



## Wessex Blues

112<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 19:17

Closed 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 19:35

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (21 members were present).

Paul G and Alan J approved the previous minutes from January.

Apologies received – Shaun (J), Steve, Dave (J), Pat (J), Graham (J), Mustafa, Rana, Mete, Joe, Danny, Arthur, Craig and Riette

### 2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late January to early February

Newcastle United v Manchester City (2-3) – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Tottenham v Manchester City (0-1) – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Manchester City v Burnley (3-1) – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Brentford v Manchester City (1-3) – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Marilyn stated ‘all good results’ and Alan J commented that it was good to break the duck at Tottenham by winning at their new stadium. Robbie stated that the previous results were ‘all looking well’ and that he was pleased for Phil Foden scoring a hatrick against Brentford; however, he went on to say that it was concerned that our defence is letting in too many goals. Several members also discussed the goal that Brentford scored about it being offside or not from a goal kick and how Ake and Toney reacted/interfered. Following this, a debate about if Gvardiol is good enough was mentioned by Robbie. Many members pointed out that he is a talented player but often played in the wrong position. Gavin then mentioned how poor Dias has been recently. Robbie then mentioned regardless of his private life at the moment, that Walker continues to be an outstanding player on the pitch.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late February and early March

Everton (H), FC Copenhagen (A), Chelsea (H), Brentford (A), Bournemouth (A), Luton (A), Manchester United (H), FC Copenhagen (H), Liverpool (A)

Rich confirmed if anymore tickets became available that he would send out an email with regards to the game at Bournemouth and if anyone could no longer attend and/or have source a ticket from an alternative source please let me know. Paul asked if we going to have a meet up before the Bournemouth game at The Cricketers, say 1200. Andy P asked previously has tickets become available since the change of system this season for away games, hours or a few days before the game. Rich confirmed that he does not recall it happening or if it has, members/the branch had already been granted their full allocation of tickets. Rich mentioned that Andy P and himself were off to Copenhagen next week.

Current membership – 56

New Members – Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Helen Speller, Gracie Speller, Danny Speller, Craig Jevons, Janet Connor, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons, Michael Smith

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – None.

### 3. General Secretary Update

Brentford (H) – 0

Tottenham (A) – 3 (Phil W, Ryan and Steve)

Manchester United (H) – 4 (Phil W, Dave, Daniel S, Phil M)

Luton (A) – 2 (Ryan, Phil W)

Rich confirmed that Arsenal and Liverpool were not on this list as the allocation window is still open. Rich also confirmed that only the second time in allocation history that we have not been given a full allocation for a home game (i.e. Man Utd in this case).

Birthday wishes: - Alan J (10<sup>th</sup>), Andy M (10<sup>th</sup>), Gracie S (12<sup>th</sup>), Liam (19<sup>th</sup>), Joel (24<sup>th</sup>), Mark (1<sup>st</sup>), Michael C (3<sup>rd</sup>), Helen S (6<sup>th</sup>), Danny S (11<sup>th</sup>), Michael S (11<sup>th</sup>), Martin (13<sup>th</sup>), Caroline (13<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £695.44 (as of 8<sup>th</sup> February)

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Alan and Christine confirmed that they will miss the next meeting due to being on holiday in the Philippines seeing Alan's brother. Robbie confirmed that the Social Secretary's position is still open as Robbie stated that he was useless with the position. Joe was considered as a good option and Paul and Robbie would pursue that option; however, if anyone wanted to be considered please let us know. Rich confirmed under branch and City rules, he was unable to commit to the role as a committee member can only have a maximum of two roles at the same time.

Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown