

**Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 9:00pm**  
**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

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 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 has screwed the concrete posts to the wooden posts near the Bowls Club. There is one loose post which just has a metal stay next to it rather than a concrete post. CS will try and drill through the metal to bolt it to the post.
- The box frame on the multiplay will be sanded, cured and repainted when the play equipment is painted.
- CS has received the board to replace the multiplay platform and will make a template from the 2mm plywood that came with the board. CS will need assistance to fit it.
- Use of the area where the old cricket pavilion stood will be considered at the September meeting.
- The new bin for the car park, the grids and the dog control sign have all been installed.
- SJ will replace the second cradle swing.
- SM needs to sign the Trustee Declaration form.
- The Bowls Club has thanked the Committee and accepted the offer of funding and maintaining the beech hedge on both sides, as well as reducing the height of the hedge.

**4. Health & safety**

- Two MBC monthly reports have been received on the children's play area since the last meeting. The first report is from The Play Inspection Company Ltd, and details the following:
  - Picnic table - a number of fixings have worked loose. Secure all loose fixings. Low

risk. Action: When the play equipment is painted, screws will be inserted underneath.

- Cradle swings - The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points. Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points. Action: Work under way to rectify - quotes obtained for resurfacing.
- Multiplay - The plywood has delaminated in some places. Remove all rough or splintered edges. Low risk. Action: Work under way to rectify - the board has been received and will be cut and fitted.
- Multiplay - The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint. Low risk. Action: The multiplay will be repainted.
- Multiplay - There are a number of dents in the slide surface. Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required. Very low risk. Action: None.
- Basket swing - There is some notable evidence of chain wear. Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn. Low risk. Action: None - cannot see any wear on the chain.
- Basket swing - The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks, and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability. Low risk. Action: None.
- Activity trail - There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process. Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required. Low risk. Action: None.
- Activity trail - The item is slightly loose in its foundations. Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required. Low risk. Action: None - the ground is dry and the posts are not loose.

The second report from MBC has the usual comment for the multiplay - 'platform has rough edges delaminating' (low risk/satisfactory) which is the same as previous reports.

- Actions to take from the annual play area inspection report:
  - Entrance/exit erosion - work complete - the grids have been laid.
  - Timber on the platform - the board has been received to be fitted.
  - The nest swing is too low - work complete - Playspaces have rectified.
  - The safety surface under the cradle swings needs attention - quotes have been received from six companies. As the quotes seem quite high, SG will ask the companies to supply quotes for the rubber mulch surface (which is the surface under the nest swing). SG will email the quotes to Committee members within 3-4 weeks so a decision can be made by email, for the work to be completed in the autumn. SG will also ask about the life expectancy and suitability of rubber mulch vs wet pour.
- SG/DH will ask Mike Summersgill if the poplar trees in the upper corner of the field (roadside) need any work.
- SG will ask Robert Cox to remove the willow branches near the trim trail.
- There is a gap in the hedgerow near the road which needs populating, and the wire also needs replacing.

## 5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was noted. After two invoices have been paid at the meeting, there will be £11,359 in funds remaining.

- The £5,333.34 grant from the Parish Council for 2021/22 has been received.
- Payments made since the end of April are:
  - DD - Castle Water x 2 (water charges - May/June) - £147.55
  - Unity Trust Bank (service charge) - £18.00
  - Cheque 300104 has been crossed through (error made).
  - The following payments were approved:
 

300105 - Maidstone Borough Council - Bin emptying (May/June)	£150.00
300106 - Robert Cox - Tidying the play area and car park	£105.00
  - The cheques were signed by SJ and ST.

**6. Administration**

- None.

**7. Other parish news**

- DH reported that Cllr Summersgill is looking into the possibility of electric car plug in points in front of the village hall which may be of use to the sports clubs. Grant money is available and KCC will subsidise it.

**8. Any other matters**

- ST will obtain a quote for 6-foot metal palisade fencing for the north-west of the site - for the 80-90m from the corner to the sheep field. SG will include the fencing as an agenda item for the September Parish Council meeting.
- SJ noted that the goal line on the football pitch has not been cut by Landscape Services. CS advised that Landscape Services have never cut it, but the Football Club has never mentioned it.
- ST remarked that there is a sewage smell to the north of the site.
- CS pointed out that ivy is climbing up the outside of the Football Club changing rooms and is getting on to the roof. SG will ask Robert Cox to remove it.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Hunton Village Club (SG will check with Phil Nichols that the Club can be used)**

DH gave his apologies.

The meeting ended at 9:36pm.