



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

AT ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION, STARTING AT 7 p.m.

**LEAGUE
SUPPORTERS:
HBC LOGISTICS
and
SPORTSFORM**



MEMBERS: 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 – Acting Treasurer]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton]. K Poulton [Elstow Abbey]. **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr R Simmonds.

APOLOGIES: BT Watson [President], S Dutton, P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

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 **6th February 2025** were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- None that were not already covered below.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** Application criteria for FA Competitions. BCFL Clubs are not eligible this season to enter the FA Vase.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General correspondence only.
- ❖ **Football Sponsor** season 2025-2026 **SPIRIT SPORTS EQUIPMENT**. Discussion regarding the supply of footballs for season 2025-2026. Ball provided for evaluation.
- The ball performed well in the three matches involving Elstow Abbey, and the Committee agreed to purchase these balls for distribution at the League AGM in June 2025. The ball was passed to Biggleswade FC Reserves for further evaluation.
 - It was agreed to purchase 150 Spirit Resistance Premium Match Ball (Customised) at a cost of £2812.80. The balls will carry the League Logo. Furthermore, Spirit Sports Equipment make a donation from the profits of the sale to a charity. The League has nominated PARKINSON UK as the charity this time, as the disease currently affects League President Barry Watson and, in previous years, Dennis Martin our former Referee Secretary.



4. FINANCE

- ❖ **Review of payments due on 28th FEBRUARY 2025**
- ▶ **Bletchley Scot** over paid by £15 – credited to Club.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
AFC Oakley BBF Development	£15	PAID
Atletic FC	£20	2025.02-02
Bletchley Scot	£25	PAID +£15
Bufs FC	£10	2025.02-04
Caldecote	£15	PAID
Catsbrook Wanderers	£35	PAID
EB Lions AFC u21	£15	PAID
Everton Athletic Reserves	£10	2025.02-08
FC Polonia [Luton] - stage payment 1	£75	PAID
FC Polonia [Luton] – add to stage 2 payment	£10	

Flitwick Town 'A'	£20	PAID
Henlow Hurricanes	£10	2025.02-12
Kempston United	£10	PAID
Lewsey Park	£10	PAID
Luton Panthers	£10	2025.02-15
M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	£20	PAID
New Bradwell St Peter Development	£10	2025.02-17
Queens Park Crescents Development	£30	PAID
Stotfold Juniors	£10	PAID
Wootton Blue Cross 'A'	£150	2025.02-20

- ❖
- ❖ **ALL unpaid fines to have an additional £15 added, as per rule. See item 15 below.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ 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.
- **Beds FA Football Operations Committee agreed to proceed with this request. Nothing new to report.**
 - **NEW APPROACH TO MAYOR'S OFFICE REQUIRED.**

6. TRANSFERS

Andrew Howells	Amphill Town Colts to Flitwick Town.
Max Marsh	Bedford Albion to Green End Rovers.
Andrew Stadnyk	Ickwell & Old Warden to Caldecote.
Austin Wilson	Caldecote to Biggleswade FC Reserves.
Ahmed Enayet	AFC Bedford United to The 61 FC Luton Reserves.
Haydn Betts	Meltis Rangers to Athletic FC.
Tyler Freeman	Elstow Abbey to Green End Rovers.
Kian Edwards	Cranfield United Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton.
Keelan Coleman	Crawley Green Development to Wootton Blue Cross.
Nishan Silva	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Everton Athletic.
Lewis Grant	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Everton Athletic.
Bradley Ubakle-Kakle	AFC Bedford United to Wilstead.
Ryan Nayyar	AFC Claphill to Crawley Green Development
Trevor Nkata	Clifton to Lewsey Park.
Alnazir Sulaiman Ahmed	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Everton Athletic.
Robert Goodliffe	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Everton Athletic.
Antony Penny	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Everton Athletic
Lewis Marshall	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Everton Athletic.
Lewis Marshall.	Everton Athletic to Henlow Hurricanes.
Mateusz Zacharzewski	AFC Bedford United to Clifton.
Callum Maclaughlan	Harlington Juniors to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.
Cameron Browne	Sandy Reserves to Athletic FC.

- ❖ All transfers accepted. The large number of transfers between The 61FC and Everton Athletic was queried, and the answer given was accepted.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ REVISION 3 released.
- ❖ Additional alteration: Secretary TURVEY FC: Delete Ian Bradshaw and replace with Pip Morton. secretary@turveyfc.co.uk 0777322047

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **COVERAGE:** Good for March
- ❖ **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION: To referees and all Clubs: Effective from Saturday 4th January 2025.** Following any match the referee should only be paid his or her fee in exchange for the completed REFEREE MATCH REPORT FORM. All Clubs were issued a pack of these forms at the Annual General Meeting. Contact Referee Secretary Richard Horswell if you have any questions.
- ❖ The Committee are looking to simplify the reporting method for red and yellow cards. The General Secretary showed an example to the Committee, which was largely accepted with a few modifications.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Acting Fixture Secretary Simon Dutton has resigned from the position because of work commitments. Simon will remain on the Management Committee.

- ❖ Fixtures for Premier Division released to the end of the season. *Post meeting: all fixtures, including league cup dates and venues, released on 11th March.*
- ❖ Free weeks agreed for **Caldecote, Caldecote Reserves and Elstow Abbey Reserves.**
- ❖ **Check on unplayed matches:**
 - Saturday 8th February 2025. Division One. Stopsley United v Ickwell & Old Warden. **Ickwell & Old Warden unable to raise a side. (1st Occasion)**
 - **Ickwell & Old Warden** fined £25 as per rule 20[Ei] and deducted one penalty point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Stopsley United**, score 0-0.
 - Saturday 8th February 2025. Division Two South. New Bradwell St Peter Development v Caldecote 'A'. **Caldecote 'A' unable to raise a side. (1st Occasion)**
 - **Caldecote 'A'** fined £25 as per rule 20[Ei] and deducted one penalty point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **New Bradwell St. Peter Development**, score 0-0.
 - Saturday 15th February 2025. Division Four. AFC Clophill v Henlow Hurricanes. **Henlow Hurricanes unable to raise a side. (3rd Occasion)**
 - **Henlow Hurricanes** fined £50 as per rule 20[Ei] and deducted three penalty points.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **AFC Clophill**, score 0-0.
 - Saturday 15th February 2025. Division Two North. Bedford Albion Development v Thurleigh. **Bedford Albion Development unable to raise a side. (1st occasion)**
 - **Bedford Albion Development** fined £25 as per rule 20[Ei] and deducted one penalty point.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Thurleigh**, score 0-0.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

❖ Charge Notices

Clifton: In breach of league rule 18F(i) that on the 17th January 2025 they created a registration for Matuesz Zachatzewski under fan number 76736151 who was already registered with AFC Bedford under fan number 61445180 for season 2024-25 thus requiring a transfer to join them. They then breached league rule 18M (i) by playing him in their league games against Kempston United on the 18th January 2025 (**won 2-0**) and on the 8th February 2025 against Harlington Juniors (**drew 2-2**) plus breached Cup Rule 2 by playing him their Centenary Cup tie against Harlington Juniors on the 25th January 2025 (**won on penalties**). Correspondence from Clifton considered.

- ▶ All charges found proved.
- ▶ **Clifton** fined £25 for registration irregularities.
 - For 18th January:
 - Match points won in the match deleted plus **Clifton** deducted one [1] penalty point – no fine applied.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Kempston United**, score 0-0
 - For 8th February:
 - Match point won in the match deleted plus **Clifton** deducted two [1] penalty points – no fine applied.
 - Match points [2 additional] awarded to **Harlington Juniors**, score 0-0
 - For 25th January:
 - Clifton expelled from the Centenary Cup and Harlington Juniors reinstated.

Wootton Blue Cross 'A'. In breach of league rule 18M that in their game against Turvey on Saturday 8th February 2025 (**won 3-1**) that they played one Samuel Webb who was not eligible to play in the game having not been included on their team sheet exchanged with Turvey and the match day referee prior to kick off.

- **Club** chose to present case of mitigation in writing:
- Charge found proved
 - Match points won in the match deleted plus **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'** deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £20 as per rule.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Turvey**, score 0-0

Report Notices

- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to submit their result into the SMS text system by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Tuesday 4th February 2025. **Cranfield United Reserves.**
 - ▶ Saturday 8th February 2025. **Clifton. Wootton Blue Cross A**
 - All clubs/teams fined £15 as per rule.
- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Saturday 1st February 2025: **Queens Park Crescents and Development**

- ▶ Saturday 8th February 2025: **Biggleswade FC Reserves. Elstow Abbey and Reserves.**
- ▶ Saturday 22nd February 2025: **Catsbrook Wanderers, Everton Athletic and Reserves, FC Polonia (Luton), Kempston United, Queens Park Crescents Development.**
 - All clubs/teams fined £15 as per rule.
- ▶ Saturdays 1st/8th February 2025. **Athletic FC** (incomplete - referee mark missing), **Catsbrook Wanderers** (incomplete - no goalscorer details)
 - Clubs fined £10 as per rule.

❖ 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 25th January 2025. **Queens Park Crescents Development**
- ▶ Saturday 1st February 2025. **Catsbrook Wanderers. Dunstable Wanderers. Lu Donz.**
- ▶ Saturday 22nd February 2025. **Stotfold Juniors.**
 - All clubs/teams fined £10 as per rule.

Registrations made at Midday 1st March 2025 : 3136 (3067 last season)

❖ Other Matters

- ❖ **Wootton Blue Cross** to pay £3.60 postage for replacement Team Sheets pad, see item 15 below.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rail. Cost estimates now available: complete pitch approx. 328m = £4400 + VAT [materials only]. Prices on request for other lengths. Generous grants available from the league. Expressions of interest to General Secretary.

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock.

❖ 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.

❖ The FA is to introduce a new process for addressing continued [cumulative] misconduct using the Discipline Penalty Points System. Continued misconduct by Clubs will

result in financial penalties [yet to be published]. Additionally, the new process allows for a Club suspension, the cancellation of the Club's England Football Accreditation and, ultimately, the cancellation of the Club's affiliation.

- ❖ The clear message to Clubs is to take measures now to minimise continual discipline offences.
- ❖ League awarded £200 kit voucher as an Accredited League. Decision made to purchase Captain's Arm Bands [for distribution to Clubs at AGM], and Football Pumps [for distribution to cup final referees].

14. SAFEGUARDING

- ▶ Nothing to report.

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS

The following fines are for non-payment of fines levied in **FEBRUARY 2025**, due for payment on **28th FEBRUARY 2025**. The figures below include the original and additional fine of £15:

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Athletic FC	£35	2025.02-02
Buffs FC	£25	2025.02-04
Everton Athletic Reserves	£25	2025.02-08
Henlow Hurricanes	£25	2025.02-12
Luton Panthers	£25	2025.02-15
New Bradwell St Peter Development	£25	2025.02-17
Wootton Blue Cross 'A'	£165	2025.02-20

ALL PAYMENTS DUE on Monday 24TH March 2025

The following fines have been levied in **MARCH 2025**.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Atletic FC	£10	2025.03-01
Bedford Albion Development	£25	2025.03-02
Biggleswade FC Reserves	£15	2025.03-03
Caldecote 'A'	£25	2025.03-04
Catsbrook Wanderers	£25	2025.03-05
Clifton	£40	2025.03-06
Cranfield United Reserves.	£15	2025.03-07
Elstow Abbey and Reserves	£15	2025.03-08
Everton Athletic and Reserves	£15	2025.03-09
FC Polonia [Luton] - stage payment 2	£85	2025.02-09A
FC Polonia [Luton]	£15	2025.03-10
Henlow Hurricanes	£50	2025.03-11
Ickwell & Old Warden	£25	2025.03-12
Kempston United	£15	2025.03-13
Queens Park Crescents and Development	£30	2025.03-14
Wootton Blue Cross	£38.60	2025.03-15

ALL PAYMENTS DUE on Monday 31ST March 2025

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

Account Name: Bedfordshire County Football League

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

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.

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

❖ None.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Sporting Carpathians FC:** Fixtures withdrawn for this season. AGM members to agree if the Club can participate in 2025-2026.
- ❖ The Committee decided that future committee meetings be held in the newly refurbished **Elstow Playing Field Pavilion**.
- ❖ Suggested rule changes for 2025 AGM: The Chair and General Secretary to draft some proposals for the next meeting. Unable to provide these for March meeting.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

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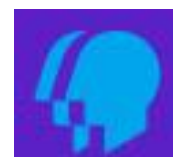


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