



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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 3pm**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Soyke, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Hull, Barrington-Johnson, Mr Howden and Mr Robinson

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris May – clerk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** There were none

- 1. Election of Chairman:** It was **RESOLVED** to re-elect Cllr Mrs Soyke as Chairman
- 2. Apologies for absence:** There were none
- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Other Significant Interests:** There were none.
- 4. Declarations of Lobbying:** All members said that they had had discussions with a number of residents about the increase in the noise over recent months.
- 5. Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **24<sup>th</sup> January 2014**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
- 6. Public Open Session:** Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee on any matters relating to the work of the Committee or to raise any issues of concern.

There were no members of the public present.

- 7. Terms of Reference:** It was **RESOLVED** to change the wording of the ToR no.5 to read “The committee will consist of a minimum of three councillors, plus up to two appointed members of the public (without voting rights)”. This amendment would be put before Full Council at the July meeting for consideration and approval. Cllr Mrs Soyke asked all present to exercise care in all communications that we did not incorrectly give the impression that we are communicating a Parish Council view when we were not.
- 8. Matters Arising and Correspondence:** The increasing amount of correspondence from all parties on the aircraft and Gatwick issue was noted. Reference was also made to Mr Greenslade’s

enquiry which emanated from the Annual Parish Assembly and it was noted that there had been no further correspondence on the matter.

**9. HWCAAG:**

- a) The draft policy was discussed there were a couple of suggestions and these would be drafted by Cllr Barrington-Johnson and circulated before being sent to the group for consideration. The main principle of supporting “No Second Runway” at Gatwick was still to be debated by Full Council and until a decision is made by the Council, the Air Traffic Committee cannot support related initiatives of the HWCAAG.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Finance Committee that £200 be contributed to the running of the HWCAAG which paid for meeting halls, the clerk and a website.

**10. Future projects:** The committee would be working on the following:

- Consider using a “Survey Monkey” to poll residents on their views on aircraft noise and whether they support a second runway at Gatwick
- Consultations on Gatwick – it was agreed that a letter be sent to Greg Clark, MP about the different airspace used in the consultations and the resulting confusion. Cllr Barrington-Johnson will draft a letter for consideration by Council.

**11. Items for information:**

Cllr Mrs Soyke reminded Members of the meeting to be held in TWBC at 5.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

Chairman