



# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON**

**HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON**

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## AGENDA: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**AT CRANFIELD PAVILION STARTING AT 7.30 p.m.**

**LEAGUE  
SUPPORTERS:  
HBC  
LOGISTICS and  
SPORTSFORM**



**MEMBERS:** P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman]. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:** D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey FC], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC]. **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr, R Simmonds.  
**APOLOGIES:** BT Watson [President], S Dutton, GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary].

### 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 **10<sup>th</sup> October 2024** were signed as a true record.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

❖ All covered in the items below.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

❖ **The Football Association:**  
▶ STEP 6 PROMOTION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2024-25 SEASON – forwarded to eligible Premier Division clubs.  
❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General correspondence only.

#### 4. FINANCE

❖ It was noted that the balance in the league account on 1st November 2024 was £54322.65 which includes £3000 received from the Football Association.  
❖ **REVIEW OF PAYMENTS DUE by the end of October 2024:**  
○ All clubs/teams listed below failed to pay fines by the due date and are **fined £15 as per rule**, see item 16 below.  
○ Crawley Green Development, Dunstable Wanderers, Elstow Abbey, FC Polonia (Luton), Lewsey Park, Luton Panthers, Meltis Rangers, Queens Park Crescents Development, Thurleigh, Wixams Wanderers, Wootton Blue Cross Reserves.  
❖ **Banking arrangements season 2024-2025:** No further progress  
❖ **See item 16 below for the FINES INVOICE for NOVEMBER 2024.**

#### 5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

❖ The return of the 1904 Jubilee Cup, currently in the safe keeping of Bedford Borough Council, a request has been sent to Bedfordshire FA for the Board of Directors to act for the League in the recovery process.  
○ **Beds FA Football Operations Committee agreed to proceed with this request. Nothing new to report.**  
❖ As requested, Roland Simmonds presented a selection of medals supplied by Sportsform. The meeting selected a change from the current medal to a medal (60MM) on a ribbon with league branding and engraving on the medals for season 2024-25. Order of 500 to be placed. Regarding the old stock still held, these are to be used for the 2024-25 season Division Two play off final and to match officials in all the 2024-25 season cup finals.

#### 6. TRANSFERS

Angus Stewart.  
Harry Pyke.  
Naron Cheema.  
George Farrell.  
Rhys Marshall.  
Connor Biennerrhasset.  
Ashley Shrapnell.  
Abdul Mateen-Jurad.  
Joshua Adeniyii.  
Taylor Moore.  
Dan Jeffries.  
Marko Tobdzic.  
Haider Hussain.  
Daniel Elmore.  
Michael Allen.

Blunham to Wixams Wanderers.  
Caldecote to Biggleswade FC Reserves  
Renhold United to AFC Kempston Town Hammers  
Buffs FC to Shefford Town & Campton.  
Elstow Abbey to M&DH Clapham Sports.  
Clifton to Wootton Blue Cross.  
Caldecote to Flitwick Town.  
AFC Bedford United to Wilstead  
Shefford Town & Campton to Bedford Albion.  
Buffs FC to Shefford Town & Campton  
Kempston United to Ickwell & Old Warden  
Kempston United to Renhold United.  
AFC Bedford United to Wilstead.  
Stopsley United to The 61 FC Luton Reserves.  
Bedford SA to Wootton Blue Cross.

## 7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ **Crawley Green Development:** Delete Secretary Craig Savage
- ❖ **Turvey FC:** Change of Secretary: Phillipa Morton pippatemple@hotmail.com or secretary@turveyfc.co.uk 07773220047
- ❖ Revision 3 of the League Directory will be published just before Christmas 2024. Please ensure any required changes to the current Directory are notified to the General Secretary before the final day of the 2024 fixtures.

## 8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ❖ **COVERAGE:** Good coverage reported for November.
- ❖ The meeting agreed to pay Tony Beal £60 to cover his parking fine picked up on his recent visit to M&DH Clapham Sports.
- ❖ **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: GENERAL SECRETARY OBSERVATIONS:** Premier Division Referee responsibilities: **RULE 23[J]** The referee of a Premier Division Competition Match shall submit a report in a format, and requiring such information, as determined by the Management Committee, to be received as instructed within two days of the Competition Match.
  - ▶ In my opinion this rarely happens, and therefore Clubs/Teams are doing as they please with regards to, but not limited to,
    - substitutions, club assistant referees, kick off times, number of players starting a match, reporting of cards shown, technical area control, provision of after match refreshments and match fee late payments.
  - ▶ **ACTIONS REQUIRED**
    - **All Premier Division Clubs**
      - are reminded to provide the match referee with the standard report form which has been issued to all clubs,
      - are to provide an Assistant Referee. That person must be at least 16 years of age, must NOT be a substitute player in the same match nor shall the person manage a team in the same match.
      - shall pay the referee his or her match fee immediately after the final whistle.
      - shall provide after match refreshment to their opponents and the match referee.
    - **All referees in Premier Division matches** must send a copy of the match report form, in whatever form is required by the Referees Secretary, to be received within two days.
    - ▶ **All failures to comply will be actioned by the Management Committee.**
      - **All clubs/teams in other divisions** must also provide an Assistant Referee at least 16 years of age and shall pay the referee his or her match fee immediately after the final whistle. Check the details of any red and yellow with the referee for inclusion on the online match report form.
- ❖ Saturday 26th October: AFC Oakley Development v Clifton. Clifton no low referee report form.
  - **Clifton fined £10** as per rule 23[H], see item 16 below.
- ❖ Saturday 26th October: Turvey v Stopsley United Reserves. Stopsley United Reserves no low referee report form.
  - **Stopsley United Reserves fined £10** as per rule 23[H], see item 16 below.
- ❖ **FROM JANUARY 2025**, all failures to comply with the requirements for Premier Division membership will be fined either as per a particular rule, and/or failure to comply with an instruction of the Management Committee.
  - ▶ Saturday 19th October: **Queens Park Crescents** v Caldecote. QPC used multiple named substitutes to run the line & also played in the game. QPC only had three sides of the pitch roped off
  - ▶ Saturday 26th October: **Riseley Sports** v Caldecote. Riseley used two substitutes to run the line & also played in the game

## 9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ **AGREED FREE WEEKS:**
  - ▶ 16th November – **Bedford Albion Development.**
  - ▶ 23rd November – **Henlow Hurricanes**
  - ▶ 30th November – **FC Haynes, Wootton Blue Cross Reserves, Everton Athletic.**
  - ▶ 14th December – **LU Donz, Sandy Reserves.**
- ❖ **UNPLAYED FIXTURES:**
- ❖ 12th October 2024. Division Three. Meltis Rangers v Dunstable Wanderers. **Meltis Rangers unable to raise a side.**
  - ▶ **Meltis Rangers fined £25** as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point. See item 16 below.
  - ▶ Match and match points [3] awarded to **Dunstable Wanderers**, score 0-0
- ❖ 12th October 2024. Division Four. Wootton Blue Cross A v Ampthill Town Colts. **Wootton Blue Cross 'A' unable to raise a side'**
  - ▶ **Wootton Blue Cross 'A' fined £25** as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point. See item 16 below.
  - ▶ Match and match points [3] awarded to **Ampthill Town Colts**, score 0-0
- ❖ 2nd November 2024. Division One. Buffs FC v Renhold United. **Renhold United unable to raise a side.**
  - ▶ **Renhold United fined £25** as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point. See item 16 below.
  - ▶ Match awarded to **Buffs FC. No points awarded**, See item 17 below.

## 10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

- ❖ Registration made at midday 26th October 2024: **2725**
- ❖ **Charge Notices**
- ❖ Reconsideration under rule 6[E] – **The 61FC [Luton] Reserves** – see separate minutes of the sub-committee hearing.
  - From the evidence presented, the appeal was upheld. Result [W 7-3] to stand.
- ❖ Reconsideration under rule 6[E] – **Turvey FC** – see separate minutes of the sub-committee hearing.
  - From the evidence presented, the appeal was upheld and the original decision varied.
  - **Turvey fined £25** as per rule and deducted one [1] penalty point. See item 16 below.
  - Match and match points [3] awarded to **Wootton Blue Cross 'A'**, score 0-0
- ❖ **EB Lions U21:** In breach of league rules 18M/21C that in their game played on Saturday 12th October 2024 against Stopsley United Reserves (won 5-4) they played one Oscar Garner who was not included on their exchanged team sheet prior to

kick off with Stopsley United Reserves and the match day referee, plus post match failing to include him on their loaded Full Time Result Sheet.

- The Club denied the charge and requested a reconsideration under Rule 6[E][iii] - Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee.
- The Club submitted no additional supporting evidence.
- Charge found proved.
- **EB Lions u21 fined £150 as per rule** and deducted three [3] penalty points, see item 15 below.
- Match points won in the match not awarded.
- Match and match points [3] awarded to **Stopsley United Reserves, score 0-0**.

- ❖ **FC Polonia (Luton):** In breach of league rules 18m/21C that in their game played on Saturday 12th October 2024 against Wilstead (won 3-2) they named on their exchanged team sheet prior to kick off and then post-match on their Full Time Result Sheet, one Peter Wilson who took no part in the game. The player being replaced as a second half substitute by a player who shows no resemblance to the photo of Peter Wilson on his Whole Game registration profile.
  - The Club did not reply to the charge.
  - Charge found proved.
  - **FC Polonia [Luton] fined £150 as per rule** and deducted three [3] penalty points, see item 15 below.
  - Match points won in the match not awarded.
  - Match and match points [3] awarded to **Wilstead, score 0-0**.

## ❖ Report Notices

- ▶ Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to report their result into the SMS text system by the required deadline:
  - Saturday 5th October 2024. **Bedford SA. Catsbrook Wanderers. Clifton Development. Riseley Sports. Stotfold Juniors.**
  - Saturday 12th October 2024. **Clifton. DTCC FC. Stotfold Juniors. Wootton Blue Cross A.**
  - Saturday 26th October 2024. **AFC Oakley Development. Buffs FC. Queens Park Crescents Development.**
- ▶ **All clubs/teams fined £15 as per rule**, or WARNED for a first offence in the £15 category, 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 28th September 2024. **Ickwell & Old Warden. Queens Park Crescents Development.**
  - Saturday 5th October 2024. **Luton Panthers**
  - **All clubs fined £15 as per rule** or WARNED for a first offence in the £15 category, 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 28th September 2024. **Wilstead**
  - Saturday 5th October 2024. **Ampthill Town Colts. Bedford Albion. Bedford Albion Development. Dunstable Wanderers. EB Lions U21. Luton Panthers. Queens Park Crescents.**
  - Saturday 12th October 2024. **AFC Clophill. Caldecote A. Luton Panthers. Wilstead.**
  - Saturday 19th October 2024. **Caldecote**
  - **All clubs/teams fined £10 as per rule**, see item 15 below.

## 11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rail. Cost quotation requested. On going.
- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock. **Marston Shelton Rovers** provided with three sets with more to follow if required.
- ❖ Team Shelters – no current activity

## 12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing new to report

## 13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

### THE NEW PROCESS

- **Removal of the RESPECT Sanctioning System**
- **Cumulative misconduct now addressed using only the Discipline Penalty Points System**
- **Focusses on behavioural offences rather than technical offences (Dissent, Violent Conduct, Offensive Language, Proven Misconduct)**
- **Revised thresholds which provide opportunity for proactive County FA involvement with the Regulations**
- **Provides for suspension or cancellation of England Football Accreditation status and/or Affiliation**

❖ Non-accredited clubs continuing into season 2024-2025 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 [yet to be published. Additionally the new process allows for a Club suspension, the cancellation of the Club's England Football Accreditation and, ultimately, the cancellation of the Club's affiliation.

❖ The clear message to Clubs is to take measures now to minimise continual discipline offences.

## 14. SAFEGUARDING

▶ Dan Gauntlett was given permission to contact Bedfordshire FA regarding a recent issue at a Shefford Town & Campton match.

## 15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS for NOVEMBER 2024

The following fines are for non-payment of fines levied in OCTOBER 2024. The figures below include the original and additional fines.

| CLUB                              | FINE/cost | REFERENCE  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Crawley Green Development         | £25       | 2024.10-05 |
| Dunstable Wanderers               | £25       | 2024.10-06 |
| Elstow Abbey                      | £25       | 2024.10-07 |
| FC Polonia [Luton]                | £50       | 2024.10-08 |
| Lewsey Park                       | £25       | 2024.10-11 |
| Luton Panthers                    | £70       | 2024.10-12 |
| Meltis Rangers                    | £25       | 2024.10-13 |
| Queens Park Crescents Development | £25       | 2024.10-15 |
| Thurleigh                         | £30       | 2024.10-16 |
| Wixams Wanderers                  | £180      | 2024.10-18 |
| Wootton Blue Cross Reserves       | £25       | 2024.10-19 |

### ALL PAYMENTS DUE on 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

The following fines were levied in NOVEMBER 2024.

| CLUB                                | FINE/ cost | REFERENCE  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| AFC Clophill                        | £10        | 2024.11-01 |
| AFC Oakley Development              | £15        | 2024.11-02 |
| Amptill Town Colts                  | £10        | 2024.11-03 |
| Bedford Albion First & Development  | £10        | 2024.11-04 |
| Bedford SA                          | £15        | 2024.11-05 |
| Bufs FC                             | £15        | 2024.11-06 |
| Caldecote & Caldecote 'A'           | £20        | 2024.11-07 |
| Catsbrook Wanderers                 | £15        | 2024.11-08 |
| Clifton                             | £10        | 2024.11-09 |
| Dunstable Wanderers                 | £10        | 2024.11-10 |
| EB Lions AFC u21                    | £160       | 2024.11-11 |
| FC Polonia [Luton]                  | £150       | 2024.11-12 |
| Luton Panthers                      | £35        | 2024.11-13 |
| Meltis Rangers                      | £25        | 2024.11-14 |
| Queens Park Crescents & Development | £25        | 2024.11-15 |
| Renhold United                      | £25        | 2024.11-16 |
| Riseley Sports                      | £15        | 2024.11-17 |
| Stopsley United Reserves            | £10        | 2024.11-18 |
| Stotfold Juniors                    | £15        | 2024.11-19 |
| Turvey                              | £20        | 2024.11-20 |
| Wilstead                            | £20        | 2024.11-21 |
| Wootton Blue Cross 'A'              | £25        | 2024.11-22 |

### ALL PAYMENTS DUE on 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Payment by Bank Transfer [BACS] - **use 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 & WITHDRAWALS

❖ Withdrawals:

- ▶ **Renhold United** – fined £75 as per rule with club deposit used as payment.
- ▶ **Clifton Development** – matter to be finalised at December Management Committee meeting.

## 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ▶ Roland Simmonds: samples of new medals provided: The meeting selected a change to a medal (60MM) on a ribbon with league branding and engraving on the medals for season 2024-25. Order of 500 to be placed.
- ▶ invoice for support [sponsorship] money required by Sportsform – COMPLETED
- ▶ invoice for support [sponsorship] money required by HBC Logistics – COMPLETED

- ▶ **FIXTURE SECRETARY POSITION:** Simon and Marcus to give GBS available dates – say 3 – before Christmas for initial handover. GBS to update WGS with latest data and responsibilities for all Management Committee Members. To complete this, will all members please supply, to GBS, their DoB and FAN
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS [WORKING] MEAL** for Management Committee – provisionally arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- ▶ Dan Gauntlett informed the meeting he would take the SML to the task over their late fixtures issued that has resulted in the delay to two of our Britannia Cup ties due to be played this weekend.
- ▶ Phil Smailes expressed his concern over the timing of the appeal meetings this evening. Reply given by The Chair.
- ▶ Peter Francis informed the meeting of Bletchley Scot FC contact regarding their current problems being experienced with their landlords

❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary



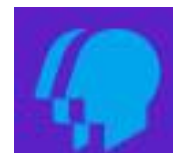
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