



## Visit From TVP Crime Prevention Officer To Proposed Weston Playground.

- 1) Visited by David Campbell of TVP to Weston On The Green proposed playground sites, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 14:30.
- 2) The purpose of this visit was to review the proposed sites of the Weston Playground Scheme. Mr. Campbell was accompanied by Robin Stafford Allen and Kevan Barnhill.
- 3) Mr. Campbell reviewed the following proposed sites: The existing play area in south-eastern corner of field: The possible site to the north of the existing area, adjacent to the eastern boundary: The possible site adjacent to the existing garage block: The possible site at northern boundary of field, west of the main gate.
- 4) Mr. Campbell's advice is summarised as follows:
  - i) The existing play area site is completely unsuitable for the development of a playground. This is primarily due to 'hidden' position of the site. This could give rise to bullying, vandalism, and issues of child security. In addition, the remote location will discourage use by young children due to lack of easy access.
  - ii) The possible site at the southern end of the eastern boundary is completely unsuitable for the same reasons as given above.
  - iii) The possible site adjacent to the existing garage block, whilst benefiting from ease of access, is unsuitable due to the 'hidden' location. As above, this could give rise to bullying, vandalism, and issues of child security.
  - iv) The possible site to the west of the main gate was recommended as the best choice of sites available. The site is in full vision from nearby houses and the public road. Mr. Campbell felt that this offered the best protection from the issues of bullying, vandalism, and minimised the problem of child security. In addition the ease of access would encourage the maximum use of the proposed playground.
- 5) Mr. Campbell recommended that if the playground were to be built in the recommended position, it would be advisable to keep the boundary hedge trimmed to such a height as to maintain good visibility of the area from the public road. He also suggested that signage might be erected showing the age range that the equipment was intended to serve.
- 6) It should be noted that during the site visit by Mr. Campbell, Cllr. Cavan attempted to interfere with the discussions being held. Despite being formally introduced to Mr. Campbell as a Parish Councillor, she was rude and insulting to Mr. Campbell, stating that Mr. Campbell was 'only a humpty'. Mr. Campbell was obviously embarrassed by this behaviour and declined to have further discourse with Cllr. Cavan. Kevan Barnhill later apologised to Mr. Campbell for the behaviour of Cllr. Cavan.
- 7) Mr. Campbell left the village at approximately 15:40. He will issue a report in the next few days.