

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 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 Scott Elliott	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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. 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 -> There is at least one broken post holding the safety netting. The posts have not been moving much due to the ground hardening. DH will obtain a quote for a hop pole to replace the post; the quote will be for the pole only (not fitting). The netting also needs to be replaced.
- CS has seen a few rabbits and evidence of moles near the play area. ST has not seen many rabbits. DH has also seen evidence of moles in the orchard. As the ground is harder now, no action will be taken at the moment.
- DH has fitted the new orchard gate post. The gate needs to be attached.
- Trees:
  - The Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Although the report has not been received yet, the provisional report received from Tree Warden Sam Andrews has revealed the following:
    - There is one tree in the southwest corner of the playing fields which appears to be on Hunton Engineering land and will need some work. Sam will approach them about this when he has received the written report.
    - There are some conifers which need trimming behind the cricket pavilion; Sam will trim them in the next 2-3 weeks.
    - There is a dead tree in the northeast corner adjacent to the road; it is small so Sam will deal with it.
  - The Parish Council will need to engage a tree surgeon to carry out some of the work identified in the VTA. Other tree work which also needs to be included:
    - The cherry tree near the old cricket pavilion needs cutting back.

- The lime trees around the Village Hall need cutting - at the front of the hall and possibly one at the back.
- A couple of ash trees may need cutting down.
- The oak trees near the football pitch need to be checked to see if they need cutting back.
- DH is still unable to access Unity Trust Bank for internet banking.
- Q-Tec Solutions are fitting two electric showers in the Football Club changing rooms in the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May, which will be paid for by the Parish Council. SG will resend the Q-Tec Solutions contact details to SE. SE will remove the gas bottles once the showers have been fitted.
- DH has not ordered the material to fill the holes in the car park as the surface is not too bad. If the potholes get worse, they can be filled then. DH has filled a pothole at the entrance to the car park and has another hole to fill nearby. A blocked culvert means water has run down West Street; this caused the pothole near the car park entrance. CS scraped out the culvert but it filled up again within two weeks.
- Robert Cox has cut the beech hedge, the northern border and the hedge along West Street.
- SJ has advised that the yoga group will be using the cricket pavilion on 10<sup>th</sup> May as a trial run, as they are unable to use the Village Club due an event taking place that day.
- The wall at the entrance to the car park needs to be repointed when the weather is better.

#### **4. Health & safety**

- SG undertook a play area inspection on 27<sup>th</sup> March which was circulated by email. It only included the parts of the play area outside of the locked fenced area. All items are low risk. An inspection was not conducted in April as it was too busy on the occasions SG was in Hunton, but an inspection was carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> May. All items are low risk.
- Yalding Forge have fabricated the new metal platform which will be fitted when the timber posts have been repaired/replaced. CS will ask for the invoice as, other than fixing the boxwork to the equipment, the work is complete. CS is keeping the wooden platform at the Bowls Club.
- SG has contacted three companies about the rot on the multiplay posts, discovered when the boxwork was removed:
  - M&M Contractors - have not returned calls or emails.
  - Sovereign - can provide a quote but it will cost £199 plus VAT just for the quote.
  - Safeplay - one of their directors is in the area this week, so he will look at the work required and provide a quote in the next week or so.
 SG will circulate the quotes received for agreement by email.
- Items from the 2025 annual play area inspection report:
  - Four of the multiplay findings, two of which are medium risk, will be rectified when the boxwork and timber posts are replaced.
  - All other items are low or very low risk and can be considered at the boundary walk in July.
- Item from the boundary walk in July 2024:
  - Weeds on the play area surfaces -> CS sprayed the weeds a few days ago.

#### **5. Finance**

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 was noted. Funds of £2,679 have been carried forward to 2025/26.

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 was noted. There will be £2,006 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 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:  
Castle Water (water charges - March) - £153.26  
Unity Trust Bank (service charges - March/April) - £12.00  
There was a £193.72 credit from Castle Water in April.
- Recent months' water meter readings are: 6072 on 27<sup>th</sup> February; 6073 on 27<sup>th</sup> March; and 6105 on 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- The new grass cutting contractor is working well.
- CS has given SG the field gate key which was returned by Landscape Services.
- The following payments were approved:
 

Robert Cox - Cutting the beech hedge	£215.00
Robert Cox - Cutting the West Street hedge / cutting back near the football pitch	£220.00
Paul Waring - Mowing and rolling the football pitch	£174.00
David Heaton - Postcrete and tarmac	£58.47

 CS and ST will authorise the payments set up by SG online.  
 SG noted that MBC have not supplied the bin emptying invoices for March and April. MBC are looking into it; the invoices will need to be paid before the next meeting.
- ST has noticed a lot of dog waste on the field recently. SG will look for a 'Please clean up after your dog' sign for the car park.

#### **6. Administration**

- SG has renewed the insurance with Clear Insurance Management.

#### **7. Other parish news**

- DH reported that rubbish is being dumped at the narrow price of road on West Street ('chicane') after the Lughorse Lane junction. Borough Councillor Clive English has been to Hunton to discuss it. He is going to check whether signage is necessary if a mobile CCTV camera is used. MBC will have the money for 500-600 more litter bins, so Hunton may receive additional bins.
- ST advised that Hunton Engineering have highlighted security concerns, so the barrier to the car park should be kept locked at night.
- The Hunton Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **8. Any other matters**

- DH advised that Loose Football Club have been in contact about hiring the football pitch. It was agreed that the request should be turned down. SG has also received numerous requests in the last few months.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16<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 9:21pm.