



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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AGENDA: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024

AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 7 p.m.

**LEAGUE
SUPPORTERS:
HBC
LOGISTICS and
SPORTSFORM**



MEMBERS: BT Watson [President], P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: K Poulton [Elstow Abbey FC], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS: Mr, R Simmonds,

APOLOGIES: Mr PJ Onion [Life Vice President], A Young [Treasurer], S Dutton, D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton],

A. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

❖ *Club Representatives declared an interest in any matter concerning their Club.*

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on **5th September 2024** were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

❖ All covered in the items below.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

❖ **The Football Association:** Nothing to report.

❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General correspondence only.

4. FINANCE

❖ **REVIEW OF PAYMENTS DUE by the end of September 2024::**

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE	notes
EB Lions AFC u21	WARNING		
Luton Panthers	WARNING		
The 61FC [Luton] Reserves	£75	2024.09-01	PAID
Catsbrook Wanderers	£50	2024.09-02	PAID
LU Donz	£50	2024.09-03	PAID
Queens Park Crescents	£50	2024.09-04	PAID
Thurleigh	£50	2024.09-05	PAID
Turvey	£50	2024.09-06	PAID

All payments made by the due date.

❖ **Treasurer position and Alan Young:** Alan has resigned as Treasurer because of his growing work commitments at Beds FA and The FA.

❖ **Banking arrangements season 2024-2025:** The old league office of **Secretary/Treasurer** is to be reinstated with **Barry Snelson** taking on this responsibility. Additional bank signatories will be **Peter Francis** and **Rich Horswell**, The office of **Fixture Secretary** will be taken up by **Simon Dutton**, assisted by **Marcus Baxter**, The changes to be effective as soon as possible, though the transfer of fixture responsibility will take some time.

❖ **See item 16 below for the FINES INVOICE for OCTOBER 2024.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

❖ A new base is required for the Division One Cup. General Secretary given permission to arrange this. On going.

❖ The return of the 1904 Jubilee Cup, currently in the safe-keeping of Bedford Borough Council, a request has been sent to Bedfordshire FA for the Board of Directors to act for the League in the recovery process.

o **Beds FA Football Operations Committee agreed to proceed with this request.**

6. TRANSFERS

Joshua Ogden.

Zach Baker.

Max Natola.

Jay Sharpe.

Jamie Essam.

Bailey Mapletoft.

James Watkinson.

Jamie Hall.

Luke Pursey

Matthew Sayes.

LU Donz to Lewsey Park

Wootton Blue Cross to Green End Rovers

Wilstead to Green End Rovers

The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Lewsey Park.

Cranfield United Reserves to Biggleswade United Reserves.

Stotfold Junior to Biggleswade United Reserves.

Kempston Athletic to Thurleigh.

Bedford Albion to Wilstead.

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Caldecote to Ickwell & Old Warden.

Daniel Basye.	Shefford Town & Campton to Crawley Green Development.
Julio Christopher Gateaux.	Brache Phoenix to FC Polonia (Luton)
Tyler Davenport.	Elstow Abbey to Wilstead
Adam Woodley.	Elstow Abbey to Wootton Blue Cross.
Nicholas Palmer.	Lewsey Park to Totternhoe Reserves.
Costin Tudor.	Brache Phoenix to Sporting Carpathians
Cristiano Pietersky.	AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Wootton Blue Cross.
Glen Tumulty.	Kempston United to Ickwell & Old Warden.
Samuel Pearce.	Amphill Town Colts to Flitwick Town.
James Watkinson.	Thurleigh to Kempston Athletic.
Wayne O'Connor.	Totternhoe Reserves to Lewsey Park.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Revision 2 of the League Directory published on 10th October 2024 for inclusion on the league website.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **COVERAGE** is currently good.
- ❖ **GENERAL SECRETARY OBSERVATIONS:** Premier Division Referee responsibilities: **RULE 23[J]** The referee of a Premier Division Competition Match shall submit a report in a format, and requiring such information, as determined by the Management Committee, to be received as instructed within two days of the Competition Match.
 - ▶ In my opinion this rarely happens, and therefore Clubs/Teams are doing as they please with regards to, but not limited to,
 - substitutions, club assistant referees, kick off times, number of players starting a match, reporting of cards shown, technical area control, provision of after match refreshments and match fee late payments.
 - ▶ **ACTIONS REQUIRED**
 - **All Premier Division Clubs**
 - are reminded to provide the match referee with the standard report form which has been issued to all clubs,
 - are to provide an Assistant Referee. That person must be at least 16 years of age, must NOT be a substitute player in the same match nor shall the person manage a team in the same match.
 - shall pay the referee his or her match fee immediately after the final whistle.
 - shall provide after match refreshment to their opponents and the match referee.
 - **All referees in Premier Division matches** must send a copy of the match report form, in whatever form is required by the Referees Secretary, to be received within two days.
 - ▶ **All failures to comply will be actioned by the Management Committee.**
 - **All clubs/teams in other divisions** must also provide an Assistant Referee at least 16 years of age and shall pay the referee his or her match fee immediately after the final whistle. Check the details of any red and yellow with the referee for inclusion on the online match report form.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **PREVIOUSLY AGREED FREE WEEKS:**
 - ▶ 19th October – **Crawley Green Reserves, Totternhoe Reserves.**
 - ▶ 30th November - **FC Haynes**
- ❖ **NEW FREE WEEK REQUESTS:**
 - ▶ None.
- ❖ **SPECIAL REQUESTS: Both agreed by Fixture Secretary:**
 - ▶ **Biggleswade FC Reserves** – request for postponement 12th October to support first team in FA Cup tie versus York City. DECISION RATIFIED.
 - ▶ **Cranfield United Reserves** – request for postponement 19th October to support first team in FA Vase tie versus Tividale. DECISION RATIFIED.
 - ▶ **Bedford SA** – request for fixture break. Sept 12th to be treated as unplayed fixture: Sept 19th County Cup – Club to contact Beds FA: Sept 26th agreed to allow fixture break.
- ❖ **UNPLAYED FIXTURES:**
 - ▶ Division Three. Saturday 14th September 2024. Sandy Reserves v FC Polonia (Luton) **FC Polonia (Luton) unable to raise a side.**
 - **FC Polonia (Luton)** fined £25 as per rule, see item 16 below, and deducted one [1] match point.
 - Match and match points [3] awarded to **Sandy Reserves**, score 0-0.
 - ▶ Division Four. Saturday 21st September 2024. M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v AFC Bedford United U23. **AFC Bedford United U23 unable to raise a side.**
 - **AFC Bedford United U23** fined £25 as per rule, see item 16 below, and deducted one [1] match point.
 - No match points awarded - **SEE ITEM 17 BELOW.**
 - ▶ Division One. Saturday 28th September 2024. Buffs FC v Bedford SA. **Bedford SA unable to raise a side.**
 - **Bedford SA** fined £25 as per rule, see item 16 below, and deducted one [1] match point.
 - Match and match points [3] awarded to **Buffs FC**, score 0-0.
 - ▶ Division Four. Saturday 28th September 2024. Wootton Blue Cross 'A' v Henlow Hurricanes. **Henlow Hurricanes unable to raise a side.**
 - **Henlow Hurricanes** fined £25 as per rule, see item 16 below, and deducted one [1] match point.
 - Match and match points [3] awarded to **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'**, score 0-0.
 - ▶ Division Four. Saturday 5th October 2024. Henlow Hurricanes v AFC Bedford United U23. **AFC Bedford United U23 unable to raise a side.**
 - **AFC Bedford United U23** fined £40 as per rule, see item 16 below, and deducted two [2] match points.
 - No match points awarded - **SEE ITEM 17 BELOW.**
 - ▶ Division One. Saturday 12th October 2024. Harlington Juniors v Bedford SA. **Bedford SA unable to raise a side.**
 - **Bedford SA** fined £40 as per rule, see item 16 below, and deducted two [2] match points.
 - Match and match points [3] awarded to **Harlington Juniors**, score 0-0.
- ❖ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Saturday 14th September: Premier Division: Elstow Abbey v Riseley Sports. **Riseley Sports** failed to supply Assistant Referee in accordance with Rules 23[C] and 6[I]. Noted on this occasion.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

❖ Registration made at midday Saturday 28th September 2024. **2532**

❖ Charge Notices

► **Harlington Juniors Reserves.** In breach of league rules 18M/21C that in their game played on Saturday 7th September 2024 against Bletchley Scot (won 5-1) they played and named on their team sheet exchanged with Bletchley Scot and the match day referee one Ben Cornwell who was not a registered member of Harlington Juniors for season 2024-25. Then post match they deliberately made a false loading of their Full Time Result Sheet in replacing him with Lewis Cooksley who took no part in the game.

- **Charge found proved.**
- **Harlington Juniors Reserves** to be deducted the three [3] match points won in the game, and deducted a further three [3] penalty points and fined £150 as per rule, see item 16 below.
- Match and match points [3] awarded to **Bletchley Scot**, score 0-0.

► **New Bradwell St Peter Development.** In breach of league rule 18M that in their game against Caldecote 'A' on Saturday 7th September 2024 (won 5-4) they played Both Sonny Foulkes and Etan Couling who at the time of the game were not registered members of their club for season 2024-25. The club informed the league of this error prior to loading their Full Time Result Sheet.

- **Charge found proved.**
- **New Bradwell St Peter Development** to be deducted the three [3] match points won in the game, and deducted a further one [1] penalty points and fined £20 as per rule, see item 16 below.
- Match and match points [3] awarded to **Caldecote 'A'**, score 0-0.

► **Turvey FC.** Being in breach of league rules 18m/21C that in their game against Wootton Blue Cross 'A' on Saturday 7th September 2024 (won 4-1) they named on their exchanged team sheet with Wootton Blue Cross 'A' and the match day referee and then played one Olly Greenway who at the time of the game was not a registered member of Turvey FC for season 2024-24. Then post match they deliberately made a false loading of their Full Time Result Sheet by not informing the league of their actions by loading their result sheet to show just 10 starters in their playing line-up.

- **Charge found proved.**
- **Turvey FC** to be deducted the three [3] match points won in the game, and deducted a further three [3] penalty points and fined £150 as per rule, see item 16 below.
- Match and match points [3] awarded to **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'**, score 0-0.

► **Wixams Wanderers.** In Breach of league rules 18M/21C that on Saturday 7th September 2024 they named on their team sheet exchanged with Bedford Albion Development and the match day referee and played one Antony McGirr who at the time of the game was not a registered member of Wixams Wanderers for season 2024-25. Then post match deliberately made a false loading of their Full Time Result sheet by replacing with one Louis Brown who did not appear on the exchanged team sheet (Game lost 4-0.)

- **Charge found proved.**
- **Wixams Wanderers** to be deducted three [3] penalty points and fined £150 as per rule, see item 16 below.
- Match result to stand.

► **Atletic FC :** In breach of league rules 18M/21C that in their game played on Saturday 14th September 2024 against Everton Athletic (won 5-4) they played one Niklay Mandinga who was not included on their team sheet exchanged with Everton Athletic and the match day referee prior to kick then post match failed to include him on their Full Time Result Sheet. The evidence provided by Everton Athletic and the match day referee, was, after examination, inclusive.

- **Charge found not proved.**

❖ Report Notices

► Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to report their result into the SMS text system by the required deadline:

- Saturday 7th September 2024. **Luton Panthers. Riseley Sports.**
- Saturday 14th September 2024. **Brache Phoenix. Catsbrook Wanderers. Kempston United.**
- Saturday 21st September 2024. **Henlow Hurricanes. Wixams Wanderers.**
- Saturday 28th September 2024. **AFC Oakley Development. FC Polonia (Luton)**

► All **clubs** fined £15 as per rule, or WARNED for a first offence in the £15 category, see item 16 below.

► Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline:

- Saturday 31st August 2024. **Bedford SA. Luton Panthers. Thurleigh**
- Saturday 7th September 2024. **Luton Panthers. Wixams Wanderers.**
- Saturday 14th September 2024. **Bufs FC. Thurleigh**
- Saturday 21st September 2024. **AFC Oakley.**

○ All **clubs** fined £15 as per rule, or WARNED for a first offence in the £15 category, see item 16 below.

► Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto their Full Time Result Sheet details of the yellow/red cards issued to their players.

- Saturday 31st August 2024. **Harlington Juniors . Luton Panthers**
- Saturday 7th September 2024. **Catsbrook Wanderers. Dunstable Wanderers. Queens Park Crescents Development. Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.**
- Saturday 14th September 2024. **Crawley Green Development. Lewsey Park. Meltis Rangers. Turvey.**
- Saturday 21st September 2024. **Elstow Abbey. FC Polonia (Luton)**
- All **clubs/teams** fined £10 as per rule, see item 16 below.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rail. Cost quotation requested. On going.

❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock. **Marston Shelton Rovers** provided with three sets with more to follow if required.

❖ Team Shelters – no current activity

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

❖ Nothing new to report

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ Non-accredited clubs continuing into season 2024-2025 will not be eligible for support [financial or goods] from the League until accredited.



14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE [Bedfordshire Clubs]

- ❖ Please be aware that Respect Sanctions [C2 Cautions for showing dissent by word or action and S6 Sending off for using offensive, insulting or abusive language] **carry very heavy automatic financial penalties. Get your players to understand the seriousness of being cautioned or sent off for dissent.**
 - ▶ For reaching stage R6 [6 cautions/E3 misconduct] **Bedfordshire FA warning.** The warning requires payment of a **Discipline Administration fee of £15:**
 - ▶ For reaching stage R10 [10 cautions/E3 misconduct]: The **heavy automatic financial penalties** are applied from this level, which are especially heavy for NLS Feeder League teams [Premier Division].

15. SAFEGUARDING

- ▶ Nothing currently to report.

16. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS for SEPTEMBER 2024

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
AFC Bedford United U23	£140	2024.10-01
AFC Oakley	£15	2024.10-02
Bedford SA	£65	2024.10-03
Catsbrook Wanderers	£10	2024.10-04
Crawley Green Development	£10	2024.10-05
Dunstable Wanderers	£10	2024.10-06
Elsow Abbey	£10	2024.10-07
FC Polonia [Luton]	£35	2024.10-08
Harlington Juniors	£160	2024.10-09
Henlow Hurricanes	£25	2024.10-10
Lewsey Park	£10	2024.10-11
Luton Panthers	£55	2024.10-12
Meltis Rangers	£10	2024.10-13
New Bradwell St Peter Development	£20	2024.10-14
Queens Park Crescents Development	£10	2024.10-15
Thurleigh	£15	2024.10-16
Turvey	£160	2024.10-17
Wixams Wanderers	£165	2024.10-18
Wootton Blue Cross Reserves	£10	2024.10-19

RULE 6[J] Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

ALL PAYMENTS DUE on 31st OCTOBER 2024

Payment by Bank Transfer [BACS] - **use reference shown.**

Account Name: Bedfordshire County Football League

ACCOUNT: 44053660 SORT CODE: 30-90-90 [Lloyds]

17. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ Withdrawal: **AFC Bedford United u23** – withdrawal date 9th October 2024.
 - Club fined £75 as per rule [deposit cannot be used because of first team continuation] – **SEE ITEM 16 ABOVE.**

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ▶ Roland Simmonds: samples of new medals to be provided at next meeting
- ▶ Phil Smailes: invoice for support [sponsorship] money required by Sportsform
- ▶ Phil Smailes: tickets available [via Phil] for Biggleswade FC v York City FA cup tie 12th October
- ▶ Barry Snelson: Fixture congestion QPC – possible problems for end of season. Concern noted.
- ▶ Barry Snelson: invoice for support [sponsorship] money required by HBC Logistics
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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