

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 8:15pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:	Mr Colin Slattery (Chairman)	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club

1. Welcome

The Chairman (Colin Slattery) was unable to attend the meeting. The attending trustees chaired the meeting together.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting on 10th September 2025, other than changing 'pitch' to 'outfield' under the third point in the Finance section. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Broken post and refixing/replacing the safety net -> DH to provide concrete splines to reinforce two poles. SG noted from a recent walk on the field that three poles need reinforcing.
- SJ advised that there has been little rabbit activity. There are signs of moles, but they are not causing a problem.
- DH had found the missing gate between the orchard and the recreation ground and fixed it back in place.
- SE was not present at the meeting to advise if the turkey oak and oak trees near the football pitch are causing any issues.
- Robert Cox has not cut back the brambles on the northern boundary of the field; SG will ask again but has asked SE if the blue netting can be removed between football matches to allow him to do it. Several water bottles were left near the football pitch after the last match; DP will speak to SE.
- DH was not present at the meeting to advise whether he is still unable to access Unity Trust Bank for internet banking.
- DH has one pothole left to fill next to the filled hole at the entrance to the car park.
- CS was not present at the meeting to advise whether he has unblocked the culvert (to try and minimise the water running down West Street which causes the potholes at the entrance to the car park).
- CS will look at the repointing of the wall at the entrance to the car park in the spring.

- SG advised that the Parish Council has reimbursed Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club (HWCC) for the repairs to the pavilion roof and has also agreed to fund the cost of the materials (up to £600) to replace the decking in the spring. SG asked SJ to let her know if the cost is likely to be more than £600.

4. Health & safety

- SG undertook a play area inspection on 8th October which was circulated by email. The wooden posts and metal boxwork have been replaced on the multiplay and the wooden platform refitted, so the comments and medium risk rating relating to corrosion of the boxwork have been removed. Otherwise, there is little change since the last inspection. All items are low risk. All remaining items from the 2025 annual play area inspection report are now low or very low risk.
- The Parish Council has paid Playscape for the replacement of the wooden posts on the multiplay. Robert Cox cut the grass in the play area following the completion of the work.
- At the last meeting it was mentioned that some of the benches in the orchard are broken, the grass is long and the trees need pruning. SG spoke with DH, who advised that a working party had recently undertaken some work in the orchard, but the grass was left to grow long deliberately with paths mown through. DH was not aware of broken benches. SG checked the benches earlier in the week; the slats at the top of a couple of benches have broken off but the benches themselves are safe to sit on.
- SG will ask Playscape for a quote to replace the remaining wooden posts on the multiplay at some point in the future.
- SG has received a repeat order form from The Play Inspection Company for the 2026 annual inspection. The cost is £163.20 (£157.20 in 2025). It was agreed that SG should complete the form to arrange the inspection.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st October 2025 was noted. There will be £4,438 in funds remaining after the outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
 Castle Water (water charges - August) - £164.92
 Paul Waring (grass cutting - August) - £388.08
 Barming Pest Control (treatment of wasps' nest) - £60.00
 Unity Trust Bank (service charges - August/September) - £12.00
- CS was not present at the meeting to advise whether he has spoken with Steven Waring about advice to improve the condition of the cricket outfield. SJ will contact CS.
- Castle Water estimated a water meter reading of 6323 on 1st October. On 30th September, the account was £28.98 in credit. The bill for October has not been received yet. SG will take a meter reading.
- The following payments were approved:
 Paul Waring - Grass cutting (September) £309.06
 Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (September/October) £150.00
 Robert Cox - Cutting brambles/nettles behind the football pitch goal and around the cricket pavilion £190.00
 Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park £120.00
 SJ will authorise the payments set up by SG online. SG will ask ST to undertake the second authorisation.

6. Administration

- The Annual Return has been submitted to the Charity Commission for the year ending 31st March 2025, prior to the deadline of 31st January 2026.

7. Other parish news

- A new defibrillator has been fitted to the outside of the Village Club. The Parish Council is planning to organise defibrillator training for those interested early in 2026.

8. Any other matters

- AB advised that Robert Cox has collected the key from her so he can cut the beech hedge.
- SJ noted that the 1st XI cricket team were promoted, but people are dissatisfied with the league. HWCC has been accepted into the Kent Cricket Village League (less formal), so they will be leaving the current league.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th January 2026 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 8:48pm.