

Headcorn Aerodrome
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**Consultative Committee Minutes
Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 2.30 pm
Wings Bar & Restaurant
Headcorn Aerodrome**

Present: Jamie Freeman – Headcorn Aerodrome
Brian Bristow – Vice Chairman and Smarden PC
Keith Perkins – Aero Legends Ltd
Lester Gosbee – Frittenden PC
Linda Thorogood – Vice Chair Headcorn Parish Council
Ziggy Trzebinski – Maidstone Borough Council
Chris Yates – Headcorn Special Events Ltd
Sue Line - Secretary

1 Apologies for Absence

Terry Hodges – Pilot and Insurance
John Perry – Staplehurst PC
Gerald Hodges – Thurston Helicopters Ltd
James Thomas – Chair Headcorn Parish Council
Kayleigh Brunger-Randall – Ashford Borough Council

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting were read signed and accepted and would be posted to the Headcorn Aerodrome website.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes. Other matters were pursued as below.

4 Planning & Events

The Planning Application for the Battle of Britain Air Display had gone in. Thanks were expressed to the Officers and Staff at Maidstone Borough Council for their efforts and support. Jamie Freeman confirmed to the Committee that the organisers were applying to start

the event on the Friday. He confirmed to Brian Bristow that this would be later in the day after a normal day's flying at the aerodrome.

Chris Yates confirmed that, as before, there would be Service of Remembrance given by either a local Vicar or a Military Padre, and that other military personnel would be in attendance. This service would be held by the Scramble Hut and he would usually expect about 30 or 40 people in attendance.

Jamie Freeman confirmed that the car events were supported but that the aerodrome no longer held Boot Fairs. These events with classic and vintage cars made for a nice day out for visitors. He felt that this all brought people to the area and raised the profile of the village and aerodrome. The Maidstone and Mid Kent Car Club also held a presence on the aerodrome and this allowed youngsters to hone their driving skills and be part of a club community.

Chris Yates confirmed that there would be a Military Show but that the event called Combined Ops would not be held this year. The Emergency Vehicle Show would not be making as much noise this year. There was quite a bit going on at the aerodrome.

5 Correspondence - none

6 Complaints

There had recently been a complaint about about Chinooks flying. In fact the RAF had requested a sortie this very evening and JPAF had felt he had to turn them down because they had already been operating here recently. He felt he had to balance RAF training, steep turns, change of crew and night airfield attacks with any complaints. When the most recent complaint was relayed to the pilots they had immediately cancelled their sortie and left the aerodrome. Brian Bristow confirmed he was aware of the kind of training they undertook.

There was a discussion about the Bletchenden area and rearranging a suitable date for JPAF and Brian Bristow to re-visit the site. This had previously been attempted once or twice before but had been postponed because of the direction of the wind which was obviously critical. Keith Perkins felt the issue was how residents perceived flight 'overhead' and Lester Gosbee and Chris Yates agreed.

7 Any other business

Lester Gosbee gave the Committee his views on the weather for the coming period: "There is the possibility of some thundery weather and showery rain early next week. This type of weather will rule our summer. Early July will see fine weather. It will be hot and humid for spells of a week or more. There will be heat warnings for July and

August. September will have average weather but unsettled overall. If you are hoping for a Mediterranean Summer like 2022, you could be disappointed".

- 8 Date of next meeting was to be 17th October 2023
2.30pm in Wings Bar.**

NOTE: Now to be changed. New date to be agreed. The Secretary has offered her thanks and appreciation for a change of date.

Meeting closed at 2.55pm

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