

Set up is best for Blues

WE are very fortunate to have had the chairman and board of directors we have had for the past 15 years or so.

They have had to work long hours with little remuneration and often with no thanks either and it has undoubtedly been hard work. Hopefully they will feel all their hard work has been rewarded with the successes we've had on the

field. The basis of this success has been our constitution, which has restricted the board from spending beyond our means.

Our constitution has protected us from ever having a single owner, or a majority shareholder such as the likes of Chris Moore owner of Oldham Athletic AFC, John Gurney major shareholder at Luton Town FC and Norwegian businessmen Kjell Rokke and Bjorn Gjelsten owners of the Wimbledon FC.

Back in January 2003 we faced both Oldham Athletic and Luton Town within a week and no doubt their supporters would have told us they were very happy

indeed with their owners Chris Moore and Mike Watson-Challis and couldn't have praised them enough. Yet just four months later Chris Moore decided he's had enough and is not willing to put in any more money and Mike Watson-Challis decided to sell his 60 per cent share in Luton Town to the consortium led by John Gurney. This illustrates that however trustworthy the present owners are, you never who is lurking around the corner.

Our constitution provides a structure and a framework that protects us from the whims of individuals and necessitates sensible financial management. It may mean

we struggle at times, both in a financial and footballing sense, to compete in Division Two just as we did last season against the likes of Oldham Athletic and Luton Town. However it does mean the future existence of Wycombe Wanderers FC is not threatened in a manner like the aforementioned clubs.

Our constitution, which has been regularly lambasted in the past by those clamouring for short term success, is in fact something to be proud of and worth protecting.

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