

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 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 David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: None. Apologies from Angela Baptie received after the meeting.

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Scott Elliott was welcomed on to the Committee as a Trustee, representing Hunton Football Club, and signed the declaration of acceptance form.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 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. The remaining work will be discussed at the July meeting.
- SJ is still waiting for a firm quote for concreting over the area where the old cricket pavilion stood and has not researched the option of filling the holes with hardcore yet. The water supply has been rerouted and a new outside tap has been installed.
- The hawthorn and blackthorn plants were planted in March. Some have gone missing in the north-west corner.
- CS met Paul Messenger on site to discuss rabbit removal - ferreting cannot be done until October so shooting will be the best option. It can be done at dusk with a colleague using thermal imaging. SG will confirm the cost and email to everyone. The cost for mole control is £75 to survey and £30 per mole caught. SG will arrange for mole removal.
- The electrical work at the Football Club changing rooms is complete. SE advised that the door frame and door will be replaced next week. A gas bottle is being fitted and painting inside/outside the changing rooms will be done. DH advised that it would be worth putting in a concrete lintel. SG and SJ will consider wording for an agreement between the Parish Council and the football and cricket clubs for use of the changing rooms and cricket pavilion.
- DH has not obtained a list of upcoming weddings.

- Racking will be fitted in the container at some point.
- SG could not find any fox-proof public bins online. SJ has found three which have lids, but there is no guarantee that they are fox-proof. A possibility could be a post/wall mounted bin.
- SJ has not rolled the football pitch as the roller is not working. The ground is too hard now - the best time to do it would be in September.
- Electrical conditioning checks at the cricket pavilion will be carried out when the village hall checks are done in June 2023.
- SJ advised that the Community Orchard gate post has completely rotted. DH will try and source a post.

#### 4. Health & safety

- One MBC monthly report has been received on the children's play area since the last meeting:  
Multiplay - screw heads showing and some missing; board on platform can be lifted by hand (not secured enough - needs to be secured to main framework); screws are becoming loose on the monkey bars at one end. Extra screws have been fitted and the board is secure. SJ will check if there are loose screws on the monkey bars.  
Trim trail - one stepping post taken away (soil needs to cover the post hole). DH has a telegraph pole offcut which could be used to replace the stepping post.
- The working party met on 9<sup>th</sup> April and the car park holes were filled on 10<sup>th</sup> April. SJ rolled the car park using a hired roller (which was also used for the cricket pitch). It was agreed that the Committee should contribute £60 towards the £120 hire cost.
- DH has filled the gap in the hedgerow near the road.

#### 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was noted. Funds of £3,093 have been carried forward to 2022/23.
- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 was noted. There will be £1,887 in funds remaining after outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting. The £5,750 grant from the Parish Council (£6,000 less £250 towards the hedging plants) for 2022/23 was authorised at the last Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:  
DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - March/April) - £30.82  
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- The following payments were approved:

300127 - Robert Cox - Tidying of play area and car park	£115.00
300128 - Glyn Bell - Installation of outside tap and plumbing work	£185.00
300129 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (March/April)	£150.00
300130 - David Heaton - Reimbursement for scalpings from Corker	£700.80
300131 - Sharon Goodwin - Reimbursement for replacement slats from Sustainable Furniture	£40.00
300132 - HWCC - Contribution to roller hire	£60.00
- The cheques were signed by SJ and ST.
- SJ will take a water meter reading.
- SJ confirmed that a tractor on springs can be installed on the grass at a cost of £790 (supply only). The cost of 'safer grass' is £26 per square metre. A car would cost £1,000 including VAT. If the fall height is less than 600mm a safety surface is not

required. SJ will confirm the fall height and do some more research.

- The Bowls Club has installed a new security gate.

## 6. Administration

- SG has renewed the insurance renewal with BHIB Insurance Brokers, as agreed at the last meeting.
- The Fields in Trust AGM will be held virtually on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. SG has the details if anyone wants to attend.

## 7. Other parish news

- DH advised that the Friends of St Mary's have obtained a quote and risk assessment from a reputable company for a fireworks' display on the field. The company has £10 million public liability insurance. The fireworks would be let off near the new hedge, behind the football pitch and spectators would stand to the south of the cricket pitch. Two four-wheel drive vehicles will need to access the field. The bonfire could be located on the cricket outfield or the car park. If on the outfield, the turf would be taken up before the fire and put back afterwards. There will also be fire pits, stalls, etc. Tickets will be pre-sold. Parking will be at the church, the car park and Hunton Court but it will be necessary to measure the available space to see how many vehicles can be accommodated.  
The Committee was happy with the idea in principle but had reservations that the ground could be churned up and concerns about the location of the bonfire. The car park was not felt to be suitable but there were also concerns about using the cricket pitch.
- DH advised that the Hunton Annual Parish Meeting would be taking place on 23rd May.
- SJ noted that the VTA was completed in March. Four trees require attention - three oaks and a maple - two within three months and two within six months. The work will be completed at the same time.
- DH informed the Committee that litter picks are being restarted in the parish, with the first being held on 2nd June. The litter picks had stopped as MBC would not collect the rubbish, but Clock House Farm have agreed to collect and dispose of it.

## 8. Any other matters

- SE advised that on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Hunton Football Club will be hosting the inaugural Hunton FC Veterans game as part of the club's 125<sup>-year</sup> celebrations. Only ex-Hunton players have been invited. There will be two matches, starting at 11am. It is intended to be a regular event, taking place four times a year. SE will check if there are any weddings that day. There will be a cricket match that day but vehicles could park on the field.
- CS asked who had installed the Little Owl box as it has now fallen down. Charlie, a university student, had installed it as part of a research project but has not been seen lately. CS will research nesting boxes for installation on the field.
- ST asked if he could look at the Parish Council's insurance of the cricket pavilion. SG will provide it.
- A bouncy castle was not used as part of a village hall hirer's party on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

- DH advised that Kathy Reid is stepping down as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.
- SG will ask Robert Cox to tidy the play area/car park every month to September.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Hunton Cricket Pavilion**

**7:30pm Annual inspection of the playing field (weather permitting)**

**8:00pm AGM**

**8:30pm Committee Meeting**

The meeting ended at 10:06pm.

## 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).	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. Both tables ideally need to be moved to enable grass cutting and repair / re-growth (a 4-person lift).	
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.	Added extra screws to platform where some had 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.	
Swings	Clean/sand all paintwork and repair where necessary (epoxy fill/paint with red oxide paint). Re-paint all paintwork. Re-grease shackles/bushes.	Shackles and bushes re-greased. Painting still to do.	
Activity Trail	Clean and repair (remove moss/algae, re-fix posts as required and replace missing post/step).	Not yet done.	
Basket Swing	Remove redundant staples.	No redundant staples found on basket swing timber.	Yes
General Play Area	Clear debris/weeds/etc and cut grass.	Safety surface cleared and grass strimmed and cut.	
Safety Net	Drill and fix post. Replace bottom cable and re-fix net.	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.	
Car Park	Fill holes with scalpings and consolidate with roller.	Scalpings spread and rolled.	Yes