



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

Minutes of an Air Traffic Committee Meeting held in The Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground on Monday 18th January 2016 at 10.30am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mrs Soyke, Mrs Hull, Mrs Podbury with Mr Howden and Mr Robinson

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – clerk

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting:** No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** There were none
3. **Disclosure of Interests:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:**
5. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **26th August 2015**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Public Open Session:** There were no members present
7. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** There were none
8. **GACC Subscription:** It was **RESOLVED** to renew the subscription at £10pa
9. **Gatwick Arrivals Independent Review (GAIR):** Cllr Barrington-Johnson had attended a meeting of GAIR in December and said that the report was to be published on 28th January. This would be presented at a meeting on that day at the Hilton Hotel, Crawley which he cannot attend. Cllrs Mrs Soyke and Podbury will attend along with Mr Howden. The next meeting will be scheduled in early February to discuss the findings.
10. **Additional Runway:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson said that despite the Davies Commission's recommendation Gatwick was back on the agenda. Mr Robinson said that there was no infrastructure at either airport to support expansion. Cllr Mrs Hull suggested that noise and air quality should be the main arguments against, however the clerk suggested that conditions were worse at Heathrow.

Cllr Barrington-Johnson was keen to promote a re-opening of the debate of the Estuary Option and this was agreed by the committee. The committee asked Cllr Barrington-Johnson to draft a letter in this respect to be sent to various parties (to be decided) but probably including KCC and GCG.

- 11. GON Judicial Review:** there has been confirmation that the Appeal Court has allowed the judicial review which will be around all airports and not just Gatwick. This has meant that GON was now talking to the CAA.
- 12. SPC ATC web page:** it was agreed that the web page needs updating. The clerk informed the committee that the Parish Plan would show aircraft noise as the second most important issue of concern and that it was important to inform residents what SPC was doing on their behalf. Cllr Barrington-Johnson would forward some suggestions for the page.
- 13. Date of next meeting:** The clerk suggested three daytime dates; 2nd, 8th and 9th February. The date would be confirmed.
- 14. Items for information:** Cllr Mrs Hull was invited to stay on the committee as a member of the public after she resigns in February. It was agreed that another Councillor was required to join to help manage a quorum and this would be put before Full Council in February.
Cllr Mrs Soyke said she was pleased that TWBC wrote to GAIR. Mr Robinson hoped that TWBC represents the whole Borough and not just Tunbridge Wells (like TWAANG).
Mr Robinson referred to a letter in the Courier (15th Jan) from a Mr Anderson of Groombridge who could be a useful addition to the committee.
Cllr Mrs Podbury mentioned that the Chiddingstone Parish Council's clerk had not been paid. The Clerk will investigate.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11.18am

Chairman