

SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 10th July 2008. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr R Atterwill (Chairman), Miss L Woolnough, Mr R Sherlock and Mr C Perry. Also in attendance Mrs F LeBon (clerk)

It was agreed that a site visit should be made to Gooseberry Hill playing field to inspect fencing works. It was then agreed to continue the meeting onsite.

1. Election of Sub Committee Chairman

Miss Woolnough proposed that Mr Atterwill should continue as Chairman, seconded by Mr Sherlock and carried.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs Vyse.

3. Declarations of Interest

Mr Sherlock and Mr Perry both declared personal interests in the Gooseberry Hill site due to the location of their respective properties.

4. Minutes of Minutes of 6th February 2008 to be confirmed.

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

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 6th February 2008

Mr Atterwill reported that the trees on the village green had been pruned on 16th February. He also reported that as the first fencing contractor had reneged on his tender price, EW Cranes had been employed to do the work with very pleasing results.

The Gooseberry Hill opening ceremony had gone well and was very well attended.

6. Matters Arising from Monthly Inspection Report

As the fencing has been replaced this resolves the problems raised in previous inspection reports. There are some bolts sticking out in the Tunnel in the Lavenham and a plank on the suspension bridge on the same piece of equipment has been vandalised. The clerk is to call out Adventure Playgrounds to get these matters addressed.

7. To Receive a Report on the Fencing of Gooseberry Hill Playing Field

A good job had been done by the fencing contractor. £1080 of the money owed will be taken from the Playing Fields budget and the remainder from the old village hall funds.

8. Village Green

Litter is becoming a problem around the new bench, but is being picked up regularly by volunteers.

9. All Weather Sports Pitch

Mr Sherlock had visited the sports pitch at Brancaster and supplied the committee with photographs. The contractors involved in this project had sent details on the multisport surfacing (Texplay II). Adventure Playgrounds has recommended a similar surfacing. Any pitch for Swanton Morley would require floodlighting and it would be better to account for this and apply for grants in one large project rather than phasing the project.

The clerk is to write to HMRC to get confirmation of the VAT reclamation status of this project.

The clerk is also to speak to Anglia Midland Surfacing to obtain a quote for 27.45m vs 45.75m (the minimum size for a 5-a-side pitch). Also to speak with the FA to see what size pitches they would support with grants. The clerk is to speak to Anglia Midland to arrange a site meeting in early August. Also speak to Breckland to find out if Planning Permission is required.

10. To Discuss Potential Project of a Teenage Shelter

This is to be included in the full project as this would be more beneficial for grant applications.

11. Finance

a) To receive report on Cemex grant application

