



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

7pm ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION

LEAGUE SUPPORTERS: SPORTSFORM and HBC LOGISTICS



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MEMBERS: M Baxter, B Hallybone, R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General Secretary/Treasurer]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** Messrs R Everitt [61FC [Luton], D Gauntlett [Sheffield Town & Campton], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC].

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Mr R Simmonds.

APOLOGIES: P Francis [Chair with Registration and Fixture responsibilities], S Dutton, A Anderson [Kempston Athletic], Mr BT Watson [President], Mr PJ Onion [Life-Vice President].

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

- ❖ Mr R Simmonds elected.

B. 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 **2nd OCTOBER 2025** were agreed and signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - ▶ Step 6 promotion application material – sent to all Premier Division Clubs.
 - ▶ NLS Feeder Leagues – league fixture end date set at 4th May 2026
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General Correspondence only.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **LEAGUE BANK ACCOUNT:** Opening Balance on 1st June 2025 = **£59,191.68** Closing Balance on 31st October 2025 = **£45,118.00**, a **LOSS over the period of £14,073.68**

- ❖ **Review of payments due 31st October 2025:**

Atletic FC	£68.70	PAID [£69]
Baldock Victoria [Buffs FC]	£68.70	PAID
##Thurleigh FC	£68.70	PAID
##Clifton FC	£68.70	2025.06-AGM-03 not paid [see below]
Westoning Club FC	£55	PAID
Harlington Juniors Reserves	£25	PAID
** Meltis Rangers	£25	2025.10-02 not paid
LU Donz Development	£20	PAID
Westoning Reds	£25	PAID
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** Atletic FC	£150	2025.10-05 not paid
** M&DH Clapham Sports Res	£20	2025.10-06 not paid
AFC Bedford United	£15	PAID
** Luton Phoenix	£23.70	2025.10-08 not paid
** Atletic FC	£15	2025.10-09 not paid
Elstow Abbey and Reserves	£15	PAID

► ** All Clubs/Teams fined an additional £15

► **## INCORRECT ENTRY: Club should read Clifton – reference October minutes item 4 [correct] and item 15 [incorrect].**

○ **THURLEIGH FC to be reimbursed £68.70, shown above as paid but already paid in September 2025.**

○ **CLIFTON FC TO PAY £53.70 + £15 additional fine = £68.70**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

❖ Sportsform have been paid **£3147** for the mementoes for this current season.

6. TRANSFERS

William Bangala.	AFC Oakley to Kempston United.
Mohammed Ahmed.	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to Queens Park Crescents.
Christian Mibano.	Elstow Abbey to Blunham.
Tierlen Wilson.	Cranfield United Reserves to Stopslay United Reserves.
Richard Latouche.	AFC Kempston Hammers to Westoning FC.
Jamie Santosuosso.	Kempston Athletic to Wixams Wanderers.
Archie Watson.	AFC Oakley to Wootton Blue Cross.
Louis Bowley.	Thotternhoe Reserves to DTCC.
Mukudzeyi Makaza.	Luton Phoenix to Totternhoe Reserves.
Christiano Pietersky.	Bedford Albion to AFC Kempston Town Hammers.
Jacob Blackwood.	Riseley Sports to Westoning FC.
Andrew Massey.	Green End Rovers to Clifton.
Zak Crunkhum.	Meltis Rangers to Kempston Athletic.
Andrew Stadnyk.	Biggleswade FC Reserves to Caldecote.
Phil Saxby.	LU Donz to Westoning FC
Charlie Thompson.	Turvey to AFC Oakley
Niklay Mandinga.	Atletic FC to AFC Bedford United.
Alec Duncan.	Clifton to Biggleswade FC Reserves.
Max Marsh.	Green End Rovers to Bedford Albion
Eryk Prystupa.	Luton Phoenix to Totternhoe Reserves
Pierre Blake.	Caddington Reserves to Biggleswade United Reserves.
Fadil Balogua.	Flitwick Town to The 61 FC Luton Reserves.
Alfie Atkins.	Totternhoe Reserves to Leighton Woodside Athletic.
Muhammed Zilbound.	Biggleswade United Reserves to Kempston United
Mikey Rosborough.	Elstow Abbey to Meltis Rangers.
Sundeep Gill.	Elstow Abbey to Meltis Rangers.
Jack Adams Hollyhand.	Elstow Abbey to Meltis Rangers.
Will Phillips.	Elstow Abbey to Meltis Rangers.
Daish Shaid.	Elstow Abbey to Meltis Rangers.
Connor Field.	Elstow Abbey to Meltis Rangers.
Jonathan Barnett.	St Josephs (Saturday) to Lu Donz
Jake Lorient.	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to Stotfold Junior

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

❖ Coverage for October was good despite FA and County FA cup rounds using many referees. Coverage for November appears good.

❖ All referees are again reminded of the requirement at King George V ground in Clapham to follow the instructions from M&DH Clapham Sports when parking in order not to receive a parking fine. The League cannot take any responsibility for any fines issued.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

❖ **Free Weekends Granted: Catsbrook Wanderers.** Saturday 15th November 2025. **Wootton Blue Cross A** Saturday 15th November 2025. **Flitwick Town Reserves.** Saturday 29th November 2025. **Kempston Athletic.** Saturday 6th December 2025. **FC Haynes.** Saturday 13th December 2025. **AFC Clapham** Saturday 13th December 2025. **FC Polonia (Luton)** Saturday 20th December 2025. **Wixams Wanderers.** Saturday 20th December 2025. **Stopsley United.** Saturday 3rd January 2026.

❖ **Free Weekend Rejected: Wilstead.** Saturday 22nd November 2025. [applied on 2/11/25]

❖ **Fixture Release onto Full Time :** Premier Division up to including Saturday 24th January 2025 and for the lower Divisions up to and including Saturday 17th January 2025. [24th being Quarter-Final weekend of the lower Beds FA County Cups]

❖ **Unplayed Games:**

- ▶ Saturday 11th October 2025: Division Three. The 61 FC Luton Reserves v Elstow Abbey Reserves. Elstow Abbey Reserves unable to raise a side.
 - **Match awarded to The 61 FC Luton Reserves and Elstow Abbey Reserves deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £25 as per rule, see item 15 below.** [Elstow Abbey Reserves withdrew from league on Friday 17th October 2025 thus the above game was later expunged from record]
 - ▶ Saturday 11th October 2025. Division Four. Everton Athletic Reserves v Meltis Rangers. Meltis Rangers unable to raise a side.
 - **Match awarded to Everton Athletic Reserves, score 0-0. and Meltis Rangers deducted two [2] penalty points and fined £40 as per rule, see item 15 below.**
 - ▶ Saturday 18th October 2025. Division One. Harlington Juniors Reserves v Clifton. Harlington Juniors Reserves unable to raise a side.
 - **Match awarded to Clifton and Harlington Juniors Reserves deducted two [2] penalty points and fined £40 as per rule** [Harlington Juniors Reserves withdrew from the league on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 thus the above game was later expunged from record]
 - ▶ Saturday 25th October 2025. Division One. Lea Sports PSG v Blunham.
 - **Blunham unable to raise a side.**
 - **Explanation from Club accepted – match to be rearranged.**
 - ▶ Saturday 25th October 2025. Division Three. FC Polonia [Luton] v Wilstead. FC Polonia [Luton] unable to raise a side.
 - **Match awarded to Wilstead, score 0-0, and FC Polonia (Luton) deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £25 as per rule, see item 15 below..**
 - ▶ Saturday 25th October 2025. Division Four. DTCC FC v Wootton Blue Cross A. Wootton Blue Cross A unable to raise a side.
 - **Match awarded to DTCC FC, score 0-0. and Wootton Blue Cross A deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £25 as per rule, see item 15 below.**
- ❖ **Abandoned Game:**
- ▶ Saturday 18th October 2025. Premier Division supported by Sportsform. AFC Oakley v Elstow Abbey. Serious Elstow Abbey player injury.
 - **Match to be rearranged.**

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA REPORT

❖ **CHARGE NOTICES**

- ▶ Queens Park Crescents Reserves: In breach of league rule 18M that in their game against AFC Bedford United on Saturday 20th September 2025 (match won 3-0) that they played one Ben Boxall who whilst listed on their exchanged teamsheet was not registered for the club at the time of the game for season 2025-26 and then post match were in breach of league rule 21C in making a deliberate falsification of their Full Time Result Sheet by replacing him with one Oliver Jun.
 - Mitigation from Club considered but not accepted as valid reason for the breach of rule.
 - **Queens Park Crescents Reserves fined £150 as per rule; points won in the match deleted, and team deducted an additional three [3] penalty points.**

❖ **REPORT NOTICES**

- ❖ Clubs in breach of 20C in failing to give confirmation notice of their home fixture by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Saturday 18th October 2025. **Atletic FC v FC Polonia [Luton]**
 - **Club fined £15 as per rule, see item 15 below.**
- ❖ Clubs in Breach of League Rule 21B in failing to report the result of their game into the SMS text system by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Saturday 4th October 2025. **AFC Clophill [warning]**
 - ▶ Saturday 11th October 2025. **Caddington Reserves [warning], Stotfold Juniors [warning].**
 - ▶ Saturday 18th October 2025. **Queens Park Crescents Development**
 - **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 11th October 2025. **Catsbrook Wanderers [warning], M&DH Clapham Sports.**
 - ▶ Saturday 18th October 2025. **Queens Park Crescents Reserves & Development [warning], Stopsley United Reserves [warning]**
 - ▶ Saturday 25th October 2025. **Caddington Reserves**
 - **Clubs fined £15 as per rule, see item 15 below.**
- ❖ Registration made at midday 1st November 2025: **2458.** [2725 season 24/25]
- ❖ Other Matters: **M&DH Clapham Sports**, additional team sheet pad to replace a lost one. **£3.70**
- ❖ Appeal by Riseley Sports FC delayed until December meeting.

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 **NOVEMBER 2025** meeting:

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
Meltis Rangers	£40	2025.10-02
Atletic FC	£165	2025.10-05
M&DH Clapham Sports Res	£35	2025.10-06
Luton Phoenix	£38.70	2025.10-08
Atletic FC	£30	2025.10-09
Atletic FC	£15	2025.11-01
Caddington Reserves	£15	2025.11-02
Elstow Abbey Reserves	£100	2025.11-03
FC Polonia [Luton]	£25	2025.11-04
Harlington Juniors Reserves	£115	2025.11-05
M&DH Clapham Sports	£18.70	2025.11-06
Meltis Rangers	£40	2025.11-07
Queens Park Crescents and Reserves	£165	2025.11-08
Wootton Blue Cross 'A'	£25	2025.11-09

ALL PAYMENTS DUE FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 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. WITHDRAWALS

- ❖ **Elstow Abbey Reserves and Harlington Juniors Reserves**
 - Having first teams continue in the League, the Club deposit of £75 remains with the League and is credited to the first team. Both Clubs are fined £75 as per rule 11[B].

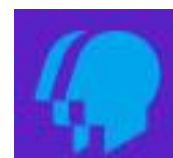
17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ▶ The Premier Division requirement to provide after match refreshments was again discussed with a consensus that a change to the **REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE PREMIER DIVISION** needs a review and possible change. Members were tasked to review the current requirements and to suggest possible changes for discussion at the December meeting prior to seeking Club views on any amendments.
- ▶ It was agreed the February 2026 Management Committee meeting will be held in Luton at The 61FC clubhouse.
- ▶ It was agreed the Management Committee meet additionally on 18th December 2025 at The Red Lion Elstow to cover any urgent matters over the Christmas and New Year period as the January committee meeting is delayed until Thursday 8th January 2026. The committee Christmas Dinner will follow.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.03 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖

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