

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

Apologies: Jeffrey Roy (JR)

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| 1. | Welcome |
| | Andy Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 2. | Minutes of meeting – 3 August 2023 |
| | RD stated that he was listed at being present for the Obelisk Centre special meeting in July and this was not the case. Minutes amended. Agreed – proposed by Bob Clarke, seconded by Bob Souster |
| 3. | Matters arising |
| | There were no matters arising. |
| 4. | NTFC items |
| A | <u>Sixfields stand and land update</u> Members discussed the news that Buckingham – who had an agreement with Northampton Town FC/County Developments Northampton Ltd to complete the East Stand – had gone into administration. JM advised the meeting that this development could potentially seriously impact the stand and land deal provisionally agreed with West Northamptonshire Council. BSt said that it was futile for the Trust to respond in any way to the development and that fans should await further updates from either the club or the council. It is hoped that the club will update supporters at an Open Forum which is being held at Sixfields on 28 September. |
| 5. | Hospitality for Ukrainian families living in the Northampton area |
| | The Trust will be contacting West Northamptonshire Council to offer Ukrainian families – being accommodated in the Northampton area away from the warzone on the council’s programme – hospitality at a game at Sixfields later this season, as guests of the Trust. The idea was raised by board member Kevin Simons and RD has offered to host guests at the game. Further details to follow. |

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| 6. | Treasurer's Report |
| | <p>Roger Averill has published a list of dates for away coach travel joining Trust Travel with Earls Barton Cobblers. He has gone with Country Lion, and I've contacted Neil Cox and asked him to make me the contact for invoicing and payment. I expect to see the first invoice after the Shrewsbury game which is now the first trip, Derby having been postponed. We have a second contact Alice Dunning.</p> <p>There has been one payment of £31.18 to AR for Zoom calls July and August. BC also purchased a "SumUp" card machine and will be reimbursed £40.00 in due course.</p> <p>The balance on the Co-op account end of July and year end 31st August was £48,536.51.</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>Shrewsbury Town (7 October) Derby County (31 October) Stevenage (Boxing Day) Peterborough United (6 January) Oxford United (20 January) Portsmouth (3 February) Cambridge United (9 March) Wycombe Wanderers (16 March) Barnsley (27 April)</p> |
| 8. | Club 500 |
| | No report |
| 9. | Membership |
| | The Trust's membership stands at 726 members. |
| 10. | Any other business |
| | <p>HG requested that a forthcoming meeting be held in person rather than on Zoom. AR said there was a balance to be achieved but that in person meetings often worked better while being mindful of the fact that several board members did not live in the Northampton area and one was actually based overseas.</p> <p>JM told the meeting that members should assume that the land deal between NTFC/CDNL and West Northamptonshire Council, irrespective of the Buckingham development, was likely to go ahead in the near future.</p> <p>That being the case, a warehouse has been earmarked for construction on half of the old athletics track land (former Asset of Community Value land) behind the East Stand, with eight others due to go up on the rest of the land.</p> |
| 11. | Date of next meeting |
| | Thursday 12 October |