

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

Apologies: Ian Atkins (IA)

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 9 November 2023
	Agreed as a correct record – proposed by BSt, seconded by BS.
3.	Matters arising
	Bhyll Stephenson announced that he would be stepping down from the board for personal reasons with immediate effect. Some discussion took place and he confirmed that, as an ordinary member, he would be happy to continue with the community and travel club initiatives he had invested in. The board would formally like to thank Bhyll for participating fully and robustly in board discussions and wish him well.
4.	NTFC items
A	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>AR said little had moved beyond NTFC announcing the appointment of a local firm, GRS, to oversee the East Stand completion at the stadium. As yet there has been no announcement of the stand and land deal being signed off with West Northamptonshire Council. The council also has not as yet responded to the Trust’s letter from 24 November which enquired about the status of the deal. The meeting agreed that a prompt should be sent to council leader Jonathan Nunn.</p> <p><u>Matchday hospitality for Ukrainian families living in the Northampton area</u></p> <p>This will take place at Sixfields for the visit of Shrewsbury Town on 27 January. BSt and his wife have kindly agreed to host the young Ukrainian fans and the board would also like to thank BC for his kind sponsorship of the initiative.</p> <p><u>Travel for disabled supporters to a future away game</u></p> <p>IA has suggested that money raised from club training kit from the late 1990s go towards funding travel - for disabled supporters connected to the club’s Community Trust - to an away game in the New Year. BSt received a favourable response to the suggestion from Russell Lewis at the Community Trust and we hope to get this organised for the game at Wycombe in March.</p>
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5.	Treasurer's Report
	BC reported that he had experienced significant internet issues during the last month and was chasing account updates around the Travel Club. The main account balance stands at £47,897.
6.	Cobblers Travel and Earls Barton Cobblers
	The Trust is running coaches to away games at Oxford United and Portsmouth in the coming weeks. Sales for Oxford, which combines a city centre shopping trip, have been very strong.
7.	Club 500
	No update
8.	Membership
	Trust membership stands at 722
9.	Annual General Meeting 2023
	<p>The 2023 Annual General Meeting has been set for 22 February 2024 at the Obelisk Centre in Northampton, 7.30pm.</p> <p>A number of board vacancies exist and BS said the Trust should actively welcome applications from young members, female members and those representing special interest groups to ensure greater diversity on the board.</p> <p>AR asked for a board member to help form an election committee with JM for the forthcoming AGM – KS said he would be happy assist.</p> <p>AR said that documents for the meeting were in preparation and they would go out to all members, by email or post, at the end of January.</p> <p>He added that after the AGM, the Football Supporters Association has offered to assist around engagement with members, followed by the wider fanbase, on the question of infrastructure improvements at NTFC and how these could be best achieved.</p> <p>This would present an opportunity, five years after the Park Inn public meeting, to also discuss an Infrastructure Foundation.</p>
10.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 8 February, via Zoom