



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 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 10.00am**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Barrington-Johnson (Chairman), Mrs Soyke, Mrs Hull with Mr Howden

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris May – clerk

1. **Election of Chairman:** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Barrington-Johnson as Chairman.
2. **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.
3. **To receive and approve apologies and reason for absence:** Cllr Mrs Podbury and Mr Robinson (both prior engagement).
4. **Disclosure of Interests:** There were none.
5. **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.
6. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated **20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**, copies having previously been forwarded to Members, be approved and signed as a correct record.
7. **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
8. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:** There were none
9. **To consider the Kent Environment Strategy:** The Chairman summarised his views on the draft document and said that it was disappointing that the high profile subject of aircraft traffic, the noise that it generates and the pollution has been ignored. He felt that the document should include proposals to monitor the problems generated by aircraft traffic at the very least. The Committee was in total agreement with his comments and Cllr Barrington-Johnson will draft a response to the consultation on behalf of Full Council for it to consider at the September meeting.

- 10. Items for information:** Cllrs Mrs Soyke, Hull and Podbury all attended the “Flight Path Gathering” arranged by Gatwick Obviously Not! On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August in Penshurst. Mr Howden reported that his independent group, which included Mike Binns, Rachel Godfrey and Mike Taylor (Crowborough), had attended some meetings with the CAA and also a consulting company called Helios. He thought the discussions were having an impact and would report back on future meetings. Cllr Barrington-Johnson said that the London Evening Standard on 25<sup>th</sup> August had a 4 page advert for Gatwick Airport challenging the recent findings of the Airport Commission.

The meeting closed at 10.40am

Chairman