

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 8:15pm
At Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

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| Present: | Mr Simon Taylor | Hunton Cricket Club |
| | Mr Steve Jones | Hunton Cricket Club |
| | Mr Colin Slattery | Hunton Bowls Club |
| | Mr Danny Peacock | Hunton Bowls Club |
| | Mr Tony Stanbridge | Hunton Parish Council |
| | Mr Stefan Baker | Hunton Football Club |
| | Mr Perry Luck | Hunton Football Club |

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr David Heaton Hunton Parish Council

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 10th July 2019. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- DH still needs to remove the green container near the cricket pavilion.
- SJ took a water meter reading of 3,752.85 on 13th July, giving an ADC of 1.28.
- The £50 cash back for signing up to direct debit has been credited by Castle Water.
- SB advised that a shower in the Football Club changing rooms is leaking and drips even when the stop cock is turned off. As this needs to be remedied quickly a quote will be obtained and, if reasonable, agreed by email so the work can be carried out soon.
- Mike Summersgill agreed that the drainage should be flushed through from the cricket pavilion at the end of the year/next year. ST will obtain a quote.
- Perry Luck (Hunton Football Club) joined the Committee as a Trustee and completed the Trustee Declaration.
- ST and SJ agreed to organise a weekend in October (provisionally 12th/13th) to deal with the minor play equipment issues which include: digging down and concreting in a loose post on the trim trail; concreting around the shrunken surface under the infant swings; and spraying the shackles of the infant swings.
- No update on whether George Sharp has provided his license or insurance as DH unable to attend the meeting. Rabbits are becoming a problem, so a contact provided by Gwen Nabbs will be called.
- Jacksons Fencing have supplied the keys to the locks on the gates in the fencing around the play equipment to ST. ST will keep one set, the other was given to SG.
- ST has asked for a quote from P Allison & Sons for the demolition of the old cricket pavilion three times but has not received a response. ST will try elsewhere.

- SB advised that the Hunton Football Club fixtures are all available online.
- The application for a KCC Member Grant was successful. SG will order the line marking machine and paint.
- Robert Cox agreed to: remove the nettles and elder tree saplings under the Turkey Oak tree; cut the Bowls Club hedge; and cut back the foliage overhanging the bin in the corner of the play area. SG will contact Robert again as the work has not been done yet.
- Other issues arising from the boundary walk in July were to:
 - Fill in the post hole near the car park fence. SJ has done this.
 - Consider whether the scalplings in the car park are still usable. DH to consider and redistribute if so.
 - Remove the sandbag in the car park. DH to be asked whether he can use the sandbag. Could possibly be used in the base for the new Bowls Club changing rooms.
 - Tighten up the loose posts near the Bowls Club. To be done once the hedge has been cut.
 - Cut the low-hanging BT cable. SJ to look at this.
- Consideration will be given to a contribution to the new Bowls Club changing rooms when the Parish Council has decided on its contribution (at the Parish Council meeting on 16th September).

4. Health & safety

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. The first report noted 'Toddler swings - seat damaged (low risk; satisfactory)'. There are no comments on the second report as a new swing seat was installed.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st August 2019 was produced to the Committee and noted. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £8,925 in funds remaining.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
 - 300060 - Cheque cancelled
 - 300061 - Maidstone Borough Council (bin emptying - July) - £102.65
 - 300062 - David Heaton (stock fencing materials) - £57.48
 - DD x 2 - Castle Water (water charges - July/August) - £77.03 x 2
- Consideration was given to projects for 2019/20:
 - A contribution towards the new Bowls Club changing rooms.
 - Fixing the leak in the Football Club changing rooms. DP suggested that the Football Club should make a list of other problems which need fixing in the changing rooms and quotes should be obtained.
 - Another picnic table. To be considered in early 2020.
- The following payments were approved, and the cheques signed by ST and SJ:
 - 300063 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying £102.65
 - 300064 - Commercial Services Trading Ltd - Grounds maintenance (2nd quarter) £453.46

6. Administration

None.

7. Other parish news

- SJ noted that the 'Musicals on the Green' event was not as well attended as the previous

year, probably due to the weather, but was still a success.

- TS advised that the police are attending the Parish Council meeting on 16th September to provide an update and answer questions following the recent spate of thefts.

8. Any other matters

- Angela Baptie from the Bowls Club has requested permission to turn off the electric supply and obtain access while the work on the new changing rooms is taking place. The Committee agreed.
- SG has received emails from Castle Water offering a free water efficiency audit and Landscape Services about various services offered. No action to be taken.
- CS will sort out the hornets' nest at the back of the Football Club changing rooms.
- SB and PL advised that the Football Club is having issues when weddings take place as hirers think they have exclusive rights over the car park, which is not the case as the car park is still available for all to use. SG will obtain the terms and conditions for hirers and provide them to PL and SB to show hirers. SG will ask Kathy for a list of wedding dates.
- SG advised that one of the bins in the car park has disappeared, leaving only the base, leaving 4 bins in total. SG will try and find out what has happened.
- CS expressed concern about the lime which has made a mess near the container. PL has already spoken to the football player responsible.
- SJ noticed that a huge bough has come down from a tree on the field. SG will ask Robert Cox to cut it up and SJ will collect the wood.
- DP asked if Robert Cox could cut the privet hedge at the entrance to the car park and PL asked if the brambles behind the goal posts in the far corner of the field could be cut back. SG will contact Robert.
- SJ stated that the new post had been fitted for the field gate but needs a 2" hole drilling through it for the chain to go through. SJ will look into it.
- DP asked when the gate will be fitted at the entrance to the car park. ST advised that the Parish Council will be discussing it on 16th September, and it will be fitted as soon as possible after that.
- ST noted that there are moles near the stock fencing, just past the play area, and near the cricket changing rooms. SG will contact Gwen Nabbs.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2019 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:45pm.