

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 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
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr Scott Elliott Hunton Football Club

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 March 2023. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- The only two outstanding items on the minor works list are: 1) replacing the missing post on the activity trail - SJ will do this when the tractor rocker is installed; 2) refixing the safety net - this can only be done with a cherry picker.
- Tate Fencing have fitted the post and rail fence between the orchard fence and the mower shed and close-boarded fencing between the mower shed and cricket pavilion. A gate will need to be fitted at some point.
- SJ has not obtained any further quotes for rabbit control. The rabbits are still under the pavilion deck but there has been no further damage on the cricket square.
- No action has been taken on fitting racking in the container but there is sufficient space for the items which need to be stored.
- SJ rolled the football pitch on 9th April at a charge of £15 to the Football Club for diesel.
- DH has not fitted the new Community Orchard gate post yet.
- CS will purchase the Little Owl box.
- SG contacted MBC about arranging a meeting to discuss using the car park as a water aid distribution site. MBC have asked someone from South East Water to liaise with SG but no contact has been made yet.
- SG forwarded on the details of the Everyday Active Small Grant Scheme to the clubs.

4. Health & safety

- MBC have stopped the monthly play area inspections.
- SG will do the first inspection on behalf of the Committee in May.

- SJ suggested that the picnic tables near the play area should be repositioned to give the ground a chance to recover and for Robert Cox to mow around.
- There are no major issues according to the annual play area inspection report but the findings will be reviewed on the boundary walk in July.
- SG has sent the repeat order form to The Play Inspection Company to automatically schedule the inspection in 2024.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st March 2023 was noted. Funds of £2,543 have been carried forward to 2023/24.
- The Income & Expenditure report to 30th April 2023 was noted. There will be £473 in funds remaining after outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting. The £7,000 grant from the Parish Council will be authorised at the next meeting on 15th May.
- The Parish Council has paid the South East Water Community Fund grants to each of the clubs.
- SG applied for another grant for the fencing from the South East Water Community Fund, this time on behalf of the Playing Field Committee, but the application was unsuccessful.
- SG has accepted the Landscape Services quote for the grounds maintenance.
- SJ will take a water meter reading.
- The payments made since the last meeting are:
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - March/April) - £99.70
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- The following payments were approved:
300151 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (March/April) £150.00
300152 - Tate & Tonbridge Fencing Ltd - Fencing £1,869.76
The cheques were signed by ST and DH.

6. Administration

- SG has renewed the insurance with BHIB.
- SG advised that the Fields in Trust AGM is on Tuesday 13th June at 1:30pm if anyone would like to attend.

7. Other parish news

- DH was pleased that everyone had enjoyed the King's Coronation Tea event.
- The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 15th May and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 22nd May.
- SJ asked about 'Musicals on the Green' which was mentioned at the last meeting. DH advised that it will actually be held in the Village Club on 10th June. The pantomime will be held in the Village Hall in October.

8. Any other matters

- SJ advised that in the past hanging baskets outside the pavilion had been stolen. Artificial hanging baskets are available which can be put up for a match and taken down afterwards to prevent theft. The Bowls Club would also be welcome to borrow them. It was agreed that the Committee would fund the purchase of the hanging baskets up to a value of £100.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th July 2023 at Hunton Cricket Pavilion

7:30pm Annual Inspection of the Playing Field (weather permitting)

8:00pm AGM

8:30pm Committee Meeting

SJ and DP gave their apologies.

The meeting ended at 8:54pm.