FENLAND AERO CLUB – Management Team

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

Other Attend		
Prese	Present:	David Petters (DP), Jeff Helm (JH), Braden Connolly (BC), Rynardt Spies (RS), Phil Parsons (PP), Paul Brian (PB)

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2021 18:00

1) APOLOGIES: Liam Leys, Crosby Johnson, Steve Brown, Kerry Allen

2) INTRODUCTION

It was agreed at the previous meeting to have an additional online meeting, not to cover the usual agenda, but to discuss airfield works.

3) MATTERS ARISING

We had an email from our insurance company that Mrs Wright had been in contact and requested the club to take out 15 million of liability cover, after the recent renewal at an increased 10 million. Although Mrs Wright advised she would pay for the additional cover herself, it was discussed that this would likely cause insurers to deem Fenland too risky and make us uninsurable. It was agreed Mrs Wright could take out her own independent liability policy if she wishes. Action JH to reply to the insurance company.

4) AIRFIELD WORKS

Mr Wright had spoken to JH and he could remove the soil pile between Bravo and Charlie at a cost of £2000. However his preference is to use the soil to level 18/36, although the runway would probably be out of use for 2 or 3 months. A discussion followed. PB didn't think the pile of soil was an issue, doesn't affect taxying and stops people getting too close to the dyke. **Action PB to talk to Murray as Accountable Manager.**

Mr Wright had presented a plan to JH to move the barrier in front of E-Plane further back to allow more non airside parking in front of E-Plane, to have a no entry sign to separate the new hangar concrete and allow non airside parking in front of the Nissen hangar. JH stated that whilst the plan

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has some advantages, it is a possible safety hazard that public could be wandering around the back of E-Plane towards the new hangars out of sight of both the tower and the flying school. It was agreed to leave the barrier where it is. If more non airside parking is required on a temporary basis, a risk assessment and markers could make the area in front of E-Plane non airside for the duration of an event. It was suggested extending the car park to the east through the fence was a better long-term solution. Action BC and JH to talk to Mr Wright to discuss the proposals.

PB asked for clarification on our lease footprint. Since the 2002 lease was signed, the club has taken on Bay 7, Bay 8 and the Nissen hangar, but we do not have any agreements filed. It is not clear if the grass in front of Bay 7 and Bay 8 is included in our lease. The air ambulance helicopter landing lights are also not on our footprint.

PB discussed some ideas to extend the clubhouse and have better toilets. DP added that the clubhouse is very dated, small for the number of members we have and needs modernisation.

Rather than try and fit new toilets into the existing building, we should not discount extending the clubhouse.

The meeting closed at 19:14.

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