

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Charity number 1084141
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th August 2006 at 7.30pm
at the Field and later at the Hunton Club, West Street

Present:-

Chairman:	Mr Keith Eatwell	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr John Bates	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Alan Bishop	Hunton Parish Hall
	Mrs Margaret Carpenter	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Mike Nichols	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
Acting Secretary:	Mr David Swan	Parish Clerk, Hunton

Before the formal meeting began members again welcomed the opportunity to discuss the Field on site.

1. Resignation

DS had received a letter of resignation from Mark Day who had, due to other commitments, been increasingly unable to come to meetings. The meeting expressed its thanks for the work he had been able to do and **DS** would pass these on. The Chairman would speak to the Chairman of the Cricket Club to try to find a replacement.

2. Apologies

These had been received from John Adams and from Roger Sawtell.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting and Matters Arising

Copies of the last minutes had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and would be made available generally.

The following ongoing Matters Arising did not appear later in the agenda:-

Goal mouths These had not been turfed. Although considered adequate for another season they must be done at the end of this one.

Sewage Plant **AB** would remind the Hall Treasurer to send invoices to the Bowls and Football Clubs.

Football changing room showers **KE** would push for this work to be done.

4. Health and Safety

Review check and electrical safety certificates

DS would carry these matters forward to the next meeting. The cricket pavilion was of particular concern.

Signing This continued to form part of the risk assessment exercise.

Safety netting This had now been repaired.

5. Play and sport facilities for children and young people

The working group of **KE**, **MC** and **LR** had met and discussed the issues and were arranging presentations from two companies, Monsterplay (as used by Coxheath) and Haag (the **MBC** contractor). In due course they would report back to the main Committee.

6. Finance

Funds continued to be available from various sources if a need could be demonstrated.

7. Administration

The Parish Council had agreed that the cost of insuring the Bowls Club buildings should now be met as part of the parish insurance in line with the other Clubs. **MN** expressed the thanks of the club for the Council's cheque.

8. Grass and hedge trimming, rubbish clearance and tree management

Members were grateful to John Adams for his work trimming the grass round the car park and play equipment but felt it should be the regular responsibility of a contractor. **KE** would discuss this with Mark at KCC (KCS) which were already contracted to do the gang mowing.

DS would ask MBC if the Hit Squad could undertake rubbish clearance, including the litter bins in the car park area, on a regular basis.

What were considered very reasonable quotations had been received for the tree canopies to be raised. **AB** would arrange and consider the trees between the Football and Bowls pavilions and the Hall. **DS** felt that the PC would fund this essential work.

DS would ask **RS** to arrange to have the hedge cut further back by the car park entrance.

9. Car Park

AB confirmed that he had now received a quotation of £3547 + VAT. He would enquire whether this included drainage as well as surfacing. Funding might be requested from the KCC Local Committee once a final figure was known.

10. Wish list update

This list will be retained in each set of Minutes so that everyone is up to date. The following suggestions are made in no particular order:-

Boundaries

Quotations for fencing the southern (Bowls Club) side of the site had been received in the order of £2500. As a first step it was agreed that Tony Acaster would trim the hedging. **MC** to arrange. Because of changes in KCC Highways **DS** had not yet written about the eastern (West Street) boundary. He would if possible do so before the next meeting.

Water supplies

Various ways of dividing the costs equally between the Clubs were discussed. Two extra meters were needed. **JA** would do this work and bill **DS**.

Football playing surface

KE was seeking a quotation for this work to be done. Grant aid would be needed.

New joint pavilion and sharing existing facilities

Various possibilities discussed including bowls and cricket for teas and new building for all three clubs, resurrecting plans made but rejected some years back.

11. Any other matters and dates of future meetings

Byelaws

The recent use of the Field for croquet and golf practice was discussed and it was agreed that permission should have been requested in advance although the absence of Byelaws made any control virtually impossible. However **DS** had just been advised that MBC was proposing to introduce Borough-wide Byelaws and both the Committee and the Parish Council would be consulted.

Fixture lists

It was agreed that an exchange of fixture lists and other events could be helpful to avoid car parking difficulties. This might even include wedding dates through the PCC.

The next meeting was planned for **Thursday** 12th October. (Please note the change of day)

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 9.50pm.