

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 8:15pm**  
**at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton**  
**Charity number 1084141**

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

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: None

**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 11<sup>th</sup> July 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:
  - Refix the safety net -> This can only be done with a cherry picker. CS has tightened the screw on one of the posts; the other posts are fine.
- ST has received the close-board gate for the gap in the fencing near the cricket pavilion, which will be fitted in a few weeks' time.
- The rabbits have been active on the cricket pitch outfield and under the green container. Activity will be monitored. DH and TS will see if they can find someone to deal with the issue.
- DH has obtained another post for the Community Orchard gate; the posts and gate will be fitted.
- Trees:
  - The poplar tree in the corner of the field has been cut down by Hood's Tree Services.
  - Hood's Tree Services are undertaking a survey on 8<sup>th</sup> October to determine whether the turkey oak tree needs to be cut back.
  - CS noted his thanks to the Tree Warden for cutting back the lime tree branches that were brushing on the Bowls Club pavilion roof.
  - SJ noted that a cherry tree near the cricket pavilion will need cutting back, but it can be left until the next Visual Tree Assessment.

- DH cannot access the UTB bank account for internet banking. SG has tried to reset it and add CS as an authorised signatory, but there were issues with the system and SG could not get through to UTB. Another attempt will be made before the November committee meeting.
- Two concrete plinths are needed to fit the new bench in the play area. Once the concrete has set, DH will collect the bench from SJ, and it can be installed. DH will also collect the gate from ST. SJ will send some suggested dates to DH, CS and ST.
- ST needs to return the bench slat to SE.
- No further progress regarding the supply and fit of a boiler in the Football Club changing rooms.
- DH has filled the potholes at the entrance to the car park (which is not KCC Highways responsibility) and the rest of the car park. It may need rolling to bed the material in quicker.
- Robert Cox and the football club have cut back the brambles behind the football goal. There is no need to cut the nettles back behind the pavilion, but SG will ask Robert Cox to cut back the north border of the field.

#### 4. Health & safety

- SG undertook a play area inspection on 11<sup>th</sup> September which has been circulated by email. All items are low risk, apart from the corrosion of the multiplay boxwork which is medium risk.
- CS has not been able to find a mobile welder to repair the multiplay boxwork but will keep trying. SG will ask Yalding Forge.
- Items from the boundary walk in July:
  - Weeds on the play area surfaces -> CS has treated the weeds.
  - The walnut tree needs cutting back -> The Tree Warden will do this when he cuts the hedges in October.

#### 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 was noted. There will be £6,553 in funds remaining after the outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:  
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - July/August) - £409.90
- Waterlink repaired a water leak on the field on 20<sup>th</sup> August, which the Parish Council will pay for. Waterlink took a water meter reading of 5857 on that date, compared to an estimated reading of 5733 from Castle Water on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The readings will be monitored but will not be submitted to Castle Water until actual readings are more in alignment with Castle Water's estimated readings due to minimal water being used over the winter months.
- CS will let SE know when Landscape Services have stopped cutting the grass for the winter. Steven Waring will be contacted to cut the football pitch when needed thereafter (he will need a few days' notice). CS will be able to open the gate for him. SG has not heard back from Steven Waring yet regarding the cost to cut the whole field.
- The following payments were approved:
 

Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (July/August)	£150.00
Robert Cox - Clearing brambles behind football goal	£175.00
Robert Cox - Strimming from the Bowls Club to the cricket pavilion	£50.00

Robert Cox - Cutting the hedge to Hunton Engineering £95.00

David Heaton - Material to fill potholes £244.38

ST and SJ will authorise the payments set up by SG online.

- SG will provide details of regular spend for the year (grounds maintenance, bin emptying etc) so the Committee knows how much is left for discretionary expenditure.

#### **6. Administration**

- SG contacted Zurich, the Parish Council's insurer to ask whether assets bought by the Committee (springy tractor and bench) can be insured under the Parish Council's insurance. The assets would need to be gifted to the Parish Council for them to be included. It was agreed that the springy tractor and bench for the play area should be gifted to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will consider the gift of assets at the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **7. Other parish news**

- Simon Webb has filled the vacancy on the Parish Council.

#### **8. Any other matters**

- SJ has been approached by a yoga group in the village to ask if they can use the cricket pavilion on Saturday mornings. SJ met with them; they decided it would be too cold in the winter but could possibly use it from March/April to September from 10-11am before the cricket club would need it. SJ has agreed to meet the group in March to discuss it again. The Committee agreed that the yoga group could use the pavilion. SJ will speak to the HWCC committee.
- DH reported that the last time the running club had been doing sprints on the field, children from The Chances had kicked footballs at them. SJ added that the children had also ridden bikes on the cricket square while a cricket match was being played. DH has told people to make a note of any antisocial behaviour which can be reported to Community Safety at Maidstone Borough Council if necessary. CS advised that there had also been an incident at the Bowls Club where two youths (not thought to be from The Chances) came in while a female Bowls Club member was practising on her own. One of the youths distracted the woman while the other looked in her handbag. In addition, someone had climbed the gate and moved things around.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Hunton Village Club**

TS gave his apologies for this meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:26pm.