

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 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
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Tony Stanbridge	Hunton Parish Council

In attendance: Members of Hunton Football Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: None

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 January 2022. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Minor works list attached at Appendix A - covers repair work previously under 'Matters arising'.
- SJ is waiting for a firm quote for concreting over the area where the old cricket pavilion stood; it could be in the region of £5-6k. SJ will obtain a price for materials and labour as it may be possible to use cricket club labour to keep the price down. One option for the area is a cage, picnic tables and a BBQ on a concrete slab. Another option could be to fill in the holes with hardcore, then cover with topsoil and grass. The priority is to get the holes filled in. The water supply will also need to be rerouted. SJ will consider various scenarios.
- DH has ordered 550 hawthorn and 200 blackthorn plants at a cost of £937.50. DH will be planting the hedge on the weekend of 26th/27th March with any volunteers (a notice will be put on Facebook).
- SG has contacted pest control contact Paul Messenger about rabbit control. CS will contact Paul and arrange to meet him on site to decide the best approach. SG will ask about mole control.
- TS and DH assessed the Football Club changing rooms on behalf of the Parish Council and provided a report to the Parish Council and Playing Field Committee. The Parish Council have prioritised the work that needs doing soon - the main issue is the electrical

work - three quotes have been obtained. Depending on the commitment of the Football Club, other work such as a new door/lintel, new toilet and second access point need doing. As the cost of the electrical and other work will be considerable, the Parish Council needs commitment from the Football Club to look after the changing rooms. Dave Elliott (manager of Hunton FC) did not disagree with the content of the report, but the building itself is in a poor condition and the Football Club has paid for various items over the years itself. The club has secured sponsorship recently and the members of the club are committed to keeping the changing rooms in good order and contributing to the Playing Field Committee by sending a representative to meetings. An agreement will be put in place between the Parish Council and the football and cricket clubs with regard to use of the changing rooms and cricket pavilion.

- DH will get a list of upcoming weddings from Kathy Reid.
- DH will see how best use can be made of the container.

4. Health & safety

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. The work required is included in Appendix A. SG contacted MBC about the inspection reports to ensure they are being carried out as some items on previous reports have already been rectified but still appear on the reports. A response has not been received yet.
- Outstanding actions from a previous monthly report from The Play Inspection Company Ltd (via MBC) are included in Appendix A.
- The actions from the 2021 annual play area inspection report have been completed.
- The 2022 annual inspection report has been received. SJ has summarised the report. There are no risks higher than 'low' and much of it is on the schedule for the spring working party. SG will place a rolling repeat order for the Play Inspection Company to complete the annual inspection in January 2023 at a cost of £110+VAT.
- The working party will meet on 9th April and the car park holes will be filled on 10th April.
- A few plants could be planted in the gap in the hedgerow near the road, but vegetation is starting to grow through.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 28th February 2022 was noted. After the invoices have been paid, there will be £3,126 in funds remaining.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - January/February) - £30.82
- The following payments were approved:

300123 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (January/February)	£150.00
300124 - The Play Inspection Company Ltd - Annual play area inspection	£132.00
300125 - BHIB Insurance Brokers - Insurance	£71.00
300126 - Sharon Goodwin - Reimbursement for renewal of 2x garden waste bins	£90.00

The cheques were signed by SJ and ST.
- A water meter reading will be submitted in April.
- SJ confirmed that a sit-on T-Rex on springs could be installed on the grass in the fenced play area - it would need to be concreted in and have a safe surface around it. SJ is waiting for a requote from Playspaces.
- SG has signed and returned the grounds maintenance agreement for 2022 to Landscape Services.

- Agreement was made to contribute £250 towards the hedging plants for the field. It will be deducted from the £6,000 annual grant from the Parish Council.
- The Bowls Club is having a new security gate installed.

6. Administration

- The insurance renewal has been received from BHIB Insurance Brokers at a cost of £71. The cost has been £166.42 for the last 4 years, but Markel will be providing the insurance now, rather than RSA. The professional liability and management liability limits are both £250,000. SG will renew the insurance through BHIB.

7. Other parish news

- CS asked if anything was happening in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. DH advised that the Village Club is holding a lunch, which the Parish Council is supporting financially.
- The Parish Council is still considering electrical vehicle chargers, but KCC have run out of money until the new financial year. The application received 36 out of 45 points.

8. Any other matters

- The Pre-School has asked if anything can be done to fox-proof the bins as foxes are getting into the bins and pulling the rubbish out, creating a mess. To research bins.
- The Pre-School has also asked about the car park as they are getting a lot of complaints about the potholes. DH will be filling the potholes in on 10th April.
- SG has received a call from someone whose brother and sister-in-law have both passed away. She would like to scatter their ashes together in Hunton as her brother was born there. It was agreed that the ashes could be scattered on the recreation ground.
- SG has received a request from Maidstone Tempests FC to hire the football pitch on Sundays. It was agreed that the request should be turned down.
- DH advised that the Friends of St Mary's are organising a firework display on 4th November and would like to hold it on the recreation ground. A professional company will be used, which would do a safety inspection. The cricket square would be protected. SJ would like to speak with the contractor, but the idea was agreed in principle.
- AB asked who was responsible for closing the barrier in the summer. DH advised that he shuts the barrier.
- CS asked for dates of cricket matches so he can organise the mowing. CS will spray the weeds near the play equipment. The Football Club wanted advice on improving the football pitch - it might need rolling - SJ could do it for a small fee.
- ST asked about the requirement for an electrical conditioning report at the cricket pavilion as electrical checks should be done. Hilec Ltd could do the work when the Village Hall electrical work is done.
- DP thanked the Committee for allowing the members of the Football Club to attend the meeting.
- CS advised that the Community Orchard gate post has completely rotted.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 10:29pm at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:43pm.

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

Item	Required Work
Picnic Tables	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-tighten bolts/screws, sand rough/splintered edges and replace broken slats).
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.
Swings	Clean/sand all paintwork and repair where necessary (epoxy fill/paint with red oxide paint). Re-paint all paintwork. Re-grease shackles/bushes.
Activity Trail	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-fix posts as required and replace missing post/step).
Basket Swing	Remove redundant staples.
General Play Area	Clear debris/weeds/etc and cut grass.
Safety Net	Drill and fix post. Replace bottom cable and refix net.
Car Park	Fill holes with scalpings and consolidate with roller.