

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 8:20pm**  
**at Hunton Cricket Pavilion, West Street, Hunton**  
**Charity number 1084141**

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

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024. 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 replaced the post.
  - Refix the safety net -> This can only be done with a cherry picker. The posts are solid; will just monitor for now. CS will tighten a screw on one post.
- ST has ordered the close-board gate from Tate Fencing, which will arrive soon. ST and SJ will fit it.
- The rabbits have been quite active, with some damage to the cricket pitch outfield. The holes are being filled with topsoil. Rabbit activity to be monitored.
- DH will fit the posts (another post is required) and gate in the Community Orchard.
- Action on items noted on the boundary walk in July 2023:
  - The Tree Warden has disposed of the branches removed from the tree near the football pitch. He has also cut down the smaller poplar tree. The other poplar will be cut down in August by Hood's Tree Services. The work on the turkey oak may be deferred; to be considered by the Parish Council next week.
- DH is still unable to access the UTB bank account for internet banking.
- SJ has the bench for the play area. It will be fitted in the play area at the end of the summer.
- ST still has the slat for the bench near the football pitch which he will return to SE.
- No further progress regarding the supply and fit of a boiler in the Football Club changing rooms.

- DH will fill the potholes in August, during the summer holidays.
- SG raised a query with KCC Highways regarding the potholes near the entrance to the car park to establish whose responsibility it is to fix them; no response has been received yet. During the boundary walk before the meeting, it was concluded that the Playing Field Committee is likely to be responsible. DH will sweep out the potholes and fill with cold tarmac when he fills the car park potholes.
- Robert Cox has cut back the nettles at the back of the cricket pavilion. SG will ask him to do it again at the beginning of September and to cut back the brambles behind the football goal.

#### 4. Health & safety

- SG undertook a play area inspection on 5<sup>th</sup> June which has been circulated by email and undertook an inspection prior to the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July. All items are low risk, apart from the corrosion of the multiplay boxwork which is medium risk.
- DH spoke to someone in the village to see if he would be able to weld the multiplay boxwork, but he cannot do the work. CS will enquire with a mobile welder. SG will ask Laddingford Engineering. ST will ask at work to see if anyone knows a welder.
- In addition to items already mentioned above, the following was identified during the boundary walk:
  - Weeds on the play area surfaces -> CS will deal with these.
  - The walnut tree needs cutting back -> SG will ask the Tree Warden to do this.

#### 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was noted. There will be £7,627 in funds remaining after the outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- Receipts since the last meeting are:  
Hunton Parish Council (contribution for 2024/25) - £7,000.00
- Payments made since the last meeting are:  
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - May/June) - £263.91  
Robert Cox (tidying the play area and car park) - £120.00  
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- SJ took a water meter reading on 5<sup>th</sup> June which was not submitted to Castle Water as it looked high. However, Castle Water took a reading a few days later and the invoice for June is £267.94, compared to £119.45 for May. The meter will be checked after the meeting to see if it is running when no water is being used (ie there is a leak).
- ST has responded to SE's email asking that his proposal for funding for winter work on the football pitch is reconsidered. ST has not received a response from SE yet. Additional cuts will be carried out in the winter. SG will obtain a quote from Steven Waring for the whole field, which could be done once or twice during the winter, and more on the football pitch. It will be discussed further when SE is in attendance.
- Landscape Services are back on track with the grass cutting now.
- CS agreed to become a signatory for the Unity Trust Bank account.
- The following payments were approved:
 

Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (May/June)	£150.00
Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park	£120.00
Robert Cox - Strimming from the Bowls Club to the cricket pavilion	£50.00
Robert Cox - Hedge cutting and strimming on the driveway to Hunton Engineering	£180.00

ST will authorise the payments set up by SG online and SG will ask SJ to be the second authoriser as DH is unable to authorise payments at the moment.

**6. Administration**

- None.

**7. Other parish news**

- There is a vacancy on the Parish Council; a meeting will likely be held in August to appoint a new parish councillor.
- The change of contractor for bin collections has caused some issues in the parish.

**8. Any other matters**

- CS advised that there is a lime tree rubbing on the top of the Bowls Club pavilion when it is windy; the lower branches need to be removed. CS saw the Tree Warden at the field, who has said he can obtain a quote from Hood's Tree Services and add it to the work they are due to do.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Hunton Village Club**

The meeting ended at 9:07pm.