

BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 2017 IN THE VICTORIA AND JUBILEE HALLS, HARTLEY WINTNEY

Present:

Mr M Pearson	Chair
Mr C Hawkins	Vice Chair
Ms J Biscombe	Yateley Parish Council
Mr M Lambert	Blackbushe Airport [ML]
A Hocking	Yateley Society [AHo]
Cllr R Harward	Hart District Council [BH]
Cllr S Davenport	Sandhurst Town Council [SD]
Cllr S Warren	Sandhurst Town Council [SW]
Cllr A Collett	Hampshire County Council [AC]
Cllr G Cripps	Yateley Town Council [GC]
Mr J Cowley	Yateley Society [JC]
Ms J Edmonds	Blackbushe Airport [JEd]
Mr J Ellis	Secretary [JE]

Plus approximately 40 in the public area

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr A Hammersley ,Cllr M. Billings and Cllr D Simpson 1.2 The Chair welcomed Cllr S Davenport Sandhurst Town Council and Cllr S Warren Sandhurst Town Council to the committee and hoped they would enjoy his term of office. 1.3 The Chair welcomed the general public and said it was nice to see so many present. He said that he proposed to invite input from the audience at the appropriate time but pointed out that it was a member meeting.	
2	APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2.1 The current Chair and Vice Chair indicated they were willing to stand again. It was proposed by JB that they be reappointed this was seconded and they were elected enblock	
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2017 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd March 2017 were agreed as a true record, proposed by JB and seconded by AC	
4	MATTERS ARISING HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2017 7 THE FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that PremiAir be removed from membership The position of Vice Chair , to be elected annually be added to the list of members Blackbushe Airport agreed to “host” a Consultative Committee page on their website and upload Agenda and minutes ML gave an assurance that this will be done by Christmas 2017 The committee asked that the Airport provided a written ‘update’ report for each meeting to be distributed with the Agenda of what has happened of significance since the last meeting and any possible planned activities. The airport undertook to do this for next meeting	JE JE ML ML

5	MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS 5.1 The Chair expressed his concern that the list tabled at the meeting was not complete and that the Airport had not circulated the information prior to the meeting as they have agreed. It was agreed to circulate the list with the minutes and that in future they would be circulated prior to the meeting the list will be circulated with the minutes	ML
6	GPS. APPROACH TO BLACKBUSHE 6.1 The committee had received an email from Paul Turner concerning the above and asking the committee to obtain assurances that the introduction of the above would not lead to significantly increased movements at the airport. 6.2 The committee discussed the consultation that had taken place on the proposed introduction of the above, clarification was given that there was no change to the operating hours, but movements would increase as the result of being able to operate in bad weather. ML said at present there are around 30 diversions per year, in the first year it will be limited but if it provided a safer flying environment then the airport might open it up to others.	
7	YATELEY COMMON REMOVAL OF THE COMMON RIGHTS 7.1 Cllr A Hammersley, unfortunately due to transport problems he could not attend so JB spoke on his behalf. Cllr A Hammersley had asked for this to be put on the Agenda as in addition to the need to debate the subject he wanted to know why the Committee at its previous meeting had not been made aware of the airport's wish to pursue this course of action rather than finding out about it when the notice was published. 7.2 Mike Lambert said that the application was needed to allow for the development plan that was presented at a previous extra ordinary meeting 7.3 The airport was asked if they were pursuing this course of action why not just limited to the area that need to be developed? 7.4 The airport might want to do some work on the runways and taxi ways they been advised to include it in the application for removal of common rights. 7.5 The committee were informed about the history of the airport since the second world war and the ownership, it appreciated that a vibrant airport was a benefit to the community. However the committee had concerns that the removal of common rights would rather than protecting the land from future housing development, may in fact make such development more likely. 7.6 There were a number of suggestions that the work the airport required could be undertaken without the need to deregister the land and applications under other legislation that would be more appropriate while still protecting the land as a common.	ML
8	BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT USERS' GROUP: REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 8.1 There is still not a representative of this group on this committee even after extensive request	
9	QUESTION TIME 9.1 A member of the audience Maritsa Singer addressed the meeting providing a lot of detailed information and raised a number of questions asking for clarification which the airport could not answer on the night . It was agreed that she would provide a transcript of a document she had used as reference and post meeting this to be provided to the committee, the answers to which were to be offered by the airport management. 9.2 There was no additional involvement from the public , the Chair commented that the attendance and participation of the public had significantly added to the quality of the meeting and he hoped that those that attended might come to future meetings	
10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	

	10.1 John Cowley raised concerns about the routing of Helicopters flying out of Blackbushe , the committee had received communication from a Mr Gilbert Scott concerning the same issue ML said he would speak to the operators and the CAA to seek approval for changes that should mitigate the current problems	
10	FUTURE MEETING Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1 st March 2018 at 19.00 venue to be confirmed Could any items for inclusion on the Agenda please be sent to me by 1 st February 2018	ALL

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Secretary to the Consultative Committee

1st December 2017

Blackbushe Airport & Visitors

Complaint No.	Date	Complainant	Description	Reply Date and Initials	Findings and Action Taken	Initials
666			Complaints received regarding helicopters flying over Eversley repeatedly.		There were a number of non-specific complaints regarding helicopter noise and overflights of Yateley, by callers who did not wish to be identified. Due to the vague nature of the complaints, it was not possible to investigate the complaints fully.	ML.
668	16.08.17		Complaint received regarding a low-level twin jet flying over complaints house.	17.08.17 ML.	The aircraft was identified as a Blackbushe Airport user and on this occasion due to safety reasons the pilot extended his base leg prior to turning final onto Runway 25 which resulted with infringing the noise abatement area. The reason that the pilot carried out this manoeuvre was to provide adequate separation from an aircraft ahead of him already on final approach.	ML.
669	19.09.17		Aircraft landing at Blackbushe apparently ignoring the prohibited zone (Frogmore/Darby Green)	ML.	This was a Blink aircraft. The aircraft was routed over Yateley by Farnborough.	ML.

			White executive jet landed at 14:35			
670	22.09.17		Non jet aircraft landed 22.09.17 (early)	ML.	Unable to determine the reason for the complaint. Aircraft made a normal approach and landing.	ML.
671	23.09.17		White executive jet	ML.	A non-homebased aircraft landed after a wide circuit over Yateley. The pilot was spoken to and agreed to be more precise in his circuits in future.	ML.
672	25.09.17		2 x jet aircraft last heard before 10.20am	ML.	Unable to determine which aircraft were involved as no further details available.	ML.

Not Blackbushe Airport

Complaint No.	Date	Complainant	Description	Reply Date and Initials	Findings and Action Taken	Initials
665	28.03.17		Complaint received from address in Mortimer, Reading regarding the same aircraft continuously flying overhead several times a day causing distress.	28.03.17 ML.	Mick identified the aircraft was not homebased and suspects it is the same aircraft which operates out of White Waltham which has been subject to numerous complaints over the years.	ML
667	31.05.17		Complaint received regarding an aircraft performing aerobatic manoeuvres over a built up area in Spencers Wood, Swallowfield.	31.05.17 ML.	Mick identified the aircraft was yet again likely to be the same aircraft which has been identified in complaint number 665. Mick informed the complainant that the aircraft did not operate out of Blackbushe Airport.	ML