



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025

7pm ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION

**LEAGUE
SUPPORTERS:
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and
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MEMBERS: P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], B Hallybone, R Horswell [Referee Secretary], **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Aaron Anderson [Kempston Athletic], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC], Richard Everitt [61FC [Luton]. **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr R Simmonds.
APOLOGIES: Mr BT Watson [President], Mr PJ Onion [Life-Vice President], M Baxter, S Dutton, K Redman], 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 **12th June 2025** were agreed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **Previous minutes:** League awarded £200 kit voucher as an Accredited League. Decision made to purchase Captain's Armbands [for distribution to Clubs at AGM], and Football Pumps [for distribution to cup final referees].
 - Captain's Armbands not distributed in error. Retain for next season.
 - One football pump not presented. To be awarded to Darren Knox, Britannia Cup Final referee.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** The FA Inter-League Cup 2025-26 - Online Application.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General correspondence only.

4. FINANCE

Review of payments

- ❖ The following fines, including the additional fine for non-payment, were unpaid on the due on **18th June 2025**, and are still outstanding.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Brache Phoenix	£105	2025.05-06
Clifton	£70	PAID
DTCC FC	£30	PAID
Luton Panthers	£30	2025.05-17
Sandy Reserves	£30	2025.05-21
Brache Phoenix	£50	2025.06-01

- ❖ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ACTIONS:** The following Clubs were not in attendance and, as directed by the Clubs at the meeting, were all fined **£50**. **Atletic FC, Baldock Victoria [Bufs] FC, Clifton FC, Lewsey Park FC, Luton Panthers FC, Thurleigh FC and Turvey FC.**
- ❖ Postage costs of **£3.70** for team sheet pads sent to the following Clubs:
 - **Atletic FC, Baldock Victoria, Clifton. FC Polonia. Lea Sports PSG. Thurleigh. Turvey.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ The 1904 Jubilee Challenge Cup, for the Premier Division, is now securely held at Bedfordshire FA HQ. A new base has been made for this cup at a cost of £200. Additionally, all the winners names missing from the base will be added and a set of new blank shields also added for future use.
- ❖ All the other league trophies will also be held at the Beds FA.



6. TRANSFERS

None.

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 SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ It was reported there is good coverage for September matches.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ All fixtures completed for the season and currently released to the end of OCTOBER 2025.
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE: with immediate effect. Peter Francis will manage the fixtures until the end of the season.**

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **Report Notices.**
 - Clubs in breach of league rule 18B(iii) in failing to register the required number of players for the 2025-26 season by the deadline of Saturday midnight 23rd August 2025.
 - **Harlington Juniors, **Lewsey Park, **Luton Panthers, Westoning Club FC.**
- ▶ ****Lewsey Park FC** withdrawn. Club fined £75 with the Club Deposit used to pay, see item 16 below.
- ▶ ****Luton Panthers FC** - their application to join BCFL for season 2025-2026 was rejected on the grounds the Club had not affiliated to Beds FA, nor paid their outstanding league subscription and fines or signed any players. League Deposit forfeited.
- ▶ **Harlington Juniors and Westoning Club** fined £40 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ❖ A reminder was sent by email to the 23 clubs who at that date were non-compliant on the 15th August 2025 and a second reminder to the 14 clubs still non-compliant on the 21st August 2025.
- ❖ The number of players registered at 4th September 2025 was **1927**.
- ❖ Report presented on the new FA Competitions Portal.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock.
 - Rope & Post barrier - request from **Turvey FC**
- ❖ Team Shelters – no current activity

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ The Committee decided not to enter FA Inter-League Cup for season 2025-26.

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

- ❖ 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].

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS

- ❖ Summary of fines levied at the **MAY, JUNE, THE AGM and SEPTEMBER 2025** meetings.

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
Brache Phoenix	£105	2025.05-06
Brache Phoenix	£50	2025.06-01
Luton Panthers	£30	2025.05-17
Further action to be taken at October 2025 meeting		
**Sandy Reserves	£30	2025.05-21

See item 16 below

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
Atletic FC	£53.70	2025.06-AGM-01
Baldock Victoria [Buffs FC]	£53.70	2025.06-AGM-02
Clifton FC	£53.70	2025.06-AGM-03
Thurleigh FC	£53.70	2025.06-AGM-06
Turvey FC	£53.70	2025.06-AGM-07
FC Polonia [Luton]	£53.70	2025.06-AGM-08
Lea Sports PSG	£3.70	2025.06-AGM-09
Harlington Juniors	£40	2025.09-01
Westoning Club FC	£40	2025.09-02
Shefford Town & Campton Development	£75	2025.09-03

Payments due FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 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. NEW APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ APPLICATIONS: None since June meeting and AGM.
- ❖ WITHDRAWALS prior to AGM:
 - ▶ **Crawley Green Reserves and New Bradwell St. Peter Development:** £75 League Deposit to be returned in full.
 - ▶ **EB Lions u21:** £75 League Deposit transferred to **Westoning Club.**
 - ▶ **Sandy FC Reserves:** £45 of League Deposit to be returned; remainder used to pay fine 2025.05-21
- ❖ WITHDRAWALS post to AGM:
 - ▶ **Ickwell & Old Warden FC, Henlow Hurricanes FC and Lewsey Park FC.** All Clubs fined £75: **League Deposit used to pay fine.**
 - ▶ **Shefford Town & Campton Development.** Club fined £75 – League Deposit cannot be used to pay as it is required for Reserve Team.
 - ❖ CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB
 - ❖ **RULE 11[A]** Any Club withdrawing a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing no later than seven [7] clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22[B]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A Club withdrawing on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting, having given notice as per this rule, shall have the deposit paid by that Club returned, subject to Rule 4[C].
 - ❖ **[B]** The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ It was agreed that each club outside of the Premier Division would have a Committee club representative allocated to them who would be their first point of contact for any advice or support in the hope the level of fines issued to clubs could be kept to the minimum during the new season.
 - ▶ **Aaron Anderson:** Bedford Albion, Kempston United, LU Donz, Thurleigh, Atletic FC, M&DH Clapham Sports, Turvey and Meltis Rangers.
 - ▶ **Kevin Poulton:** AFC Bedford United, AFC Kempston Town Hammers, Bedford SA, Green End Rovers, Wixams Wanderers, Amptill Town Colts, AFC Clophill and Flitwick Eagles.
 - ▶ **Phil Smailes:** Blunham, Baldock Victoria, Clifton, FC Haynes, Lea Sports PSG, Everton Athletic and Wilstead.
 - ▶ **Richard Everitt:** Bletchley Scot, Caddington, St Josephs, Westoning Club FC, Dunstable Wanderers, Catsbrook Wanderers, DTCC FC, Leighton Woodside Athletic and Luton Phoenix.
- ❖ There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary/Treasurer

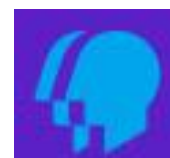
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