

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

Apologies: Ian Atkins (IA)

Guest: Roger Averill (RA)

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 07 March 2024
	Agreed as a correct record via board decision.
3.	Matters arising
	None
4.	NTFC items
A	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>AR reported that the deal around the stand and land at Sixfields was finally signed off on 4 April. RA said he had concerns about the area of land behind the East Stand (the old athletics track land which had been an Asset of Community Value) and suggested the club publicise drawings of the East Stand boundary and state the land acreage applicable to the stand and also to the new development. AR said that the former outline plans for the stadium and land development were no longer accessible on the club’s website and new plans had so far not been published. KB suggested writing a letter to new director Nigel Le Quesne, welcoming him on board at Sixfields and requesting a meeting. Directors agreed to go forward on this basis and hold off on making a public statement for the time being.</p>
B	<p><u>Supporters Trusts and their role in club engagement as part of the Football Governance Bill</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Trust contact other Supporters Trusts in the EPL and EFL to gauge their concerns, if any, in respect of the role of Supporters Trusts within the fan engagement structure being discussed as part of the Football Governance Bill. This follows a meeting with the Football Supporters Association in April, during which board members present felt that the approach from the FSA was not robust enough.</p>

<p>C</p> <p>D</p>	<p><u>Sixfields Stadium and facilities member survey</u></p> <p>AR reported that the survey had gone out to Trust members and the wider Cobblers fanbase and had closed on Wednesday 15 May. A total of 519 Cobblers fans took part in the survey, of which 222 were Trust members. Outcomes will be published as part of an infrastructure debate during the month of June. As a headline, with regard to what should be developed on the club land behind the East Stand, 67 per cent of Trust members opted for a development which would benefit both club and community. 18 per cent chose the retail and car parking option. When looking at the responses from all Cobblers fans, these figures switched to 54 per cent and 21 per cent respectively.</p> <p><u>West Northamptonshire Council meeting</u></p> <p>Following the resignation of the West Northamptonshire Council leader Jonathan Nunn, it was agreed to pause seeking a meeting with the council to discuss infrastructure at Sixfields Stadium where the local authority is the freeholder.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>
	<p>The annual accounts for year ended 30 August 2023 have been completed and signed by AR, JM and BC and have been returned to Clifford Towers for signature, dating and filing with Companies House.</p> <p>AR has made good progress with NatWest for change of signatories finally resolving issues dating back a couple of years. NatWest accepted our complaints and will reimburse us £300.</p> <p>BC has established there are two live accounts where signatories have been changed and for which there are statements.</p> <p>NT Trust Travel account 30 April 2024 balance £14,506.38, up from £12,586.88 in May 2023.</p> <p>Also NTFC Trust Travel CS Business Reserve account 30 April 2024 £81.99, up from £81 the previous year.</p> <p>The NatWest Club 500 had a balance 30 April 2024 of £23,004.89.</p> <p>Movements on the Co-op account March and April include payments to Country Lion of £537 for the Peterborough game on 5 March and £585 for the Wycombe game on 16 March.</p> <p>There were two further payments, £405.17 to AR for various costs including Zoom calls, match tickets for disabled persons travel sponsorship, survey monkey and the gazebo for D J Maty.</p> <p>Clifford Towers were paid £960 for the annual accounts, the same as last year.</p> <p>Income for the Peterborough game was £540 and for the Wycombe game it was £263.50.</p> <p>The balance of the Trust's main account is £45,264.52 as of 24 April.</p> <p>There is one Country Lion invoice outstanding for the Barnsley game on 27 April of £730.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Cobblers Travel and Earls Barton Cobblers</p>
	<p>RA suggested that Cobblers Travel, with Earls Barton Cobblers, look to run a number of executive coaches to selected fixtures in the 2024/25 season. He felt this would differentiate the Trust's offer from the other travel clubs. This was agreed by the board.</p> <p>KS wished to record a big thank you to RA for running the travel coaches during the last couple of seasons and this was echoed by the other board members.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Club 500</p>
	<p>No update</p>

8.	Membership
	AR reported that Trust membership remained unchanged from the previous month.
9.	Any other business
	KS suggested that he was compiling a list of accounts information detail published by way of other clubs, by way of comparison to what is published by NTFC, and asked that other board members engage with the process.
12.	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm, via Zoom