

Notes of the **AIR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 13th August 2018 at 7.30pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

PRESENT: Chair Nick Anderson (NA), Cllr Andrew Fane (AF), Cllr Marcus Tarling (MT) Members of the Public: Paul Watkins (PW)

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public are encouraged to come to the meetings and there is a 10 minute opportunity at the start of the meeting for them to address the Air Traffic Committee. There were no members of the public present.

1. ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING - None
2. APOLOGIES - None.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2018

001485A RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2018 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes.

- Noise Monitor application response received and circulated. Unfortunately, Withyham Parish Council was not chosen at this time, this does not mean that it is a no in general as the site remains on the waiting list. Assistant Clerk to respond questioning if the location submitted being in the Gatwick night flight survey would have a positive impact on being selected.

Outstanding

- A reference Sheet is still in progress. NA to present at October meeting
- Website page to be updated based on text provided by PW. Assistant Clerk to update for October meeting.
- Air Quality Mapping toolkit information. NA to finalise for October meeting.

5. WEALDEN LOCAL PLAN - REQUEST FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW HABITATS REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT IN CONSIDERTION OF FLIGHT EMISSIONS

The committee agreed that there are several areas that the Local Plan had not taken into consideration including but not limited to:

- Failure to consider increasing footfall and travel regarding the expansion of Gatwick Airport
- Flights traveling over the forest flying at a height frequently below 7,000 feet. 7,000 feet has been stated as the height at which air pollution from planes may not affect ground levels. Many planes in this area have been recorded below 4,000 feet which may influence the flora and fauna in the AONBs and SSSI's.
- Noise and light pollution effects on the protected species on the Ashdown Forest
- Particulate matter and PAH (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) not considered in the papers of the Local Plan

It was agreed NA would produce a draft response for circulation, amendment and agreement by email to the rest of the Air Traffic Committee. This would then be taken to the Planning Committee meeting on the 10th September 2018.

6. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA. - None

7. DATE OF MEETING

It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge. Date to be agreed by email.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm