



Local Government for Langton Green, Speldhurst, Ashurst and Old Groombridge

Minutes of the Air Traffic Working Group Meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7pm via zoom video conference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs. Soyke, Rowe, Curry, Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mr D. Howden, Mr. D Robinson

OFFICER PRESENT: No officer was present

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no members of the public present

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to record the meeting:** No-one present intended to record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** There were none
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none.
5. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **26th January 2021**, be approved. Since the Clerk had not provided a hard copy of the minutes the Chairman would sign these later.
6. **Public Open Session:** There were no members of the public present.
7. **Airspace Change**
Cllr Barrington-Johnson gave a short brief on the recent Gatwick meeting on this topic and advised that there would be future consultations as the process developed, which the working group would need to consider. Cllr Rowe noted that initially at least these would be very general rather than Gatwick specific so the working group response would likely be minimal.
8. **Gatwick Consultation on conversion of emergency runway**
Cllr Barrington-Johnson undertook to write draft responses to the relevant questions in the consultation. He would then circulate them to other members of the working group. GACC would be producing a draft response, and it was agreed that the working group would review and use elements in its response as it saw fit. There would be a meeting on 18th October, organised by HWCAAG at which GACC would brief Councils on the topic. A separate similar

meeting would be held in Peshurst which would be open to the public. This would be on 9th November.

9. Items for information

Items for information - Mr Robinson asked if there would be a comment in the Parish Council submission for the next Speldhurst News. Cllr Barrington-Johnson undertook to discuss with the Clerk and if possible, add a further line on this topic. Mr Robinson said he would ask the editor to hold going to print for a couple of days. Cllr Soyke asked that similar information be included in SPC submissions to Ashurst and Old Groombridge magazines.

Mr Howden advised he had attended the latest GATCOM meeting and described it as a discouraging event, noting that support could not be expected from GATCOM. He also noted that disappointingly ICCAN had been terminated.

A discussion regarding meeting format concluded that the Zoom format was more comfortable for most if not all and that the working group should continue in this format for the immediate future where allowable.

There being no other items the chairman closed the meeting at 7.23pm.

Chairman