

## **Debenham Parish Council Play Area Working Group May 2008**

### **Play Area Project**

The project is to provide both physical activity for the over twelve years age group and a place for young people to meet. The provision will be for able and less able-bodied young people of all abilities and social groups.

The provision of a safety service will help less able-bodied young people to take part in the activities with their more able peers.

There is very poor provision of general non-adult organised physical activity equipment and space for the older range of young people in rural environments. Debenham with its high school and other activity and organised provision is a magnet for young people in the surrounding area and without somewhere to go and meet they are left to wander around and generally cause concern against the older people in our community. The provision of items under this project will lessen the problems that arise between the young people and their fellow residents.

We hope to purchase one item of multi-play equipment to give Soccer, basketball and general ball play and a meeting point with solar lighting that will enable young people to meet without being under the control of adults.

It will also enable provision at a different location play items for the young members of our community which will be closer to the newer developments in the village.

The proposal is that the items will be located at Debenham Parish Council recreation Ground, Aspall Road, Debenham Suffolk and other play areas within the village.

### **Purchase of Basketball/Soccer Play Item and Youth Shelter**

We have for some time been considering the purchase of a Basketball/Soccer Play Equipment item to be sited in the recreation ground.

We think that this item will be of use to an older age group than the current play equipment targeted age range. We at the present time have no item targeted towards the older children/teenagers in the village and it is time that this omission was corrected.

We have over the last few years built up a fairly large sum of money to cover the expected cost of this item.

It has been suggested by one of the companies that it would be cheaper for us to get the surface laid by a specialist company working in that area so we have not included the Play Equipment Companies estimated costs for this part of the work. We are seeking three quotes to cover these costs based on the installation required for the Play & Leisure companies' equipment.

The Play Area Working Group has been looking at the various options, as the costs of these items if above £1000 and under £10000 we needed to seek three quotes and the three main possible items are: (full details and specifications of these items will be available at the next meeting for your review). All costs quoted exclude VAT.

The Play Area Working Group has so far managed to secure funding for the greater part of the costs.

Debenham Parish Council

£2500 Normal Play Area+ Maintenance Reserve Budgets

£4000 General Reserve Budget to be refunded by £1500 precept over 3 years

£1000 Councillor E Alcock Locality Budget (carried over from last year)

£2500 MSDC Community Projects) 07/08 Budget carried over)

Total Already Pledged = £10,000

Examples of the proposed type of equipment can be seen on the following page

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Appendix 1

