



Local Government for Langton Green, Speldhurst, Ashurst and Old Groombridge

Minutes of an Air Traffic Committee Meeting held in The Council Office, Langton Green Recreation Ground on Friday 23rd January 2015 at 11.30am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mrs Soyke, Mrs Podbury, Mrs Hull, and Mr Howden and Mr Robinson

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris May – clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were none

1. **To enquire if anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting:** No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** There were none
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Other Significant Interests:** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying:** All members said that they had had discussions with a number of residents about the increase in the noise over recent months.
5. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **30th October 2014**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
6. **Public Open Session:** Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee on any matters relating to the work of the Committee or to raise any issues of concern.

There were no members of the public present.

7. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson summarised the meeting that was held earlier with Greg Clark MP which was attended by members from Rusthall and Bidborough Parish Councils. Greg Clark called the meeting to update himself with the views of Parish Councils. He said that he had canvassed residents via a leaflet sent to every household asking for a questionnaire to be filled in and returned. Having listened to the attendees Greg Clark said that he was opposed to any Gatwick expansion and the narrowing of the flight path and was still in favour of the Estuary airport, which he

believed had been dismissed too early. He would incorporate mitigation should the Gatwick expansion go ahead.

8. **Airports Commission Autumn consultation:** Cllr Barrington-Johnson had produced a detailed response to the consultation and he was congratulated by committee members on his work. There were some minor alterations which he would incorporate and circulate a new version prior to sending the final document.
9. **Consideration of the content of the Air Traffic web page:** It was agreed to leave any amendments to the website until after the consultation was finished.
10. **Items for information:** There were none.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

Chairman