

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 8:15pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present: Mr Simon Taylor (Chairman) Hunton Cricket Club
 Mr Colin Slattery Hunton Bowls Club
 Mrs Angela Baptie Hunton Bowls Club
 Mr Scott Elliott Hunton Football Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr David Heaton Hunton Parish Council
 Mr Steve Jones Hunton Cricket Club
 Mr Danny Peacock (post-meeting) 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 13th July 2022. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Updated minor works list attached at Appendix A. A working party will carry out maintenance work on 9th October.
- ST will obtain a quote from Tate Fencing to supply and fit a post and rail fence between the orchard fence and the mower shed. A price will be obtained for the supply of close-boarded fence panels between the mower shed and the cricket pavilion.
- Paul Messenger attended the Bowls Club and caught a mole. He was unwell when he was due to control the rabbits on the recreation ground. SG will contact him to see if he still wants the work and whether using a ferret could be a possibility.
- SE reported that the Football Club changing rooms have been painted externally. A gas bottle has been obtained. The Football Club is waiting for a quote for a new toilet.
- Racking still needs to be fitted in the container.
- The working party will see if the bin hidden by shrubbery can be moved on 9th October.
- SE reported that the football pitch is in good condition at the moment. It would be preferable to roll the pitch later in the year, possibly October. ST will speak to SJ. SE asked CS about the pitch mowing. The pitch can be mown in the winter until the ground is too soft for the tractor.
- DH will source a gate post to replace the Community Orchard post which has rotted.
- SJ and SE will send the final drafts of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Parish Council/Cricket Club and Parish Council/Football Club to SG for circulation. The MOUs will be considered and signed at the Parish Council meeting on 26th September.
- CS will purchase the Little Owl box in the spring, as that will be the best time to install

it.

4. Health & safety

- One MBC monthly report has been received on the children's play area since the last meeting (inspection conducted by the Play Inspection Company on behalf of MBC). All findings are very low risk or low risk:

Picnic table:

- A number of fixings have worked loose - secure all loose fixings.

Cradle swings:

- The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points.

Multiplay:

- Plywood has delaminated in some places - remove all rough or splintered edges.
- Paintwork has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - treat any rusting components and repaint.
- There are a number of dents in the slide surface - monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required.
- The connecting lugs are worn - post splitting where monkey bars are attached.

Basket swing:

- There is some noticeable evidence of chain wear - monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn.
- The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability and allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability.

Trim trail:

- There is some strimmer/machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and affect the rotting process - monitor for any deterioration and replace as required.
- The item is slightly loose in its foundations - monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required.
- The timber is rough and worn - items loose in the ground.

Some of this work has already been done and the photos in the report look old in some cases. SG will circulate the report and contact MBC once comments have been received.

- The tree remedial work organised by the Parish Council was undertaken on 12th September by Hood Tree Services. The Tree & Pond Warden is happy with the work. He has noticed a few sprigs on the Oak tree in the corner, which overhang the football pitch, so he will lop those off.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st August 2022 was noted. There will be £5,460 in funds remaining after outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- The payment made since the last meeting is:
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - July/August) - £99.70
- The following payments were approved:
300136 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (July/August) £150.00
300137 - Roecall Services - Mole removal £105.00

300138 -Commercial Services Trading Ltd - Grounds maintenance (April to June)	£857.68
300139 - Hunton Parish Hall - 25% contribution towards 2021 drainage/treatment plant costs	£226.00

The cheques were signed by ST and will be sent to SJ for second signature.

- SJ took a water meter reading on 14th July (4840). Another reading will be taken at the end of September.
- No update on the tractor on springs as SJ not in attendance.
- ST cannot get a fixed electricity contract for the Cricket/Bowls clubs, so a Smart meter is the best option. SG will check that the Village Hall Committee has no objection to the change of meter.

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- None.

8. Any other matters

- SE advised that the first football league game was played on the first weekend in September. The veterans' game has been held. The first team is being sponsored by Hunton Engineering.
- CS asked if the beech hedge between the Bowls Club and recreation ground could be cut back and the play area strimmed. SG will contact Robert Cox.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th November 2022 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:25pm.

Appendix A: King George V Playing Field – Minor Works List

Item	Required Work	Work Completed	Complete
Picnic Tables	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-tighten bolts/screws, sand rough/splintered edges and replace broken slats).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older table cleaned and screws all re-tightened. Ordered new slats from Sustainable Furniture but they were too short and need to be replaced with the correct size - fitted. Both tables ideally need to be moved to enable grass cutting and repair / re-growth (a 4-person lift). 	Yes Yes
Multi Play	Clean/sand all paintwork including box frame and repair where necessary (epoxy fill/paint with red oxide paint). Re-paint all paintwork. Sand rough/unfinished edges of platform. Clean slide platform and consider fitting spare platform timber to top.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra screws needed for platform where some have fallen out. Spare platform timber will not fit slide platform ... Simon to order pressure-treated timber for platforms to match existing. Painting still to do and sanding of platform edges. 	No No
Swings	Clean/sand all paintwork and repair where necessary (epoxy fill/paint with red oxide paint). Re-paint all paintwork. Re-grease shackles/bushes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shackles and bushes re-greased. Painting still to do. 	Yes No
Activity Trail	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-fix posts as required and replace missing post/step).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet done. 	No
Basket Swing	Remove redundant staples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No redundant staples found on basket swing timber. 	Yes
General Play Area	Clear debris/weeds/etc and cut grass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety surface cleared and grass trimmed and cut. 	Yes
Safety Net	Drill and fix post. Replace bottom cable and re-fix net.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post drilled and fixed. Bottom cable repaired and net re-fixed. There is one point where the net needs re-fixing on the top cable but will need cherry picker / hoist for safe access. 	Yes No
Car Park	Fill holes with scalpings and consolidate with roller.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scalpings spread and rolled. 	Yes