

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 8:15pm**  
**at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton**  
**Charity number 1084141**

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| Present: | Mr Colin Slattery (Chairman) | Hunton Bowls Club     |
|          | Mrs Angela Baptie            | Hunton Bowls Club     |
|          | Mr Danny Peacock             | Hunton Football Club  |
|          | Mr Scott Elliott             | Hunton Football Club  |
|          | Mr Steve Jones               | Hunton Cricket Club   |
|          | Mr Simon Taylor              | Hunton Cricket Club   |
|          | Mr David Heaton              | 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, other than an amendment required to the cost of harrowing the cricket outfield from £80.90 to £80 to £90 (under Finance). Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

**3. Matters arising**

- Broken posts and refixing/replacement of the safety net -> Two posts which had come away from their concrete supports have been refixed. CS has obtained prices for scaffolding poles, to replace the hop poles. It would cost £266 including VAT for 8 x 16 foot poles. A cherry picker for three days would cost £230 plus delivery. CS will also research the cost of a portable tower, as an alternative to a cherry picker, and the cost to replace the netting. SE advised that he has a contact who would be able to provide scaffolding poles at a lower rate than £266. A decision will be made at the meeting in July, with installation in the autumn.
- There has been mole activity at the Bowls Club; CS has set traps. Rabbits have been digging in front of the old Cricket Club changing rooms but there is much less activity than in previous years.
- Robert Cox has cut back the brambles on the northern boundary of the field. SE asked if Robert could cut back behind both goals and again at the end of August, with a view to it being done at the end of April and August in subsequent years. SG will contact Robert.
- DH has filled the pothole at the entrance to the car park, but it was agreed that the car park potholes did not need to be filled at the moment.
- A resident has been unblocking the culvert to reduce the amount of water running down West Street.
- CS will repoint the wall at the entrance to the car park when he is able to.

- CS will move the split salt bag from the car park.
- SG passed the terms and conditions on to the organiser of the charity event to be held on the field on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 4. Health & safety

- SG carried out play area inspections on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April which were circulated by email. All items are low risk. The 27<sup>th</sup> April report notes that the top slat on two seat backs have been broken on one picnic table and there is damage at one end of the multiplay platform. DH advised that four slats will be ordered by the Parish Council (to be agreed at the next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May), to replace the broken slats on the play area and Community Orchard picnic tables (cost of £45.83 plus VAT per slat). SJ felt that a rounded metal strip could be attached where the multiplay platform is damaged; he will look into it.
- SG has not asked Playscape for a quote to replace the remaining six posts on the multiplay equipment or the slide platform as, on inspection, they are all still in good condition. It was agreed that they do not need to be replaced for now. The remaining SIPA grant (£2,156) from Maidstone Borough Council is available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2028.
- 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. SG will visit the Boughton Monchelsea play area and research other equipment.

#### 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 was noted. Funds of £3,056 have been carried forward to 2026/27.
- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 was noted. There will be £2,311 in funds remaining after the outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- The £8,000 grant for 2025/26 will be authorised by the Parish Council at the next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Payments made since the last meeting:
- Clear Insurance Management (insurance) - £131
- Unity Trust Bank (service charges - February/March) - £14
- Steven Waring has harrowed the cricket outfield which has improved the condition.
- Steven Waring has provided his quote for grass cutting in 2026/27, which is a 5% increase on the previous year. In 2025/26, £2,456 was paid to Steven for grass cutting, compared to the Landscape Services quote for 2025/26 of £2,272. Although the cost was £184 more, Steven has carried out ride-on mower cuts as well as the tractor mowing. He has also proved to be very helpful, with good communication.
- The water meter reading on 27<sup>th</sup> April was 6352 compared to 6315 on 31<sup>st</sup> March (37 units used). The Castle Water account balance is £218.88 in credit.
- The following payments were approved:
 

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| Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (March/April)               | £150.00 |
| Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park                      | £125.00 |
| Robert Cox - Cutting out elder and brambles on the northern boundary | £225.00 |
| Paul Waring - Grass cutting (March)                                  | £190.80 |
| David Heaton - Reimbursement for tarmac for potholes                 | £47.88  |
- Two of CS, ST and SJ will authorise the payments set up by SG online.

**6. Administration**

- SG has renewed the insurance with Clear Insurance Management.

**7. Other parish news**

- The Village Hall Centenary event will go ahead on 25<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a concert in the evening but activities during the day have not been agreed yet. The sports clubs will be kept informed.
- Clock House Farm moved mobile homes to Cheveney which caused some issues in the village as they were transported at school collection time and caused traffic jams. The Parish Council and residents were not informed that the move was taking place.
- A planning application has still not been submitted for the polytunnels to be located on Barn Hill.

**8. Any other matters**

- ST advised that the Cricket Club have found an alternative venue for the cricket match on 20<sup>th</sup> June, due to the charity event to be held on the field. SG will contact the organiser of the event for insurance details and to advise that she should meet with CS and DH two weeks before the event to agree the arrangements, such as marking out the area to be used, opening and closing the gate, etc.
- SE thanked SG on behalf of the manager of the Football Club for sending him regular electricity meter readings.
- SJ will attend the Hunton Annual Parish Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May to report on the Cricket Club; CS will report on the Bowls Club and King George's Field.
- SJ advised that the installation of the decking at the cricket pavilion is complete. All the decking boards have been replaced, and some bearers. SJ, ST and the Cricket Club members did the work. Shingle still needs to be laid to protect the sub-frame and help with drainage. SJ will send the invoices to SG for reimbursement by the Parish Council.
- CS will show everyone the new windows and flooring in the Bowls Club at the boundary walk in July.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Hunton Cricket Pavilion**

**7:30pm Annual Inspection of the Playing Field (weather permitting)**

**8:00pm AGM**

**8:30pm Committee Meeting**

The meeting ended at 9:31pm.