

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, August 1963 - July 1964

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13 August 1963 :

- Seven-a-Side: It was agreed that the Club enter competitions to be held at Abingdon on 1 September 1963 and 8 September 1963.

28 August 1963:

- Northampton Fixtures: Fixtures Secretary Mr Dawe ported that Northampton wished to arrange two games each season with Gloucester, the new suggested date being the first Saturday of the season. Proposed by Mr Voyce, seconded by Mr Day that Northampton's suggested dates be accepted.

10 September 1963:

- Turnstiles: turnstiles at Deans Walk were severely damaged during the close season. Agreed needed urgent attention.

8 October 1963:

- Colts: The Secretary reported on the early evening fixtures arranged for the Colts side. There was now great enthusiasm for a regular Colts XV. Proposed by Mr Hickie, seconded by Mr Beattie that a Colts side should be run on a regular basis next season. Agreed.

19 November 1963:

- Ground Company: Dr Alcock reported that, at the Directors' Meeting of the Ground Company, it was agreed that the Company should meet the cost of repair and repainting of the Worcester St end.

3 December 1963:

- Fence: Mr J. Dancy gave a comprehensive report of the condition of the Fence, suggesting that the whole Fence should be renewed, possibly in sections over next few years.

9 December 1963

- Worcester St Fence: Mr J.Dancy, in view of the possibility of Council redevelopment plans necessitating a change in the line of the fence, suggested extension maintenance rather than rebuilding. It was proposed by Mr Day, seconded by Mr A'Bear that the tender of Messrs W.J.B.Halls for repairs to Fence and dates for renewal of Car Park and Main Entrance be accepted.Dr Alcock confirmed that the Ground Company would meet the cost of such repairs.

7 January 1964:

- Peter Ford: the Present expressed the Club's congratulations to Peter Ford on his selection to play for England against Wales at Twickenham on 18 January 1964. This was a great honour both to the player and the Club. Mr A.J.Voyce supported the President's remarks.

21 January 1964:

- County Semi-Final: proposed by V.Clark and seconded by A.Hudson that Kingsholm ground be offered to the County for the Semi-Final against Lancashire for 1st February, and subject to the approval of the Exeter club on 29th February.

4 February 1964:

- County Championship Matches: proposed by V.Clark and seconded by D.Davies: "that this Committee takes the view that any steps that can be taken to reduce the number of County Replays and Quarter-Final matches will receive the full support of the Committee." Agreed unanimously.

18 February 1964:

- Floodlights: Proposed by Mr Dance, seconded by Mr Clark, that the new Club House be given priority, but following this, all that was possible should be done to install Floodlights at Kingsholm. Agreed unanimously.

7 March 1964 :

- Shortage of Players: Mr G.Hudson, Team Sec, expressed concern at the shortage of playing members: he asked all Committee members to be in the look out for promising new players and introduce them to the club.

31 March 1964:

- Steel Goal Posts: Mr A.G.Hudson reported that Mr J. Fielding had informed him that his company Fielding and Platt Ltd would be pleased to present the Club with a set of steel (goal) posts with their compliments. Offer gratefully received.

12 May 1964:

- Floodlighting Estimate: An approximate estimate received from M.A.C. Engineering quoted a figure of £6000 – 7000.

- Development: Request from Oil Companies for reply to possibility of purchasing part of Car Park – in the hands of the Ground Company.

22 June 1964:

- Worcester St Fence: Mr J, Dancy reported that there was every possibility that in the very near future there would be road widening taking place in Worcester St, which would entail taking in part of the Club's Ground and that a new fence would be automatically included in the scheme.

7 July 1964 (AGM):

- Season Report: Under the captaincy of Alan Holder, the 1st XV playing record for the 1963-1964 season was as follows:

Matches Played: 44

Won: 27

Lost: 14

Drawn: 3

Points For: 507

Points Against 343

At one time the 1st XV won 12 games in a row. The excellent playing record was achieved in spite of the disorganisation of the team due to extra County matches and English trials. Alan Holder is to be congratulated on his excellent leadership.

Peter Ford gained a long overdue cap for England, and Micky Booth and Dick Smith were reserves for the English Trials.

Peter Ford, Dick Smith, Terry Hopson, Micky Booth and John Bayliss played with the Combined Counties Team XV v New Zealand, and also, with Alan Townsend, Mike Watson and Brian Hudson, represented the County in the Championship Matches. Gary White played for Somerset.

The United, under the captaincy of Peter Hawker, was rarely at full strength and in contrast to the 1st XV had a very poor season, most of the trouble being the absence of a regular scrum half owing to injury. The United playing record was as follows:

Matches Played:	30
Won:	7
Lost:	19
Drawn:	4
Points For:	195
Points Against	383

- Treasurer's Report: the Club made a loss in 1963/1964 of £153. The Treasurer again stressed the need for new members, the number of members having declined by 105 during the past year.

- New Club House Extension: In answer to a question about the new Club House extension, Mr Tom Voyce said that the plans were at present with the Ministry, from whom it was hoped to secure a grant but, so far, no reply had been received.

- Captain for 1964/1965 Season : 1st XV Captain: Micky Booth nominated
1st XV Vice-Captain: Alan Brinn nominated.