

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Acting Secretary), Bob Souster (BS), Bob Clarke (BC, Treasurer), Keith Buckby (KB), Derek Krajewski (DK), Kevin Simons (KS)

Apologies: Ian Atkins (IA)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting – 11 January 2024</b>
	Agreed as a correct record – proposed by BS, seconded by DK.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>
	None
<b>4.</b>	<b>NTFC items</b>
<b>A</b>	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>AR reported that according to club chairman Kelvin Thomas, the deal around the stand and land at Sixfields should be signed with West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) during February. The Supporters Trust had still received no reply from WNC, sent on 24 November 2023, to its letter requesting the updated status of the deal. DK suggested that the Trust go public again with its questions but the meeting agreed that these had been aired previously and it would serve little purpose to air them again now. The board agreed for JM to chase a formal complaint with WNC Monitoring Officer Catherine Whitehead about council leader Jonathan Nunn’s conduct. Some discussion was given over to Northamptonshire County Cricket Club’s plans to build a second ground at Moulton.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><u>Matchday hospitality for Ukrainian families living in the Northampton area</u></p> <p>The event, at the Shrewsbury game on 27 January, was a great success – the Ukrainian children enjoyed the experience and the Trust received a lovely letter from Natalya Sabolik expressing her thanks for our kind hospitality. A big thank you to Bob Clarke and Corran Close Ltd for sponsoring the event, also to Bhyll and Lynn Stephenson for hosting the day on behalf of the Supporters Trust.</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><u>Travel for disabled supporters to a future away game</u></p> <p>IA has kindly agreed that money raised from club training kit from the late 1990s go towards funding travel - for disabled supporters connected to the club’s Community Trust - to the away game at Wycombe Wanderers on 16 March. Bhyll Stephenson, who travels on the Cobblers Travel/Earls Barton coaches, will be taking this up with Russell Lewis at the Community Trust.</p>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p>BC reported that owing to IT issues from November, there was no written report for the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January, so this is a catch-up report of that meeting and a report for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>BC has paid NTFC hospitality £822.00 on 18<sup>th</sup> December for 14 people, mostly children from the Ukrainian refugee group, to attend the game on 27<sup>th</sup> January vs Shrewsbury.</p> <p>BC has two invoices from Country Lion £200.00 paid for the abandoned trip to Oxford on 20<sup>th</sup> January and £842.00 not yet paid and not yet due for trip to Portsmouth on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Roger Averill has provided a breakdown of income and expenditure for Portsmouth game which shows a small profit of £68.00.</p> <p>There is one cheque cashed in January to AR for £550.78 covering AGM printing, postage, renewals and Zoom calls. There is further cheque written 2<sup>nd</sup> February to AR not yet cashed for £66.00 for AGM printing which is VAT.</p> <p>The balance on the Co-op account 26<sup>th</sup> January is £47,347.19.</p> <p>AR added that the intransigence of the former Treasurer, and Nat West's failure to act on a banking instruction, had made it difficult getting together Travel Club account information from the Nat West in time for the preparation of the annual accounts due to be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting on 22 February.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Cobblers Travel and Earls Barton Cobblers</b>
	<p>The Trust is running coaches to away games at Peterborough, Cambridge and Wycombe in March. The postponement of the Oxford coach on 20 January resulted in a loss of £200 but the executive coach trip to Portsmouth was in profit.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Club 500</b>
	<p>No update</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	<p>Trust membership stands, as of 1 February, stood at 680 – this is down on last year, largely due to new members joining as part of the Not My Trust movement lapsing their membership at the start of the year.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting 2023</b>
	<p>The 2023 Annual General Meeting has been set for 22 February 2024 at the Obelisk Centre in Northampton, 7.30pm. There had been no member applications to join the Trust board. Going forward, we would actively welcome applications from young members, female members and those representing special interest groups to ensure greater diversity on the board.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Infrastructure Foundation</b>
	<p>The Football Supporters Association has offered to assist around engagement with members, followed by the wider fanbase, on the question of infrastructure improvements at NTFC and how these could be best achieved. This would present an opportunity, five years after the Park Inn public meeting, to also discuss an Infrastructure Foundation.</p>

	<p>The board was keen to re-visit the concept of a New Hotel End project as part of this discussion.</p> <p>A headline document about infrastructure at Sixfields was sent to members with the AGM mail out.</p> <p>BS suggested that the board look to co-opt members with particular expertise around infrastructure projects in the months ahead.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	Thursday 7 March, 7.30pm via Zoom