

Notes of the **AIR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 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.

2. **Notes from meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and matters arising**

2.1. Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

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**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

2.2. Matters Arising

7 - The Assistant Clerk advised that the response to “Consultation: A new aviation strategy for the UK: call for evidence” was approved by council and submitted. It agreed that the results of the consultation should be added to a future agenda when available.

4 - The assistant Clerk reported on the activity of other parishes in Wealden with regards to Air Traffic and confirmed that no other parish has a committee, this would make clustering difficult.

5 - NA confirmed the reference sheet was in progress.

6 - It was agreed that a member of the ATC would produce a draft document showing what should be in the Parish Council website under ATC for the committee to review.

***Actions: Results of the Consultation: A new aviation strategy for the UK: call for evidence to be added to future agenda when available  
NA to produce draft document on content for Parish Council website page and continue work on reference sheet of other organisations for circulation.***

3 **Drone Policy**

The committee reviewed the Government’s response on Drones and it was agreed that this item should be kept under review for inclusion in a future agenda if it becomes an issue in the parish or legislation is put forward by the Government.

**4 Review Air Quality Mapping Toolkit**

It was agreed that knowing the base level of Nox in the parish would be a good idea in particular with future consultations and government reviews where this information would be relevant. At a cost of less than £200 it was also agreed that this was good value for money. The committee agreed that NA would produce a document for circulation to the committee for final agreement. This would then be sent to council as a recommendation from the ATC.

***Action: NA to produce document for review by ATC and if agreed recommendation to council.***

**5 Review of Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board Minutes and Agenda**

These were circulated to the committee and read by members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that any comments on these minutes should be forwarded to ESCAGN. A query was raised regarding the night flight respite mentioned in the minutes. MT advised that he was attending the ESCAGN meeting and would take to enquiry regarding night flight respite to the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes and agendas for other organisations should continue to be circulated for review by the committee.

***Action: MT to raise the issue of night flight respite at the ESCAGN meeting.***

**6 Item to be included on the next agenda**

It was noted that the consultation response to "Reforming Policy on The Design and Use of Airspace" was a positive step in particular ICCAN mentioned in the review and could be monitored on future agendas. It was also noted that it should be looked at in combination with the new Aviation Strategy for the UK response when received.

It was requested that the reopening of the Heathrow Consultation and its effects be added to the next agenda.

**7 Date of next meeting 23rd January 2018, 7.30pm in the Parish Offices.**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm