

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 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 Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football 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 15th January 2025. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Outstanding item on the minor works list:
 - Refix the safety net → DH may be able to borrow a ladder to refix the netting but would need to measure how high it will reach. CS advised that two of the posts holding the netting are rotten at ground level and are moving in the ground; they will need replacing or supports will need to be put in place. It was agreed that the netting should also be replaced if the posts are replaced. A site meeting will be arranged by email when SJ is also available.
- CS advised that there has been a lot of rabbit activity on the field. There is also mole activity in the orchard and by the car park, but not on the cricket field. To be monitored by a walk round when the site visit is held to look at the posts.
- DH has the two posts for the Community Orchard gate which need to be fitted. The orchard has been mown and pruned.
- Trees:
 - The cherry tree near the old cricket pavilion needs cutting back but can be left until the Parish Council's next Visual Tree Assessment (VTA).
 - The lime trees around the Village Hall need cutting back but can also be left until the VTA.
- DH will call Unity Trust Bank to enable access to internet banking.
- Q-Tec Solutions have visited the Football Club changing rooms, with a view to providing a quote to the Parish Council for electric showers. Q-Tec need to look at the fuse board in the village hall; arranged for 6th March.

- DH will order another 3 tonnes of material to fill the holes in the car park again in April, when the schools are on half term. CS noted that there is another hole at the entrance to the car park caused by the water running down the road from a blocked culvert. DH will also fill this hole and CS will scrape out the culvert.
- Robert Cox has started to cut the beech hedge between the cricket pitch and Bowls Club but has not cut back the northern border of the field yet.
- SJ will speak to the yoga group again in March about using the cricket pavilion.
- The wall at the entrance to the car park will be repointed when the weather is better.

4. Health & safety

- SG did not undertake a play area inspection in January as the annual inspection was conducted in that month. A play area inspection report from 27th February was circulated by email. All items are low risk, apart from the corrosion of the multiplay boxwork which is medium risk.
- Yalding Forge have taken the multiplay boxwork out; the new boxwork will take 2-3 weeks. CS has padlocked the gates and attached 'Closed for maintenance' signs to them.
- CS noted that there is rot on one of the posts on the multiplay, which can be seen now the boxwork has been removed. It needs to be cut away and a piece of wood inserted. The other posts are fine. The work will need to be done before the boxwork and platform are refitted. CS has the wooden platform at the Bowls Club; he will put it in the container.
- The 2025 annual play area inspection report has been received from The Play Area Inspection Company and circulated by email. There is an increase in findings on the multiplay equipment compared to 2024.
- Items from the boundary walk in July 2024:
 - Weeds on the play area surfaces -> CS will spray the weeds once the multiplay work has been completed.
 - The walnut tree needs cutting back -> CS confirmed that the tree has been cut back.
- SG has asked Robert Cox to cut the roadside hedge; she will follow up with him.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 28th February 2025 was noted. There will be £3,008 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 - January/February) - £341.06
 - Unity Trust Bank (service charges - January/February) - £12.00
- CS took a water meter reading of 6071 on 21st January and SG took a reading of 6072 on 27th February. Castle Water estimated the reading at 6157 on 1st March.
- Steven Waring's quote for the grass cutting has been accepted. SJ met Steven at the field recently to discuss the cutting and agreed to keep in touch during the season regarding timing and length of cuts.
- CS has given SG the field gate key which was returned by Landscape Services.
- The Parish Council has agreed to increase the grant to the Playing Field Committee to £8,000 for 2025/26.
- The following payments were approved:

Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (January/February)	£150.00
Sharon Goodwin - Closed signs for play area	£11.37
Commercial Services Trading Limited - Grounds maintenance (July/Aug/Sept)	£660.74

The Play Area Inspection Company Limited - Annual play area inspection	£157.20
Sharon Goodwin - Renewal of annual garden waste subscription (March to June)	£32.00
Clear Insurance Management Ltd - Trustees' indemnity insurance	£116.00

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

6. Administration

- The insurance renewal documentation has been received from Clear Insurance Management at a cost of £116 (no increase from last year). The professional liability and management liability limits are both £250,000. It was agreed that the insurance should be renewed with Clear Insurance Management.
- CS will not be available for the Playing Field Committee meeting and AGM on 16th July. An alternative date will be considered at the next meeting.

7. Other parish news

- DH reported that some of the caravans have moved from The Chances site; there is a new amenity building on the site.
- There has not been any flooding recently.

8. Any other matters

- ST suggested that the yellow security gate to the car park should be locked at night; DH will close the gate more frequently.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 8:15pm at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:12pm.