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## WEALDSTONE confirm manager has left club



Manager Dean Brennan has left Wealdstone the club confirmed in a statement on their website on Tuesday evening **Picture: Jon Taffel**

## League requests minutes

**NATIONAL LEAGUE SEEK CLARITY ON FUNDING ISSUE**



**The National League trophy**  
 Picture: PA

THE National League has asked for the minutes of a key meeting called by Government last November where it claims assurances were given that it would not have to pay back coronavirus crisis funding.

The 66 clubs in the National League and the North and South divisions below it are set to vote this week on whether or not to cut the season short, after learning that £11million due to be offered as part of the Government's Sports Winter Survival Package would be in the form of loans rather than grants.

The three leagues will vote over the next 28 days over whether to play on – with four resolutions sent by the National League to its member clubs.

The National League claims it was told at a meeting called by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on November 17 that “the second tranche of monies for January/February/March 2021 would be on the same principles as the initial tranche ie grants”.

National League clubs were supported through the period between October and December of last year by a Government-brokered commercial deal with the National Lottery which did not involve any repayment, but they are now very concerned about their ability to make ends meet.

Scott Priestnall, chairman and owner of National League side Yeovil, said: “We have consistently asked for minutes of that meeting and it's strange that DCMS, on such a high-profile meeting where £10million was being handed over effectively, that there aren't minutes to that meeting.

“We have asked consistently for these minutes and they haven't provided them.”

# Brennan leaves Stones

By Ryan Gray

ON Tuesday evening Wealdstone confirmed that manager Dean Brennan had parted ways with the club.

WEALDSTONE were due to face Maidenhead on the same evening, before the fixture was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

In a brief statement published on their website, Stones placed on record a message of thanks to Brennan for all he had achieved with the club and said that his assistant Stuart Maynard would be taking over for this weekend's FA Trophy game against Darlington.

Brennan had been with the club since last season, when he guided them to promotion from the National League South to the National League.

He leaves them 18th in the table, having endured a run of four consecutive league defeats, after taking them as high as the play off spots earlier in the season.

They are still active in the FA Trophy after beating Gloucester City 3-1 in round four.

The statement published by the club on

Tuesday evening contained few details, including no reason for Brennan's departure, but said fans could expect more information soon.

It reads: “The club wishes to share that as of this evening, Dean Brennan has left his position of first team manager at the club.

Stuart Maynard will take charge of the side for the FA Trophy game at Darlington on Saturday.

We wish to place on record our thanks for everything Dean has achieved in his time at the club and wish him every success in the future.

A fuller statement will be released in due course.”

Brennan had previously held talks with Barnet over their vacant manager's position following the sacking of Peter Beadle back in December before the Bees hired Tim Flowers.

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