

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB LTD, HELD AT THE RECREATION GROUND, CHESTERFIELD ON THURSDAY 2nd MARCH, 1922

- Present** Mr H Cropper (in the Chair)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr JE Clayton
Mr WH Cook
Mr GH Geeson
Mr H Miles
Mr AE Mitchell
Mr TR Smithson
Mr F Stokes
Mr G Turner
Mr HJ Watson
Mr RL Weston
Mr W Wicks
- In attendance** Mr JJ Caffery (Secretary & Manager)
Mr AR Parsons (Assistant Secretary)
- Minutes** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 1922, and contained on sheets nos. 29 and 30, having been read and confirmed were signed by the Chairman.
- Woodlands** Reported that no reply had been received from Notts county regarding the transfer of Woodlands.
- Players' committee** A vote of confidence in the Players' Committee was proposed and carried unanimously.
- Loan of Ground** Applications for the loan of the ground by the undermentioned clubs etc were not entertained: J Kitchen, Hasland League; Chesterfield Corinthians; Sports League.
- Travelling arrangements:**
Resolved that the following be the arrangements for travelling to Stockport and Wigan:
STOCKPORT:
Depart Midland 10.0am. Arrive Stockport 11.41.
Depart Stockport 7.8pm. Arrive C'field 9.24.
WIGAN:
Depart 9.2am. Arrive Wigan 12.46
Depart Wigan 6.22pm. Arrive C'field 9.0pm

- Sheffield United** The Manager reported that he had arranged a match at Sheffield on March 25th next between Chesterfield 1st team and Sheffield United Reserves. Guarantee £25, with half nett gate over £50.
- Ashington** The Manager reported that the kick-off with Ashington on March 22nd had been fixed at 5pm subject to the sanction of the League.
- Finance Committee** The Chairman (Mr Watson) reported the gate receipts and programme sales for the week ended 25th February together with the bank position on

the 2nd instant. The financial statement up to and including 28th February 1922 was also submitted to the meeting and duly approved.

Fisher Resolved that the Players' Committee be empowered to negotiate, and complete, the transfer of Fisher to any club for any sum between £1,000 and £1,500.

Ground Committee

Resolved that the portion between the fencing and the back of the urinal at the Compton St. end be boarded off by the Groundsman.

The question of renovating the playing pitch be left to the Ground Committee.

Players' Committee

The Chairman reported the following items arranged by the Players' Committee:

Bailey, centre-forward of Kilmarnock, to have 14 days' trial towards the end of March.

Russell of Whittington Moor and Bertram of Newbold Sports had signed Form "M" for the club.

Cook JA of Clay Cross - it had been decided not to retain this player at the expiration of his period of trial.

Second Team It was reported that notice to cease our membership of the Central Alliance had been sent, and it was resolved that an application at once be submitted for membership of the Midland League.

Meeting of Third Division

Mr Cropper reported the following salient points discussed at the Third Division meeting held at Manchester on the 24th February 1922:
The Third Division was to continue.

The question of wages is purely a matter between the directors of each club and its players. The assistance of the Management Committee to be sought in all cases of dispute with unsatisfied players.

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The bonus to be paid to Third Division players not to exceed £1 for a win and 10/- for a draw.

Insurance of players - the Chesterfield club to submit to the League concrete cases of the duplication of payments for insurance.

Advertising Resolved that the Manager ascertain from the Billposting Co. the stations upon which our matches are advertised.

The Manager to include two weeks' matches in the advertisement in the Derbyshire Times.

One bill to advertise the following series of matches to be printed:
Shirebrook and Ashington; Easter matches.

Arrangements to be made for a slide to be shown at cinemas in the following towns:
Chesterfield (all picture houses,) Bolsover, Staveley, Clay Cross, Grassmoor and Whittington Moor.

Hoarding

Mr Weston submitted an estimate from Messrs. Collis & Son for a new hoarding to be erected at the right-hand side of the present turnstile boxes in Salter Gate amounting to £50, and the same was duly approved.

Resolved that Messrs. Cook and Weston approach Messrs. White's (Furniture) Ltd regarding the letting of the same, and they be empowered to make an agreement with Messrs. White's, or failing them, any other firm, for an annual rental of not less than £15.

Messrs. Collis & Sons to be instructed to proceed immediately with the erection of the first hoarding.

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Chairman

9th March 1922

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB LTD, HELD AT THE RECREATION GROUND, CHESTERFIELD ON THURSDAY 9th MARCH, 1922

Present

Mr H Cropper (in the Chair)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr JE Clayton
Mr WH Cook
Mr GH Geeson
Mr H Miles
Mr AE Mitchell
Mr TR Smithson
Mr F Stokes
Mr G Turner
Mr HJ Watson
Mr RL Weston
Mr T White
Mr W Wicks

In attendance

Mr JJ Caffery (Secretary & Manager)
Mr AR Parsons (Assistant Secretary)

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd instant and contained on sheets nos. 37 to 39 both inclusive, having been read and confirmed were signed by the Chairman.

Urinal

Reported that the rear portion of the urinal at Cobden Street (sic) end had been closed off.

Bailey of Kilmarnock

Reported that Bailey of Kilmarnock will come to Chesterfield next week for a trial.

Posting stations

A letter was read from the Derbyshire Billposting Stations (sic) stating that a list of stations on which our bills are posted cannot be issued.

Derbyshire Cricket Club

Reported that the DFA would not sanction the playing of a match with Derby County in aid of the ~~Chesterfield~~ Derbyshire Cricket Club.

Finance Committee

Mr Watson reported the proceedings of the Finance Committee, and their actions and recommendations were duly approved.

Advertising

Reported that Mr Cherry had agreed to exhibit a slide at each performance giving details of the following match to be played on the Recreation Ground, and it was resolved that the best thanks of the Board be conveyed to Mr Cherry for this action.

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Reported that it had been agreed between Grassmoor and Chesterfield to pay £2.10.0 each to Cresswell from the gate receipts of the match to be played on the 11th instant, as compensation for the cancellation of their match with Grassmoor.

Houghton Main

The following offer has been made to the Houghton Main club for the transfer of Sykes to Chesterfield:
Sykes to have 1 month's trial at £2 per week. If retained, Houghton Main to be paid £5 and Sykes a signing-on fee of £10.
Houghton Main replied stating that they wanted £25 down before the player had his trial, but this was not agreed to.

Irvine

An application from Irvine for additional remuneration owing to his being off work through his accident was not entertained.

Woodlands

Reported that Woodlands of Notts County had been offered to the club for £100 transfer fee, Notts County also being anxious to obtain the transfer of J Cooper.
Mr Weston and the Manager reported the result of their interview with Woodlands and Notts County and stated that the player would appear before the Players' Committee on Tuesday night next at 6.45pm.

Directors for away matches

Directors to accompany the teams to the following places:
Stockport: Messrs. Atrill, Wicks, Smithson or Cropper.
Wigan: Messrs. Clayton, Geeson and Mitchell.

Manager

Resolved that a full-time Manager be appointed for next season, and the following sub-committee meet next Thursday night at 6pm to take all steps deemed necessary for the appointment of the same.

Trust deed

Copies of Extracts from the Trust Deeds were issued to all directors for their information.

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Chairman
16th March 1922

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB LTD, HELD AT THE RECREATION GROUND, CHESTERFIELD ON THURSDAY 16th MARCH, 1922

- Present** Mr H Cropper (in the Chair)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr JE Clayton
Mr WH Cook
Mr GH Geeson
Mr H Miles
Mr AE Mitchell
Mr TR Smithson
Mr F Stokes
Mr G Turner
Mr HJ Watson
Mr RL Weston
Mr T White
- In attendance** Mr JJ Caffery (Secretary & Manager)
Mr AR Parsons (Assistant Secretary)
- Minutes** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th instant, and contained on sheets nos. 43 and 44, having been read and confirmed were signed by the Chairman.
- Salvation Army** A letter was read from the Salvation Army stating that a collection would be taken on the Ground on Saturday, March 18th, in aid of their self-denial fund.
- Clarion Public Services Co. Ltd.**
A communication was read from the Clarion Public Services Co. asking for permission to print our club fixtures for advertising purposes. They agreeing to supply Chesterfield Football club with 300 fixtures free of charge. Resolved that the necessary permission be granted.
- National Inst. for Blind**
Reported that the National Institute for the Blind had asked for permission to make a collection on the ground on Easter Monday, 17th April 1922, in aid of their funds. Resolved that their request be granted.
- Chamber of Trade**
An application was received from the Chamber of Trade asking for the loan of the Ground on March 29th for their match with the Borough Police. Resolved that the Manager endeavour to arrange for the match to take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5th April, 1922.

- Hospital Cup semi final**
Reported that the semi final of the Hospital Cup would be played on the Recreation Ground on Monday 27th March 1922, kick-off 6-0pm.
- DFA Cup semi final**
Reported that the replayed tie Clay Cross v South Normanton in the DFA Cup would take place on the Recreation Ground, Chesterfield, on Monday 20th March 1922, kick-off 5pm.
- Finance Committee**

The Chairman (Mr Watson) reported the gate receipts for the week ended 11th March 1922, together with the bank balance on 16th March 1922.

Land Tax

Resolved that the common seal of the company be affixed to the document authorising Mr Parsons to arrange for the redemption of the Land Tax on the Recreation Ground.

Players' Committee

The following items were reported by the Chairman (Mr Cropper)
Woodlands of Notts County would not come to Chesterfield. Negotiations had been reopened with Houghton Main re Sykes.

Broadhead ex-Scunthorpe inside-right or centre-forward, had been signed on for one month's trial. Terms: 30/- per week plus 20/- per week when playing in 1st team.

A committee composed of Messrs. Cropper, Smithson and the Manager had met the directors of Burnley FC and completed the transfer of J Fisher for a fee of £1,000. £100 to be paid to Fisher subject to the sanction of the League Management Committee.

Messrs Atrill and Weston had completed negotiations with Everton FC for the transfer of Leddy and Garrett to Chesterfield on the following terms:
Total transfer fee £1,000 to be paid as under: £250 this month, £375 on November 30th 1922 and £375 twelve months from now.
Wages payable: Leddy £9 per week. Garrett £6 for the remainder of this season and £7 per week next season.

Resolved that the best thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Everton club for the manner in which they have carried out this transfer.
Resolved that the Manager arrange for Johns to sign professional at a maximum wage of £2 per week plus £1 extra when playing in 1st team.

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Manager

The following recommendations of the Special Sub-committee appointed to consider the appointment of a full-time manager were approved and duly adopted:

- 1 That Mr JJ Caffrey be appointed full-time manager of the club.
- 2 That the salary be £50 (three hundred and fifty) per annum, plus the usual disbursements and expenses.
- 3 That the engagement be the usual 12-monthly engagement commencing May 7th to May 6th, subject to three months' notice in any year to expire on May 7th.
- 4 Subject to the recommendations being approved, a sub-committee be appointed to meet the Town Clerk, Mr Rothwell, to discuss the severing of Mr Caffrey's connection with the Town Council.

Financial Secretary

Resolved that in future the designation of Mr Parsons be Financial Secretary, and that his name and description appear on all billheads etc of the company.

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Chairman
23rd March 1922

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB LTD, HELD AT THE RECREATION GROUND, CHESTERFIELD ON THURSDAY 23rd MARCH, 1922

Present	Mr AE Mitchell (in the Chair) Mr WH Atrill Mr GH Geeson Mr H Miles Mr TR Smithson Mr F Stokes Mr G Turner Mr RL Weston Mr T White Mr W Wicks
In attendance	Mr JJ Caffery (Secretary & Manager) Mr AR Parsons (Financial Secretary)
Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th instant, and contained on sheets nos. 47 to 49, both inclusive, having been read and confirmed were signed by the Chairman.
Saxby	A letter from Saxby was read regarding his refusal to take the penalty on Wednesday last, and his explanation was accepted as satisfactory.
Report re. Heanor	Mr Cox submitted his report regarding the match with Heanor Town on the 18th instant.
R Cook	The Manager reported that he had granted leave of absence to R. Cook owing to the death of his father. Resolved that the Manager's action be confirmed.
Complaint re. urinal	A letter was submitted from the Sanitary Inspector calling on the company to abate the nuisance caused by the urinal at the Cross Street end. Resolved that the Manager interview the Inspector and obtain his advice on the matter.
Chamber of Trade	Reported that the Chamber of Trade had agreed to fix their match with the Police on April 5th at 2.30pm.
Matches on Recreation Ground	Resolved that the Manager arrange for the following matches to be played on the Recreation Ground, and report to the Board on completion of arrangements: C'field v Staveley, semi final Hospital Cup. C'field v Corinthians, friendly. C'field v Hardwick, do.

Byron Cup	Resolved that the final of the DFA Byron Cup be allowed to be played on the Recreation Ground on Monday April 24th for the rental of £7.7.0
Everton	An agreement for the transfer of Leddy and Garrett was received from the Everton Football Club and approved, and it was resolved that the same be

signed and the necessary bills of exchange be prepared and signed in the same way as cheques of the company.

Ashington compensation

Resolved that the question of compensation due from Ashington be left in the hands of the Manager and Financial Secretary.

Finance committee

The Chairman submitted the report of the finance Committee and the same was duly adopted.

Hoarding

A letter was read from White's (Furniture) Ltd regarding the hoarding not being completed to contract time. Resolved that the Financial Secretary write Messrs. White's stating that their agreement will be amended to commence from the date that the hoarding is actually ready, which latter date is expected to be 1st April next.

Mr Weston reported that Messrs. Collis are arranging for four turnstile boxes in the new hoarding, and this arrangement was agreed to. One of the turnstiles to be used as an entrance for the Directors and officials - no turnstile being fixed in the box.

Press boxes

Resolved that the press boxes be creosoted.

Directors for Sheffield

Resolved that the following Directors accompany the team to Sheffield on Saturday next: Messrs. Miles and Weston.

Special Board meeting

Resolved that the following questions be discussed at the next meeting of the board, and the Secretary notify all absent members regarding the same:

Future policy of the club

Membership of N Section of the Central Alliance or Midland League.

Appointment of committee to complete the engagement of players etc for the ensuing season.

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Chairman

30th March 1922

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB LTD, HELD AT THE RECREATION GROUND, CHESTERFIELD ON THURSDAY THE 30th MARCH, 1922

Present

Mr H Cropper (in the Chair)

Mr WH Atrill

Mr JE Clayton

Mr WH Cook

Mr GH Geeson

Mr H Miles

Mr AE Mitchell

Mr TR Smithson

Mr F Stokes

Mr G Turner

Mr HJ Watson

Mr RL Weston

Mr T White

In attendance	Mr JJ Caffery (Secretary & Manager) Mr AR Parsons (Financial Secretary)
Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd instant, and contained on sheets nos.53 and 54, having been read and confirmed were signed by the Chairman.
Urinal	Resolved that Messrs. Atrill and Cook arrange for the necessary alterations to be made to the urinal at Cross St. End, to meet with the Sanitary Inspector's requirements.
Bands	A letter was read from the Chief Constable agreeing to bands playing through the streets on the way to the Recreation Ground, and it was resolved that the Manager arrange for the bands to start from the bottom of Gluman Gate.
Posters	The Manager reported that he had arranged for the posters regarding the Easter matches to be printed as follows, and his action was duly approved: 1 bill for the three Central Alliance matches 1 bill for the two Third Division matches The Manager was also arranging for the bills to be posted side by side.
Finance Committee	The Chairman (Mr Watson) reported the proceedings of the finance Committee and submitted the financial statement, and the same were duly adopted.

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Advertising	The Chairman (Mr Turner) gave a rough outline of the advertising programme for next season, and stated that the Bolsover Cinema's offer to exhibit a slide has not been accepted.
Hoarding	Resolved that Messrs. Turner and Weston interview Messrs. White's (Furniture) Ltd regarding internal advertisements on the hoarding being erected on the ground.

Players' Committee

Reported that Sykes of Houghton Main had been signed on for the remainder of this season, with the option of renewal next season, at the following terms:
Wages £2 a week plus £1 when playing in first team matches. £25 to be paid to Houghton Main at the commencement of his trial and if Sykes is retained by Chesterfield a further £25 to be paid, and also £100 to be paid if Sykes transferred to any other club for a transfer fee.

A letter had been received from Manchester United offering to transfer Goodwin to the club in exchange for Williams, but the offer was refused.

It was reported that arrangements were being made to travel to Tranmere on the Thursday preceding the match, and to return from Liverpool on the Saturday morning for the match with Halifax.

Walsall	The following are the travelling arrangements for Walsall on Saturday 1st April 1922: Leave C'field Midland 9.54, arrive Birmingham 11.59. Lunch: Exchange, Birmingham. Leave Birmingham 1.15, arrive Walsall 2pm. Leave Walsall 6pm, arrive Chesterfield 8.52.
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Policy of club for next season

The Board reaffirmed its decision to enter the second team in the Midland League next season.

Resolved that the agreements with the players be re-drafted by the following: Messrs. Mitchell, Weston and the Financial Secretary.

Resolved that the following advertisement be inserted in the Athletic News for Saturday next:

CHESTERFIELD FC THIRD DIVISION NORTHERN SECTION

Applications are invited for the position of FULL-TIME MANAGER. Financial Secretary provided. Applications stating qualifications, experience and salary required to be sent to Alderman H Cropper, Hasland, Chesterfield on or before Thursday 6th April 1922.

The following committee was appointed by ballot to negotiate with and sign players for the ensuing season: Messrs. Cropper, Mitchell, Smithson, Stokes and Weston.

(End of meeting minutes - next meeting minutes suggest the meeting ended here.)