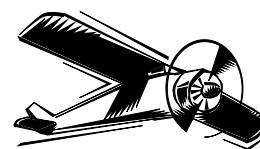


FENLAND AERO CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

Present:	Jeff Helm (JH), Pete Begley (PB), Heidi Barrett (HB), Josh Brown (JB), Steve Brown (SB), Lisa Brian (LB)
Others in Attendance:	Simon Cooke (SC), Tim Dighton (TD), Cody Witson (CW), Colin Gregg (CG)

MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2025 @ 18:30

1) APOLOGIES: Ziggy Krasa, David Petters, Oliver Wheeldon.

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

No safety issues reported.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2025 were approved.

4) UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

JH noted that the aerodrome manual had been updated to comply with the CAA observations from the last audit, including an organigram. JB had submitted an AIP update to make pilots aware of the ditch alongside the western taxiway.

5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

No updates.

6) FINANCE

JB reported a bank balance of £67,642.53 with fuel stock of £14,542.15. The annual insurance has been paid this month.

7) FUEL

JH noted ongoing issues with pump 2, still with Tokheim to resolve. The Wildcats have been briefed on airfield operations and are self-sufficient. **Action JH to inform the members of Wildcat operations.**

JH is trying to push the Tactfil agreement forward, a summary of outstanding issues including a dispensing rota and staff training was discussed.

8) AIRSIDE AND ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER

No updates.

9) IER/RFFS AND A/G RADIO

CW and CG led a discussion on the lack of active IER volunteers. CW wanted to email local fire services for donations through the secretary, there were no objections.

The fire truck is now fully serviceable, we can now schedule an initial external inspection.

SC is awaiting new extinguisher foam for the truck. Bond are waiting due to a change of compliance regulations, this should be replaced by the end of October and we can combine with hot fire training.

A list of jobs will be compiled if IER volunteers are looking for something to do during the day.

10) NON-AIRSIDE

HB has spoken to Ricky to replace the flickering lights in the clubhouse.

11) HANGARS

PB reported the hangars full. A couple of aircraft are up for sale but there is still a long waiting list. A discussion followed on hangared aircraft that are not “active” members/do not fly.

12) EVENTS

HB proposed some event ideas including aviation talks, social gatherings and also a possible Pumpkin fly in on November 1. LB suggested we contact GASCo as their safety presentations have been well received in the past.

HB has requested the Red Arrows, BBMF, Apache, Chinook and a Typhoon for Wings and Wheels 2026.

13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

SB would like to trial closing the flying school on a Tuesday for the winter to align with the new restaurant opening hours. The fuel will need to be tested. **Action JB to update the AIP. Action JH to update the website and put an out of hours landing fee payment link in the fuel shed.**

The flying school would like an additional radiator and will obtain a quote.

14) RUNWAYS RESTAURANT

ZK had spoken to Damian and Damian is struggling to find staff to work for him at the airfield.

Terms have been agreed in principle but no agreement has been signed. If it doesn't work out a discussion followed whether the club could run the restaurant ourselves by employing a chef and also what the vibe of the clubhouse should be e.g. restaurant vs cafe, name boards vs digital display. We should take a step back and look at other successful airfields such as Tatenhill, Sleaford and Wickenby. In the interim we could extend the honesty snacks and drinks.

15) QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES AND AOB

None

The meeting closed at 20:35. Date of next meeting: w/c October 13.