

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 8:45pm**  
**At Hunton Cricket Pavilion, West Street, Hunton**  
**Charity number 1084141**

Present:	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mrs Margaret Carpenter	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Tony Stanbridge	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Roger Sawtell	

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr Danny Peacock 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees, Parish Councillors and local press representatives and were as usual available on request.

**3. Matters arising**

- ST has not contacted Peter King yet regarding rabbit and mole control. DH gave details of another contact to ST.

**4. Health & safety**

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. The only item is a 'further comment' about the paint on the multiplay timber. All other previous comments have been removed.
- A quote has not been obtained from Melvin Ward for the replacement of the multiplay platform, but as it is not loose there is no health and safety requirement to do so.
- MC contacted Outdoorsy Living to determine the cost of artificial grass, as an alternative surface underneath the play equipment. It would cost £300 more under the nest swing alone, so it was agreed that a resin-bonded surface would be preferable.
- To help fund the resurfacing work and new nest swing:
  - SJ and ST completed the Awards for All grant application, but on input found that the form had been changed. SJ will complete the new form. It was agreed that the application should be in the name of Hunton Parish Council. SG will provide income information and bank statements when required, as well as clarify the VAT reclaim situation.
  - ST has nearly completed the KCPFA grant application form, which will also be in the name of Hunton Parish Council.
  - SG will complete the Tesco Bags for Help grant application.
  - SJ will contact County Cllr Paulina Stockell's office regarding her Member Fund.

- MC will keep in contact with Outdoorsy Living.
- Tregoning's Trees have provided a quote for the remedial work on the Turkey Oak near the cricket pavilion. Mike Summersgill will obtain two more quotes.
- SG has asked Robert Cox to trim back the tree overhanging the Bowls Club.

## 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was produced to the Committee and noted. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £8,753 in funds remaining. Since the last meeting, a cheque (300004) was written for Tate Fencing for £245.18 and Unity Trust Bank have charged £18 in bank service charges.
- An invoice of £383.15 has been received from SE Water, along with a letter highlighting increased water consumption compared to the same period last year (£95.28). TS advised that the meter should be checked to see if it is still spinning when no water is running (as this would indicate a leak).
- SG has asked Robert Cox to clear the mud from the culvert.
- SG has received a National Non-Domestic Rate demand of £1,047.86 from Maidstone Borough Council. SG was asked to query the basis of the demand.
- The following payments (totalling £635.15) were approved and cheques signed by ST and DH:
 

300005 - RIP Cleaning Services - Bin emptying	£147.00
300006 - Robert Cox - Play area & car park tidy up	£105.00
300007 - South East Water - Cricket field water charges	£383.15

 It was agreed that cheques could be signed (by two authorised signatories) to pay invoices in between meetings if necessary, due to meetings being two months apart.

## 6. Administration

There were no administration issues.

## 7. Other parish news

- ST will contact Iden Signs to produce signage stating that cars are parked at owners' risk.
- DH advised that the Wares Farm planning application was approved by the MBC Planning Committee, which is likely to result in more traffic passing through Hunton.
- Hunton Hill will be closed for 16 weeks from November and Heath Road is closing for a period from 24<sup>th</sup> July, both for water mains replacement work by South East Water.

## 8. Any other matters

- DH confirmed that the Village Hall Committee has accepted the suggested changes to the terms and conditions for use of the field when hall hires take place. These will be implemented, with the exception that hirers will not be charged for parking on the field.
- DP has asked the Football Club to send one of its members to the Playing Field Committee meetings, but no further response has been received.
- Committee members walked the boundary prior to the meeting. The following actions are to be taken:
  - SG will ask Robert Cox to trim the hedge on the West Street side of the field to 5-6 feet, from the car park entrance to the poplar trees.
  - SG will ask Robert Cox to trim the hedge alongside the road to Hunton Engineering as far as the Community Orchard.

- SG will contact Mike Summersgill to request that the contractors who have been asked to provide a quote for the Turkey Oak tree remedial work include removal of the material in their quotes.
- ST will erect laminated safety signs near the Turkey Oak tree.
- SG will ask Robert Cox to tidy around the boundary, including the nettles near the cricket pavilion and ragwort at the top of the field.
- The swing and multiplay equipment will be painted.
- Consideration will be given to replacing the boards on the multiplay equipment.
- Where the privet has been flailed down on the West Street side of the field, six posts, two strainers and a length of stock fence will be installed.
- ST will obtain quotes from Tate Fencing and two other contractors for new post and rail fencing between the car park and play area.
- DH will back-fill the holes in the car park.
- CS will look into bracing the posts holding the safety netting near the Bowls Club by placing metal on either side of the posts and running a bolt through.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Hunton Village Club - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

David Heaton may be unable to attend the meeting.

There being no further matters the formal part of the meeting ended at 9:50pm.