

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Acting Secretary), Bob Souster (BS), Bob Clarke (BC, Treasurer), Keith Buckby (KB), Kevin Simons (KS), Bhyll Stephenson (BSt), Rob Duncan (RD), Derek Krajewski (DK), Heidi Green (HG), Jeffrey Roy (JR)

1.	Welcome
	Andy Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 13 June 2023
	Agreed – proposed by Bob Clarke, seconded by Bob Souster
3.	Matters Arising
	<p><u>Special board meeting</u></p> <p>A special meeting of the Trust board was held at the Obelisk Centre in Northampton on Saturday 8 July to discuss actions following the outcome of the Judicial Review. In attendance were AR, BC, KB, KS, BSt, DK, HG and JM (Acting Secretary). Proposals to put to the club were advanced by KS and KB and it was agreed that a letter be sent on behalf of the new board, requesting a meeting with NTFC to discuss these proposals.</p> <p>New Trust directors present were shown stock transfer forms proving the 100 per cent sale of NTFC’s holding company, Northampton Town Ventures Ltd, to the Chinese company 5U Sports in September 2017.</p> <p>NTFC responded to the Trust’s letter on Monday 24 July, saying they wished to decline a meeting with the new board.</p>
4	Policies on social media and diversity and inclusion
	The amended documents were due to signed off by a board decision following the June monthly board meeting and displayed on the governance section of the Trust website accordingly.
5.	NTFC Items
A	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>The Judicial Review decision was announced at the beginning of July, the judgement finding in favour of West Northamptonshire Council and the validity of their decision making process in agreeing to sell land around Sixfields Stadium to Northampton Town Football Club/County Developments Northampton Ltd.</p> <p>Board members were asked their preference in respect how the Trust should now respond, given the outcome of the Judicial Review and the football club’s decision not to engage with the Trust.</p> <p>AR and KS held a meeting with the Football Supporters Association, who strongly recommended a programme which engaged with members and the wider fanbase to establish</p>

	<p>a way forward.</p> <p>Board members were asked whether the Trust should adopt a ‘wait and see’ approach, whether it should continue to be proactive around its aspirations for the development of the land behind the East Stand at Sixfields or whether it now seek to re-engage with supporters.</p> <p>Wait and see approach – BS, KS, HG, BSt, KB</p> <p>Proactive campaign – AR, BCl, DK</p> <p>Fan engagement – RD, JR</p>
6.	Treasurer’s Report
	<p>Roger Averill has published a list of dates for away coach travel joining Trust Travel with Earls Barton Cobblers. His preference is to contract with Country Lion.</p> <p>There has been some small movement on the Co-op account this month. Keith Buckby transferred £482.04 from PayPal and there is a £250.00 paid in by Trasler Limited for “football items”. This was Ian Atkins income from sales of memorabilia clothing.</p> <p>BC sent a cheque for £40 to cover cash received from Andy Roberts for 2 Ian Clarkson prints. Two cheques were written in July, the first £75.00 to Roger Averill to cover the cost of first prize in the prediction quiz for last season.</p> <p>The second to BC a total of £196.18 covering the cost for the second prize of £25.00 paid to Kent Shurville and to Andy Roberts for Member Mojo £140.00 and Zoom calls for two months total £31.18.</p> <p>The balance on the Co-op account 14th July was £48,536.51.</p> <p>BC has written again to Barry Collins requesting he contact NatWest to advise a change of signatories on the NatWest accounts. There has been no reply to date. I have also written to NatWest to see if I can get them to change signatories on my say so.</p>
7.	Cobblers Travel
	<p>Trust Travel will look to run nine coaches during the 2023/24 season – the games are as follows:-</p> <p>Derby County (9 September) – now 31 October</p> <p>Shrewsbury Town (7 October)</p> <p>Stevenage (Boxing Day)</p> <p>Peterborough United (6 January)</p> <p>Oxford United (20 January)</p> <p>Portsmouth (3 February)</p> <p>Cambridge United (9 March)</p> <p>Wycombe Wanderers (16 March)</p> <p>Barnsley (27 April)</p>
8.	Club 500
	No report
9.	Membership
	The Trust’s membership stands at 727 members.
10.	Any other business
	<p>HG enquired about the possibility of supporting the Northampton Town Women’s team in any way and a question was also raised about the Trust sponsoring a player, either in the men’s or women’s team</p> <p>HG also asked if the WhatsApp chat group could be re-instated – this had been withdrawn following concerns emanating from the club’s letter, which suggested information from private</p>

	conversations and board meeting discussions was being leaked to outside parties. The group has been re-instated. Board members were encouraged to take part in the Club 500 draw and annual prediction quiz, both good fundraisers for the Trust.
11.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 7 September – by Zoom.