

Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 8:15pm
using Zoom video conferencing
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 everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting on 28th July 2020, other than an error under trustees' present. AB is a member of the Hunton Bowls Club, not the Hunton Bowels Club! 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

- SJ and SG confirmed that the quorum for meetings is one third of trustees.
- The empty green container near the pavilion will be left in place for now as it is not a hazard.
- DH has been busy with work but will purchase the scalplings to fill the holes in the car park when he has time.
- DH reported that the 3' concrete posts necessary to stabilise the loose posts near the Bowls Club will cost £15.99 including VAT. These will be bolted to the posts (every other post and the ends). DH will check how many posts are required and purchase the posts and bolts. ST will provide the Postcrete. A working party will meet on 27th September or 4th October to concrete in the posts and complete any other jobs. Once this has been done the concrete posts can be bolted in a few days later.
- SG could not find details of where the multiplay was purchased from (purchased prior to 1999 but not clear when). CS will take photos and contact one of his suppliers, GB Sports & Leisure, to find out if they know who made it, so a quote can be obtained for a new platform and steel boxwork.
- SJ has spoken to Mike Summersgill about flushing the drainage but he is no longer involved with the Village Hall. MS's concern is not that the drainage is blocked but that it could be leaking. When he looked at it in the winter there was a flow into the treatment system from the feed, so somewhere along the line there is a leak letting

ground water in (an under flow). MS recommended that when the ground is dry, there should be confirmation of flow at each of the points coming from the cricket pavilion, then another inspection should be done in the winter when the ground is wet to see if there is a flow. Everything would be turned off in winter, so if there is still a flow it is likely to be coming from the ground water due to a leak in the pipe. There is not an issue with the flow, just that there is flow when you would not expect to see one. TS did not consider this to be an issue and any rectification if there is a leak is likely to be costly. SJ and ST will just check the condition and flow.

- SJ is meeting Mark Stevens on 18th September to discuss the demolition of the old cricket pavilion. A quote will be obtained from him, and further quotes from other contractors if necessary.
- DH will remove the sandbag in the car park when the holes are filled.
- Robert Cox has cut the hedge alongside the playing field.
- The Parish Council will discuss the replacement of the missing bin in the car park at the next meeting. SG has ordered the new hanging bin for the play area fencing (funded by the MBC SIPA grant). SJ noted that the Football Club is leaving bags of rubbish near the bins which foxes are ripping apart. All the clubs need to take their rubbish away if possible, otherwise the bins become overloaded.
- DP has asked whether the Football Club require a key to the barrier but has not received a reply. The Football Club is unlikely to need one as they use the field during the day, but DP will ask again and also mention the rubbish which is being left.
- SJ has had a sign printed and fixed to the field gate to try and stop people parking in front of it.
- The salt bag in the car park could be used on the road in winter.
- SJ bought some timber to mend the broken bench in between the cricket and football pitches but found that the bench has disappeared. DP asked the Football Club, but they did not realise it had gone. The Committee agreed it should be replaced.

4. Health & safety

- One MBC monthly report has been received on the children's play area since the last meeting in July. The only comment on the report is for the multiplay - 'platform has rough edges delaminating' - low risk/satisfactory. CS will be looking into this.
- SG has ordered the matting to be installed near the play area (funded by the MBC SIPA grant). It can be installed next month when the ground is wetter.
- Mike Summersgill is obtaining quotes for the reduction of the Turkey Oak tree, which the Parish Council will consider at its next meeting, with a view to the work being undertaken in October.
- SG contacted Maria Cooke at Craigdene Limited, who usually undertakes the annual play area inspections. She is no longer doing the inspections but has given the name of another inspection company - The Play Area Inspection Company Ltd - who are quoting to do her work at a cost of £110 (the last Craigdene Ltd bill was £120). CS stated that we would need to check that the inspector we employ has the appropriate qualifications to do the yearly inspections and is on the Royal Institute of Playground Inspectors register (Grade 3). CS agreed to speak to the play inspector at Landscape Services to find out how much they would charge.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st August 2020 was produced to the Committee

and noted. After outstanding invoices have been paid this evening there will be £8,750 in funds remaining.

- Payments made since the last meeting are:
DD - Castle Water (water charges - July/August) - £52.66
 - SG has ordered the picnic table funded by the MBC SIPA funding. It will not be delivered until October/November due to a backlog at the sawmill and the company is not able to assemble it due to Covid-19 restrictions so it will need to be assembled by the Committee. DH agreed to take delivery if adequate notice is provided. The picnic table is costing £20 less overall as, although the price of the table has increased, there is no assembly cost.
 - SJ will take another water meter reading on 19th September.
 - The following payments were approved:

300084 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (July/Aug)	£164.24
300085 - Robert Cox - Hedge cutting parallel to West Street	£175.00
300086 - Commercial Services Trading Ltd - Grounds maintenance (April/May/June)	£400.33
300087 - Hunton Parish Council - Reimbursement for shortfall from MBC SIPA funding	£133.89
300088 - Hunton Parish Hall - Contribution to village hall drainage/treatment plant costs for 2019	£249.00
- The cheques will be sent to ST and SJ for signing.

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- DH reported that a £10,000 Business Rates Grant has been received by the Parish Council for the cricket pavilion. How the grant should be spent will be considered by the Parish Council, but DH felt it should be used for capital investment to benefit the village - most likely for the recreation ground (with input from the Playing Field Committee). SJ noted that the sports clubs have lost money due to the lack of match fees and subscriptions as a result of Covid-19. There is also the cost of the demolition of the old pavilion to consider. The Parish Council could provide additional funding to the Playing Field Committee using the Business Rates Grant. If the sports clubs provide details of their losses, they could then apply for a grant from the Playing Field Committee. DP will enquire to see whether the Football Club has made any losses.
- DH reported that the Parish Council has not met the new PCSO, Paul Vasey, but he has been visible in the village and there have been no break ins over the summer.
- ST asked whether the response to the new barrier at the entrance to the car park has been positive. DH has not received any feedback, but there has not been a negative reaction.

8. Any other matters

- Positive feedback has been received on the Hunton Facebook group about the East Farleigh samba drumming group which is using the playing field to rehearse on a Saturday.
- Footy for Tots have not been seen on the playing field lately.
- No new holes have been found on the playing field, so hopefully the metal detecting has

ceased.

- CS noted that the Football Club left the new line marking machine outside behind the green container and also white lines are being left on the field and in the car park where the lining wheel is not being lifted up. DP will bring it to the attention of the Football Club.
- CS commented that Robert Cox did a good job cutting the hedges.
- DP advised that a local resident has reported football players doing wheelie actions in the car park. He will bring it to the attention of the Football Club.
- An email has been received from MBC regarding signage for the revised Dog Control PSPO for use in play areas, fenced and unfenced. MBC can provide A3 signs at a cost of £25 each which show a map of the area covered by the PSPO. CS has noticed dogs in the play area before but there are no signs at the moment, so it would be advantageous to have signs in place. DH suggested that uses Iden Signs to print two aluminium signs as they would be more durable - one using the necessary PSPO information and another 'No dogs allowed in the play area' sign. SG will forward the necessary information to DH.
- The Covid-19 signs have come off the fence around the play area. ST will try and get a couple more printed and covered in a thicker laminating material.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th November 2020 - likely to be held using Zoom

The meeting ended at 9:29pm.