

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 8:15pm**  
**At Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton**  
**Charity number 1084141**

Present:

Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
Mrs Margaret Carpenter	Hunton Bowls Club
Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
Mr Roger Sawtell	

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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees, Parish Councillors and local press representatives and were as usual available on request.

**3. Matters arising**

- DH advised that the likely location for the container being provided by KCC (containing items for use in case of roads flooding) is between the pedestrian gate to the field and the Football Club changing rooms. It will be 10'x8'x8' in size.
- John Nabbs has been unwell and therefore unable to carry out any rabbit shoots, however there are few rabbits in evidence.
- Gwen Nabbs has caught two moles. Moles are still active in front of the gate; Mrs Nabbs is keeping ST updated.

**4. Health & safety**

- No MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting.
- Resurfacing work and new nest swing in the play area:
  - KCPFA has awarded a £1,000 grant towards the cost. The grant must be spent within one year. Payment will be made when receipted accounts are provided.
  - Awards for All has awarded a £5,750 grant, which will be paid into the Parish Council's bank account within two weeks.
  - There is no need for any other grant applications as the cost of the work is covered by the two grants.
  - MC will contact Nigel at Outdoorsy Living to check that the prices quoted previously are still valid and establish the lead time. The school and Pre-school will be notified when the equipment has been installed.
- Tanton's Tree Surgery has not carried out the remedial work on the Turkey Oak tree

yet. Mike Summersgill will be at the Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November, so he will be asked if he has any further information, as the work needs doing sooner rather than later.

- Following a query by SJ, Maidstone Borough Council has confirmed that none of the trees on the field are subject to a Tree Preservation Order.
- Craigdene Limited has carried out the annual inspection of the play area and the contents of the inspection report were noted. None of the recommendations are high risk. The refurbishment work on the play equipment will be done when the new surface has been laid under the multiplay equipment.
- SG will ask Robert Cox to strim or flail the perimeter of the field to remove the overgrown nettles.

## **5. Finance**

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 was produced to the Committee and noted. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £6,854 in funds remaining. SG will provide a comparative to the previous year at the next meeting.
- It is likely that the water leak is underground, perhaps near the meter where the ground is always quite damp. To be monitored for now.
- Landscape Services has cut the grass for the last time this year.
- A quote has been received from Landscape Services for £838.71 for 16 cuts in 2018. It was agreed that the quote should be accepted, but the number of cuts should be increased to 21 (as in 2017), which would result in an annual cost of £1,100.81.
- The following payments (totalling £302) were approved and cheques signed by MC and ST:

300013 - Craigdene Ltd - Annual play area inspection	£144.00
300014 - Robert Cox - Play area & car park tidy	£105.00
300015 - RIP Cleaning services - Bin emptying (September & October)	£53.00

## **6. Administration**

- There were no administration items.

## **7. Other parish news**

- ST has not contacted Iden Signs regarding car park signage as they are quite expensive. It was agreed that ST should order three aluminium signs from a website at a cost of £11 each, which can be attached to ply wood and subsequently fixed to the fence. ST will check whether there is CCTV signage on the poles in the car park. Even if there are, it could be worth ordering additional CCTV signs to attach to the fence to act as a deterrent.
- Jeremy Dufour of South East Water attended the Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September to detail the plans for the Hunton Hill water mains replacement. Clive Baxter offered the use of his land at the meeting, but it was subsequently found to be infeasible. Mr Dufour will give further consideration to the options available before returning to another Parish Council meeting.
- DH reported that he and Gary Thomas attended the Wares Farm Monitoring Committee meeting. Work has started on the development. A traffic survey is to be carried out in Hunton.
- DH advised that a planning application has been submitted for 65 new houses on

Vicarage Road in Yalding which would mean more traffic travelling through Hunton.

- DH had attended a ceremony to lay a memorial stone at the school to honour Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Drummond Borton, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of him receiving the Victoria Cross for his actions during World War I.
- Hunton Engineering has paid for a picnic table, identical to the one near the play area, which is located in the Community Orchard.

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

- DP reported that no response has been received from the Football Club about sending one of its members to the Playing Field Committee meetings, despite several requests.
- ST has not erected laminated safety signs near the Turkey Oak tree.
- No further action has been taken on installing stock fencing on the West Street side of the recreation ground. It will be considered further when the weather is better, as the fencing will be easier to insert.
- ST has obtained a quotation of £979.25 plus VAT from Tate Fencing for new post and rail fencing between the car park and play area. Tate Fencing has also quoted £212.02 plus VAT to supply and install a gate. Tonbridge Fencing are to do a site visit during the week and provide a quote. The work will be left until February/March time.
- DH has back-filled the holes in the car park.
- CS has not had time to source angle irons to brace the posts holding the safety netting near the Bowls Club, but will do so now he is not so busy.
- SJ is not present at the meeting to comment on whether he has written a letter to the neighbours, expressing concerns about security on the field and asking them to help keep an eye on the field and report any issues to Huntonwatch.
- DH does not wish to pursue quotes for security fencing.
- Mike Summersgill suggested that another fence could be installed across the front of the recessed area from the Bowls Club to the Football Club changing rooms to prevent the area being used as a toilet. The fencing would need to be easily removable to access the drainage plant. Consideration will be given to this when the location of the KCC container is considered further.
- ST asked the Committee to fund a skip to enable clearance of the green container at the rear of the old cricket pavilion. It was agreed that the best time for this would be in spring. The old cricket pavilion will need to be removed at some point.
- CS advised that the trees at the back of the bowls green are taking the goodness out of the green and the Bowls Club would like to remove the larger of the three trees. The Committee was happy for the tree to be removed.
- RS reported that he had been visited by David Hubble, who had asked if anyone was cutting the vegetation near the permissive footpath. DH advised that Robert Cox has cut it back recently.

#### **Date of Next Meeting:**

**Hunton Village Club – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

SG will work out the meeting dates for 2018 and circulate.

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