



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

TELEPHONE 01234-317597

MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2025

AT ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION, STARTING AT 7 p.m.

LEAGUE
SUPPORTERS:
HBC LOGISTICS
and
SPORTSFORM



MEMBERS: P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, S Dutton, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman], GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary – Acting Treasurer].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC]. **CO-OPTED:** Mr, Mr Aaron Anderson [Kempston Athletic].

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Mr R Simmonds.

APOLOGIES: BT Watson [President], Richard Everitt [61FC [Luton]] – CO-OPTED

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 **3RD APRIL 2025** were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- Another revised Match Day Team Sheet was presented for further comments. The final version will be made available for printing cost quotations.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General correspondence only.
- ❖ **Football Sponsor** season 2025-2026 **SPIRIT SPORTS EQUIPMENT**. Footballs delivered for distribution at AGM.

4. FINANCE

- ❖ The following fines are for non-payment of fines [refs 2025.03] levied in MARCH 2025.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Everton Athletic and Reserves	£30	PAID
Kempston United	£30	2025.03-13
Wootton Blue Cross	£53.60	PAID

The following fines [refs 2025.04] were levied in APRIL 2025

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Elstow Abbey Reserves	£25	PAID
Bufs FC	£15	PAID
Queens Park Crescents and Development	£45	PAID
AFC Oakley BBF Development	£15	PAID
AFC Kempston Town Hammers	£15	PAID
Dunstable Wanderers	£15	PAID

- ❖ **ALL PAYMENTS DUE on Wednesday 30th April 2025**
- ❖ **ALL unpaid fines to have an additional £15 added, as per rule. See item 15 below.**

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ In an effort to gain the return of the 1904 Jubilee Cup, currently in the 'safe keeping' of Bedford Borough Council' in time for the AGM has again stalled. A request sent to the Mayor's Secretary has been passed to The Mayor. **Post meeting note: Progress has been made – report at June meeting.**
- ❖ All trophies have been returned and many already presented. Thanks are recorded to Sportsform.

6. TRANSFERS

Robert Goodliffe. Everton Athletic to The 61 FC Luton Reserves .
Dan Jeffries. Ickwell & Old Warden to Elstow Abbey.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ All Club details will be included in the revised 2025-2026 Directory.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **COVERAGE:** 100% coverage all season. Thanks are recorded to Referee Secretary Rich Horswell.
- ❖ **The Referee of the Year** was agreed.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **Check on unplayed matches:**
- ❖ Saturday 5th April 2025. Premier Division. **AFC Oakley BBF v Biggleswade FC Reserves**. Biggleswade FC Reserves unable to raise a side [1st occasion].
 - Biggleswade FC Reserves fined £40 and deducted one [1] penalty point, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to AFC Oakley BBF, score 0-0.
- ❖ Saturday 5th April 2025. Division One. **Clifton v Bedford SA**. Bedford SA unable to raise a side [3rd occasion].
 - Bedford S.A. fined £50 and deducted three [3] penalty points, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Clifton, score 0-0.
- ❖ Saturday 5th April 2025. Division Two South. **AFC Kempston Town Hammers v Brache Phoenix**. Brache Phoenix unable to raise a side due to family bereavement.
 - Match points [3] awarded to AFC Kempston Town, score 0-0.
 - No fine or penalty point deduction applied against Brache Phoenix.
- ❖ Saturday 5th April 2025; Division Four. **Stopsley United Reserves v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves**. M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves unable to raise a side. [1st occasion].
 - M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Stopsley United Reserves, score 0-0.
- ❖ Saturday 19th April 2025: Division One. **Wootton Blue Cross Reserves v Clifton**. Clifton unable to raise a side. [1st occasion].
 - Clifton fined £25 and deducted one [1] penalty point, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Wootton Blue Cross Reserves, score 0-0.
- ❖ Saturday 19th April 2025. Division One. **Harlington Juniors v AFC Oakley BBF Development**. AFC Oakley BBF Development unable to raise a side. [2nd occasion].
 - AFC Oakley BBF Development fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty point, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Harlington Juniors, score 0-0.
- ❖ Monday 21st April 2025. Division Two South. **New Bradwell St Peter Development v Brache Phoenix**. Brache Phoenix unable to raise a side. [2nd occasion].
 - Brache Phoenix fined £40 and deducted two [2] penalty points, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to New Bradwell St. Peter Development, score 0-0.
- ❖ Saturday 26th April 2025. Division Two South. **Caddington [BCFL] v Brache Phoenix**. Brache Phoenix unable to raise a side [3rd occasion].
 - Brache Phoenix fined £50 and deducted three [3] penalty points, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Caddington [BCFL], score 0-0.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ **Charge Notices**
- ❖ **Luton Panthers:** In breach of league rules 20E(v)/18M in playing their game against Bletchley Scot on Wednesday 3rd April 2025 whilst under a Beds FA club suspension for non-payment of fines imposed on Monday 1st April 2025.
 - Luton Panthers deducted one [1] penalty point, **see item 15 below**.
- ❖ **Harlington Juniors Reserves:** In breach of league rules 20F/18M that in their game against Lea Sports PSG on Wednesday 9th April 2025 they played one Cody O'Neill who was not listed on their team sheet exchanged with the match day referee and their opposition prior to the kick off. (game won 2-1)
 - Notes: In view of the time scale a league management sub-committee sat on Thursday 17th April 2025 and found the **charge proven**.
 - **Harlington Juniors** fined £20 and deducted two [2] penalty points, **see item 15 below**.
 - Match points [3] awarded to Lea Sports PSG, score 0-0.
- ❖ **Harlington Juniors:** In breach of league rules 18m/21c/ Cup rule 4 that in their Centenary Cup game against Wootton Blue Cross Reserves on Saturday 12th April 2025 they played one Luke Williams who was not included on their team sheet exchanged with their opposition and the match day referee prior to kick off.
 - Notes: In view of the title scale a league management sub-committee sat on Thursday 17th April 2025 and found the charge not proven. **Match result to stand**.

❖ Report Notices

❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to submit their result into the SMS text system by the required deadline.

- Saturday 5th April 2025. **Atletic FC. Harlington Juniors. Sandy Reserves.**
- Wednesday 9th April 2025. **FC Polonia (Luton)**
- Saturday 12th April 2025. **DTCC FC. Green End Rovers. Queens Park Crescents Devel.**
- Wednesday 16th April 2025. **Clifton.**
- Saturday 19th April 2025. **FC Polonia (Luton)**
- Wednesday 23rd April 2025. **Riseley Sports**
- Saturday 26th April 2025. **Green End Rovers**

► **All above Clubs/Teams 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 29th March 2025. **Bufs FC. Queens Park Crescents.**
- Wednesday 2nd April 2025. **Luton Panthers**
- Saturday 5th April 2025. **Bletchley Scot.**
- Wednesday 9th April 2025. **Bletchley Scot. FC Polonia (Luton) Ickwell & Old Warden**
- Saturday 12th April 2025. **Caldecote. Clifton. Dunstable Wanderers. Elstow Abbey Reserves. Queens Park Crescents Development**
- Wednesday 16th April. 2025. **Dunstable Wanderers.**
- Saturday 19th April 2025. **AFC Kempston Town Hammers. Queens Park Crescents**
- Monday 21st April 2025. **Queens Park Crescents.**

► **All above Clubs/Teams fined £15 or warned, as per rule, see item 15 below.**

❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto their Full Time result sheet details of the yellow/red cards issued to their players.

- Saturday 29th March 2025. M&DH Clapham Sports.
- Wednesday 9th April 2025. AFC Oakley Development. Ickwell & Old Warden.
- Wednesday 16th April 2025. Cranfield United Reserves.
- Saturday 19th April 2025. Dunstable Wanderers. Totternhoe Reserves

► **All above Clubs/Teams warned.**

❖ Registrations made at 15th April 2025. (deadline for season 2024-25) **3233**

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rail. Cost estimates now available: complete pitch approx. 328m = £4400 + VAT [materials only]. Prices on request for other lengths. Generous grants available from the league. Expressions of interest to General Secretary.

❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock.

❖ Team Shelters – no current activity

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

❖ Nothing new 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.

❖ The FA is to introduce a new process for addressing continued [cumulative] misconduct using the Discipline Penalty Points System. Continued misconduct by Clubs will result in

financial penalties and, ultimately, the cancellation of the Club's affiliation. The clear message to Clubs is to take measures now to minimise continual discipline offences.

❖ League awarded £200 kit voucher as an Accredited League. Decision made to purchase Captain's Arm Bands [for distribution to Clubs at AGM], and Football Pumps [for distribution to cup final referees].

14. SAFEGUARDING

► Nothing to report.

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS

The following fine was levied at the MARCH 2025 Management Committee meeting and was due for payment on 30TH APRIL 2025 – FIXTURES SUSPENDED. Further action will be taken against the Club if payment is not received by the due date shown below.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Kempston United	£30	2025.03-13

PAYMENT DUE on Saturday 31st May 2025

The following fines were levied at the MAY 2025 meeting of the Management Committee. Details of the fines can be found in these minutes.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
AFC Kempston Town Hammers	£15	2025.05-01
AFC Oakley BBF Development	£40	2025.05-02
Bedford SA	£50	2025.05-03
Biggleswade FC Reserves	£25	2025.05-04
Bletchley Scot	£30	2025.05-05
Brache Phoenix	£90	2025.05-06
Bufs FC	£15	2025.05-07
Caldecote	£15	2025.05-08
Clifton	£55	2025.05-09
DTCC FC	£15	2025.05-10
Dunstable Wanderers	£30	2025.05-11
Elstow Abbey Reserves	£15	2025.05-12
FC Polonia [Luton]	£45	2025.05-13
Green End Rovers	£15	2025.05-14
Harlington Juniors Reserves	£20	2025.05-15
Ickwell & Old Warden	£15	2025.05-16
Luton Panthers	£15	2025.05-17
M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	£25	2025.05-18
Queens Park Crescents and Development	£75	2025.05-19
Riseley Sports	£15	2025.05-20
Sandy Reserves	£15	2025.05-21

PAYMENTS DUE on Saturday 31st May 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: **Westoning Club.**
- ❖ WITHDRAWALS: **Crawley Green Reserves.**
- ❖ APPLICATION FORMS SENT TO: **Renhold United, St Josephs Luton,** [Asif Khan]-unknown club name, [Ty Mundy] – Whipperly United

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Proposed rule changes for 2025 AGM were agreed for submission to Beds FA initially and then to the AGM.
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

❖
❖
<https://twitter.com/bedscountylge>



MENTAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN www.friendsmusttalk.co.uk

PLEASE LOOK AT THIS WEBSITE and support the campaign

Facebook page friendsmusttalk



PLEASE BE AWARE OF ALL THESE CAMPAIGNS and SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS



sportsform
we bring the 'personal' into 'personalisation'!

GREAT DEALS, GREAT SERVICE

- PRINT • EMBROIDERY
- ENG
- TR/



Proud supporters of



FREE PARKING

