



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AGENDA: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2026

7pm THE 61FC [LUTON], Kingsway Ground, Beverley Road, Luton LU4 8EU

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MEMBERS: P Francis [Chair with Registration and Fixture responsibilities], M Baxter, R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman, GB Snelson [General Secretary/Treasurer].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: A Anderson [Kempston Athletic], R Everitt [61FC [Luton], D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey],

APOLOGIES: Messrs BT Watson [President], S Dutton, B Hallybone, P Smailes [Biggleswade FC]. Also, R Simmonds and PJ Onion [Life-Vice Presidents].

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 **8th January 2026** were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments:
 - Item A: Westoning FC was represented by Alan Henman not Alan Penman.
 - Item 6: Replace Courtney Bridgett with Jadon Banghard.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ **WESTONING CLUB FC appeal** - Stotfold Junior v **Westoning Reds**. Saturday 15th November 2025: The decision to award the match to their opponents [Stotfold Juniors], together with a point deduction, was reviewed by the Committee, who had full details of the charge. The Club did not attend.
 - The Committee decided the original decision would stand, together with the fine [2025.12-09] and point deduction, see item 15 below.
 - The Committee also reviewed the decision taken in January regarding fine 2025.12-09 [Westoning Blues v Flitwick Eagles] and decided the fine and point deduction to stand.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:**
 - Step 6 promotion – confirmation of application from Wootton Blue Cross.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General Correspondence only.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ **LEAGUE BANK ACCOUNT:** Opening Balance on 1st June 2025 = **£59,191.68** **Closing Balance on 31st January 2026 = £46,409.32, a LOSS over the period of £12,782.36.** **NOTES:** Payment of £2,813.40 for 150 match footballs [SPIRIT] paid in January 2026.
- ❖ **LEAGUE BANK ACCOUNT** – new account: **£30,000** has been transferred into a 182-day fixed term deposit with a maturity date of 3rd August 2026 and an expected interest receipt of £305.16
- ❖ **Review of payments due 31st January 2026: The following were not paid by the deadline set and additional fines were applied, see item 15 below.**

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
Bletchley Scot	£15	2026.01-02 - +£15
Everton Athletic	£15	2026.01-04 - +£15
Westoning Club FC	£40	2025.12-09 – fine re-applied
Westoning Club FC	£40	2026.01-09 – fine re-applied

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

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ Nothing to report

6. TRANSFERS

Dominic Wheatley.	AFC Oakley to Cranfield United Reserves.
Edrine Kisakye.	Elstow Abbey to Athletic FC.
Mark Reilly.	Totternhoe Reserves to Caddington Reserves.
Casper Bellchambers.	Totternhoe Reserves to Cranfield United Reserves
Connor Saunders.	Harlington Juniors to FC Haynes.
Connor Blennerhassett.	AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Totternhoe Reserves.
Logan Burton.	Stopsley United to Caddington Reserves.
Jake Davis.	Green End Rovers to Wootton Blue Cross.
Martin Faulkner.	Caldecote to Blunham.
Harry Flavell.	Harlington Juniors to Green End Rovers.
Andrew Massey.	Clifton to AFC Oakley.
Wojciech Chachaj.	Harlington Juniors to Westoning FC.
Shaun Cooksley.	Harlington Juniors to Westoning FC
Edward Prior.	Harlington Juniors to Westoning FC.
Patrick Daly.	Westoning FC to Lu Donz.
Akshat Jain.	Shefford Town & Campton to Totternhoe Reserves.
Haydn Betts.	Elstow Abbey to Wootton Blue Cross.
Mateusz Zacharzewski.	Clifton to Biggleswade FC Reserves
Kyle Hawkes.	Elstow Abbey to Clifton.
Kyron Matthews.	AFC Oakley to Elstow Abbey.
Kyle Lewis.	AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Meltis Rangers
Faz Hassen.	Wootton Blue Cross to Lu Donz
Donte Lashley.	The 61 FC Luton Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.
Joshua Smith.	Meltis Rangers to Queens Park Crescents .

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

- ❖ Still maintaining 100% coverage with difficulties. A small number of additional referees have given some availability.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Free Weekend Granted.** Riseley Sports; Saturday 4th April 2026.
- ❖ **Free Weekend Refused.** Wixams Wanderers. Saturday 7th March 2026. (free weekend already taken Saturday 20th December 2025)
- ❖ Thurleigh. Saturday 14th February 2026 (requested only made on 19th January 2026) Club requested the committee give reconsideration to this decision – **request denied.**
- ❖ **UNPLAYED FIXTURES**
 - ▶ Saturday 31st January 2026. Britannia Cup. AFC Oakley v Shefford Town & Campton Reserves. Shefford Town & Campton Reserves unable to raise a team.
 - Tie awarded to **AFC Oakley**
 - **Shefford Town & Campton Reserves** removed from competition and fined £40 in accordance with Cup Rule 1 and Rule 20[E], see item 15 below.
 - ▶ Saturday 31st January 2025. Centenary Cup. Lea Sports PSG v Clifton. Clifton unable to raise a team.
 - Tie awarded to **Lea Sports PSG**
 - **Clifton** removed from competition and fined £25 in accordance with Cup Rule 1 and Rule 20[E], see item 15 below.
 - ▶ Saturday 31st January 2025. Watson Shield. M&DH Clapham Sports v Dunstable Town U18 Lions. Dunstable Town U18 Lions unable to raise a team.
 - Tie awarded to **M&DH Clapham Sports**
 - **Dunstable Town U18 Lions** removed from competition and the matter reported to BYSL.
 - ▶ Saturday 7th February 2025. Watson Shield. Wilstead v Wootton Blue Cross 'A'. Wootton Blue Cross 'A', having prioritised their Reserves team cup commitments did not have enough players eligible to play in the Watson Shield and therefore unable to raise a team.
 - Tie awarded to **Wilstead**
 - **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'** removed from competition and fined £25 in accordance with Cup Rule 1 and Rule 20[E], see item 15 below.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA REPORT

❖ CHARGE REPORTS

- ▶ **AFC Clophill:** Being in breach of Cup Rules 3B/12 that in their Watson Shield Game against Athletic FC on Saturday 31st January 2026 (lost 4-2) they named on their teamsheet and played

Joe Battams who at the time of the game was not a registered member of AFC Clophill for season 2025-26 then, post-match, deliberately submitted a falsified Full Time result sheet rather than given notice to the league of their error.

- Result of the tie to stand
- **AFC Clophill** fined £150 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ▶ **Baldock Victoria:** In breach of league rules 18M/20E(v) that on Saturday 10th January 2026 they played their home fixture with AFC Oakley Development (won 5-1) whilst being under a FA club suspension for failing to pay outstanding disciplinary fines, these fines paid on Friday 16th January 2026.
 - Match awarded to **AFC Oakley Development**, score 0-0
 - **Baldock Victoria** deducted one [1] penalty point [any fine levied by Herts FA]
- ▶ **Bedford Albion:** In breach of cup rule 3B in having played Daniel Jeffries in their Centenary Cup tie against FC Haynes on Saturday 31st January 2026 having played for Elstow Abbey earlier in the season in the Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy.
 - Tie awarded to **FC Haynes**
 - **Bedford Albion** fined £20 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ▶ **Caldecote Reserves:** In breach of league rules 20E/23D in that on Saturday 17th January 2026 when their pitch was ruled unplayable for their game against FC Haynes they failed to switch the game to that of their opposition who had informed them that their pitch was available and playable should Harvey Close not be. Caldecote emailed a reply on Monday 19th January 2026 accepting the charge.
 - Match awarded to FC Haynes, score 0-0
 - Caldecote Reserves deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £25 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ▶ **Caldecote 'A':** In breach of league rule 20E in that on Saturday 17th January 2026 when failing to fulfill their Reserves team fixture they went ahead and played their A team fixture against The 61 FC Luton Reserves. Caldecote emailed a reply on Monday 19th January 2026 accepting the charge.
 - Match awarded to **The 61 FC Luton Reserves**, score 0-0
 - **Caldecote 'A'** deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £25 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ▶ **Everton Athletic Reserves:** In breach of league rules 18M/20L that in their game against DTCC FC they played four classed 1st team players whilst the maximum allowed is only three. (match lost 6-0)
 - Match result to stand
 - Everton Athletic Reserves deducted one [1] penalty point and fined £20 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ▶ **Green End Rovers :** In breach of Cup rule 3B in having in their Jubilee Cup tie on 31st January 2026 against AFC Bedford United played Jack Perry who having played for Marston Shelton Rovers in this season's Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy was not eligible to play in this season's Jubilee Cup.
 - Tie awarded to **AFC Bedford United**
 - **Green End Rovers** fined £20 as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ▶ **LU Donz :** In breach of Cup Rule 3B having played in their Centenary Cup tie against Baldock Victoria on the 31st January 2026. Pearce Tracey who had earlier in the season played for Caddington in this season's Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy was not eligible to play in this season's Centenary Cup.
 - Tie awarded to **Baldock Victoria**
 - **LU Donz** fined £20 as per rule, see item 15 below.

❖ **REPORT NOTICES**

- ❖ Clubs in breach of League Rule 20C in failing to give notice confirmation of their fixture by the required deadline.
 - ▶ Saturday 10th January 2026. **Flitwick Town Reserves** [v Bedford SA] [**warned**]
 - ▶ Saturday 10th January 2026. **Athletic FC** [v The 61 FC Luton Reserves]
 - Clubs fined £15 or warned 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 10th January 2026. **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'** [mitigation considered]
 - ▶ Saturday 17th January 2026. **Caldecote 'A'**
 - ▶ Saturday 24th January 2026. **Kempston United**
 - Clubs fined £15 or warned 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 3rd January 2026. **Kempston United.**
 - ▶ Saturday 10th January 2026. **Elstow Abbey.**

- ▶ Saturday 17th January 2026. **AFC Oakley [warning], Catsbrook Wanderers, DTCC FC [warning].**
- ▶ Saturday 24th January 2026. **Biggleswade FC Reserves.**
 - Clubs fined £15 or warned as per rule, see item 15 below.
- ❖ Registrations made at midday 31st January 2026: **2732** [3013 season 2024-25]

OTHER MATTERS

- ❖ **Clifton:** Requested fixture break with FC Haynes on Saturday 7th February 2026.
 - ▶ Request denied
- ❖ **Queens Park Crescents.** Replacement team sheet pad: Club to pay £ 3.60, see item 15 below.

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock.
- ❖ Team Shelters – no current activity.
- ❖ FACILITY CHECKS will be carried out at **Harlington Juniors** and **Stotfold Juniors.**
- ❖ **PREMIER DIVISION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** The previously minuted proposed changes, together with any final changes, will be presented at the 2026 Annual General Meeting:

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 **FEBRUARY 2026** meeting:

CLUB	FINE/ cost	REFERENCE
Westoning Club FC	£40	2025.12-09
Bletchley Scot	£30	2026.01-02
Everton Athletic	£30	2026.01-04
Westoning Club FC	£40	2026.01-09
AFC Clophill	£150	2026.02-01
Atletic FC	£15	2026.02-02
Bedford Albion	£20	2026.02-03
Biggleswade FC Reserves	£15	2026.02-04
Caldecote Reserves & 'A'	£65	2026.02-05
Catsbrook Wanderers	£15	2026.02-06
Clifton	£25	2026.02-07
Elstow Abbey	£15	2026.02-08
Everton Athletic Reserves	£20	2026.02-09
Green End Rovers	£20	2026.02-10
Kempston United	£30	2026.02-11
LU Donz	£20	2026.02-12
Queens Park Crescents - post	£3.70	2026.02-13
Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	£40	2026.02-14
Wootton Blue Cross 'A'	£40	2026.02-15

ALL PAYMENTS DUE 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

FOOTBALL SALES		
CLUB	COST	REFERENCE
The 61FC [Luton]	£37.50	2526.100
Caldecote FC	£112.50	2526.101
FC Haynes	£37.50	PAID
Elstow Abbey	£37.50	2526.103

PAYMENT DUE 28TH FEBRUARY 2026

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

- ❖ From the small stock of Match Footballs still held, the League will sell these to Clubs at the cost price of £18.75 per ball. There are approximately 15 balls for sale on a first come-first served basis. ONLY email requests to the General Secretary/Treasurer will be acceptable.
- ❖ **RULE CHANGES:** The committee suggested rule changes may be required with regards to Winter kick off times [rule 20A] and those relating to the requirement to switch venue in cases of unfit pitches [rule 23D].
- ❖ There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.29 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary/Treasurer

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