

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair) Bob Souster, John Morgan (Acting Secretary), Bob Clarke (Treasurer, BC), Keith Buckby, Derek Krajewski (DK), Jeffrey Roy, Kevin Simons, Bhyll Stephenson (BSt), Heidi Green.

Apologies: Rob Duncan and Ian Atkins

1.	Welcome
	Andy Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 20 April 2023
	Agreed – proposed by Bob Souster, seconded by Bhyll Stephenson
3.	Matters Arising
A	<u>Gamesmanship in football</u> AR said that the Trust’s concerns had been communicated to the Northamptonshire Football Association and the Professional Footballers Association and that the Football Supporters Association was due to discuss the issue at its next network meeting.
B	<u>Request to support football groups in Ukraine</u> AR said he hoped to fix up a Zoom meeting with Stand of Heroes and would circulate details to board members.
C	<u>New Sky TV deal for EFL – from 2024</u> It appears that clubs were given short notice of the proposed deal, which was voted for unanimously on the grounds that the increased payments would help clubs become more sustainable. The Football Supporters Association were blindsided by the announcement and we await a position statement or further information from them.
4	Policies on social media and diversity and inclusion
	The amended policies were discussed and the decision taken to adopt the fully-amended documents at the June board meeting. AR said he felt it important that the Trust adopted both policies under discussion and BSt said he felt it imperative that this be done next month.
5.	NTFC Items
A	<u>Sixfields stand and land update</u> No update since the last meeting as the decision on the Judicial Review into the sale of land at Sixfields was still outstanding. It has already been agreed that once the decision is known, the Trust board will resolve its position on the matter.

B	<p><u>Meeting with Kelvin Thomas/NTEC</u></p> <p>The board will seek a meeting with club chairman Kelvin Thomas and other representatives once the outcome of the Judicial Review is known. The chairman has indicated that he will update supporters of the club's plans for the land once the outcome has been settled.</p>
6.	Treasurer's Report
	<p>BC reported another quiet month. Clifford Towers cashed their cheque for £960.00 for the work on the annual accounts to 31st August 2022. They were reappointed as our Accountants for this year at the AGM and we signed a letter of engagement confirming this. The payment of £800.00 to R B Coach Travel for the Tranmere game has not yet been presented but should go through the Co-op account in May. Roger Averill reported banking £900 in the NatWest Trust Travel account as the coach sold out so the profit will be £100. The balance on the Co-op account at the end of April was £48,865,82. There is an outstanding submission of last year's annual return and accounts to the FCA due to some confusion about who should do this, Clifford Towers or BC. After discussion BC will do this on behalf of the Trust and as we are late BC said he would pay any late penalty personally. BC hopes to be able to devote more time to treasury affairs and to resolve outstanding banking issues with Co-op and NatWest before year end. He will start the process for completion of the accounts for year ending 31st August 2023 earlier and irrespective of the next AGM date.</p>
7.	Cobblers Travel
	<p>No report from Roger Averill, although a coach did run to the final game at Tranmere and made a profit. The board will discuss the viability of running a travel club for the 2023/24 season next month.</p>
8.	Club 500
	No report
9.	Membership
	The Trust's membership stands at 727 – of those, 502 are life members.
10.	Any other business
	<p>DK said he felt that now was the time to get fans involved in a big project on the back of the Trust's plans for establish an Infrastructure Foundation for the football club. He also said that the Trust could maybe donate some funds to making improvements at the stadium and suggested getting a list of potential items together for discussion.</p>
11.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 15 June – by Zoom or in person to be decided.