent land.

Mr Atterwill had been approached with an offer of five 14ft silver birch trees at £20 each. It was agreed that as this had been budgeted for this offer should be accepted. This is to go before full Parish Council.

The clerk is to find out whether Norfolk County Council will provide more trees with the ones that were originally promised for the Ainsworth Close area.

7. Opening Ceremony – Gooseberry Hill

This was covered under item 4.

8. Village Green

A working party is needed to prune the branches on the village green. Concerns were raised over the tree debris on the banks of the village green.

9. To discuss potential project of an all weather sports pitch

Mr Atterwill reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had agreed that should the all weather sports pitch go ahead it should be on the land in front of the hall. The Parish Council had agreed to a study into the feasibility of this project.

Mrs Barnes is to find out the recommended size of a 5 A-Side football pitch and also investigate potential surfacing.

Miss Woolnough is to investigate potential funding sources.

The clerk is to write to Lyng, North Elmham and Hingham Parish Council's to find out information about their pitches and what was involved in bringing their projects to fruition.

10. Finance

Miss Woolnough reported that Cemex were still considering the new grant application, and that the application for the remaining Biffa funding had been submitted.

11. Correspondence

Mr Atterwill reported that the invoice for the kickwalls had been received.

12. Any items to be Approved by Full Parish Council

Approve finance for purchase of trees

13. Any item to be Reported for Next Meeting

Opening ceremony

All weather sports pitch

A need for a teenage shelter was found in the village appraisal. This should be re-investigated with the possibility of putting it near the sports pitch so it can have dual function as covered seating for people using the pitch.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Working party on 26th January at 9.30am

Wednesday 6th February, 7.30pm at the village hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.05

.....(Chairman)

.....(Date)