

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 October 2008 at 7.30 pm**  
**At the Hunton Village Hall, West Street**  
**Charity number 1084141**

Present:-	Chairman:	Mr Keith Eatwell	Hunton Parish Council
		Mr John Adams	Hunton Cricket Club
		Mr John Bates	Hunton Football Club
		Mr Mike Nichols	Hunton Bowls Club
		Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
		Mr Roger Sawtell	Hunton Parish Council
		Mr David Swan	Co-opted Member
		Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club

Secretary:                      Mrs Margaret Carpenter    Hunton Bowls Club

**1.      Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

**3.      Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting of 13 August 2008. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees, Parish Councillors and local press representatives and were as usual available on request.

**4.      Matters Arising**

The following, which took in several later items on the agenda, were discussed:-

Grass and hedge trimming (and tree management)

An estimate of the costs involved for the hedge trimming and the lifting of the tree canopy was discussed. The Committee were concerned at the advice given by Landscape Services as to the required height of the tree canopy and it was agreed to refer the matter to Alan Bishop for his comments. Further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

Boundaries

The Parish Cllrs would shortly attend a meeting with Kent Highways to discuss this matter.

Water meters

JA hoped to complete the installation of the water meters week ending 11/12 October. In the event that this was not possible, quotations would be obtained for the work to be undertaken by a third party.

Facilities for children and young people

The annual ROSPA inspection of the play equipment had been received. This report was in a new format and had indicated some areas of risk which needed attention. KE would get quotes for the repair/replacement of the safety surface under the play area. Savages would be approached to assist with the raising of the height of one of the swings.

Footpath from Bensted Close to the Hall

Further correspondence received by the PC from Highways now indicated a cost for circa £175,000 for the cost of additional works required if the proposed footpath was to go ahead. RS made the point that the KCC had still not answered our earlier enquiry which had been as to be structure of the footpath and the necessary amount of land required.

Approaches had been made to Lord Falmouth (one of the landowners) and the initial indication

was favourable. Efforts would be made to contact the remaining private owner.

#### Play and Sport Facilities

This would remain on hold until further progress had been made with regard to the footpath.

#### Village Fete

Further monies received had improved the monies made at the fete. In view of the considerable interest which had been shown it was proposed to go ahead with the Fete for 2009 on Saturday 27 June 2009.

#### **Health & Safety**

MC had provided each Club with a list of outstanding items requiring attention. KE would make enquiries with regard to the PAT testing.

#### **Car Park**

Advice had been sought of Maidstone BC but this had not yet been received. As a temporary measure and in view of the concern expressed by the members of the Committee regarding the condition of the car park, it was agreed a working party would be formed and the largest of the holes filled in. JA, DP and JB would deal with this.

#### **Finance**

Correspondence had been received from the Clerk to the Parish Council concerning the Audit Commissions requirement that the Charity should have its own bank account with the Parish Council making an annual payment to the Charity as funding. Considerable discussion took place on this request as it went against all the advice previously received by the Committee from both the Charity Commissioners and the NAPF. MC was requested to write to the PC indicating that we did not wish to take this route and that we should be allowed to continue as before. Advice received from the Charity Commission indicated that whilst a separate bank account was good practice, it is not a legal requirement from their point of view.

#### **Administration**

The Parish Council had received advice that for the sake of good practice a Lease should be issued to the King George's Charity 1084141 for the use of the Playing Field. With regard to the proposed licences the Clerk had been advised by ACRK that a notice should be posted giving details as to the use of the facilities.

#### **Other Matters**

Quotations for the installation of CCTV to cover the car park were still awaited.

The state of the fence to the play area was discussed. Action would be taken to close one of the entrances.

The Cricket Club are considering applying for charitable status. It was not felt this would conflict with the Charity.

The Bowls Club were intending to go ahead with the extension to the Club House. It was hoped that this would take place before next Season. The repair to the restraining wire for the safety net would be delayed until the extension works had been completed. In the event that these were delayed, the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible.

#### **Date of Next Meetings - all at Hunton Club**

Wednesday 10 December 2008 - 8 pm

There being no further matters the formal part of the meeting ended at 9.00pm.