

Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at The Recreation Ground, Chesterfield on Thursday 4th June 1931, at 7.45pm.

Present Mr H Shentall (Chairman)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr. E Mitchell
Mr F Stokes
Mr E Shentall
Mr SW Swale
Mr RL Weston

In attendance JE Davison (Secretary-Manager.)

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting held 28th May 1931 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Bank A/c The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be drawn:

JE Davison	Wages & bonus	176.1.0
do.	Petty cash	15.0.0
Broomhead Bros.	Printing	13.1.6
Midland Counties League	Annual subs.	5.5.0
		£209.6.7

And the following cheque drawn since the last meeting was confirmed:

F Middleton	Ground alterations	£77.12.7
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New players It was reported that the following new players had been signed for season 1931-32, and these were approved.

Froggatt F. Froggatt from Notts County FC at a transfer fee of £230 (£40 of which was to be the player's share.) Terms: £4.5.0 in summer, £6.10.0 in playing season, with a signing-on bonus of £10. The player to be allowed to reside in Sheffield, with removal expenses paid from Nottingham, and travelling expenses to and from Sheffield.

Wraith T. Wraith. Terms: £3 per week from 8th August 1931 to 7th May 1932, with £1 extra per week when playing in First Team, and a signing bonus of £5.

Wright R Wright, from Bournemouth & Boscombe FC, at a transfer fee of £50. Terms: £2.10.0 per week in summer, £5 per week in playing season, with £1 extra per week when in First Team, and a signing bonus of £10.

Hamilton H. Hamilton, from Preston North End FC, at a transfer fee of £250. Terms: £4 per week in summer, £5.10.0 per week in playing season, with £1 extra per week when in First Team, and a signing bonus of £10.

Gascoyne It was now agreed that we offer RH Gascoyne the terms he had last season and which he was offered as per minute of 11/5/31, viz. 15/- per week in playing season only.

Midland Counties League

It was agreed that the club be represented at the Annual Meeting of the Midland Counties League, at Sheffield on 6th June 1931, by Messrs. H Shentall (Chairman) and E Shentall, and the Secretary/Manager. That we support the re-election of Wombwell and Frickley Colliery and the election of Mansfield Town Res. and York City Res.

Linesmen It was agreed to leave the nominations of linesmen for the Midland League to the Manager. (J Dyke & HO Eyre.)

FA Divisional representation

It was agreed to nominate Mr. GE Marlow (Sheffield United FC) as representative for No. 5 Division of the Football Association for 1931-32.

Better bus services on match days

It was decided to approach the Chesterfield Corporation regarding extra bus services for First Team matches at home and it was left to Mr. WH Atrill to interview Mr. R Hoggard, Manager, Transport Department, concerning same.

H Shentall
11/6/31

Minutes of the twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on Monday 8th June 1931, at 8.0pm.

Present Mr. H Shentall (Chairman,) Messrs. WH Atrill, E Mitchell, E Shentall, F Stokes, SW Swale, RA Swale and RL Weston (Directors,) JE Davidson (Secretary) and the following shareholders: A Adams, T Ball, W Ellis, GH Geeson, J Julian, WH Mitchell, JE Salt, PD Stanton, W Silcock, JH Shipley, JH Stephens, WJ Taylor, R Tingay, C Warner, P Warner, W Warner, E Wicks etc.

Notice The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Auditor's Report The Auditor's Report on the Balance Sheet at 2nd May 1931 was read and adopted.

Accounts On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr WH Atrill, the Accounts for the year ended 2nd May 1931 and the Report of the Directors thereon was unanimously adopted.

Directors It was proposed by Mr. Peter Warner, seconded by Mr. A Adams, and agreed unanimously that the retiring Directors, Messrs. SW Swale and RA Swale, be and are hereby re-elected.

Auditor It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. E Mitchell that the retiring Auditor, Mr. RL Marsden, Chartered Accountant, be re-elected at a fee to be fixed by the directors.

Vote of Thanks On the proposition of Mr. Peter Warner, seconded by Mr. JH Stephens, the thanks of the shareholders were tendered to the Directors for their services, and the Chairman suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks.

H Shentall
11/6/31

Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at The Recreation Ground, Chesterfield on Thursday 11th June 1931, at 7.45pm.

Present Mr H Shentall (Chairman)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr. E Mitchell
Mr F Stokes
Mr E Shentall
Mr RA Swale
Mr RL Weston

In attendance JE Davison (Secretary-Manager.)

Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Mr. Harold Shentall was elected Chairman of the Company and WH Atrill was elected Vice-Chairman of the Company on the proposition of Mr. RL Weston, seconded by MR F Stokes.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting of directors, held 4th June 1931, and of the twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Company, held 8th June 1931, were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Bank A/c The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be drawn:

JE Davison	Wages	19.6.5
Derbyshire FA	Annual fees	1.7.6

And the following cheques drawn since the last meeting were confirmed:

F Middleton	Ground alterations	£99.13.0
L Green	Treatment to injured Players (on account)	25.0.0

Donation from Supporters Club

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be written the Supporters Club for their donation of ten pounds (£10) received.

Midland League A report of the business at the Annual Meeting of the Midland Counties League, held in Sheffield on June 6th, 1931, was given by the Chairman, Mr. H Shentall.

New Groundsman The appointment of Frederick Johnson as Groundsman, made by the chairman on 6th June 1931, at a wage of £2.10.0 per week, was approved.

I Turner sick pay It was agreed to pay I Turner (who has been unable to work for three weeks, and been paid full wages for the last two weeks) £1 per week for a month, commencing 13th June 1931.

Derbyshire FA Annual Meeting

It was agreed that Mr WH Atrill represent the club at the Annual Meeting of the Derbyshire FA on 17th June 1931, at Derby.

Payment of transfer fee of Cochrane to Bradford City FC

The action of the Chairman, Mr H Shentall, in arranging with Bradford City FC that we play the latter club the sum of £150 (on account) on or before 17th June 1931 and the balance of £115 on or before 24th June 1931 (making £265 in all) for the transfer of Alex F Cochrane, was approved.

Preston North End FC and transfer fee of Hamilton

It was agreed to ask Preston North End FC if they would accept payment of transfer fee of £250 for H Hamilton in two instalments of £125, the first on August 1st 1931, and the second on September 7th 1931.

Yorkshire Mid-week League

The question of competing in the Yorkshire Mid-week League in 1931-2 was discussed but it was agreed not to do so.

Championship medal for Robb but not Taylor (Cost of medal: £3.)

A letter was read from the Football League granting permission to purchase an extra Northern Section Championship medal for D Robb but not for SJ Taylor, as the latter had not played the requisite number of matches.

League linesman in place of Mr A Hemsley

Mr. A Hemsley (North Wingfield) having been declared too old for the Football League Linesmen's List it was agreed to leave nomination of another linesman to the Sec-Manager. (JW Bailey, Holmewood, was nominated.)

Request for donation re Holmes

A letter was read from Mr. J Taylor, Chairman, Sutton Parish FC, asking for donation on account of transfer of Holmes to Sheffield United FC, but it was agreed that no action be taken in the matter.

H Shentall
18/6/31

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Directors held at The Recreation Ground, Chesterfield on Monday 15th June 1931, at 5.45pm.

Present Mr H Shentall (Chairman)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr. E Mitchell
Mr F Stokes
Mr E Shentall
Mr SW Swale

In attendance JE Davison (Secretary-Manager,) and Mr. H Hamer, Assistant Borough Surveyor, Chesterfield Borough Council.

Concrete wall around playing portion

It was agreed to proceed with the building of a concrete wall around the playing portion of the Ground to the following specification:

Height: 3'9" from ground line (with 6" foundation) and 2'4" from level of playing pitch.

Width: 1'9" in footing, 9in at base and 5in at top.

The wall to be reinforced with three horizontal bars throughout and vertical bars every three feet.

Collis & Sons tender accepted

It was further agreed to accept the tender of Messrs. JJ Collis & Sons, Chesterfield, of £330 (three hundred and thirty pounds) for the building of the wall.

H Shentall
18/6/31

Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at The Recreation Ground, Chesterfield on Thursday 18th June 1931, at 8pm.

Present Mr H Shentall (Chairman)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr. E Mitchell
Mr F Stokes
Mr E Shentall
Mr RA Swale
Mr RL Weston

In attendance JE Davison (Secretary-Manager.)

Minutes The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting held 11th June 1931, and the Special Meeting held 15th June 1931, were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Bank A/c The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be drawn:

JE Davison	Wages	149.11.3
Do.	Petty cash	10.0.0
Bradford City FC	Part transfer fee	150.0.0
Preston North End FC	do.	100.00
Football League Ltd.	Medal for Robb	3.0.0
J Holmes	Share of benefit	41.4.6
Jones & Middleton	J Holmes a/c	8.15.6
Motor Union Insurance Co Ltd		
	Third party risk	5.0.0
Do.	Workmen's compensation	2.9.0
J Black & Co.	Employer's liability	2.2.8
		£472.2.11

And the following cheque drawn since the last ordinary meeting were confirmed:

Francis Middleton	Ground alterations	£109.4.8
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First payment to Preston North End re Hamilton

A letter was read from Preston North End FC (reference minute of last week's meeting) asking for an immediate first payment of £100 for the transfer of Hamilton, with the remaining £150 to be paid on September 7th 1931, and this was agreed to.

Payment of transfer fee for Froggatt

It was agreed that Notts County FC be approached with regard to the payment of transfer fee for Froggatt, asking them to take deferred payments.

Gascoyne re-signed for 1931-32

It was reported that RH Gascoyne had been re-signed on the following terms: 15/- per week during the football season only, with an extra 15/- per week when playing in the Reserve Team (Midland League) and an extra 35/- per week when playing in the First Team.

Terms to Smalley

It was agreed to offer terms to W Smalley as before, viz. £1 per week during season only, with an extra 10/- per week in Midland League team.

Football League re Taylor's claim for compensation

A letter was read from the Football League Mutual Insurance Federation to the effect that they have refused to admit any liability for compensation to SJ Taylor under the Workmen's Compensation Act, as they are of the opinion that Taylor has now reached the retiring age for a professional footballer. It was agreed that Taylor be informed of this decision by forwarding him a copy of the letter.

Shirebrook Hospital Fund match

It was agreed to send a team to Shirebrook on Monday, October 5th, 1931, to play Shirebrook for the benefit of their Hospital Demonstration Fund.

H Shentall
25/6/31

Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at The Recreation Ground, Chesterfield on Thursday 25th June 1931, at 8pm.

Present Mr H Shentall (Chairman)
Mr WH Atrill
Mr E Shentall
Mr F Stokes
Mr SW Swale
Mr RA Swale
Mr RL Weston

In attendance JE Davison (Secretary-Manager.)

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting held 18th June 1931 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Bank A/c The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be drawn:

JE Davison	Wages	19.10.5
Do.	Petty cash	10.0.0
Bradford City FC	Part transfer fee (last)	115.0.0

And it was agreed that the following cheque drawn since the last meeting be confirmed:

Francis Middleton	Ground alterations	£110.1.6
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Season tickets for boys

The question of season tickets for boys (for Enclosure and Ground) was discussed, and it was agreed that these be available for any boy attending school.

Printing theatre advert slides

It was agreed to leave the remuneration to be paid to T. Saxby for printing advertisement slides during last season (1930-31) to the Manager. (£3) JED.

Kerr It was decided not to offer an engagement to RW Kerr, inside-forward.

H Shentall
2/7/31