

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Secretary), Bob Souster (BS), Bob Clarke (BC), Derek Krajewski (DK), Keith Buckby (KB), Kevin Simons (KS), Andy Cooper (AC) and Michael Walker (MW)

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| 1. | Welcome |
| | AR welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 2. | Minutes of meetings – 22 April |
| | Agreed as a correct record, proposed by BS and seconded by MW. |
| 3. | Matters arising |
| | None |
| 4. | NTFC items |
| A | <p><u>Football Governance Bill campaign</u></p> <p>JM updated the meeting, saying that the draft legislation was now being scrutinised by MPs on the Football Governance Bill select committee.</p> <p>The campaign seeks primacy in the legislation for Supporters Trusts and other supporter groups which are underpinned by democratic principles.</p> <p>The Trust has led on preparing a submission to the committee and has the support of 21 other Supporters Trusts at all levels of the English game.</p> <p>The Trust is also presenting a motion to the Football Supporters Association AGM on 14 June, seconded by the Blues Trust (Birmingham City), requesting the FSA to adopt our campaign stance as their official position.</p> <p>JM will be attending the AGM in Manchester to speak in support of our motion.</p> <p>Fair Game has added its support to our campaign and a joint media release will be issued shortly.</p> |
| B | <p><u>Formal complaint by NTFC</u></p> <p>The complaint made by NTFC – against a board member of the Supporters Trust – was discussed with the new board members and the complaint was dismissed by the board at its January meeting.</p> <p>NTFC took the complaint to the FSA who have written to the Trust to request we review our governance processes and policies in light of the complaint.</p> <p>All members of the board were disappointed at the process followed by the FSA as the full detail of the club's complaint – presumably against the Trust itself – had never been detailed and the Trust was not afforded the opportunity to make any representations at step two of the process.</p> <p>MW suggested we write a professional letter to the FSA outlining our concerns and AC agreed to draft this.</p> |

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| C | <p><u>East stand and land update</u></p> <p>No planning application in respect of the land at Sixfields, in particular the land immediately behind the East Stand at NTFC, has yet been made to West Northamptonshire Council. It was agreed that the Trust would comment further once we were able to see the full detail of the proposals.</p> <p>The council is presently updating its Local Plan and MW suggested that planning considerations may now be in a state of flux and that there may be 'new use' to consider beyond the industrial development stipulation of the Enterprise Zone of which the land at Sixfields forms a part. MW added that he was prepared to write to GRS and request clarification of the amount of land which would be left to NTFC for future development.</p> <p>BC stressed that the board should maintain its long-held position that the old ASV land should be retained for the benefit of the club, enabling future club expansion.</p> |
| 5. | Treasurer's Report |
| | <p>Co-op Account Charity And Community Bank account, one payment of £575.00 to Country Lion for the Cambridge away game. The balance 11th April is £40,061.04. We have written two cheques in May, one for Crawley coach £655.00 and one for AR £31.18 Zoom calls.</p> <p>NatWest Northampton Town Trust Travel Club account balance increased to £17,379.95 from £16,803.05 on 31st March, with payments in for the Crawley trip of £576.90.</p> <p>NatWest Club 500 (still showing as Club 250) current account, balance 31st March is £26,247.69, increased to £26,637.69. We paid in £690 and paid out £300.00 in prize money. Signatories on this account have now been changed.</p> |
| 6. | Membership Report |
| | The Trust's membership software, which is with Membermojo, is due for renewal. |
| 7. | Cobblers Travel |
| | The fixture release date is 26 June and the board will finalise arrangements for Cobblers Travel and the 2025/26 season during the summer. Travel club organiser RA will join the discussion |
| 8. | Any other business |
| | <p>MW said that the club's Community Trust was making admirable progress and felt that the Supporters Trust should support them, maybe by considering bursaries or funding of specific projects. He asked for this to be placed on the agenda at the next meeting</p> <p>AR added that in light of the recent change of administration at West Northamptonshire Council, it may be an opportune time to re-visit the opportunity of co-opting a councillor representative onto the Trust board.</p> |
| 10. | Date of next meeting – to be discussed and finalised |