

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 8:15pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Tony Stanbridge	Hunton Parish Council

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mrs Angela Baptie Hunton Bowls 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 10th November 2021. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- DH will fill the holes in the car park and remove the sandbag.
- CS will drill through the metal stay next to the last loose wooden post near the Bowls Club and bolt it to the post.
- The box frame on the multiplay equipment will be sanded, cured and repainted, and the play equipment repainted, in the spring. One of the poles on the multiplay equipment is getting rusty, which will be dealt with (if necessary) when the other work is completed in the spring.
- CS has fitted the second half of the multiplay platform. There is some spare board left over.
- When the weather improves, SJ will ask a member of the Cricket Club to look at the area where the old cricket pavilion stood, with a view to concreting it over.
- The Parish Council decided that security fencing on the north side of the field would be too costly. DH has looked at the cost of pyracantha hedge, but it is four times the cost of hawthorn and blackthorn hedge, which would serve the same purpose. For 100m of a 3:1 ratio of hawthorn and blackthorn plants, to cover the whole of the north boundary, the cost would be approximately £600 (400 plants). The plants could be taped to posts and wire. If the hedge is brought forward to the start of the bank, trees could be planted behind it for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which the Parish Council is to consider. A gate could also be installed at the road end of the north end for access.
- Rabbits are still getting on to the bowling green. Gwen Nabbs contacted SG to say that she has given up mole control work but has passed on details of another pest control

contractor. SG will contact him to see if he deals with rabbits and, if so, find out the cost and obtain a copy of the shotgun licence and insurance.

- TS and DH carried out an assessment of the Football Club changing rooms in November 2021 on behalf of the Parish Council and have produced a draft report, which was provided to the Committee members. It would be a significant expense to rectify the issues identified and the Football Club would need to provide a commitment to look after the changing rooms. The Parish Council will discuss the report at its next meeting.
- DH spoke to Kathy Reid about the car parking issues. Kathy will inform DH of upcoming weddings so the information can be passed on at Playing Field Committee meetings.
- DH will ask the hall caretaker, Dave Brooker, to look at racking for the container to make best use of the space.

4. Health & safety

- One MBC monthly report has been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. It has the usual comment for the multiplay - 'platform has rough edges delaminating' (low risk/satisfactory) with the addition of 'screw heads showing' (low risk/satisfactory). CS has replaced the multiplay platform, so these comments should not be in the reports. The reports also state that one toddler swing has been removed when SJ has actually replaced it. SG will contact MBC about the inspection reports to ensure they are being carried out.
- Outstanding actions from a previous monthly report from The Play Inspection Company Ltd (via MBC):
 - Picnic table - a number of fixings have worked loose. Secure all loose fixings. Low risk.
Action: When the play equipment is painted in the spring, screws will be inserted underneath. Ongoing.
 - Multiplay - The plywood has delaminated in some places. Remove all rough or splintered edges. Low risk.
Action: CS has replaced the platform. Action complete.
 - Multiplay - The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint. Low risk.
Action: The multiplay will be repainted in the spring. Ongoing.
- Outstanding action to take from the annual play area inspection report:
 - Timber on the platform - as above - CS has replaced the platform. Action complete.
- There is a gap in the hedgerow near the road which needs populating, and the wire also needs replacing, but some trees are starting to grow there.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st December 2021 was noted. After the invoices have been paid at the meeting, there will be £4,100 in funds remaining.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - November/December) - £277.60
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- The following payments were approved:
300118 - Commercial Services Trading Ltd - Grounds maintenance (Oct-Dec) £68.72
300119 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (November/December) £150.00

300120 - Robert Cox - Cutting the beech hedge £300.00

300121 - Hunton Village Hall - Contribution to drainage/treatment plant 2020 £256.00

The cheques were signed by SJ and ST.

- SJ will take a water meter reading.
- The Parish Council has agreed to contribute £500 towards the new mower for the Bowls Club, which leaves a shortfall of £500. As the Playing Field Committee agreed to fund the remaining shortfall for the mower, cheque 300122 for £500 was written for the Bowls Club.
- SJ has researched the cost of a sit-on T-Rex on springs. According to Playspaces, the cost is only £110 less than the sit-in tractor (approx. £2,000) as the installation is so expensive. SJ will take some measurements to see if it could be installed on grass rather than on the wet pour surface, and contact Playspaces again.
- A letter has been received from Landscape Services confirming the grounds maintenance rates for 2022. The cost will be £1,250.77 for 21 cuts (a 4% increase on last year). It was agreed that the quote should be accepted. SG will return the form.
- As the Parish Council is agreeing its budget for 2022/23 at its next meeting, DH asked whether the £6,000 annual grant for the Playing Field Committee is still sufficient. The Committee agreed that it is.

6. Administration

- Dates of the meetings in 2021 are:
 - 16th March
 - 18th May
 - 13th July (including boundary walk and AGM)
 - 14th September
 - 16th NovemberThe dates have been circulated by email.
- Dave Elliott is still looking for another Football Club representative for the Playing Field Committee. He has thanked DP for his representation.

7. Other parish news

- DH provided an update on the Parish Council application to KCC for electrical vehicle charging points - the application obtained 36 out of 45 points so it will go through to the next stage of the process.

8. Any other matters

- DP advised that Dave Elliott was hoping to attend the meeting but was unable to. He has talked about repairing the Football Club changing rooms door and threshold but felt there was no point due to the state of the rest of the changing rooms.
- CS thanked DH and TS as members of the Parish Council for the enjoyable Christmas drinks/curry evening.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 8:15pm at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:43pm.