

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 8:15pm**  
**At Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton**  
Charity number 1084141

Present:                    Mr Simon Taylor                    Hunton Cricket Club  
                                 Mr Steve Jones                    Hunton Cricket Club  
                                 Mr Danny Peacock                Hunton Football Club  
                                 Mrs Margaret Carpenter        Hunton Bowls Club  
                                 Mrs Angela Baptie                Hunton Bowls Club  
                                 Mr David Heaton                  Hunton Parish Council

Secretary:                Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies:                Mr John Bates                    Hunton Football Club  
                                 Mr Tony Stanbridge                Hunton Parish Council  
                                 Mr Roger Sawtell

**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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees, Parish Councillors and local press representatives and were as usual available on request.

**3. Matters arising**

- The moles have returned, probably due to softening of the ground. To be monitored.
- Rabbits have dug up some of the cricket square. DH will obtain Peter King's contact details as he deals with rabbits, moles and squirrels.
- The work carried out by Robert Cox is in evidence. HWCC has a rotary mower to assist with the tidying.
- The beech hedge near the Bowls Club has been cut back by Robert Cox, but some members of the Club have requested that the hedge is cut back further, so that the height is roughly level with the net and back to 2'6" towards the green. It may be that the hedge will not recover if it is cut back too far and would perhaps be preferable for the Bowls Club to cut it back on their side. Robert will be contacted for his advice.
- ST reported that the system for apportioning the electricity costs between the Cricket and Bowls Clubs is working well. ST is to consider changing energy supplier to try and reduce costs. DH recommended speaking to Mike Summersgill as he carried out a similar exercise for the Village Hall and halved the cost.

**4. Health & safety**

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. Both note that one trim trail post is loose in the ground and the picnic table is not fixed to the ground, plus a 'further comment' about the paint on the multiplay timber.

- Following receipt of the annual play area inspection report, which recommended considering replacement of the multiplay equipment, MC has researched costs. A large piece of multiplay equipment for 6 to 12 year olds would cost £14,500 plus VAT and installation. A team swing, which is being considered as an additional piece of equipment, costs £2,200 plus VAT and installation. The multiplay surface also needs replacement. It was agreed that MC should contact Playdale for a quote for the team swing and renovation of the multiplay surface. SG will contact KCC for more information on the Small Capital Grant Scheme.
- SG has obtained costs from St John's Ambulance for training in the use of the defibrillator, but it was agreed not to go ahead due to the expense and instructions are provided by the unit/emergency services if it needs to be used.
- The Tree & Pond Warden, Mike Summersgill, has had a Visual Tree Assessment carried out on the tree stock on community land, including the playing field. The full report has not been received yet, but there are a few trees which are likely to need attention - a poplar in the corner of the field; a couple of oak trees on the field and several trees near the Village Hall.

## 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 was produced to the Committee and noted. After payments are made at the Parish Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November there will be £5,526 in funds remaining.
- ST will progress the replacement of the pedestrian gate in the spring.
- MBC has been informed that the bins need to be emptied every week in June, July and August. MBC is waiving the bin emptying bills for October and November as the bins were not emptied in August.
- SG is obtaining quotes from other companies to empty the bins.
- SJ suggested that the Football Club should be asked to clear bottles after their home matches to prevent the bin in between the cricket and football pitches from overflowing. DP agreed to raise the issue.

## 6. Administration

- The 2015/16 Annual Return has been submitted to the Charity Commission.
- The Unity Trust Bank account opening form was completed. ST, MC and DH will be the authorised signatories. SG had contacted AON to find out whether use of the bank account would be covered under the insurance. The policy does cover trustees' mistrustful acts, errors and omissions.
- The dates for the meetings in 2017 were agreed as: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017; 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017; 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017; 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (including boundary walk/AGM); 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017; and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017. All meetings to be held at 8:15pm, other than the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July which will start at 7:30pm with the boundary walk. This meeting will be held in the cricket pavilion.

## 7. Other parish news

- DH reported that the owner of the land between the playing field and Lughorse Lane has decided not to allow a permissive footpath over her land.

## 8. Any other matters

- The charity event on 29<sup>th</sup> October, which included use of the playing field, was

discussed as there had been some issues on the night. ST will look at the Village Hall's terms and conditions to see if any additional conditions need to be included with reference to the playing field when hall hires take place. There is an issue with the Football Club not providing their fixture list to the Village Hall and the Village Hall not having a contact in the Football Club.

- DP stated that members of the Parish Council will be looking at the Football Club changing rooms on 14<sup>th</sup> November to consider their state of repair.
- DP reported that the wrong slats had been delivered for the Community Orchard fencing.
- MC questioned who maintains the piece of ground behind the Bowls Club and Village Hall and whether the Bowls Club should be helping to keep it clear. DH advised that Mike Summersgill keeps the area clear on behalf of the Village Hall.
- DP reported that the Bowls Club had mentioned a tree overhanging the Bowls Club roof. He will contact Mike Summersgill.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Hunton Village Club - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

There being no further matters the formal part of the meeting ended at 10pm.