

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 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 Colin Slattery Hunton Bowls Club
 Mr Danny Peacock Hunton Bowls Club
 Mr David Heaton Hunton Parish Council

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr Perry Luck Hunton Football Club
 Mr Stefan Baker Hunton Football Club

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 11th September 2019. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- DH has not removed the green container near the cricket pavilion due to lack of time and the wet weather.
- The shower and toilet leaks in the Football Club changing rooms have been repaired.
- ST will obtain a quote for the drainage to be flushed through from the cricket pavilion, for the work to be carried out in the spring.
- A date will be set at the January meeting to deal with the minor play equipment issues (too wet at the moment). The work includes: 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.
- DH has not seen George Sharp to enquire about his license and insurance. The Committee has an alternative contact who could deal with the rabbits.
- It is too wet for the old cricket pavilion to be demolished at the moment. Quotes still to be obtained.
- The Football Club has taken delivery of the new line marking machine and paint, paid for by the KCC Member Grant.
- Robert Cox has: removed the nettles and elder tree saplings under the Turkey Oak tree; cut the Bowls Club hedge; cut back the foliage overhanging the bin in the corner of the play area; cut up the fallen bough; cut the privet hedge at the entrance to the car park; and cut back the area behind the goal posts. The Bowls Club hedge and the privet hedge at the entrance to the car park will both need cutting back further in February before the birds nest. DH will clear the cut branches near the Football Club changing rooms.

- Issues arising from the boundary walk in July:
 - Consider whether the scalplings in the car park are still usable. DH will use these to fill the holes.
 - Remove the sandbag in the car park. DH has not removed this yet.
 - Tighten up the loose posts near the Bowls Club. To be done in spring as too wet now.
 - Cut the low-hanging BT cable. SJ will report to BT Openreach.
- The Committee agreed in principle to a contribution towards the new Bowls Club changing rooms (the Parish Council is contributing £1,000). The Bowls Club AGM will be taking place in a couple of weeks when clarification will be given of the funds needed. To agree the contribution by email once notification of the amount has been received.
- CS could not find the hornets' nest behind the Football Club changing rooms, but the hornets have all gone now.
- SG asked Kathy Reid for a list of wedding bookings at the Village Hall, but she has asked that the clubs look at the Village Hall calendar for the information. All weekend bookings are weddings and those for 4-5 hours are children's parties. She also confirmed that the hirers do sign to acknowledge that the car park is not solely for hirers, as stated in the terms and conditions. SG has given the Football Club the terms and conditions to show hirers if necessary.
- It has not been possible to identify what has happened to the missing bin. SG will contact MBC about reducing the bin emptying charges now four bins are being emptied rather than five. The Parish Council will discuss the provision of bins at its January meeting.
- SJ has no way of drilling a 2" hole through the field gate post which means that the pedestrian gate cannot be closed due to the chain. CS will see if there is a way of doing it.
- Jacksons Fencing will fit the new barrier at the entrance to the car park in the week commencing 2nd December. A utilities search was carried out - none are present where the barrier will be located. Once a date has been given for the work it will need to be publicised. SG will insure the barrier through the PC's insurer when installed. Jacksons showed DH how to adjust the springs on the fence gates to the play area when they were on site.
- Gwen Nabbs has caught two moles. There has been no further activity, so the traps have been removed.

4. Health & safety

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. There are no comments on either report.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st October 2019 was produced to the Committee and noted. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £7,141 in funds remaining.
- Income received since the last meeting:
KCC Member Grant (for new line marking machine/paint) - £274.99
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
300065 - Net World Sports (line marking machine & paint) - £297.94
300066 - Mark Evans (plumbing work in FC changing rooms) - £185.00
300067 - Robert Cox (various grounds maintenance works) - £705.00

DD x 2 - Castle Water (water charges - September/October) - £77.03 x 2

Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00

- The Football Club has not provided a list of improvements (and quotes) for the changing rooms.
- The following payments were approved, and the cheques signed by ST and SJ:
300068 - Commercial Services Trading Ltd - grounds maintenance (3rd quarter) £388.67
300069 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (September/October) £205.30
300070 - Gwen Nabbs - Mole removal £105.00
- CS advised that Landscape Services has stopped cutting the field as it is not necessary. It has not been cut since the end of August. The annual cost could be less than quoted as the bills are charged based on actual cuts. SJ recommended more cuts at the front end of the season and less towards the end.

6. Administration

None.

7. Other parish news

- Two sites have been submitted for Hunton in the MBC Call For Sites exercise - 80 houses at Durrants Farm and 137 houses on the land opposite Dingley Dell (off Heath Road).

8. Any other matters

- SJ has been contacted by Liz Ridgeway to ask for permission to plant native trees (through the Woodland Trust scheme) on the playing field at the top end of the playing fields and/or by the gap in the hedge near the main road. Woodland Trust trees are being sold at the Village Club for planting by 30th November. It was agreed that the trees could be planted, adding to the wooded area in the top right-hand corner of the field and/or the strip of orchard leading up to the cricket pavilions.
- SJ asked whether the gate to the Community Orchard had been taken off. DH confirmed that it had.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th January 2020 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:40pm.