

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 8:15pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Simon Taylor (Chairman)	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr Tony Stanbridge Hunton Parish Council

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting on 15th November 2023 other than amendment being required to page 3 (cheque 300162 was signed by ST and DH, not ST and SJ). The Secretary will amend the minutes. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Outstanding items on the minor works list:
 - Replace the missing post on the activity trail -> SJ has the Postcrete and will replace the post in the Spring.
 - Install the tractor rocker -> the tractor has been installed and has settled well. It will be infilled with play bark or shredded rubber.
 - Refix the safety net -> this can only be done with a cherry picker.
- ST will contact Tate Fencing about a gate near the cricket pavilion/shed.
- The cricket field has been free of rabbits although there are some at the Bowls Club. There is no mole activity.
- DH/SJ will check the container to determine the shelving/storage requirements.
- Both Community Orchard gate posts have now fallen. There is a working party at the Orchard on 21st January; DH will sort out the gate posts.
- Action on items noted on the boundary walk in July:
 - The lower branches need to be removed from the tree near the football pitch -> the branches will be removed by Hood's Tree Services when the Parish Council VTA remedial work is undertaken on the field in the Spring. SE noted that the branches are causing an issue for the football team. Other VTA work affecting the field will be Poplar removals on the north boundary and any work necessary on the Turkey Oak following the climbed inspection.
 - The trees need to be cut back hard near the basket swing -> Sam Andrews (new Tree

- Warden) has trimmed the hedging and small branches around the basket swing.
- The tree needs to be cut back near the security light above the container -> Hood's Tree Services will do this work as part of the VTA work near the village hall on 12th February.
- ST has contacted the original electrical contractor for the pavilion about the C2/C3 issues raised by Hilec on the EICR; he will circulate the email sent.
- SG, DH, ST and SJ completed/signed the Unity Trust Bank internet banking form. SG has received a response this week requesting identification information from SJ, which has been provided to UTB.
- Robert Cox has not cut the beech hedge yet but it is in hand; AB contacted him today.
- SJ has obtained four prices for a 1500mm 2/3 seat composite bench for the fenced play area. It was agreed that the bench costing £417.26 (including VAT) and associated anchor kit costing £27.80 should be purchased. SJ will check the guarantee, method for anchoring the bench, cost of engraving and whether there is a discount for purchasing more than one bench. SJ will circulate the details by email for a decision. DH can take delivery and transport the bench to the field using his tractor and trailer.
- SE still needs to find someone who can make a strut for the bench near the football pitch.
- The Football Club have been unable to find someone to look at the boiler in the changing rooms (which is off mains). SG will contact someone she knows.

4. Health & safety

- SG undertook play area inspections on 8th December and 8th January which she will email to everyone. All items are low risk.
- The annual play area inspection report has been received from The Play Area Inspection Company Ltd. SG has circulated the report and a summary. All items are 'very low' or 'low' risk except for one 'moderate' risk item (corrosion and perforation of steel boxwork on the multiplay). SG will check a quote obtained from Laddingford Engineering some time ago for new boxwork, but the best option is likely to be repair rather than replacement. The platform will be removed in the Spring to view the boxwork. A fence fixing is missing - it may be possible to obtain the fixing from Jackson Fencing. ST will take a photograph and look online.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st December 2023 was noted. There will be £3,982 in funds remaining after the outstanding invoice has been paid at the meeting.
- The payments made since the last meeting are:
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - November/December) - £21.44
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- As the Parish Council is agreeing its budget for 2024/25 at its next meeting, DH asked whether the £7,000 annual grant for the Playing Field Committee is still sufficient. The Committee agreed that it is.
- The direct debit to Castle Water has increased from £7.16 to £14.28. SJ will take another meter reading when he is next at the field.
- Landscape Services have sent the grounds maintenance contract renewal for 2024/25. The cost is £1,445.39 for 21 cuts (2023: £1,350.83), a 7% increase.

- SG has tried calling Paul Waring for a quote, but he has not answered the calls and has no answer phone; SG will write to him. SJ will contact the person who undertakes the Autumn cricket pitch renovations.
- The following payments were approved:
300163 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (November/December)
£150.00
The cheque was signed by DH and ST.

6. Administration

- Dates of Committee meetings for 2024 are:
13th March
8th May
10th July (including boundary walk and AGM)
11th September
13th November
SG has previously emailed the dates to Committee members.

7. Other parish news

- DH advised that there had been little flooding last week, despite all the rain, due to the changes in the way the land is being farmed.

8. Any other matters

- SG has received an email from the Pre-School to say that a parent had twisted her ankle on a pothole, asking if there are plans to fill the holes. The potholes will be filled and rolled in April when it is drier. In the meantime, DH will buy a 3T load and use it to fill the holes, but it cannot be rolled any earlier than April.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:20pm.