

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 8:50pm
At Hunton Cricket Pavilion, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Colin Slattery	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	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: None

1. Welcome

The Chairman (SJ) welcomed new trustee Angela Baptie and all other trustees to the meeting. SG was asked to check how many trustees are required at meetings for them to be quorate.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting on 11th March 2020, other than a small error under Item 8 where ST should be substituted for SJ in the second sentence. SG will make the amendment. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- The green container near the pavilion is empty but has a large dent in the roof where it was hit by a branch. It is not a hazard and could be removed for scrap or be disposed of with the old pavilion, but it is not essential for it to be removed soon.
- Robert Cox has removed the cut branches on the ground near the Football Club changing rooms.
- DH will purchase 9.5T scalplings (cost approx. £300) and fill the holes in the car park.
- The loose posts near the Bowls Club were tightened up by the working party on 21st March but need further tightening. DH will obtain a price for spurs/bolts and ST can provide Postcrete.
- The working party dealt with the play equipment issues on 21st March with the exception of the multiplay platform. SG will try and find out where the multiplay was purchased from, to obtain a quote for the platform and the steel boxwork.
- Quotes have not been obtained for the drainage to be flushed through from the cricket pavilion but there have been no issues. SJ will call Mike Summersgill to discuss it.
- SJ will obtain a quote for the demolition of the old cricket pavilion.
- No action to be taken on rabbits at the moment.
- DH will remove the sandbag in the car park when he fills the holes.

- SJ has not contacted BT Openreach about the low-hanging BT cable as it is no longer sagging and therefore not an issue.
- Robert Cox has cut back the privet hedge at the entrance to the car park and the Bowls Club beech hedge.
- SG will ask Robert Cox to cut back the whole length of the hedge parallel to West Street (once bird nesting season has finished).
- MBC issued a zero invoice for April as a credit for the previous overcharge.
- The missing bin in the car park is to be replaced by the Parish Council. The bin in the corner near the play area will remain where it is, but the foliage needs to be kept trimmed back. SG will order the new hanging bin for the play area fencing (funded by the MBC SIPA grant).
- DH has erected signs on the car park barrier and around the car park which state the opening/closing times. DH is doing the opening/closing each day. The tractor driver who cuts the grass has a key for the barrier and DP will ask the Football Club if they require one.
- Matters to note arising from the boundary walk prior to the meeting, which have not been addressed above:
 - The fallen telegraph pole which was moved to the back of the Bowls Club can remain there.
 - SJ will get a sign printed for the field gate to stop people parking in front of it.
 - Consideration to be given to the salt bag in the car park.
 - One of the benches in between the cricket and football pitches is broken and needs several slats replacing. The other bench nearby also needs tidying up.

4. Health & safety

- Five MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting in March (a meeting was not held in May due to Covid-19). The only comment on all reports is for the multiplay - 'platform has rough edges delaminating' - low risk/satisfactory.
- SG will order the matting to be installed near the play area (funded by the MBC SIPA grant).
- Mike Summersgill is obtaining prices for the reduction of the Turkey Oak tree, which the Parish Council will consider at the September meeting, with a view to the work being done in October. A sign will not be placed on the tree.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st March 2020 was produced to the Committee and noted. Funds of £5,204 have been carried forward to 2020/21.
- The Income & Expenditure report to 30th June 2020 was produced to the Committee and noted. The £6,000 grant for 2020/21 has been received from the Parish Council. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £9,975 in funds remaining.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
 - DD x 3 - Castle Water (water charges - April/May/June) - £224.73
 - Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
 - 300076 - Commercial Services Trading Ltd (grounds maintenance) - £129.55
 - 300077 - Robert Cox (car park and play area tidying/tree cutting) - £160.00
 - 300078 - Robert Cox (cutting back beech hedge) - £85.00

300079 - Maidstone Borough Council (bin emptying - April) - £82.12

300080 - Robert Cox (removal of bough and cuttings) - £160.00

- Following submission of the water meter reading in April, SG contacted Castle Water and the monthly direct debit has now reduced to £26.33 a month.
- SG will order the picnic table, matting and bin which are funded by the MBC SIPA funding.
- The Committee will consider any capital expenditure to be made - multiplay refurbishment, benches, etc. TS suggested that grants should be considered if capital work is planned for the play area.
- The following payments were approved, and the cheques signed by ST and SJ:

300081 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (May/June)	£164.24
300082 - Robert Cox - Car park and play area tidying	£105.00
300083 - Steve Jones - Reimbursement for removal of wasps' nest	£50.00

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- The new PCSO covering Hunton seems to be very proactive.

8. Any other matters

- A letter has been received from the Bowls Club thanking the Committee for the £1,000 contribution towards the new changing rooms.
- East Farleigh samba drumming group (Old School Samba) have asked if they can use the playing field to rehearse. The Committee agreed that the group should be given permission to rehearse, for a trial period, on Saturday mornings on the football pitch, to be finished by 12pm.
- CS noticed that Footy for Tots are using the playing field for training and wondered whether the trainer has asked permission. He has not, but DH has spoken to him and asked for his insurance details. The trainer has not been seen since.
- It was agreed that Trustees could challenge anyone seen metal detecting on the field as damage is being done to the field (rings are being dug).

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th September 2020 - location to be arranged

CS gave his apologies.

The meeting ended at 9:40pm.