

**Minutes of OUSP Meeting
Wednesday 2nd March 6pm**

at

Bangkok Glass Training Ground



1	<p>Attendees: Paul Scaysbrook (Chair) (PS); Richard Jackson (Vice-Chair) by Zoom (RJ) Janine Bailey (Secretary) (JB) Grace Bailey (GB) Simon Hathaway (OxVox) (SH)</p> <p>By invitation: Niall McWilliams, items 4-8 (NMc); Andy Taylor (AT); Steve Mountain (TVP), items 7-8 (SM)</p> <p>Apologies: Joe Nicholls (JN) Michelle Walton (MW)</p>	Action
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of meeting on 13th January had previously been agreed online.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes</p> <p>3) Meeting between JN/AT/Safety team regarding match displays has not yet taken place. A new Whatsapp group involving relevant club staff, fanatics and OUSP was set up ahead of Cambridge match and has improved communication. The group will continue to communicate via Whatsapp and a meeting will be setup with JN.</p> <p>5) Potholes are being repaired, it is an ongoing process due to the number of them. Lighting is being worked round, however the area of lighting outside of South Stand needs significant investment. Currently AT is developing a maintenance plan, to include for example installing a changing places toilet, addressing lighting, replacing urinals. Items will need to be costed and prioritised. AT will forward the plan to OUSP.</p> <p>6) Cycle parking: Main SE one most used, yet this is where debris tends to collect. It only gets cleared when the club request it, so has only been done a couple of times this season after prompting. Same with the cleanliness at the back of the East Stand. We have received approval from stadium company to upgrade cycle parking. One option would be to relocate bicycles away from hedge so it doesn't collect as much debris by designating the NE cycle parking for bicycles (and upgrading the secure racks there) and designating the SE area to motorcycles. OUSP will find out from cyclists if this option makes sense to them. AT anticipates quotes in by next meeting. (NMc W joined meeting).</p> <p>6e) The new pedestrian route created by removal of kerbs and marking out the area in the SE corner is being well used, and makes it safer.</p> <p>6g) OUSP was pleased that at the BWFC and CUFC matches, car park attendants were more proactive in directing people to spaces in west car park and letting cars in when spaces became available. There is still some poor parking: ideally attendants should be waving vehicles into spaces to avoid this, but cannot affect the parking of cars which arrive before they start. East stand had management of cars after the match last week and that made it much easier. This has been working in the west car park for some time and overall seems to make it quicker and easier to exit. This is first full season with car park management and will need tweaking.</p> <p>6h) North Stand RES gate There has been better social media notice ahead of the matches. The stadium announcements are still not adequate, as they need to be done towards the end of the match. AT responded that it is in the script to go out at least</p>	<p>JN / AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p>

	<p>twice, and will reinforce. The decision on its use is made mid-week ahead of the game. It should generally be reopened at around 5 / 5.10 once the away area is cleared.</p> <p>4) Stratfield Break: NMcW updated the meeting. The consultation is now closed, we await the outcome of the next Cabinet meeting on 15th March.</p>	AT
4	<p>Her Game Too</p> <p>The Partnership with Her Game Too was announced today. GB has been appointed OUFCA Ambassador by HGT. OUSP congratulated GB, who has worked hard with HGT over the last weeks. GB also thanked Tom Law for his support and input.</p> <p>As part of the launch the Club planned to hold the Women's match against Southampton on 9th March at the Kassam. This was agreed with the stadium manager, however on Monday (28th Feb) the club was contacted and told the stadium could not be used as it would fall outside the current licence agreement. On enquiring whether a fee could be paid for the evening, the figure quoted was an excessive amount. The club decided that if this amount were to be spent it would be better to invest it directly in the women's team. OUSP will encourage attendance at the match at Court Place Farm on Wednesday.</p> <p>OUSP agreed that a #HGT supported Women's Evening with role models working in football would be a good event. It would be better – and could host a bigger audience – at the stadium, however it is clear that holding any event at the stadium is not currently an option. GB will explore the possibility of running the event at the Training Ground.</p> <p>The OUSP will be hosting a “meet and greet” on Saturday with several of the women's team in attendance. A video has been made promoting HGT.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>GB</p> <p>All OUSP</p>
5	<p>Fanzone</p> <p>The fanzone planned for 5th March has been cancelled. The use of part of the car park for the fanzone had been agreed with Stadco, and we were told to expect a similar fee as charged for car boot sales. The club was then notified earlier this week that the charge would be significantly higher for each of four fanzones planned for the year, and that all four would have to be paid in advance of the first one taking place. This made the project financially prohibitive.</p> <p>OUSP and the club were deeply frustrated that the work which had gone into planning the fanzone would not come to fruition. AT had booked a hog-roast and pizza, bar, several games and children's activities; OUSP was planning to launch the HGT partnership with the women's team at a meet and greet. All agreed that it is difficult for the club community when events such as this cannot be held at our stadium.</p>	
6	<p>Level Playing Field Weeks of Action</p> <p>Level Playing Field had contacted OUSP regarding their weeks of action as they had not heard from the club. Ahead of the meeting NMcW had agreed that the Club wanted to support the weeks of action, although the chosen match would be outside of the LPF campaign. He has cleared wearing LPF T-shirts for the match warm-up with the EFL. OUSP agreed to run it for Sunderland match. PS will follow up details with LPF.</p>	PS

<p>10b</p> <p>10c</p>	<p><u>Five-A-Side</u></p> <p>OUSP suggested holding a fan-led five-a-side tournament over the close season. SH will talk to OxVox about supporting this as a joint event with OUSP and the club. Discussion was held around whether proceeds should go to a MH charity or to the family, and agreed it should be the family. AT will speak to OUiTC, as they have expertise in organising these sort of events. He could arrange a hog-roast or similar to create a real community day. Competing for the Joey Beauchamp Five a Side trophy, with a commercial sponsor, could raise good funds. AT will feedback after discussion with OUiTC.</p> <p><u>Annual MH awareness match</u></p> <p>An annual MH awareness match was suggested. There was some discussion around whether the EFL already has this with MIND. Will be considered at a future meeting.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>AT</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>SLO Report</p> <p>Ollie the Ox: AT has advertised around colleges/performing arts to get suitable candidate who is more performative to take on Ollie the Ox. So far there has been no response, AT welcomes any other suggestions.</p> <p>Ollie's den is now the sensory room, as vaccination clinic took over original space.</p> <p>OUFc is considering re-locating family area to SSL, Fence end (where it used to be) as it has bigger concourse, better facilities. OUSP to get feedback from families and bring to agenda of next meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Match ambassador recruitment is currently on hold. There is definitely a need for them, AT will pick this up with JN who had several ideas.</p>	<p>AT / JN</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u> (Day/time to be confirmed by Doodle poll)</p>	<p>JB</p>