

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), Kevin Simons (KS), Heidi Green (HG)

Apologies: Ian Atkins (IA)

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 12 October 2023
	Agreed as a correct record – proposed by BS, seconded by BSt.
3.	Matters arising
	None
4.	NTFC items
A	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>Beyond an update from club chairman Kelvin Thomas stating that matters were with the lawyers, there is no further news on the proposed East stand and land deal at Sixfields stadium. RD reported that he understood there would be an update on contractors for the stand completion by the end of the year. BSt said it was important to maintain a watching brief, AR suggested that a letter should be sent to West Northamptonshire Council requesting a full update on the stand and land deal as there had been silence since March 2022. KS said it would be timely to send a letter to co-incide with the eighth anniversary of the present ownership – 25 November 2023 – and it was agreed that a letter be sent and circulated to Trust members.</p>
B	<p><u>Matchday hospitality for Ukrainian families living in the Northampton area</u></p> <p>RD said he had met with representatives of the Ukrainian settlement programme in the Northampton area and that they were very enthusiastic about the proposal to host young Ukrainian football fans at Sixfields. The finer detail needed to be worked through, including payment to the club, but it was agreed to work towards the game v Shrewsbury on 27 January.</p>
C	<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. HG had raised the idea with the Community Trust who felt such an initiative should rest with interested travel clubs. BSt said he would contact Russell Lewis to see if he would be interested in any initiative brought forward by Cobblers Travel and Earls Barton Cobblers.</p>

5.	Treasurer's Report
	<p>BC reported there had been one payment of £62.36 to AR for Zoom calls, October, November, December and January, the last 2 months being advance payments.</p> <p>AR has made progress changing signatories on the NatWest accounts. BC has yet to add his name online to get copies of the statements but understands there has been no movement except Trust Travel receipts in cash and via the new SumUp card machine, details to follow.</p> <p>Invoices from Country Lion to be paid this week for first two trips, both of which have been successful. Awaiting the Co-Op statement but should not be significantly different to last month £48,659.33.</p>
6.	Cobblers Travel and Earls Barton Cobblers
	<p>BSt said that the trips to Shrewsbury and Derby had gone well, the latter showing a slight loss – shame about the results! It had been agreed to cancel the proposed trip to Stevenage on Boxing Day as there had been little interest in attending the festive fixture. The next scheduled trip is to Peterborough on 6 January, providing Posh are still not in the FA Cup. For all bookings please ring Roger Averill on 07802 437422.</p>
7.	Club 500
	No update
8.	Membership
	No change to the Trust's membership figures
9.	Governance
	The provisional date for the Supporters Trust's 2023 Annual General Meeting has been set for 22 February 2024 at the Obelisk Centre in Northampton.
10.	Any other business
A	BSt mentioned discussions about a north stand development project, posted on The Hotel End fans forum by 'Tony Mahoney' – those aware of the plans greeted them with some scepticism but the football club is apparently aware of what is planned and by whom. BSt said he would keep tabs on developments.
B	AR said that he and Roger Averill had cleared Trust stock from a south stand lock up at Sixfields as the club now required extra storage space to accommodate greater orders of merchandise.
C	KB stated that he had attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the Walter Tull memorial before the Burton game on behalf of the Trust.
D	A Trust board social will be held before the game with Oxford United at Sixfields on 23 December.
11.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 11 January, via Zoom