Management Committee of the King George V Playing Field, Hunton
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 8:15pm
at Hunton Village Club, West Street, Hunton
Charity number 1084141

Present:	Mr Colin Slattery (Chairman)	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mrs Angela Baptie	Hunton Bowls Club
	Mr Danny Peacock	Hunton Football Club
	Mr Simon Taylor	Hunton Cricket Club
	Mr Steve Jones	Hunton Cricket Club
Secretary:	Mrs Sharon Goodwin	
Apologies:	Mr David Heaton	Hunton Parish Council
	Mr Scott Elliott	Hunton Football Club

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 16th July 2025. Copies had been distributed to all Trustees and Parish Councillors and were as usual available on request.

3. Matters arising

- Broken post and refixing/replacing the safety net –> DH to provide concrete splines to reinforce two poles. Work to be done when the ground is damp.
- Very little evidence of rabbit activity. Signs of moles across the front of the cricket pavilion, but not an issue. A wasps' nest on the pavilion was treated recently.
- SJ has not found the gate between the orchard and the recreation ground in any of the storage containers. SG will ask DH.
- Trees:
  - The poplar tree in the southwest corner of the playing field has been pollarded by Hood's Tree Services. The wood has not been removed.
  - CS has cut back the lime trees between the Village Hall and the road.
  - SE was not at the meeting to advise if the turkey oak and oak trees near the football pitch are a problem.
- Robert Cox has cut back the brambles behind the football goal. DP will ask the football club to remove the blue netting they had put in front of the hedgerow and will mention the white lining paint and bottles, tape and packets which had been left.
- DH was not present at the meeting to advise whether he is still unable to access Unity Trust Bank for internet banking.
- DH has one pothole left to fill next to the filled hole at the entrance to the car park.
- CS will unblock the culvert again in the next couple of weeks to try and minimise the water running down West Street, which causes the potholes at the entrance to the car park.
- CS will look at the repointing of the wall at the entrance to the car park at some point.

4. Health & safety

- SG did not undertake a play area inspection in August but carried one out on 10th September which was circulated by email. It only included the parts of the play area outside of the locked fenced area. All items are low risk. There was very little change from the last inspection, except for fewer weeds and the trim trail post is not as loose as it was previously.
- The Parish Council has agreed to pay for the new wooden posts on the multiplay equipment at a cost of £2,843.80 plus VAT. Tim from Yalding Forge will meet Playscape on site on 24th September with the metal platform to be fitted at the same time. CS will open the field gate and play area gates. Robert Cox will trim the grass in the play area after the 24th.
- Items from the 2025 annual play area inspection report:
  - Four of the multiplay findings, two of which are medium risk, will be rectified when the boxwork and timber posts are replaced.
  - All other items are low or very low risk.
- Item from the boundary walk in July 2024:
  - Weeds on the play area surfaces -> the weeds are not currently an issue.
- Some of the benches in the orchard are broken, the grass is long and the trees need pruning. SG will ask DH who is responsible.
- SG will ask Playscape for a quote to replace the remaining wooden posts on the multiplay at some point in the future. It may be possible to get a grant from Maidstone Borough Council for the work.

5. Finance

- The Income & Expenditure report to 31st August 2025 was noted. There will be £5,832 in funds remaining after the outstanding invoices have been paid at the meeting.
- Payments made since the last meeting are:
  Castle Water (water charges – May/June/July) - £421.16
  Unity Trust Bank (service charges – June/July) - £12.00
- The condition of the cricket outfield has been particularly bad this year, with bare patches and an uneven surface. It may need fertilising. CS will ask Steven Waring for advice.
- Castle Water estimated a water meter reading of 6333 on 1st September. The actual reading on 10th September was 6303.
- The 'Please clean up after your dog' signs have been erected by CS.
- The following payments were approved:

Paul Waring – Grass cutting (June/July)	£424.08
Maidstone Borough Council – Bin emptying (July/August)	£150.00
Sharon Goodwin – Reimbursement for dog signs	£16.10
Robert Cox – Cutting the hedge on the driveway to Hunton Engineering	£275.00

CS and ST will authorise the payments set up by SG online.

6. Administration

- None.

7. Other parish news

- SG reported that the parish councillor vacancy has been filled by Stephen Banks.

8. Any other matters

- ST advised that the cricket club had to pay for a roofer to replace several tiles on the cricket pavilion roof due to cricket ball damage; the roof would have leaked otherwise. The roofer found quite a few holes and also cleaned the gutters and downpipes. The total cost was £200 plus VAT. ST will email the invoice to SG, for the Parish Council to reimburse the cricket club.
- SJ reported that the pavilion decking is 10 years old and is wearing, with some of the boards are rotting, so the decking should be replaced from a health and safety perspective, most likely in the spring of 2026. The likely cost of materials is approximately £600; the cricket club would provide the labour. SG will ask the Parish Council if they will consider funding the materials.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th November 2025 at Hunton Village Club

The meeting ended at 9:15pm.