

Notes of the **AIR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 2017 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

1. Apologies – None.

It was noted that since the last meeting Alastair Seaton had resigned from the committee, all members of the committee expressed their sadness at this and their thanks for the work Alastair had put into the committee at its start.

2. Notes from meeting of 25th March 2017 and matters arising

2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2017.

001279 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2017 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

4.2. Matters Arising

The Assistant Clerk advised that the response to “Reforming Policy on The Design and Use of Airspace” was approved by council and submitted.

3. Drone Policy

The Assistant Clerk was thanked for circulating a Legal Surgery document from NALC. It was noted that the government is currently reviewing legislation with possible registration requirements on Drones. It was agreed that this would have an effect on any policy and that this item should be kept under review for inclusion in a future agenda.

4. Possible clustering with other Parish Councils.

It was noted that previous attempts to cluster with other Parishes in the area have been unsuccessful. However with more and more consultations coming through a combined force would prove to be very helpful. It was agreed that NA would provide a list of other Parish Councils and groups in the area of East Sussex and West Kent for circulation by the Assistant Clerk.

The Assistant Clerk was asked to raise the issue of clustering on Air Traffic with other parishes at the next Wealden Clerks Meeting.

Action: NA to provide Assistant Clerk with list for circulation. NB to raise clustering with Wealden Clerks.

- 5. The approach of other organisations and how that interacts with WPC.**
After some discussion it was agreed that a reference sheet showing the other agencies and organisations, including a brief description, that the committee would be interacting with and whose information it would be reviewing would be very useful as sometimes this can be unclear.
Action: NA to produce a reference sheet for circulation to the committee.
- 6. Noise impacts survey**
It was confirmed that this is for individuals to complete and not something for the council to review. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would add the information for this survey to the Parish Councils website as part of the ATC role is to disseminate information to members of the parish that they may find useful.
Action: Assistant Clerk to add Noise Impact Survey to WPC Website.
- 7. Consultation: A new aviation strategy for the UK: call for evidence**
It was agreed that NA draft a response to this for circulation to the committee before submission to the council in September for approval. The deadline for submission was confirmed as October 2017.
Action: NA to draft response for submission to the September Council Meeting to be agreed by the committee.
- 8. Item to be included on the next agenda**
It was agreed that the minutes and agenda from the ESCAN meetings would be useful for the committee to review.
Action: MT to speak to his contact to request minutes and agendas be sent to the Assistant Clerk for circulation.
- 9. Date of next meeting 31st October 2017, 7.30pm in the Parish Offices. The Old Station, Groombridge.**

Meeting closed at 8.12pm