

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

Visitors: Dave Field

Apologies: Stefan Krywawych, Ian Atkins

1.	Welcome
	Andy Roberts (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular guest Dave Field.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 16 June 2022
	<p>Agreed – proposed Bob Clarke, seconded Bob Souster</p> <p>Two special meetings were held during July and August to discuss a bid for the ACV land at Sixfields.</p> <p>For the record, board members Simon Miller and Dave Rawlings announced their resignations before the third meeting which was held on 25 August.</p>
3.	Matters Arising
A	<p><u>Stand & Land and ACV position</u></p> <p>AR reported that the Trust had submitted for a £3 million bid for 22 acres of land around Sixfields Stadium, including the 3.61 acres parcel of land covered by the ACV directly behind the East Stand at Sixfields (the old athletics track land).</p> <p>This bid was now with West Northamptonshire Council pending a decision. The Supporters Trust is bound by commercial confidentiality in respect of the bid but this will be lifted, and a plan announced, should the bid be successful.</p> <p>The council however is subject to a judicial review of its process, brought by Cillarda, in awarding a land deal to County Developments Northampton Ltd (CDNL). It is not known how long this judicial review will take.</p> <p>This is a second bid, following a joint venture partnership agreement with local company Goodwill Solutions which was later withdrawn.</p> <p>Discussion took place between the board and visitor around aspects of the bid going forward.</p>
B	<p><u>30th Anniversary of the Trust and NTFC 125 years</u></p> <p>AR updated the board about the anniversary programme, designed to celebrate 30 years of the original Supporters Trust with a package of offers to loyal Trust members.</p> <p>NTFC 125 dinner – AR conveyed thanks to BC for Corran Close Ltd’s kind sponsorship of a table at the club’s anniversary dinner at the County Ground. A very enjoyable evening.</p> <p>Brew 92 celebration ale – the special Phipps ale proved very popular and literally went down very well. Unfortunately the brewery does not have capacity for a Christmas run.</p> <p>1970s NTFC players reunion – a super evening, kindly hosted by St Crispin Social Club and sponsored by Silverstar Travel. The Supporters Trust hosted the evening and welcomed back plenty of famous faces from the 1970s for an informal evening of storytelling!</p>

	<p>1998 Bristol Rovers stadium art print commission – copies of a print commemorating Ian Clarkson’s goal in 1998 play-off victory over Bristol Rovers at Sixfields will shortly be available for sale. Discount available to Trust members.</p> <p>The print, signed by the goalscorer and Cobblers manager Ian Atkins – will be on sale shortly.</p> <p>No Finer Town! – a book chronicling the Cobblers 125-year history, by Andy Roberts, will be published in November. Discount available to Trust members.</p> <p>Anniversary celebration raffle – this will be held in the New Year and will be free to enter for Trust and Club 500 members.</p>
4	Treasurer’s Report
	<p>BC now has a full set of bank statements for the year end, 31 August 2022. He asked whether KB would be an additional signatory on the main account, alongside BC and AR. KB agreed.</p> <p>Cheques written in July and August were for Phipps Brewery £682.80, Membermojo £110.62, Zoom payments £28.78 and £20.00 for the renewal of the WNC Lottery Licence. A final cheque for the financial year for £750.00 was sent to stadium artist Paul Town Stadium Portraits for the original Sixfields 1998 painting.</p> <p>There is a payment due to Country Lion of £580.00 for the coach to Swindon. There was a car park charge of £20. Income was £280 so there was a loss of £320 on the trip.</p> <p>There was a profit on the sale of Phipps beer of £52.20 and a profit on the 30th Anniversary Reunion of seventy’s players of £190.</p> <p>The balance in the Co-op account as of 28 September was £51,078.91.</p> <p>Co-op directed BC to Clover, formerly First Data, their merchant for payment terminals. The board agreed to fund one terminal to enable card payments.</p> <p>Clover cost negotiated is £19 per terminal per month + VAT with a charge per transaction of 0.32% on debit cards and 0.8% on credit cards. There are no PCI charges.</p> <p>BC also updated that there had been progress on reconciling the Travel Club account but there was still work to do. The balance on this account was £11,917 in April. BC will speak to Roger Averill in terms of also reconciling the Club 500 account.</p> <p>BC will check if the Supporters Trust remains FCA compliant and if not will sort it out with Clifford Towers, the Trust’s accountants and auditors.</p>
5.	Cobblers Travel
	<p>It was reported, as above, that the Travel Club had made a significant loss on its first seasonal outing to the match at Swindon Town.</p> <p>However, the board agreed to support Roger Averill and the club in organising a Christmas shopping themed trip to Harrogate Town in December and another away fixture later in the season.</p> <p>At the end of the season a view will be taken as to whether or not it is worthwhile continuing the Trust Travel Club.</p>
6.	Membership Report
	<p>AR reported that Trust membership is at 715 members as of 30 September. AR and KB have been working to update and streamline membership processes using Membermojo and PayPal. The board formally updated new membership payments of £10 (annual) and £50 (corporate annual). These will come into effect on 1 January 2023 and will replace the existing membership rates. Renewals are also timed at 1 January, so this will be timely.</p>
7.	Club 500
	No update

8.	Correspondence
	None
9.	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates were circulated in respect of the 2022 AGM, which will be held either late January or February 2023. • The board discussed the liaison arrangements with West Northamptonshire Council. Opinion was divided as to whether this had proved worthwhile, in light of recent developments with the land bid, but it was agreed to review the arrangement once more once the land issue has been settled. • The board agreed to present plans for an Infrastructure Fund/Foundation for release in the near future, irrespective of the land bid outcome.
10	Date of Next Meeting
	9 November 2022, via Zoom, at 7.30pm