

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 at 8:26pm
at Hunton Cricket Pavilion, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Steve Jones (Chairman)	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club

1. Welcome

The new Chairman, appointed at the preceding AGM, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 6th May 2026. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Replacement of poles and safety net -> CS has spoken with SE's contact Mark who is able to obtain scaffolding poles at a good rate and at relatively short notice.
The price for 50m x 6m netting (standard cricket netting) made to order from Collins Nets is £576 plus delivery cost, with a lead in time of three weeks.
Hire of a self-operated cherry picker would cost a minimum of £230 plus delivery cost.
The ground is too hard now; the work will need to be done in autumn. Actions to take:
 - SJ to call Collins Nets to ask about the size and weight of the netting.
 - Order the netting at the beginning of September for delivery at mid to end of September; it can be stored in the cricket pavilion.
 - CS to speak with Mark about the scaffolding poles when they are required.
 - Purchase concrete.
 - SJ to check the website again regarding the cherry picker, which will be ordered nearer the time.
The Maidstone Borough Council SIPA grant cannot be used for the netting; it can only be used on equipment/repairs for the children's play area.
- CS has not seen any mole activity at the Bowls Club; they are still in the Community Orchard. Rabbits are not an issue.
- Robert Cox has cleared the north-eastern area of the field and cut back around the cricket pavilion and boundary, as well as the small hedge at the car park entrance. Everyone agreed he had done an excellent job.
- Potholes are not an issue in the car park currently.
- Water running down West Street is not an issue; it has been minimal.

- The wall at the entrance to the car park need more than repointing now as part of it has collapsed and some of the stones are loose. SE sent photographs to a builder during the meeting who will visit to inspect the wall in the following week and provide a quote.
- CS has moved the split salt bag from the car park.
- The charity event which was due to be held on the field on 20th June did not go ahead.

4. Health & safety

- SG carried out play area inspections on 29th May and 30th June which were circulated by email. All items are low risk.
29th May report - the wooden platform is lifting on the multiplay equipment. SJ subsequently refixed the platform and also repaired the edges of the platform using metal strips.
30th June report - another top slat is starting to lift on the other picnic bench/table back. SJ will ask DH for the replacement slats purchased from Sustainable Furniture. SJ will also attach wooden batons vertically across the slats to strengthen the bench backs.
- The responses to the Parish Council community questionnaire indicated that residents would like to see more play equipment for older children. One resident commented that Boughton Monchelsea have a good range, so SG has taken some photographs of the play equipment there and also printed off details of play equipment from various websites. It was agreed that a seesaw and swings for older children would be a good idea; SG will do further research and obtain prices.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30th June 2026 was noted. There will be £8,512 funds remaining after the outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting. Trustees were grateful for the £8,000 grant received from the Parish Council.
- Payments made since the last meeting:
Unity Trust Bank (service charges - April/May) - £14
Paul Waring (grass cutting and harrowing - April) - £432.54
Castle Water (water charges - May) - £72.35
- The water meter reading on 1st July was 6457; 55 units have been used in the previous month. All credit on the Castle Water account has now been used. The charge for June was £180.68.
- The following payments were approved:

Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (May/June)	£150.00
Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park	£125.00
Paul Waring - Grass cutting (May/June)	£898.02
Sharon Goodwin - Reimbursement for renewal of two garden bins with MBC	£107.00

SJ and CS will authorise the payments set up by SG online.
- SG will pass the garden bin permits to AB when they have been received at the village hall.

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- There are no plans to hold activities on the field for the Village Hall Centenary event on 25th July. A 'Track Dogs' concert will be held in the evening. SJ advised that the cricketers will park near the pavilion.

- A planning application has still not been submitted for the polytunnels to be located on Barn Hill.

8. Any other matters

- The installation of the decking at the cricket pavilion is complete but shingle still needs to be laid. SJ will need reimbursing for the cost of the metal edging on the multiplay platform and the shingle when the work is complete.
- SE asked if the cracked slabs outside the Football Club changing rooms could be replaced as some are broken. It was agreed that SE should obtain a price for the slabs and circulate by email. Members of the Football Club would lay the slabs.
- SG will contact the Tree Warden about the removal of some of the lower branches on several oak trees overhanging the cricket outfield.
- AB advised that the Bowls Club Open Day will be held on 15th August - an all day event. The cricket and football teams both have home matches that day. The cricketers will park on the field near the pavilion and the footballers will park on the road side of the field. There is also a wedding on the same day but a nearby farm is being used for some of the parking.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th September 2026 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:16pm.