

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 8:15pm
At Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Tony Stanbridge	Hunton Parish Council

Secretary: Mrs Sharon Goodwin

Apologies: Mr Steve Jones Hunton Cricket Club

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Perry Luck and Stefan Baker, the Trustees representing the Football Club, have resigned. DP noted that the invitation to the meeting indicated that he was a representative of the Bowls Club, but he would like to remain a representative of the Football Club.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting on 13th November 2019. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Due to the wet weather it has not been possible to do the following:
 - Remove the green container near the cricket pavilion;
 - Deal with the play equipment issues; (dates to be circulated)
 - Remove the cut branches near the Football Club changing rooms;
 - Fill the holes in the car park with scalpings; (more scalpings need to be purchased)
 - Tighten up the loose posts near the Bowls Club.
- Quotes still need to be obtained for the drainage to be flushed through from the cricket pavilion, for the work to be carried out in the spring.
- Quotes still need to be obtained for the demolition of the old cricket pavilion.
- DH has not seen George Sharp to enquire about his license and insurance.
- DH has not removed the sandbag in the car park yet.
- SJ has not contacted BT Openreach about the low-hanging BT cable yet.
- SG will ask Robert Cox to cut the privet hedge at the entrance to the car park as low as possible and to cut the Bowls Club hedge back hard underneath and past the posts.
- The new Bowls Club changing rooms have been constructed. Work still to be done/paid for includes the electrician, flooring and benches. The Committee has agreed in principle to a contribution towards the changing rooms but needs to find out the funds still required. Once the figures have been provided, a contribution will be agreed by email.
- SG has contacted MBC to ask for a credit (as MBC charged for emptying 5 bins instead

of 4 from October to December) and to reduce the monthly charge from January 2020 onwards. The Parish Council will discuss the provision of bins at its next meeting.

- CS has been unable to find anything big enough to drill a 2" hole through the field gate post. Another solution will need to be found.
- Jacksons Fencing have fitted the barrier at the entrance to the car park. The Parish Council has insured the barrier through its insurer. The Parish Council needs to organise a rota to open and close the gate each day. DH will get some signs made. DH gave keys to the barrier lock to the three sports clubs and has one spare.

4. Health & safety

- Three MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. The only comment on all three reports is for the multiplay - 'platform has rough edges delaminating' - low risk/satisfactory. It might be possible to sand down the edges, but it is too wet at present.
- CS noted that it is very slippery at the gate to the play area and suggested that some chippings or matting be laid. CS/DH to look into it.
- Crispin Tregoning has been asked for a quote to do a climbed inspection of the Turkey Oak tree.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st December 2019 was produced to the Committee and noted. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £6,764 in funds remaining.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
DD x 2 - Castle Water (water charges - November/December) - £77.03 x 2
Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
- The following payment was approved, and the cheque was signed by ST and DH:
300071 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (November/December) £205.30
- The Football Club has not provided a list of improvements (and quotes) for the changing rooms.
- A letter has been received from Landscape Services confirming the grounds maintenance rates for 2020. The cost will be £1,167.63 for 21 cuts (£1,133.63 quoted for 2019 - £1,101.25 actually paid). It was agreed that this should be accepted. ST requested that the grass cutting starts earlier in the season and the cuttings are removed. CS will organise this.
- MBC has advised that there is still funding available from the Strategically Important Play Areas Parish Grant Scheme (deadline 7th February). The Parish Council obtained a grant for £7,585 previously for the new fencing in the play area. An application will be made in the Parish Council's name for another picnic table, a bin to hang on the play area fencing and matting near the play area. The Playing Field Committee will need to fund 10% of the cost.
- The Committee requests a contribution of £6,000 again from the Parish Council for 2020/21. Ideas for capital expenditure will to be considered at future meetings.

6. Administration

- The Annual Return has been submitted to the Charity Commission.
- Dates of the meetings in 2020 are:
 - 11th March
 - 13th May
 - 15th July (including boundary walk and AGM)
 - 16th September
 - 11th NovemberThe dates will be circulated by email.

7. Other parish news

- DH notified the Committee that the Parish Council consulted with residents at the Village Club on 11th January on the two sites put forward for Hunton in the MBC Call For Sites exercise. Parish councillors will be meeting MBC to discuss the sites on 20th January.

8. Any other matters

- CS asked about the old telegraph pole that has fallen near the Football Club. DH advised that the Pre-school has reported it to BT.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2020 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:30pm.