

Board meeting on 13 November 2025
 (via Zoom)

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

Apologies: Ian Atkins (IA)

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meetings – 9 October
	Agreed as a correct record, proposed by BC and seconded by DK.
3.	Matters arising
	None
4.	NTFC items
A	<u>Football Governance Bill</u> JM said that the Trust will look to feedback on IFR consultation around fan engagement principles in its own right before the 8 December deadline. Other Trusts that are affiliated with Trusts First are being encouraged to do the same.
B	<u>East stand and land update</u> No response still to the questions asked by the Trust of the club, in particular to concerns around matchday car parking at Sixfields next season. The Trust's non-statutory consultee submission made on 21 October has still not appeared on the planning portal and this will be followed up with WNC planners and our liaison representative Councillor John East.
C	<u>Support for the NTFC Academy</u> Ant Collett replied to our message about potential financial support for NTFC Academy saying that changes were taking place within the Academy's management structure and that he would await the appointment of new personnel before raising this and reporting back.
6.	Constitution review
	KS suggested that this was desirable but should be the subject matter of a standalone meeting in the near future. .
7.	Trusts First
	JM said that he expected there to be an evolution of this group within the next few months, with complete focus on the role of Supporters Trusts within the realm of football reform.

8.	Infrastructure Foundation vision
	The Infrastructure Foundation vision document has had oversight by the board and AR and DK are in the process of finalising the document, with a clear focus on sustainability given football finances and the intense pressure being brought to bear on clubs at all levels of the game, be they privately or community owned.
9.	1975/6 Cobblers team honorary membership
	A date and venue is being scoped out for early next year for a reception to honour the class of 1975/6 who won promotion under the late Bill Dodgin. AR looking to track down John Farrington, John Gregory and Alan Starling of the regulars who played in that team.
10.	Meeting of East Midlands Trusts at Grantham FC
	AR and DK attended the East Midlands regional meeting last month to hear interesting presentations from several clubs, also gaining valuable insight from guest speakers Kevin Rye (Think Fan Engagement) and Dan Crawford (Fulham ST, Trusts First).
11.	Football Supporters Association affiliate membership
	The decision was taken, by a vote of 3-2, to resign our affiliate membership of the Football Supporters' Association, suspended until 2 January 2026.
11.	Treasurer's Report
	BC reported that Co-op Charity and Community Bank Account saw two payments – to Country Lion, £840 for Port Vale coach, and £33.58 to Andy Roberts for Zoom costs for September and October meetings. The balance at 27 October stood at £38,390.32. NatWest Northampton Town Trust Travel Club account saw two payments in by Roger Averill for the Port Vale game, £331.32 by SumUp and £336.00 bank transfer. Balance at 7 October was £18,047.27. NatWest Club 500 (still showing as Club 250) account saw payments in of £685, payments out £400, balance at 30 October of £28,261.14.
11.	Membership Report
	No update.
12.	Travel Club Report
	The next away travel is the match at Peterborough on 13 December and Roger Averill is also thinking of running a coach to the game at Blackpool in January.
13.	Any other business
	JM suggested that the Trust sends a follow up letter to James Whiting at NTFC in respect of recent changes in the club's shareholding to which the Trust, as shareholders, is entitled to information.
14.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 15 January