



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR T. SADLER

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2021

AT ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION, STARTING AT 7pm

MEMBERS: Messrs P Francis [Vice-Chairman, Registration and Media Secretary], M Benson [Treasurer], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: R Simmonds [Elstow Abbey FC & League Charter Standard Coordinator]. D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton FC]. **GUEST** [with view to co-opt]: Mr Gary Sales.

APOLOGIES: Messrs TM Sadler [President], BT Watson [Chairman].

1. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meetings held on 6th May 2021 were agreed for signature.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Provisional end of year accounts – see under **Finance** below.

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**
 - **NLS Restructure:** Information on local Step 6 re-organisation provided by Bedfordshire FA. Cranfield United FC has not gained promotion to Step 6.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA**
 - Spartan South Midlands will be increasing their numbers in Division 2 to 18.
 - FA Charter Standard League - Status Renewal. Matter continuing: General Secretary to action with support from Mr Simmonds and Beds FA.
 - Charter Standard League voucher code to use on Nike kit – decision taken to receive footballs for League use.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ New banking arrangements – on going.
- ❖ Provisional end of year accounts – available for distribution.
- ❖ Committee agreed all honoraria could be claimed for the past season.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Trophies purchased for Supplementary Competitions and all presented.

6. TRANSFERS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ Nothing to report.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ 100% coverage in season 2020-2021. League still has ambitions to appoint neutral assistants to Premier Division matches and will raise the matter with Bedfordshire FA.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Supplementary Competitions season 2020-2021**
 - SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'A':
 - **Winners: Biggleswade FC Reserves**
 - SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'B':
 - **Winners: Sharnbrook**
 - SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'C':
 - **Winners: Crawley Green u23**
 - SUPPLEMENTARY Division 'D':
 - **Winners: Elstow Abbey Reserves**

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **Report Notices**
 - Issued on Thursday 6th May 2021. clubs in breach of league rule 21B having failed to submit the result of their game played on Wednesday 5th May 2021 by the deadline of 9.15pm
 - **Totternoe Reserves** (text received following chase 9.18pm) **Sporting Lewsey Park** (text received following chase 9.33pm)
 - Issued on Saturday 8th May 2021. clubs in breach of league rule 21B having failed to submit the result of their game played on Saturday 8th May 2021 by the deadline of 5.30pm
 - **CS Rovers** (text received following chase 5.38pm) **Queens Park Crescents** (text received following chase 5.42pm)
 - Issued on Thursday 6th May 2021 clubs in breach of league rule 21C having failed to submit their result sheet onto Full Time for their games played on Saturday 1st May 2021 by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 5th May 2021
 - **Elstow Abbey Reserves** (loaded Thursday 6th May 2021) **Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Reserves** (loaded Thursday 6th May 2021)

- Issued on Friday 7th May 2021. clubs in breach of league rule 21C having failed to submit their result sheet onto Full Time for their games played on Monday 3rd May 2021 by the deadline of Midnight Thursday 6th May 2021
 - **FC Polonia (Luton)** (loaded Friday 7th May 2021) **Lea sports PSG Reserves** (loaded Friday 7th May 2021)
 - Issued on Sunday 9th May 2021. clubs in breach of league rule 21C having failed to submit their result sheet onto Full Time for their games played on Wednesday 5th May 2021 by the deadline of Midnight Saturday 8th May 2021.
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers** (loaded Sunday 9th May 2021) **Stopsley United** (loaded Monday 10th May 2021) **Totternhoe Reserves.**
 - Issued on Thursday 13th May 2021. clubs in breach of league rule 21C having failed to submit their result sheet onto Full Time for their games played on Saturday 8th May 2021 by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 12th May 2021.
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers** (loaded Monday 17th May 2021) **Queens Park Crescents** (loaded Thursday 13th May 2021)
 - Issued on Thursday 27th May 2021. clubs in breach of league rule 21C having failed to submit their result sheet onto Full Time for their games played on Saturday 22nd May 2021 by the deadline of Midnight Wednesday 26th May 2021.
 - **Eaton Park Rangers** (loaded Thursday 27th May 2021) **Stopsley United**
 - Issued on Sunday 9th May 2021 club in breach of league rule 6H in failing to load old outstanding result sheets as per email request on Sunday 2nd May 2021.
 - **Totternhoe Reserves**
 - Issued on Sunday 9th May 2021 club in breach of league rule 23E in failing to pay the match referee following their game on Saturday 8th May 2021
 - **Stopsley United** (club inform paid on Monday 10th May 2021)
 - Issued on Sunday 16th May 2021 club in breach of rule 18L Supplementary Cup D Semi-Final tie
 - **Luton Allstars** removed from the competition having played **Edson Chijota** in their Semi-final tie against **Sharnbrook Reserves** (game won on penalties) who having not played in any of their group games was not eligible to take part in the game under rule 18L.
 - Issued on Sunday 23rd May 2021 club in breach of league rule 6H in failing to load old outstanding result sheets as per email request on Sunday 16th May 2021.
 - **Totternhoe Reserves**
- ❖ **See item 15 below, references 2021.06-01 to -18**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

- ❖ All on hold with Health Checks and Accreditation extended due to pandemic.
- ❖ No new CS Applications before November 2021.

14. RESPECT and COUNTY FA DISCIPLINE

- ❖ Nothing to report.

15. CURRENT FINES

REF	CLUB	DATE	DESCRIPTION	FINE/ cost	PTS	RULE	DUE DATE
2021.06-01	Totternhoe Reserves	05/05/2021	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	16 June 2021
2021.06-02	Sporting Lewsey Park	05/05/2021	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£15		21[B]	16 June 2021
2021.06-03	CS Rovers	08/05/2021	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2021.06-04	Queens Park Crescents	08/05/2021	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT BY DEADLINE	£0		21[B]	WARNING
2021.06-05	Elstow Abbey Reserves	01/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-06	Pitstone & Ivinghoe Utd Res	01/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-07	FC Polonia [Luton]	03/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-08	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	03/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£0		21[C]	WARNING
2021.06-09	Catsbrook Wanderers	05/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-10	Stopsley United	05/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-11	Totternhoe Reserves	05/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-12	Catsbrook Wanderers	08/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15		21[C]	16 June 2021

2021.06-13	Queens Park Crescents	08/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-14	Eaton Park Rangers	22/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£0	21[C]	WARNING
2021.06-15	Stopsley United	22/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONLINE MATCH NOTIFICATION WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£15	21[C]	16 June 2021
2021.06-16	Totternhoe Reserves	02/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£15	6[H]	16 June 2021
2021.06-17	Stopsley United	08/05/2021	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES	£15	23[E]	16 June 2021
2021.06-18	Totternhoe Reserves	16/05/2021	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£15	6[H]	16 June 2021

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16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE NEW CLUBS/TEAMS

- ❖ **APPLICATIONS: ACCEPTED:** Potton United FC Reserves, Bedford Town FC Youth Development, Luton Panthers FC and Brache Pheonix FC
- ❖ **APPLICATIONS: PENDING:** Dynamo Luton FC, Barton Rovers Reserves, AFC Sundon Park
- ❖ **POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS:** Clifton Reserves
- ❖ **WITHDRAWALS:** None to report.

17. LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- ❖ Nothing further to report.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Date of Annual General Meeting:** Amended to **7th July 2021** in Great Barford Village Hall [subject to Government Covid Guidelines review 21st June]
- ❖ League still intends to provide footballs, scratch cards and first aid kits, in limited numbers, at AGM.
- ❖ **Rule changes season 2021-2022.** submitted to Bedfordshire FA
- ❖ Dan Gauntlett raised the need to explore new funding opportunities with the loss of income over the past 18 months.
- ❖ The Committee raised concerns over the health and well being of the President Mr Sadler, who has proved very difficult to contact over the past month. General Secretary to make enquiries.

AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY:

- ❖ **Subscriptions season 2021-2022.** Newly entered Clubs will be required to pay the full subscription and League Deposit, as will be the Clubs which have not cleared their debts to the league in accordance with item 15 above. **For all other Clubs, including those Clubs which decided not to enter for season 2020-2021 for Covid reasons, there will be no subscription charge for the second season running.**
- ❖ **Formation of Divisions season 2021-2022.** The current format of Premier and two Divisions One will be continued into season 2021-2022 – **subject to review of applications and withdrawals**
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

Signed.....
BT Watson, Chair
1st July 2021



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