

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8:00pm**  
**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: No apologies received

**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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

**3. Matters arising**

- DH will fill the holes in the car park and remove the sandbag when he is able to.
- DH will use bolts to screw the concrete posts to the wooden posts (near the Bowls Club), hopefully in the next week.
- The wooden post nearest the orchard, which was leaning on the orchard fence, has been taken down by TS and ST and will remain down.
- The box frame on the multiplay will be repainted rather than replaced as there are no safety issues with the existing frame.
- CS has obtained an invoice from G B Sport & Leisure for the board to replace the multiplay platform. Once the invoice has been paid, the board will be delivered to CS at work where he will cut it to fit. As the board is 8'x4' it may be possible to use some of the board to replace the platform near the slide.
- P Allison & Sons have carried out the asbestos survey and demolished the old pavilion. All that remains is earth containing concrete pillars, and a rabbit warren. SJ will erect a sign to warn that it is unstable ground. Hopefully, the rabbits will disappear now the ground is exposed. The Committee will consider what to do with the area during the boundary walk in July.
- The picnic table has been installed near the play area. The new bin for the car park, the grids and the dog control sign will all be installed on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. DH will bring grass seed to use with the grids.
- The play area risk assessment is still valid. The cradle swing which was removed will be

replaced after the June Covid restrictions lift.

- SM needs to sign the Trustee Declaration form.

#### 4. Health & safety

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. The first report has the usual comment for the multiplay - 'platform has rough edges delaminating' - low risk/satisfactory. The second report was received from MBC but written by The Play Inspection Company Ltd, and details the following:
  - Site general - the surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points. This presumably refers to the surface under the cradle swings.
  - Multiplay - screws starting to loosen on the ladder of the multiplay - monitor.
- Actions to take from the annual play area inspection report:
  - Entrance/exit erosion - grids to be laid on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
  - Timber on the platform - the board is being ordered to replace the platform.
  - The nest swing is too low - Outdoorsy Living are visiting the site next week.
  - The safety surface under the cradle swings needs attention - it will be replaced by new wet pour surfacing. Outdoorsy Living are visiting the site next week and will then provide a quote. Quotes have been received from Wicksteed Leisure Limited and Wetpour Surfaces. Three other quotes are to be received.
- SG has completed the repeat inspection form for The Play Area Inspection Company Ltd.
- Hood's Tree Services have removed the deadwood from the oak tree in the corner.

#### 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 was noted. Funds of £7,921 have been carried forward to 2021/22.
- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was noted. After four invoices have been paid this evening there will be £5,780 in funds remaining. However, it was agreed that cheque 300104 for £666.66 to Lawrence Containers (the Committee's one-third contribution towards the new container) should be cancelled and instead, the £6,000 grant the Parish Council is to give to the Committee for 2021/22 will be reduced by this amount. The grant will be paid after the next Parish Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- Payments made since the end of March are:
  - DD - Castle Water (water charges - April) - £8.75
  - Cheque 300100 - Hunton Football Club (grant for Covid losses) - £945.00
- SJ took a water meter reading which SG has submitted to Castle Water.
- SG has returned the quote acceptance form to Landscape Services for the grass cutting. The Committee agreed that Landscape Services do a very good job - CS will pass the comment on.
- The following payments were approved:

300101 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (January/February)	£150.00
300102 - Sharon Goodwin - Reimbursement for payment to MBC for annual renewal of two garden bins	£90.00
300103 - G B Sport & Leisure - Board for multiplay platform	£281.21

The cheques will be sent to ST and SJ for signing.

#### 6. Administration

- SG has renewed the insurance with BHIB Insurance Brokers.

- A letter has been received from the Secretary of the Bowls Club, and an email from the Treasurer, thanking the Committee for the £1,019 grant.
- The Fields in Trust AGM is on 23<sup>rd</sup> June if anyone wishes to attend. SG will circulate the details.

## 7. Other parish news

- The Parish Council gave the Cricket Club a grant of £700 towards a new mower, which was the actual cost of the mower purchased.
- The new container was delivered last week. It is slightly smaller than the existing container. It will house various items of equipment. SJ has built a wooden ramp up to the container. DP advised that Dave Elliott (manager of the Football Club) feels that the containers are an eyesore in the current location and ruin the view. SJ stated that he emailed all Committee members on 29<sup>th</sup> March to say that the site in front of the Football Club was the preferable location for the container and gave everyone a week to respond if there were any concerns. As no comments were received, the Parish Council placed the order for the container. DP did notify Dave at the time, who apologised for not putting his views across sooner. Although Committee members took his views on board, it is too late as the container is already in place and it needs to be in view of the security camera. The aim is to landscape the corner near the containers to disguise them more but without impairing the view from the camera (which might need adjusting to face the crate rather than the field gate). DH will buy another padlock for the KCC container.
- DH reported that elections were held last week, and the new Parish Council will meet on 17<sup>th</sup> May. There are three new councillors: Mike Summersgill (elected), Sue Pinks (co-opted) and Iain Simmons (co-opted). Simon Webb, who lives in Hunton, has been elected as Borough Councillor for Coxheath & Hunton and also County Councillor for Maidstone South West.
- SJ asked whether the village fete is taking place this year. DH confirmed that it is not as everyone on the Fete Committee has stood down.

## 8. Any other matters

- SJ will raise the improvement of security to the north-west of the site with the Parish Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- CS asked the Cricket Club to provide a list of match dates so he can inform Landscape Services for grass cutting purposes. ST advised that matches are every Saturday except 19<sup>th</sup> June, with the last match being on 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- AB reported that the Bowls Club had held a meeting where they had discussed removing the beech hedge and replacing it with a fence as the hedge requires a lot of maintenance, creates a lot of leaves and is drawing moisture from the bowls green. Installing a fence would also reduce the cost of cutting the hedge on the field side for the Committee. Concerns about a fence from members of the Committee included: visual amenity as it would fundamentally change the appearance of the field; the requirement to replace the posts and netting; and cricket balls would go through a fence. As a result of these concerns, it was agreed that the Playing Field Committee would fund the maintenance of the beech hedge on the Bowls Club side as well as the field side. The hedge could also be reduced down to help with the moisture issue.
- DP asked how long the Committee will be continuing to hold meetings using Zoom. SJ advised that meetings from July onwards will be held face to face.

- DH noted that all Parish Council meetings will be held in the village hall from 17<sup>th</sup> May onwards as the Parish Council is no longer allowed to hold Zoom meetings.
- DP advised that the Football Club would like to paint their building and asked whether they should do so now the two containers sit in front of it. SJ felt that it was up to the Football Club to decide but it is part of maintaining the building.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Hunton Cricket Pavilion**

**7:30pm Annual inspection of the playing field (weather permitting)**

**8:00pm AGM**

**8:30pm Committee Meeting**

The meeting ended at 9:37pm.