

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 11th January 2006 at 8.00pm at Hunton Parish Hall

PRESENT:	Cllr Roger Sawtell Cllr Keith Eatwell Cllr Les Leonard Cllr David StJohn Cllr Gary Thomas Cllr Moira Walter David Swan	Chairman Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	PC Gary Shaw Cllrs Williams and Mortimer	Maidstone Police Borough Councillors

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies were received from Cllr Lorraine Redfarn, Borough Cllr Adrian Brindle and County Cllr Paulina Stockell. Dudley Farman, webmaster, was at a meeting discussing a new Editor for the Hunton Herald.

2. REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

The Register was updated and made available for public inspection.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9th NOVEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record. Matters arising were as follows:-

3.1 Rubbish on Hunton Hill.

The Clerk would again report this and obtain a reference number.

ACTION: CLERK

3.2 Long distance footway crossing Hunton Hill

The Clerk would write to thank Ian Hayes, Public Rights of Way Officer, for his speedy action on this path and to enquire whether he had made any progress on road signs.

ACTION: CLERK

4. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

4.1 Crimes

PC Shaw reported four crimes including the theft of tiles from the church lych gate and an eBay deception. In the area there had also been tractor thefts and the theft of diesel fuel.

4.2 Parking in the vicinity of the school

PC Shaw will look at this problem one morning and discuss. One possibility not involving yellow lines (which would probably be ignored even if agreed by the highways department) might be to install bollards on the pavement opposite the junction to prevent car doors being opened there. As the Council's link at the school, the Chairman would consult Cllr Redfarn.

ACTION: P C SHAW and CHAIRMAN

5. FINANCE

5.1 Income & expenditure and bank reconciliation – 2005/6

Members endorsed the Clerk's report which showed income of £21281.25, expenditure of £8722.77 and bank and cash book balances of £12558.48 in the year to date.

5.2 Payments

Members endorsed payments authorised by the Finance Sub-Committee since the last meeting to cheque 717.

5.3 Indemnity insurance

The NPFA had now advised that the King George V Playing Field Committee was in effect a Council sub-Committee. This would enable the Council to take out indemnity insurance with the Council's normal insurers as an extension of the existing policy. The Clerk would do so through Roger Crooks who had undertaken the preparatory work.

ACTION: CLERK

6. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

See items 3.2 and 4.2

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S BUSINESS

Members were updated on events within the Borough.

8. KCC LOCAL BOARD

The Chairman thanked Cllr Walter who would attend the meeting of the Maidstone KCC Local Board at Coxheath on 7th February on behalf of the village.

ACTION: CLLR WALTER

9. REPORT ON THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

9.1 Risk assessment

Cllr Eatwell reported on the risk assessment, copies of which had been given to each club and circulated round the Members. The report gave a clear picture of what needed to be done and an action plan would be developed at the February Field Committee meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

9.2 Wish list

Cllr Eatwell said that the main items on the list were the play equipment, the fencing beside the Bowls Club and the state of the football field. The Borough Councillors suggested that he should as a first step contact Dave Hitchings at the Borough.

ACTION: CLLR EATWELL

9.3 Safety inspection

It was agreed that the new electrical work at the cricket pavilion would need to be inspected. Although John Adams had been an electrician in the past his qualifications were no longer up to date and for insurance purposes the work must be inspected. Cllr Eatwell would speak to Mark Day of the Cricket Club before any action is taken.

ACTION: CLLR EATWELL

10. CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPING A PARISH PLAN

Members expressed an interest in this but wanted to know more about what was involved. The Clerk would circulate the two plans he already had and at the suggestion of the Borough Councillors would try to seek a speaker through Neil Harris at the Borough.

ACTION: CLERK

11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Two planning cases were considered in committee and the Clerk would advise the Borough of the Council's views.

ACTION: CLERK

12. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR FUTURE DECISION

The Clerk mentioned the letter to the Chairman from the Chairman at East Farleigh about the effects of development in Tovil on neighbouring parishes. Members considered that the matter was adequately covered in existing forums. The Clerk would advise his colleague in East Farleigh

ACTION: CLERK

13. CONCLUSION AND DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2006

Further meetings in 2006 were planned for 8th March, 10th May (AGM), 12th July; 13th September and 8th November. All future meetings would begin at 8.00pm.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.40 pm.