

REDHILL AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held at Redhill Aerodrome on Wednesday the 19th April 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Terry Pollard	- Chairman
Ms. Ann Bartaby	- Redhill Aerodrome Ltd
Councillor Jim Blackmore	- Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council
Mr. Don Butler	- Private Operator
Councillor Wayne Clark	- Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council
Mr. Ian Frow	- Outwood Parish Council
Councillor Pat Glenn	- Bletchingley Parish Council
Mr. Chris Hoskins	- Nutfield Conservation Society
Mr. Paul Murray	- KRAG
Councillor Paul Potter	- Mole Valley District Council
Councillor Mrs. Debbie Vickers	- Tandridge District Council
Councillor Helena Windsor	- Surrey County Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Porter - Tandridge District Council (Secretary to the Committee)

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January 2017 were agreed. Subject to the following amendment.

Minute 3 - Development Works Update

Ann Bartaby gave an update on the progress on the refurbishment and development works to the site. She explained that the 'Redhill Aerodrome Business Centre' had now become the head office for the Aerodrome. Bristow Helicopters had surrendered the lease and sold the building to the Aerodrome. The top two floors of the building were occupied by ~~the Aerodrome~~ Bristow Helicopters and the Air Ambulance had occupied the ground floor.

2. MONITORING REPORTS FROM REDHILL AERODROME

Reports for the period January 2017 to March 2017 were submitted regarding:

- (i) aircraft movements
- (ii) movements outside Air Traffic Control (ATC) hours
- (iii) complaints (9) about fixed wing aircraft overflying properties
- (iv) complaints (7) about helicopters overflying properties.

*** These reports are reproduced at Appendix 'A' (page 3).

A question was raised regarding the criteria for using the licensed taxiway. Ann Bartaby explained that it was only used when the grass runway was unusable. Previous reports had highlighted when the grass runways were closed, it was agreed that Ann would feed this request back to Philip Wright to include in future reports.

Councillor Windsor raised the concerns from a resident in Kingsmead. The complaint was in relation to helicopter noise late at night (the noise had been described as 'hovering' similar to night training exercises). Cllr Windsor had reminded the resident to log the complaint with the Aerodrome so that the exact time and date could be investigated. In December 2015 Cllr Vickers had co-ordinated a meeting with residents from South Nutfield and pilots from NPAS and other Aerodrome users, this meeting had proved to be very helpful and it was suggested that perhaps a similar meeting could be arranged in the future if needed.

It was also suggested that the Beacon was causing some light disturbance. Ann explained that a new beacon had been installed, which was a green light. The Committee made a suggestion that a screen could be placed around the light or perhaps it could be on a timed system. Ann Bartaby agreed to look into the above suggestions and report back at a future meeting.

Mr. Hoskins made reference to the previous problems associated with the complaints system. He asked for confirmation that the system was now functioning correctly. Ann confirmed that it was working correctly.

3. DEVELOPMENT WORKS UPDATE

In response to a question regarding the re-location of the Air Ambulance, Ann Bartaby explained that the fitting work was still in progress. The Air Ambulance would occupy the ground floor of Redhill Aerodrome Business Centre (and Hangar 10). Ann went on to explain that 'Specialist Aviation Services' (SAS) who provide Helicopter maintenance services for the Air Ambulance would be moving some of their operation from their Gloucestershire site to Redhill. Following this information, Councillor Clark asked if repairs would be made to Emergency Helicopters at night. It was not envisaged that this would be the case and Ann pointed out that the hangar had been in continuous use for maintenance until March 2016.

Ann went on to explain that discussions were still ongoing with NPAS with regards to relocating to a Hangar nearer the Aerodrome Business Centre. This would offer acoustic advantages to local residents.

A question was raised with regards to the Lease arrangements with the KSSAA and NPAS. Ann explained that both organisations had a 10 year lease on their current hangars (with break clauses). The Air Ambulance had secured a 25 year lease on the ground floor of the business centre.

The Committee questioned whether there were any plans for the Coast Guard helicopter to be located at Redhill. Ann confirmed that they had not been approached to date.

Ann gave a progress report on the other refurbishment and development works to the site, this included:-

- All repairs to the Business Centre had been completed
- The Lease for Hangar 1-3 had been completed. The new Tenants were 'Ace Hygiene'. There was concern about traffic but Ann reminded the Committee that the previous Tenants (Brake Brothers) had been operating a comparable storage activity
- The steel frame for Phoenix House (the old main block building) had been completed
- Permitted Development had been approved by Tandridge District Council for an upgrade to the Northern Car Park.

Cllr Vickers questioned if the outstanding query (with Surrey County Council Highways department) in relation to the licensed taxiway had been resolved. Ann explained the issue which related to the change in the number of vehicles visiting the site. She explained that there would be an increase of approximately 2 or 3 car movements in the peak periods which would not exceed the 3% increase which is generally considered as 'material'. It was suggested that Surrey CC could carry out a site visit and Cllr Windsor offered her assistance in resolving the issue.

Discussions followed surrounding the proposed Garden Village development and the future prospects of the Aerodrome. Clarification was sought on whether it would be the whole or part of the site put forward for development. Ann Bartaby confirmed that it would be the entire site.

Responding to a question about viability, Ann explained that with the securement of new tenants the viability of the business would improve but it was still a risky business and the long term viability of the site could not be secured. It had not been possible to achieve as much rental income as was hoped and although the annual turnover was approximately £2 million, running costs and the maintenance of the buildings remained costly, meaning profits were small.

A statement was made in reference to the cost of speculative development over the years and the impact this had had on the profit of the Aerodrome.

4. BIGGIN HILL CONSULTATION

Biggin Hill Airport submitted a consultation document, which proposed the "introduction of an Instrument Approach Procedure to Runway 03 at London Biggin Hill Airport". The Consultation ran from 27th February 2017 until 10th April 2017.

Redhill Aerodrome wrote an objection letter to Biggin Hill, which had been circulated to neighbouring Parish Council's. The objection was based on the grounds that flight safety would be adversely affected.

Ann Bartaby gave reassurance that the Aerodrome would continue to monitor the activity and continue to raise safety concerns. It was agreed that the response to Biggin Hill would be circulated to the Committee.

5. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The draft Annual report 2016/17 had been circulated. Subject to some minor amendments the report was agreed. The final draft would be distributed at the Public meeting on the 10th June 2017.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Memorial Plaque to 75 World War II pilots

Cllr Vickers updated the Committee with details of the recent unveiling of a memorial plaque to the 75 airmen who lost their lives during World War II, when flying from Redhill Aerodrome. The ceremony took place on the 7th April at Nutfield Memorial Hall. A book was written by Mike Garwood, on the history of the Aerodrome and was available to purchase.

7. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings (all commencing at 10.00am) were scheduled as follows:

Ordinary meetings

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Annual Meeting

Saturday 10^h June 2016 at 10.00am – Redhill Aerodrome Business Centre

Rising: 10.40 a.m.



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Fixed-wing and Helicopter Movements

Runway Usage January – March 2017

	Jan - Mar 2016	Jan - Mar 2017	Mar 16	Mar 17
Fixed-wing				
Movements	2054	2214	809	960
Touch & Go	2942	2370	1280	968
Total	4996	4584	2089	1928
Helicopter				
Movements	2375	2342	919	1019
Airfield Detail	1010	1080	406	346
Total	3385	3422	1325	1365

Runway	Days Used	Take-off	Landing	T & G
07	25	355	293	580
08L	4	29	29	54
08R	0	0	0	0
18	3	26	24	32
25	39	517	520	1070
26L	0	0	0	0
26R	17	190	189	464
36	6	57	60	40

January: there were 14 days when weather (strong winds, fog, thunderstorms or rain) reduced flying activity.
February: there were 17 days when weather (strong winds, fog, thunderstorms, rain or snow) reduced flying activity.
March: there were 14 days when weather (strong winds or fog) reduced flying activity.

Note: The CAA has moved to an on-line reporting system and therefore the CAA Statistic table is no longer produced.

Aircraft Movements Outside ATC Hours

	Commercial	NPAS	HEMS	Total
January	12	118	45	175
February	15	50	30	95
March	45	165	52	262

Flying Complaints

2017	Total Movements	Total Complaints	No of Complainants	2016	Total Movements	Total Complaints	No of Complainants
January	2786	3	3	January	2248	3	3
February	1937	3	1	February	2679	10	4
March	3293	7	5	March	3414	4	4

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Fixed-wing Complaints

2017	Fixed-wing Movements	Complaints	No of Complainants	2016	Fixed-wing Movements	Complaints	No of Complainants
January	1540	2	0	January	1282	0	0
February	1116	1	1	February	1625	1	1
March	1982	6	4	March	2089	1	1

	Details of Complaint	Runway & Movement Info	Action
FW1/17	Complainant: Mr M Location: Reigate Complaint: 21 Jan 1627hrs. Fixed-wing circling.	Runway: 25 FW Movements: 155 Total Movements: 233	The complaint relates to fixed-wing aircraft orbiting whilst a runway inspection was carried out after debris was reported on the runway. Runway was closed for 11 minutes. No further action.
FW2/17	Complainant: Mr B Location: Lodge Lane, Salfords Complaint: 28 Jan 1105hrs. Fixed-wing aircraft flying close to Lodge Lane.	Runway: 25 FW Movements: 135 Total Movements: 173	The complaint relates to fixed-wing aircraft departing from Rwy 25. The complainant's location is within the ATZ approximately 500m south of the climb out, aircraft will be audible and visible when Rwy 07/25 is in use. No further action.
FW3/17	Complainant: Mrs A Location: Moats Lane, South Nutfield. Complaint: 04 Feb 1631hrs. Fixed-wing over flying property.	Runway: 25 FW Movements: 99 Total Movements: 132	The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. The fixed-wing aircraft was practicing a left hand bad weather circuit to Rwy 25. No further action.
FW4/17	Complainant: Mr B Location: Salfords. Complaint: 13 Mar. Noise from aircraft.	Runway: 25 FW Movements: 90 Total Movements: 141	The complainant resides within the ATZ south of the climb out from Rwy 25. Aircraft noise will be noticeable from this location but should not be flying overhead. The complainant has had this explained to him previously. No further action.
FW5/17	Complainant: Ms A Location: SM5 5QJ Complaint: 23 Mar 0327hrs. Aircraft noise.	Runway: N/A FW Movements: Total Movements:	The complainant relates to a location well outside the Redhill ATZ. No further action.
FW6/17, 7/17 and 8/17	Complainant: Mr G Location: Henthaw Farm South Nutfield Complaint: 27 Mar 1137, 1200 and 1515hrs. Fixed-wing aircraft overflying property.	Runway: 08L FW Movements: 81 Total Movements: 134	The complainant resides within the ATZ close to the climb out of Runway 08R. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. One aircraft was a visitor who turned too early on to the crosswind leg, the other aircraft is operated by Redhill Aviation. No further action.
FW9/17	Complainant: Mrs A Location: Moats Lane, South Nutfield. Complaint: 30 Mar 1121, 1232 and 1547 hrs. Fixed-wing over flying property.	Runway: 18 FW Movements: 61 Total Movements: 106	The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. When departing on Rwy 18 aircraft will fly close to or overfly this location to avoid going too close to the southern ATZ boundary and setting off a CAIT alert at Gatwick TC. No further action. Note: CAIT = Controlled Airspace Infringement Tool.

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Helicopter Complaints

	Helicopter Movements	Complaints	No of Complainants	2016	Helicopter Movements	Complaints	No of Complainants
2017							
January	1246	3	1	January	966	3	3
February	821	2	1	February	1054	9	3
March	1365	2	1	March	1325	3	3

H1/17	Complainant: Mr R Location: Southern Avenue, Salfords Complaint: 23 Mar'1620hrs. Helicopter flying west of London-Brighton Railway Line.		Helistrip: H26 Helicopter Movements: 79 Total Movements: 181	This complaint relates to helicopters flying west of the London/Brighton Railway Line. The houses in Southern Avenue are between 14m and 70m from the railway line. Helicopters flying over this area are within the circuit area and are complying with normal aviation practice. Properties in this area will be subjected to helicopter noise when the circuit is active.
H2/17	Complainant: Mrs A Location: Moats Lane, South Nutfield Complaint: 10 Feb 1438hrs. A helicopter over flew property.		Helistrip: H08 Helicopter Movements: 8 Total Movements: 8	This complainant has requested that his complaints are logged and does not require further contact from the Aerodrome. The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. This will not always be possible. This complaint related to the NPAS helicopter departing on an operational flight. No further action.
H3/17	Complainant: Mrs A Location: Moats Lane, South Nutfield Complaint: 14 Feb 1411hrs. A helicopter over flew property.		Helistrip: H08 Helicopter Movements: 36 Total Movements: 105	The complainant resides within the ATZ and within the visual circuit pattern. Pilots are requested to avoid overflying this location whenever possible. This will not always be possible. This complaint related to the NPAS helicopter returning from an operational flight. No further action.
H4/17	Complainant: Mr R Location: Southern Avenue, Salfords Complaint: 23 Mar'1620hrs. Helicopter flying west of London-Brighton Railway Line.		Helistrip: H08 Helicopter Movements: 59 Total Movements: 67	This complaint relates to helicopters flying west of the London/Brighton Railway Line. The houses in Southern Avenue are between 14m and 70m from the railway line. Helicopters flying over this area are within the circuit area and are complying with normal aviation practice. Properties in this area will be subjected to helicopter noise when the circuit is active. This complainant has requested that his complaints are logged and does not require further contact from the Aerodrome.

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Aircraft Incidents/Accidents

Date	Emergency Category	Callsign/Registration	Type	Details
18/01	Local Stand-by	REN06/GTVHD	AS55	Helicopter departed Redhill for a filming detail over London. Approximately 2nm N of the AD the pilot reported LH Engine Chip Light had illuminated and was returning. Helicopter landed safely H26 with ARFFS in attendance.
12/03	Full Emergency	GOMST	P28A	Aircraft downwind for Rwy 25 reported engine problem. Landed safely with ARFFS in attendance.
27/03	Full Emergency	GOMST	P28A	Aircraft departed Rwy 08L reported engine problem; lack of power. Aircraft landed across Rwy 08R and Twy Bravo coming to rest in the in the overshoot area. ARFFS attended. 2 POB. No injuries or damage to aircraft.



Philip WRIGHT Aerodrome Manager/SATCO

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