SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Playing Fields Sub-Committee was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 19th July 2007. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr R Atterwill, Miss L Woolnough and Mr C Perry

1. Election of Committee Chairman
Miss Woolnough proposed that Mr Atterwill continue as Chairman of the committee, seconded by Mr Perry. Mr Atterwill confirmed he would be prepared to continue and the movement was carried.

2. Apologies for Absence
Mrs A Evans

3. Declarations of Interest
None

4. Minutes of Minutes of 1st March 2007 to be confirmed.
Miss Woolnough proposed that these minutes be accepted, Mr Perry seconded. All in favour. The minutes were signed as a true record by Mr Atterwill.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 1st March 2007
None

6. Matters Arising from Monthly Inspection Report
Mr Atterwill had given the following 'snag' list to Adventure Playgrounds:

- Wobble board on trim trail needs replacing.
- Piece of wood affixing rope on the Litcham is inadequate and need replacing with something larger.
- Some upright barriers on the Litcham need replacing.
- Movement from bridge on the Litcham is moving the towers. Additional railing is to be put in.
- There are bolts sticking out on the Waxham.

Following the RoSPA report the following is going to be addressed:

- Adventure Playgrounds are going to measure all gaps in equipment to make sure they comply with safety recommendations.
- A price to replenish the woodchip had been obtained. 16m^3 of play grade hard wood chip would cost £393.25 (inc delivery ex VAT). This is almost double the price of the chips ordered last year, however previous orders have been for play grade soft wood chips and they are currently unavailable. Hard wood should last for two years. Mr Perry queried the price of using woodchips in the long term. Mr Atterwill responded that the use of Safagrass around all equipment should be re-investigated by the Parish Council.
- Signage will be ordered after Phase 2 has been completed.

Mr Perry reported that there are now three levels of straining wire broken on the fence. Mr Atterwill instructed the clerk to write to Mr Carrick to ask for the materials that have already been purchased by the Parish Council to be delivered to Mr Perry's house. The clerk is also to request that EW Crane provide a quotation for repair of the fencing if the Parish Council provides the materials.

6. Finance / Grant Applications
Miss Woolnough provided a report on all funding obtained to date. Biffaward have acknowledged the 3rd Party funding payment from the Parish Council and will give a formal offer of funding through Rural Action East in August. 90% of funding will be released when they are told that the project has been completed and the final 10% will be released after a formal inspection by Rural Action East. Adventure Playgrounds has given a provisional date of 3rd September for commencing construction of Phase 2.

7. Playground Development : -
a) To receive report from meeting with contractor on 12th July 2007
The following is to be put in by the contractor as part of Phase 2:

- Lavenham multi-play equipment, with a climbing wall to replace the fireman's pole
- 3 x springy toys (flower, horse and motorbike and side car)
- 2 x play panels (shop and car)
- Safagrass safety surfacing

b) To agree requirements for completion of Phase II of playing fields project

Adventure Playgrounds were unable to supply a suitable roundabout. Roundabouts from GL Jones were discussed. Originally a roundabout flush to the ground was considered, but this requires wet pour rubber and would take the project over budget. Mr Atterwill proposed a 2.4m diameter slightly raised roundabout with 3 seats and a speed restrictor. This would require Safagrass surfacing. Mr Perry seconded, all in favour.
Mr Atterwill placed on record his appreciation to Miss Woolnough for her work with the project budget and grant bodies.

c) To discuss and agree Phase III of playing fields project

Mr Atterwill reported that in the Village Appraisal over 400 people in the village wanted an all weather sports pitch. He felt this would be better placed on the village hall site and managed by the Village Hall Management Committee. He suggested a 20m x 12m pitch suitable for a basketball court/ 5 a side football pitch, although should a tennis court be incorporated it would have to be larger. Mr Perry proposed that Mr Atterwill proceed with obtaining costs prior to the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting. Miss Woolnough seconded, all in favour.

d) Agree new signage for the Gooseberry Hill playing field

To be arranged after Phase 2 has been completed.

8. Correspondence

The Foundation for Sport and Art had been updated as to stage of the project.
The RoSPA report and Biffaward notice had been discussed.

9. Any items to be Approved by Full Parish Council

Authorisation for expenditure for bark
Authorisation for expenditure to EW Crane to repair the fencing.

10. Any item to be Reported for Next Meeting

None

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 30th August, 7.30pm at the village hall.

……..(Chairman) ……(Date)