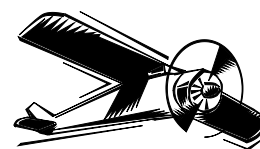


FENLAND AERO CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

Present:	Ziggy Krasa (ZK), Jeff Helm (JH), Josh Brown (JB), Pete Begley (PB), Heidi Barrett (HB), Steve Brown (SB), Lisa Brian (LB)
Others in Attendance:	Oliver Wheeldon (OW), Lee Dickens (LD), Tim Dighton (TD)

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2025 @ 18:30

1) APOLOGIES: Simon Cooke, Ray Nicholson.

2) SAFETY MEETING (chaired by CFI - safety forms and safety issues)

The airfield had received a planning proposal for a chicken farm located in the field opposite the road of the 08 threshold. The major concern is the large number of southerly facing fans that could potentially cause turbulence on approach. **Action ZK to contact the CAA and also file an objection to SHDC.**

JH has purchased a 1 tonne bag of soil to fill rabbit holes around the airfield prior to Wings and Wheels.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2025 were approved.

4) UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

JH noted that the airfield insurance is due August 24. We are awaiting a renewal quote from Howden (merged with Forbes). Howden advised (as per previous years) that they consider the buildings rebuild cost of £1.1 million too low and that we should undertake a rebuild cost survey.

LB has chased up the last 3 membership renewals

6) FINANCE

JB presented the club finances. We have £94,463.60 in the bank. A budget is in progress. It was suggested that a cloud accounting solution might be beneficial for better visibility and automatic bank transaction import. **Action JB to investigate cloud accounting software options.**

7) FUEL

Pump 2 is still broken and only dispenses 5 litres at a time. Tokheim have been chased multiple times.

The Puma driver had advised JH that other airfields use the dispensing nozzle to balance multiple tanks. This is worth considering when pump 2 is working again to minimise fuel deliveries.

8) AIRSIDE AND ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER

OW asked to see the risk assessment for Wings and Wheels, JH will circulate.

OW had been talking to other airfields through the AOG to get clarification on the legal responsibilities of the role of Accountable Manager. The CAA also run an Accountable Manager course although this is likely to be targeted at commercial airfields. A long discussion followed. Hopefully the feedback from other airfields will help to clarify the role. DP to circulate CAP168.

9) IER/RFFS AND A/G RADIO

TD has source an independent company called Crouch Recovery who will perform an onsite fire truck written inspection whenever we need one, frequency to be agreed. Before the initial inspection we will first fix the brakes, a new servo is required. The fire truck will be operational for Wings and Wheels.

Fire extinguisher servicing is due. Alternative servicing companies were discussed. **Action LD to follow up with Simon Cooke and Bond.**

JH noted that fire crew refresher training is required soon.

10) NON-AIRSIDE

Thanks to TD and PS for painting the fence.

Action JH to order more heating oil.

11) HANGARS

PB reported a couple of hangar movements. Hangars remain full with around 10 people on the waiting list. ZK has started discussions with Mr and Mrs Wright regarding the logistics of siting additional hangars on the airfield.

12) EVENTS

Mr Wright is happy for us to use their driveway as a vehicle exit route for Wings and Wheels.

Final preparations for Wings and Wheels are underway. Simon and Ray will cover the tower on the day.

HB asked for a small budget for future events and will be canvassing opinion via a questionnaire, this was approved. A discussion followed regarding various events and ideas that could bring more money into the club.

13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

No update.

14) RUNWAYS RESTAURANT

Draft changes to the previous catering agreement were discussed. The agreement needs to be fair but not penalise the club for heavy use. The licensee will pay for 100% of the clubhouse electricity, pay for their own bins and supply all IER/ATC meals free of charge.

Action ZK to agree a start date with Damian.

Action JH to write an email to the members to introduce Damian.

15) QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES AND AOB

None

The meeting closed at 20:55. Date of next meeting: w/c September 15.