

Wanderers must listen to their supporters

I WOULD like to voice my concerns regarding the future of Wycombe Wanderers. It appears that the Board are in the process of affecting changes to the club. The consequences of these changes may put the future of Wanderers at risk and not only are they considering them without apparently listening to the views of all their supporters but seemingly with no intention of listening either.

Firstly, the proposed tenancy of Adams Park by London Wasps. The BFP published a poll in its January 4 edition that 666 people out of 816 don't want rugby at Adams Park, with only 82 people in favour. Graham Peart expressed his bemusement at the results, yet it appears the Board are willing to dismiss them, and continue to

speak with Wasps with the intentions of allowing them to use Adams Park.

Secondly, there is growing evidence that the directors are again about to embark on another attempt to change the constitution. There's the imminent appointment of a Chief Executive, whose job description includes the role of Change Manager. Furthermore, director Alan Parry made his position clear in his programme column for the recent Fulham cup-tie. Citing the late Jack Walker and Mohammed Al Fayed as what can be achieved when an individual invests heavily in a club, he says, "In my opinion, our present constitution would prevent Wycombe Wanderers from emulating what Fulham and

Blackburn have achieved. I believe we have to make our club more attractive to would-be investors and that's not feasible under our present system."

Mr Parry failed to balance the argument by citing Aldershot and Doncaster as examples of what can happen if you don't have the protection that our current constitution provides. Even as I write, Douglas Craig, chairman of York City, is willing to sell their Bootham Crescent ground and York City FC to two separate buyers. Perhaps Mr Parry and our board might like to suggest how they intend to protect Wanderers from suffering a similar fate?

There are many who see money as the defining factor, and that any judgements clouded by emotion

should be dismissed. Yet if being emotive isn't the very essence of what being a football supporter is all about, then I clearly am in a minority.

It is my personal opinion that many Wycombe supporters are ignorant of the current situation and of the possible consequences. There are also many supporters who would trust our directors with their lives.

However I urge every supporter who genuinely cares about the club to insist that the Board do, at the very least, listen to the views and concerns of the supporters. We must ensure that any decisions made do not affect the future existence of the club we all so dearly love.

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