

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 8:45pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls 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 18th May 2022. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Updated minor works list attached at Appendix A. A date in September will be arranged for maintenance work.
- Concreting the area where the old cricket pavilion stood is unaffordable. ST and SE will obtain quotes to fence off the area - a post and rail fence from the orchard fence to the mower shed and close-boarded fence panels between the mower shed and the cricket pavilion.
- Paul Messenger has set mole traps on the field and at the Bowls Club; several moles have been caught. The ground has been too dry for rabbit control but Paul will attend using an air rifle within the next couple of weeks.
- SE reported that the Football Club changing rooms have been painted, a new door has been fitted and the boiler has been checked. Work to do includes painting the outside of the building, replacement of the toilet unit and fitting a gas bottle.
- DH noted that there will be a wedding party at the hall on 16th July.
- DH advised that someone else will need to fit the racking in the container as the village hall caretaker has left.
- It would be expensive to install bins with lids which are not guaranteed to be fox-proof. A possibility could be fitting rubber sheeting if there is still an issue. CS suggested that the bin which is hidden by shrubbery should be moved.
- The HWCC roller is now functional and could be used to roll the football pitch, but the

pitch would need to be rolled when the ground is softer.

- DH will source a gate post to replace the Community Orchard post which has rotted.
- SJ had circulated a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Parish Council and the Cricket Club and SG had circulated points to be included in a MOU between the Parish Council and the Football Club. After some discussion, SJ agreed to circulate a revised PC/CC MOU to incorporate points raised.
- CS has researched prices for bird nesting boxes. The Committee agreed to the purchase of a Little Owl box at a cost of £77 plus £15 carriage. CS will purchase the box and be reimbursed by the Committee.
- ST has reviewed the Parish Council's insurance cover of the cricket pavilion and is happy with it.

4. Health & safety

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting:
Multiplay - screw heads showing and some missing; board on platform can be lifted by hand (not secured enough - needs to be secured to main framework); screws are becoming loose on the monkey bars at one end. SJ will secure the platform.
Trim trail - one stepping post taken away (soil needs to cover the post hole). DH has a telegraph pole offcut which could be used to replace the stepping post.
- Mike Summersgill is in the process of receiving quotes for the tree remedial work. A decision on the contractor will be made at the next Parish Council meeting on 18th July.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30th June 2022 was noted. There will be £6,898 in funds remaining after outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting. The £5,750 grant from the Parish Council (£6,000 less £250 towards the hedging plants) for 2022/23 has been paid into the bank account.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - May/June) - £65.26
300133 - Robert Cox (tidying the play area/car park) - £115.00
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- The following payments were approved:
300134 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (May/June) £150.00
300135 - Roecall Services - Mole removal £330.00
The cheques were signed by SJ and DH.
- SJ took a water meter reading on 19th May (4752) which was submitted to Castle Water. The monthly direct debit has increased from £15.41 to £49.85 from June. SJ will take another reading.
- SJ confirmed that a tractor on springs can be installed on the grass at a cost of £789 including VAT (supply only). The critical fall is 457mm so a safety surface is not required. The equipment would need to be installed one metre away from other equipment. The Playing Field Committee would need to fit the equipment using a plate and concrete. SJ will let Playspaces know that the Committee is interested in purchasing the tractor and ask for full installation instructions.

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- DH advised that the residents at The Chances have submitted a planning application for a permanent building, which is likely to be permitted by MBC.
- DH reported that the Friends of St Mary's have made a deposit for the fireworks' display to be held on 6th November (a Sunday), which will be ticket only. There will be additional parking at North Park (Hunton Court). The bonfire will be located near the orchard - the turf will be lifted for the bonfire and replaced after. The fireworks will be let off north of the football pitch and spectators will stand south of the cricket square. The village hall will be used and there will be toilets, a bar, stalls and a BBQ. The event has been risk assessed and is fully insured.

8. Any other matters

- SG noted that AFC Phoenix have enquired about using the football pitch but were told it would not be possible. CS advised that someone is using the pitch to coach children on a Thursday evening, but it was agreed that there is no issue unless any damage is caused to the pitch.
- Robert Cox has cut the hedge to the left of the car park exit and will be cutting the play area each month during the summer.
- SE advised that the first pre-season men's friendly football match will be held on 30th July. The league is still to advise when the football season starts.
- CS noted that the Bowls Club open day will be held on 20th August. There is a cricket match on that day also.
- TS acknowledged the hard work done by the Football Club on the changing rooms and asked SE to pass on thanks to the club.
- AB has given information on the electricity supply to ST so alternative suppliers can be considered as bills have been high, but it may not be possible to do much about it.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th September 2022 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:59pm.

Appendix A: King George V Playing Field – Minor Works List

Item	Required Work	Work Completed	Complete
Picnic Tables	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-tighten bolts/screws, sand rough/splintered edges and replace broken slats).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older table cleaned and screws all re-tightened. Ordered new slats from Sustainable Furniture but they were too short and need to be replaced with the correct size - fitted. Both tables ideally need to be moved to enable grass cutting and repair / re-growth (a 4-person lift). 	Yes Yes
Multi Play	Clean/sand all paintwork including box frame and repair where necessary (epoxy fill/paint with red oxide paint). Re-paint all paintwork. Sand rough/unfinished edges of platform. Clean slide platform and consider fitting spare platform timber to top.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra screws needed for platform where some have fallen out. Spare platform timber will not fit slide platform ... Simon to order pressure-treated timber for platforms to match existing. Painting still to do and sanding of platform edges. 	No No
Swings	Clean/sand all paintwork and repair where necessary (epoxy fill/paint with red oxide paint). Re-paint all paintwork. Re-grease shackles/bushes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shackles and bushes re-greased. Painting still to do. 	Yes No
Activity Trail	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-fix posts as required and replace missing post/step).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet done. 	No
Basket Swing	Remove redundant staples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No redundant staples found on basket swing timber. 	Yes
General Play Area	Clear debris/weeds/etc and cut grass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety surface cleared and grass strimmed and cut. 	Yes
Safety Net	Drill and fix post. Replace bottom cable and refix net.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post drilled and fixed. Bottom cable repaired and net refixed. There is one point where the net needs re-fixing on the top cable but will need cherry picker / hoist for safe access. 	Yes No
Car Park	Fill holes with scalpings and consolidate with roller.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scalpings spread and rolled. 	Yes