HEADCORN AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOTE OF MEETING HELD AT HEADCORN AERODROME

15 OCTOBER 2019 AT 14:30 HOURS

A copy of the agenda is enclosed. In reality there was very little to discuss on the agenda. No items were raised under the first three agenda items.

Agenda item 4: Planning and Events

There were no planning items on the agenda as items such as the new hangar had been approved and construction was underway. As far as events were concerned it was noted that everything had gone largely to plan and it had been a successful year. The only item that didn't quite go to plan was the fly past of Dakotas, which as matters turned out were given a flight path a little to the North of Headcorn Aerodrome.

Turning to 2020 it is planned to hold an event displaying fire engines through the ages. The event is scheduled for the first week of August and as one would expect no flying is involved. Kent Fire and Rescue Services will be supporting the event.

Agenda item 5: Correspondence.

A resident in Matfield had written to complain about noise generated by a Spitfire. A detailed response had been sent sent, which pointed out that the Spitfire would not have come or would be going to Headcorn. The most likely culprit would have been Biggin Hill since Headcorn's Spitfires flew due South. The resident concerned had expressed his appreciation of the detailed response.

A complaint had been received from a resident in High Halden. This had originally been sent to Headcorn Parish Council and had been forwarded on to Headcorn Aerodrome. The matter concerned flying from a private airstrip and had now been resolved.

Agenda item 6: Complaints.

These had been covered under Agenda Item 5 above.

Agenda item 7: Any other business.

Two items were raised. First, there had been an enquiry from Maidstone Borough Council about getting Borough Councillors more involved. This seemed a bit of a strange request and I agreed to take this up with Maidstone Borough Council's Democratic Services Department.

Second, a question was raised as to whether there would be any events commemorating VE Day. It was noted that nothing had currently been planned but if there were to be an event it would more likely be in line with VJ Day, which would be in the summer.

Agenda item 8: Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will take place on the 10th of March 2020. The meeting will be held in the briefing room at Headcorn Aerodrome and will commence at 14:30 hours.

John Perry 15 October 2019