



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021

ONLINE [ZOOM] STARTING AT 7pm

- ❖ **MEMBERS:** Messrs BT Watson [Chairman], P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary],
- ❖ M Baxter, M Benson [Treasurer], B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman,
- ❖ GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:** D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC]
- ❖ **APOLOGIES:** Messrs TM Sadler [President], R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator].

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2020 was agreed for signature.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **Covid-19 – all Bedfordshire in Tier 4 – All BCFL football ceased as from Sunday 20th December 2020 until further notice. Guidance received from The FA and distributed to all clubs.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ Various items of correspondence were received by the General Secretary. All those requiring action or for information are recorded elsewhere in these minutes. These included various minutes and notices from The FA and Bedfordshire FA. Again, those requiring action by, or special information to, the League are covered elsewhere in these minutes. Otherwise correspondence is available on request to the General Secretary.
- ❖ The Football Association
 - Promotion Applications - Regional NLS Feeder Leagues to Step 6. See below.
- ❖ Bedfordshire FA
 - Appeal by **Kempston Athletic FC** – heard on 4th January 2021
 - **written confirmation of the decision from Bedfordshire FA;**
 - **The appeal is dismissed**
 - **There will be no order of costs for Kempston Athletic FC or the Bedfordshire County League (BCL)**
 - **Furthermore, the matter is referred back to the BCL to reconsider the sanction on Kempston Athletic FC given the mitigating factors**
 - **There is no further right of appeal against this decision**
 - **Original Decision:**

2020.11-36	Kempston Athletic	10/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	30 November 2020
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- **Decision following re-consideration: The Committee were of the opinion that there were insufficient mitigating circumstances to warrant any change to the original decision.**
- ❖ Notice of Promotion Application to Step 6 received from **Cranfield United FC.**
- ❖ **Biggleswade United FC** – request to publicise 'in-house' physio facility to all BCFL Clubs. Request denied.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ New banking arrangements – in hand, but no current activity.
- ❖ **LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL PITCH PAYMENTS:** Standard charge £52.50 – discounts may apply during the Covid-19 restrictions. **Please pay for your pitch into the same account shown under item 15 below.** The League is then responsible for paying Luton Borough Council. Pitch payments to be made PRIOR to the facility being used.
- **THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS ARE OUTSTANDING. TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL FINES PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2021. FOR PAYMENT DETAILS, SEE ITEM 15 BELOW.**

03/10/2020	Div3	St Johns (Luton)	v FC Polonia (Luton)	LEAGRAVE PARK (SUNDON PARK)	#3
17/10/2020	Div3	St Johns (Luton)	v Lea Sports PSG Saturday Res	LEAGRAVE PARK (SUNDON PARK)	#2
31/10/2020	Div3	St Johns (Luton)	v Square	LEAGRAVE PARK (SUNDON PARK)	#1
05/12/2020	Div3	St Johns (Luton)	v Luton Allstars	LEAGRAVE PARK (SUNDON PARK)	#7
10/10/2020	Div1B	Stopsley United	v The 61 FC (Luton) Res	LEAGRAVE PARK (SUNDON PARK)	#7
17/10/2020	Div1B	Stopsley United	v Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Res	LEAGRAVE PARK (SUNDON PARK)	#7
26/9/2020	BFA-Jun	Sundon Park Rangers	v Bedford Albion 'A'	LEWSEY PARK	#3
03/10/2020	Div1B	Sporting Lewsey Park	v Stopsley United	LEWSEY PARK	#1
03/10/2020	Div3	Sundon Park Rangers Development	v Square	LEWSEY PARK	#3
10/10/2020	Div2	Sundon Park Rangers	v Marston Shelton Rovers Res	LEWSEY PARK	#3
17/10/2020	Div3	Sundon Park Rangers Development	v AFC Bedford United	LEWSEY PARK	#3
24/10/2020	BFA-Int	Sporting Lewsey Park	v AFC Oakley Res	LEWSEY PARK	#1
24/10/2020	Div2	Sundon Park Rangers	v Lancot Park	LEWSEY PARK	#3
31/10/2020	Div1B	Sporting Lewsey Park	v Henlow	LEWSEY PARK	#1
31/10/2020	Div2	Sundon Park Rangers	v Caldecote Res	LEWSEY PARK	#3
12/12/2020	Div1B	Sporting Lewsey Park	v The 61 FC (Luton) Res	LEWSEY PARK	#1
12/12/2020	Div3	Sundon Park Rangers Development	v Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	LEWSEY PARK	#3

19/12/2020	Div3	Sundon Park Rangers Development	v FC Polonia (Luton)	LEWSEY PARK	#3
24/10/2020	BFA-Int	Stopsley United	v Stotfold Development	STOCKWOOD PARK	#1
12/12/2020	Div1B	Stopsley United	v AFC Oakley Res	STOCKWOOD PARK	#1

- ❖ SEPTEMBER 2020 ONWARDS - INVOICES FOR PITCH HIRE: now emailed directly to Treasurer.
- ❖ UNPAID FINES and COSTS: **Fines/costs list updated.** See item 15 below

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Paul Babbington. Bedford Albion to Elstow Abbey.
- ❖ Alex Barbour. Sundon Park Rangers to 61 FC Luton Reserves.
- ❖ Akeem Barbour. Houghton Athletic to 61 FC Luton Reserves
- ❖ Ellis Capp. Totternhoe Reserves to Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Reserves.
- ❖ Luca Cardines. Stotfold Development to Shefford Town & Campton.
- ❖ Charlie Clayton. Biggleswade United u23 to Sporting Lewsey Park
- ❖ Toby Collins. St Johns (Luton) to Marston Shelton Rovers.
- ❖ Ryan Dobson. Real Haynes to Shefford Town & Campton.
- ❖ Ewen Finnie. 61 FC Luton Reserves to CS Rovers.
- ❖ Daniel Fox. Sandy to Ickwell & Old Warden.
- ❖ Nathial George. Biggleswade FC Reserves to Eaton Park Rangers.
- ❖ Telmo Jesus. Crawley Green Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton.
- ❖ Matthew Kumar. Stevington to AFC Oakley.
- ❖ Ashley Martin. Real Haynes to AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College.
- ❖ Arreman Mattu. Bedford Santos to Queens Park Crescents.
- ❖ Ciaran McEvoy. Bedford Albion to Queens Park Crescents.
- ❖ Seb McLouchie. Sandy to Kempston Athletic.
- ❖ Matthew Phelan. Bedford Albion to AFC Bedford United.
- ❖ Valentino Quoka. St Joseph (Saturday) to 61 FC Luton Reserves.
- ❖ Brandon Shoosmith. Riseley Sports to Ampthill Town Development.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ New **Langford FC** Secretary, Lisa Trinier – 07368 885679, 23 Mayflower Lane, Langford, Beds. Email: lisa.trinier@yahoo.com
▪ **Main BCFL contact remains as Daniel Plumb – details in handbook.**

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ Nothing to report

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ As previously reported, fixtures re-commenced 5th December 2020. Bedfordshire subsequently in Covid-19 National Tier 4, and all BCFL football was postponed from 20th December until further notice. Monday 28th December 2020 – all free date requests for this date will not now count.
- ❖ Fixtures now released on Full Time to the end of February 2021
- ❖ Option for a form of completion of season should fixtures not re-commence until MARCH 2021. League to discuss the situation with Bedfordshire FA and report back.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registrations at Midday 2nd January 2021. **2683**
- ❖ Report Notices
- ❖ Issued by email on Saturday 5th December 2020 clubs/teams in breach of league rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game on Saturday 5th December 2020 by the deadline of 5.00pm.
 - **Kempston Athletic.** (text received 6.08pm)
 - **Riseley Sports** (information received 6.44pm) (club wished for the league to consider the poor 02 reception in the area and the club being of the belief that a text sent at 4.30pm had been transacted)
 - **Sharnbrook.** (information received 8.26pm.) (club wished for the league to consider their managers mobile telephone was out of action on the day in question.)
- **Following investigations, above Clubs warned/fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-01 to -03**
- ❖ Issued by email on Thursday 10th December 2020 clubs/teams in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 5th December 2020 by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 9th December 2020.
 - **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College & Reserves, Sporting Lewsey Park.** (All Result sheets loaded Thursday 10th December 2020)
 - **Above Clubs warned/fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-04 to -05**
- ❖ Issued by email on Thursday 17th December 2020 club in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 12th December 2020 by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 16th December 2020.
 - **Stopsley United.** (reminders sent by email Wednesday 23rd December and 30th December 2020)
 - **Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-06**
 - **CLUB TO BE ADDITIONALLY FINED if the missing Result Sheet has not been loaded by Sat 16th January 2021**
- ❖ Issued by email on Thursday 24th December 2020 clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto Full Time their result sheet for their game played on Saturday 19th December 2020 by the deadline of Midnight Wed 24th December 2020.
 - **Bedford Santos.** (Result sheet loaded Thursday 24th December 2020)
 - **Fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-07**
 - **Houghton Athletic.** (Result sheet loaded Thursday 24th December 2020.) (Club wished for committee to consider their difficulty to access Full Time and were of the belief they had uploaded the said result sheet at 7pm on Wednesday 24th December 2020)
 - **Following investigation, Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-08**
- **Square FC.** (email reminder sent Wednesday 30th December 2020)

- Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-09
- CLUB TO BE ADDITIONALLY FINED if the missing Result Sheet has not been loaded by Sat 16th January 2021

❖ Charge Notices

- ❖ Issued by email on Sunday 20th December 2020 to **Caldecote Reserves** for being in breach of league rule 18N in that in their game played on Saturday 19th December 2020 against Bedford Albion Reserves they named on their teamsheet and played Paul Smith who at the time of the game was not a registered member of their club for season 2020-21. **Match won 2-0**. Club replied by email on Thursday 24th December 2020 accepting charge with mitigating circumstances.

▪ Charge proved

- Caldecote Reserves to be deducted the three [3] points won from this match, and a further one [1] penalty point
- Caldecote Reserves fined as per rule, see item 15 below, reference 2021.01-10
- Match awarded to Bedford Albion Reserves, score 0-0

❖ Other Matters

- ❖ Report_Note issued by email to **Square FC** on Sunday 6th December 2020 for being in breach of league rule 20F that in their game against Flitwick Town A on Saturday 5th December 2020 in failing to submit their teamsheet to the match day referee at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. Result sheet received by the referee at 13.55pm for a 14.00pm kick off.
- Club fined as per rule, see item 15 below, references 2021.01-11

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ Nothing to report

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ No BCFL team has reached the 6 cautions [warning] stage.

15. CURRENT FINES

- ❖ **UPDATE on outstanding fines from November 2020:**

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2020.11-13	Arlesey Town u23	10/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	25 January 2021
2021.01-12	Arlesey Town u23	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-30	Atletico Europa	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	25 January 2021
2021.01-13	Atletico Europa	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-17	Bedford Santos	10/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2020.11-32	Bedford Santos	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	
2021.01-14	Bedford Santos	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-20	Houghton Athletic	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	25 January 2021
2020.11-34	Houghton Athletic	31/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	
2021.01-15	Houghton Athletic	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-28	Luton Allstars	24/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2021.01-16	Luton Allstars	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-37	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	10/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20		18[N] - 20[F]	25 January 2021
2021.01-17	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-08	Stopsley United	26/09/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2020.11-19	Stopsley United	10/10/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	
2021.01-18	Stopsley United	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-22	Sundon Park Development	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	25 January 2021
2021.01-19	Sundon Park Development	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	
2020.11-02	Wilstead Reserves	17/10/2020	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£25	-1	20[E]	25 January 2021
2021.01-20	Wilstead Reserves	30/11/2020	FAILURE TO PAY FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		6[I]	

- ❖ **UPDATE resulting from Club appeal**

2020.11-36	Kempston Athletic	10/10/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	25 January 2021
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- ❖ **UPDATE from this meeting**

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2021.01-01	Kempston Athletic	05/12/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2021.01-02	Riseley Sports	05/12/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	25 January 2021
2021.01-03	Sharnbrook	05/12/2020	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	25 January 2021
2021.01-04	AFC Kempston Town & Res	05/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£0		21[C]	WARNING
2021.01-05	Sporting Lewsey Park	05/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2021.01-06	Stopsley United	12/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2021.01-07	Bedford Santos	19/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2021.01-08	Houghton Athletic	19/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2021.01-09	Square FC	19/12/2020	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	25 January 2021
2021.01-10	Caldecote Reserves	19/12/2020	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – FIRST OCCURRENCE	£20	-1	18[N] - 20[F]	25 January 2021
2021.01-11	Square FC	05/12/2020	FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAMSHEET	£10		21[A]	25 January 2021

❖ **PAYMENT DETAILS:**

❖ **Account Number 50319325 Sort Code 20-71-35.**

❖ PAY BY BACS TRANSFER ONLY [Bankers' Automated Clearing System] - no cheques or cash at present.

❖ Please add your CLUB NAME as the reference for the transfer.

❖ Please text 07825351113 to confirm payment has been made, or email mbenson@premiercables.com. Your receipt will then be raised.

❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** The account is Personal in the name of League Treasure Mr M I Benson (FYI. It is a dedicated account for the League while we change the main League accounts to an online version.

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

❖ Interest in joining for season 2021-2022 from one club – application details sent out.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

❖ Nothing further to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

❖ Complaint against referee from Shefford Town & Campton 'B' forwarded to Bedfordshire FA for any possible action.

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❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.57 p.m.

❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary



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