

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 8:40pm**  
**at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton**  
Charity number 1084141

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

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 with the exception of stating DP's apologies for this meeting which was incorrect. SG will amend the minutes. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

**3. Matters arising**

- The only outstanding items on the minor works list are:
  - replacing the missing post on the activity trail - to do in the autumn;
  - installing the tractor rocker - to do in the autumn;
  - refixing the safety net - this can only be done with a cherry picker.
- ST and SJ will organise the fitting of a gate near the pavilion/shed.
- It has not been possible to obtain a reasonable price for rabbit control. The cricket square is fine but holes are still being filled on the pitch before cricket matches. CS has seen evidence of moles near the car park; activity will be monitored.
- No action has been taken on fitting racking in the container.
- DH has not fitted the new Community Orchard gate post yet.
- CS has purchased the Little Owl box and is waiting for delivery.
- SG has heard nothing further from South East Water regarding use of the car park as a water aid distribution site.

**4. Health & safety**

- SG did a play area inspection on 27<sup>th</sup> May. All items are satisfactory or low risk. SG will send the template for the inspection report to ST.
- The picnic tables near the play area were repositioned during the boundary walk prior to the meeting.
- The findings from the annual play area inspection report were considered during the

boundary walk. The next annual inspection will take place in January 2024.

- The following was identified during the boundary walk:
  - The crowns need to be lifted on a number of trees to allow the mower to cut beneath them.
  - The lower branches need to be removed from the tree near the football pitch.
  - The trees need to be cut back hard near the basket swing.
  - The tree needs to be cut back near the security light above the container.
  - The play area and trim trail needs tidying up.
  - The nettles at the back of the cricket pavilion and the brambles behind the football goal need cutting back.
  - The privet hedge at the entrance to the car park needs cutting.

DH noted that the Parish Council is undertaking a tree inspection in September. The tree work can be added to any remedial works recommended from the inspection.

SG will ask Robert Cox to carry out the work on the play area, trim trail, nettles, brambles and privet hedge.

## 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was noted. There will be £6,667 in funds remaining after outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- The payments made since the last meeting are:
  - DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - May/June) - £398.06
  - Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- The following payments were approved:

300153 - Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park x 2	£240.00
300154 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (May/June)	£150.00

The cheques were signed by ST and DH.
- SJ has taken a water meter reading. Prior to that the direct debit had been increased by Castle Water to £199.03 a month. SG has contacted Castle Water and the new reading will mean that the direct debit is reduced considerably.

## 6. Administration

- None.

## 7. Other parish news

- DH had nothing to report other than the recent closure of a number of roads in Hunton, including Redwall Lane for several weeks.

## 8. Any other matters

- SG advised that Staplehurst Monarchs Youth Football Club and AFC Phoenix had requested use of the football pitch for their matches. They were told that the pitch is used by Hunton Football Club only.
- AB had asked for details of the Bowls Club Triples Tournament to be passed on. It will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 10am, so the car park will be busy all day. The football and cricket clubs both have matches on that day but will park on the field.
- SG will liaise with SJ to organise electrical checks at the cricket pavilion. The football club changing rooms do not need to be checked due to the relatively recent rewire.
- DH advised that there are 10-15 gazebos in the right hand side container if any of the

- sports clubs would like to borrow them for any events as they are for use by the village.
- SE advised that the football club event in June went very well and raised £2,700 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Pre-season friendly matches will start on the last weekend of July and the football season will start properly in September. The club is being sponsored by Hunton Engineering. The club is looking to change the boiler in the changing rooms; a metal cage will be needed for the gas cylinder. DH informed SE that the Parish Council would be able to pay for the boiler and cage as it owns the changing rooms.
  - ST noted that the last cricket club league match will be in the first week of September.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Hunton Village Club**

DH and CS gave their apologies.

The meeting ended at 9:05pm.