

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2016 at 8:22pm
At Hunton Cricket Pavilion, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present: Mr David Heaton Hunton Parish Council (acting Chairman)
 Mr Simon Taylor Hunton Cricket Club
 Mr Steve Jones Hunton Cricket Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr Danny Peacock Hunton Football Club
 Mr John Bates Hunton Football Club
 Mrs Margaret Carpenter Hunton Bowls Club
 Mr Roger Sawtell
 Mrs Angela Baptie

In attendance: Mr Tony Stanbridge

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 4th May 2016. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees, Parish Councillors and local press representatives and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Moles are still active on the field, but will be monitored as not causing undue problems.
- Rabbits are making a few holes on the field, but nothing too serious. SG will contact Des Hickmott to deal with the rabbits.
- It was agreed that SG should contact Robert Cox to extend his maintenance work of the play area and car park to the boundary of the field near the cricket pavilion. He will also be asked to cut back the very low hanging trees near the cricket pitch.
- ST reported that the Cricket Club has paid the second portion of the electricity costs, £35, which represents 75% usage against 25% usage by the Bowls Club. Meter readings will be taken for the next year to calculate the apportionment, but if there appears to be an obvious percentage split after that time the apportionment may be based on that rather than meter readings.

4. Health & safety

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting, which note the same low risk items of the grass growing around the support posts on the multiplay equipment and slide platform delamination. Melvin Ward had replaced the slide platform before the reports were received, so the inspection reports are clearly incorrect. SG will inform the inspector and ask him to ensure he visits the play area.

- SJ, ST and DP agreed some minor works to deal with the issues reported in the annual play area inspection, such as greasing and painting the swing bolts. An additional couple of clips will also be fitted to the new slide platform.
- Robert Cox has tidied up the play area and car park.
- A new brown bin has been received from MBC.
- The new defibrillator is in place on the outside of the village hall. It would be useful to train one of two people from each of the sports clubs, the pre-school, the school and the church on how to use it. SG will look into the cost of training and the maximum number of people which could be trained in a group.
- The Tree & Pond Warden, Mike Summersgill, is currently looking at the tree stock on community land, including the playing field, and is to present his findings to the Parish Council at the September meeting. It is likely that a tree expert may need to be employed to assess the safety and condition of some of the trees. The Committee agreed this would be worthwhile.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30th June 2016 was produced to the Committee and noted. After payments are made at the Parish Council meeting on 19th July there will be £7,473 funds remaining. It was agreed that SG should establish what the financial position was at the same time last year.
- Commitments for 2016/17 are likely to include: a new pedestrian gate; extra ground clearance by Robert Cox; and costs associated with the tree inspection work. ST agreed to progress the pedestrian gate, probably using Tate Fencing.
- Robert Cox has provided a quote of £125 to cut back the beech hedge near the Bowls Club. The quote was approved, for the work to be carried out at the end of September.
- An invoice of £432 has been received for the Committee's 25% contribution towards the village hall drainage and treatment plant costs for 2015. It had previously been estimated at £345 using 20% in error. The Committee agreed to the change in amount.
- The Committee agreed to a request from the Pre-school to cut back the hedge along the road to Hunton Engineering. SG will contact Robert Cox.

6. Administration

- Danny Peacock is standing down as Chairman, but will remain a member of the Committee. Tony Stanbridge and Angela Baptie have agreed to become new members of the Committee on behalf of the Parish Council and Bowls Club respectively.
- The Committee's constitution shows that Roger Sawtell can remain on the Committee as a co-opted member.
- The Parish Council has an old bank account which it would like to close. The internal auditor had suggested the name of this account could be changed to the name of the Committee, with trustees set up as signatories, so that financial control will remain with the Committee rather than the Parish Council. It was agreed that SG should check there are no governance issues, discuss the procedure with the bank and report back.

7. Other parish news

- Jenny Godden, who owns the land south of Lughorse Lane, is happy in principle for the permissive footpath to be extended through her land to Lughorse Lane. The path, which would also pass through the playing field, is likely to have the same covering as the existing path to Bensted Close.

8. Any other matters

- DH will fill the holes in the car park.
- The Committee approved the private use of the cricket pavilion on 28th August.
- MC agreed to look at play equipment catalogues for ideas on how to improve the play area in case grant funding opportunities arise. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Hunton Village Club - Tuesday 14th September 2016

There being no further matters the formal part of the meeting ended at 9:25pm.