



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

7pm ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION

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MEMBERS: P Francis [Chair with Registration and Fixture responsibilities], S Dutton, B Hallybone, R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs A Anderson [Kempston Athletic], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Mr R Simmonds.

APOLOGIES: Mr BT Watson [President], Mr PJ Onion [Life-Vice President], M Baxter, D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton], R Everitt [61FC [Luton], GB Snelson [General Secretary/Treasurer].

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 NOVEMBER 2025** were agreed and signed as a true record following the alteration to the MEMBERS present: Messrs Gauntlett and Poulton were transferred from ATTENDANCE to APOLOGIES.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ Appeal from **Riseley Sports FC**
 - ▶ Mr David Baldstone represented the Club.
 - ▶ Following the Club submission, the Committee decided the original decision stands.
- ❖ Appeal from **Lea Sports PSG FC**
 - ▶ The Committee re-considered the evidence and decided the original decision stands.
- ❖ **Premier Division entry requirements:** The committee was not in a position to discuss this matter, and the Chair requested that this be placed as a stand-alone item on the January 2026 meeting agenda and that members attend fully armed with their views.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - ▶ Step 6 promotion – reminder to Feeder League Clubs.
 - ▶ Administration Grant of £3000 paid to the League. Thanks are recorded to The FA.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General Correspondence only.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **LEAGUE BANK ACCOUNT:** Opening Balance on 1st June 2025 = **£59,191.68** Closing Balance on 30th November 2025 = **£48,868.85, a LOSS over the period of £10,322.83**

- ❖ **Review of payments due 28th November 2025:**

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
Meltis Rangers	£40	PAID
Atletic FC	£165	PAID
M&DH Clapham Sports Res	£35	PAID
Luton Phoenix	£38.70	PAID
Atletic FC	£30	PAID
Atletic FC	£15	PAID
Caddington Reserves	£15	PAID
Elstow Abbey Reserves	£100	PAID
Harlington Juniors Reserves	£115	PAID
M&DH Clapham Sports	£18.70	PAID
Meltis Rangers	£40	PAID

Queens Park Crescents and Reserves
Wootton Blue Cross 'A'

£165 PAID
£25 PAID

WITHDRAWN CLUBS:

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
FC Polonia [Luton]	£25	2025.11-04
Withdrawal [Fine £75]	£0	Deposit used
Extra Registrations over 30	£8	8 x £1
TOTAL TO PAY	£33	

- Review at January 2026 meeting.

❖ **Brache Phoenix:** Club debt currently in the hands of Bedfordshire FA.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

❖ Nothing to report

6. TRANSFERS

- Blake Cox. Totternhoe Reserves to St Josephs (Saturday)
- Lewis Murray. The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.
- Taylor Kilcoyne. AFC Clophill to Wilstead.
- Cullum Atkins. Biggleswade United Reserves to Baldock Victoria.
- Oscar Garner. Westoning FC to Harlington Juniors
- Harrison Milton. Westoning FC to Harlington Juniors
- Jude Webb. Westoning FC to Harlington Juniors.
- Daniel Jeffries. Elstow Abbey to Bedford Albion.
- Ben Dashwood. Harlington Juniors to Westoning FC
- Sam Roberts. Harlington Juniors to Westoning FC
- Lee Mooney. Westoning FC to Lu Donz
- Oscar Garner. Harlington Juniors to Westoning FC.
- Joshua Brown. Clifton to Caldecote
- Liam Fenton. Wilstead to Bedford Albion
- Joshua Donald. Cranfield United Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

❖ All Club details are included in the revised 2025-2026 Directory. Contact the General Secretary /Treasurer by email if further changes are required.

8. REFEREE REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

❖ It was reported that coverage going forward was good but alarming that the Beds FA took such a large number of officials for the Beds FA County Cup competitions rather than use the system to find their own.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

❖ **Free Weekends previously Granted:** Saturday 6th December 2025. **FC Haynes.** Saturday 13th December 2025. **AFC Clophill** Saturday 13th December 2025. **FC Polonia (Luton)** Saturday 20th December 2025. **Wixams Wanderers.** Saturday 20th December 2025. **Stopsley United.** Saturday 3rd January 2026.

❖ **Free Weekends recently Granted:** None

❖ **Free Weekend Rejected:** **AFC Clophill.** Saturday 20th December 2025 having already been granted a free weekend on 13th December 2025. **Biggleswade United Reserves.** Did not want to play on either Saturday 20th December 2025 or Saturday 3rd January 2026 having already claimed a free weekend earlier in the season. **Clifton.** Applied on 9th November 2025 for free weekend Saturday 6th December 2025. **Cranfield United Development.** Applied on 27th November 2025 for free weekend on Saturday 20th December 2025. **Harlington Juniors.** Applied on 22nd November 2025 for a free weekend on Saturday 13th December 2025. **Bedford Albion.** Request for a second free weekend

❖ **Unplayed Games:**

- **RULE 20[E][iii] applies to the matches below:** Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Competition Results Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- Stotfold Junior v **Westoning Reds.** Saturday 15th November 2025. **Westoning Reds** failed to fulfil the fixture on the grounds of Health and Safety. Full details were available for discussion.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **Stotfold Junior**, score 0-0.
 - **Westoning Reds** fined £40 as per rule and deducted two [2] penalty points
 - Additionally, Westoning Reds failed to inform the referee of the situation and is therefore liable to pay referee's fee of £45. This fee have already been paid by Stotfold Junior FC, see item 15 below.
 - League to reimburse Stotfold Junior FC for the referee fee: Westoning Reds to reimburse the League.

- ▶ Dunstable Town Cricket Club [DTCC] FC v **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves** Saturday 29th November 2025. **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves** failed to raise a team. Full details were available for discussion.
 - Match points [3] awarded to **DTCC FC**, score 0-0
 - **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves** fined £25 as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point
 - Additionally, M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves failed to inform the referee of the situation who travelled to the match and the Club/Team is therefore liable to pay the referee's fee of £45, see item 15 blow.
 - League to pay referee and the club to reimburse the League.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA REPORT

❖ CHARGE NOTICES

- ▶ **Flitwick Town.** Being in breach of league rule 18M that in their game against Cranfield United Reserves on Saturday 8th November 2025 they played one Brad Johnson who at the time of the game was not a registered member of their club for season 2025-26. Match lost 0-8. Full details were available for discussion.
 - Charge proved.
 - Match score to stand.
 - **Flitwick Town** fined £20 as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point

❖ REPORT NOTICES

❖ Clubs in breach of League Rule 20C in failing to give notice confirmation of their fixture by the required deadline.

- ▶ Saturday 15th November 2025. **Wootton Blue Cross Reserves** v FC Haynes.
- ▶ Saturday 22nd November 2025. **M&DH Clapham Sports** v Dunstable Wanderers.
 - **Clubs fined £15 as per rule, see item 15 below.**

❖ Clubs in breach of League Rule 20E(iii) in failing to give notice without delay of their postponed fixture

- ❖ Saturday 29th November 2025. **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'** [warning]
 - **Club warned as per rule.**

❖ Clubs in breach of League Rule 21B in failing to submit into the SMS text system the correct result of their game by the required deadline.

- ▶ Saturday 15th November 2025. **Luton Phoenix** [warning]
- ▶ Saturday 22nd November 2025. **AFC Bedford United. Flitwick Eagles Development** [warning]
 - **Clubs warned, or fined £15, as per rule, see item 15 below.**

❖ Clubs in breach of League Rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time Result Sheet by the required Deadline.

- ▶ Saturday 8th November 2025 : **Caldecote Reserves. Queens Park Crescents Reserves.**
- ▶ Saturday 22nd November 2025. **Elstow Abbey. Leighton Woodside Athletic** [warning]. **Luton Phoenix. Queens Park Crescents.**
 - **Clubs warned, or fined £15, as per rule, see item 15 below.**

❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in submitting an incomplete online match notification not related to the names of the players

- ▶ Saturday 15th November 2025. **Leighton Woodside Athletic** [referee mark missing]
- ▶ **Club fined £10 as per rule, see item 15 below.**

- ❖ Registrations made at midday 29th November 2025. **2596** (2866 at 30th November 2024)

❖ Other Matters:

- ▶ The Bedfordshire FA informed Baldock Victoria on Monday 10th November 2025 that their intended appeal against our decision to restage their game at Blunham which was abandoned after 55 minutes on the 27th September 2025 was “out of time” and therefore could not be considered.
- ▶ League to continue to be pro-active with reminders to clubs placed under Beds FA team suspension whilst making them 100% responsible to ensure the suspension is lifted before any more games.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock.
- ❖ Team Shelters – no current activity

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing to report.

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ Non-accredited clubs continuing into season 2025-2026 will not be eligible for support [financial or goods] from the League until accredited.

14. SAFEGUARDING

- ❖ **MATTERS ARISING:** Dan Gauntlett reported his concern over the personnel in the technical areas being DBS compliant. Arrangements were made for a copy of the team sheets to be sent to him by Richard Horswell for checking [Premier League Only]; matter continuing.

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS

- ❖ Summary of fines levied at the **DECEMBER 2025** meeting:

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
AFC Bedford United	£15	2025.12-01
Caldecote Reserves	£15	2025.12-02
Elstow Abbey	£15	2025.12-03
Flitwick Town	£20	2025.12-04
Leighton Woodside Athletic	£10	2025.12-05
Luton Phoenix	£15	2025.12-06
M&DH Clapham Sports	£40	2025.12-07
M&DH Clapham Sports	£45	2025.12-07-costs
Queens Park Crescents & Res	£30	2025.12-08
Westoning Reds	£40	2025.12-09
Westoning Reds	£45	2015.12-09-costs
Wootton Blue Cross Res	£15	2025.12-10

ALL PAYMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 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 and WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ Nothing to report.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ None
- ❖ There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary/Treasurer

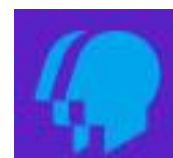
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