

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 8:15pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Simon Taylor (Chairman)	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Tony Stanbridge	Hunton Parish Council

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 12th July 2023. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- The outstanding items on the minor works list are:
 - Replace the missing post on the activity trail -> SJ and another to do in October/November when the ground is softer;
 - Install the tractor rocker -> SJ and another to do in October/November when the ground is softer;
 - Refix the safety net -> this can only be done with a cherry picker.
- ST will obtain a gate to be fitted near the pavilion/shed.
- Rabbits are damaging the cricket pitch outfield but there is currently no cost effective solution. The rabbits have not damaged the square. SJ will further research pest control contractors. There is mole activity in front of the old cricket changing rooms and on the cricket field side of the beech hedge. AB will let CS know about the latter.
- No action has been taken on fitting racking in the container.
- DH has not fitted the new Community Orchard gate post yet.
- CS was not at the meeting to report on the Little Owl box.
- Action on items noted on the boundary walk in July:
 - The crowns need to be lifted on a number of trees to allow the mower to cut beneath them -> completed by Hood's Tree Services.
 - The lower branches need to be removed from the tree near the football pitch -> not done yet.
 - The trees need to be cut back hard near the basket swing -> will be done by the new Tree Warden.

- The tree needs to be cut back near the security light above the container -> will be added to any remedial work which comes about as a result of the Parish Council's Visual Tree Assessment.
- The play area and trim trail needs tidying up -> completed by Robert Cox.
- The nettles at the back of the cricket pavilion and the brambles behind the football goal need cutting back -> the football club have cut back the brambles. SG will remind Robert Cox to do the remaining work. SG will make a diary note to organise cutting back the brambles after Easter and summer next year.
- The privet hedge at the entrance to the car park needs cutting -> completed by Robert Cox.
- Hilec have carried out the electrical checks at the cricket pavilion. There are a number of C2 and C3 issues raised which need to be remedied. Some of these are as a result of the work not being done correctly originally. Hilec have been asked for a quote to remedy the issues which the Parish Council will consider at its next meeting but did suggest contacting the original contractor to ask them to do the work (free of charge). ST will contact the original contractor.

4. Health & safety

- SG did a play area inspection on 12th July. All items are satisfactory/low risk.
- SG did a play area inspection on 13th September with a new template provided by ST. All items are satisfactory/low risk.
- SJ has repaired a seat at one of the picnic tables as the screws had come loose.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st August 2023 was noted. There will be £5,496 in funds remaining after outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.

- The payments made since the last meeting are:

DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - July/August) - £206.19

- The following payments were approved:

300155 - Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park £120.00

300156 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (July/August) £150.00

300157 - Commercial Services Trading Ltd - Grounds maintenance (April/May/June)

£694.72

The cheques were signed by ST and SJ.

- Prior to SJ taking a water meter reading, Castle Water had increased the direct debit to £199.03 a month. SG submitted the meter reading and the direct debit has now been reduced to £7.16 a month. SJ will take another reading before the winter.
- SJ noted that there have been issues with cutting the grass on the recreation ground, due to a breakdown of machinery and a lack of drivers, which meant that the grass was not cut for three weeks earlier in the season. SJ suggested that a cutting schedule is provided to Landscape Services. This will be discussed at the next meeting when CS is present.

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- None.

8. Any other matters

- SG suggested setting up electronic banking as a faster and easier way of paying bills than by cheque. It was agreed - SG will bring the relevant Unity Trust Bank form to the next meeting.
- SE advised that the boiler change in the changing rooms is ongoing. The football club need to find an installer with the specific certificate required to install a boiler run from a gas bottle.
- AB asked whether Robert Cox could be instructed to cut back the beech hedge. It was agreed - AB will contact Robert to arrange it.
- SJ suggested installing a bench inside the play area (facing the multiplay with the back of the bench to the field) for parents/carers to sit on while younger children are using the equipment. The bench would need foundations. It was agreed as a good idea - SJ will consider it further when next at the recreation ground.
- SE noted that one of the benches near the football pitch needs repairing and asked if anyone knew of a woodworker who could manufacture the pieces required. ST will contact someone he knows who could do the work.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th November 2023 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:20pm.