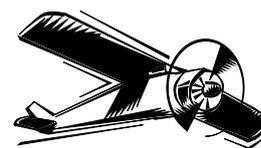


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

Present:	Ziggy Krasa (ZK), Jeff Helm (JH), Heidi Barrett (HB), Josh Brown (JB), Steve Brown (SB), Peter Begley (PB)
Others in Attendance:	Lisa Brian (LB), Oliver Wheeldon (OW), Simon Cooke (SC), Andy Blewett (AB), Steve McCarthy (SMC), Annette McCarthy (AMC)

MONDAY, 12 JANUARY 2026 @ 18:30

1) **APOLOGIES:** David Petters

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

HB reported that the tower steps can become slippery. **Action ZK to investigate.**

3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

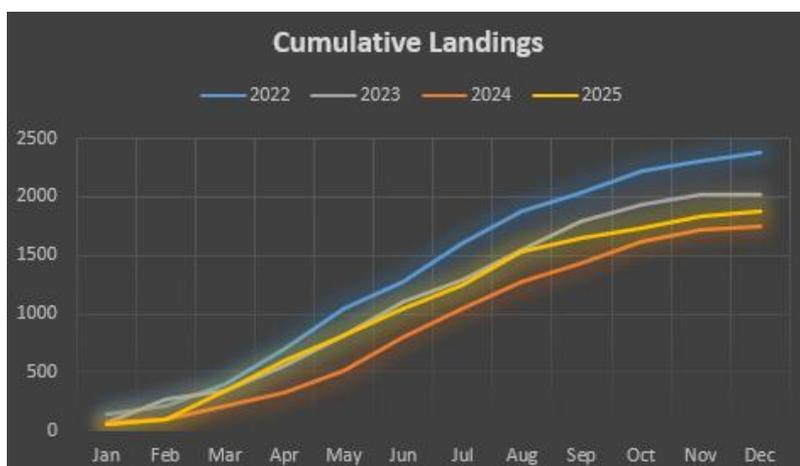
The minutes of the previous meeting on 15 October 2025 were approved.

4) **UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

JH noted the fire truck maintenance inspection still needs to be done. The battery (fairly new) had been flat last time the truck was used, SB has identified the key was in the wrong position for off.

5) **CLUB ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

JH shared a graph of visitor landings for 2025. This is estimated by counting the number of entries in the signing in book each month. 2025 was better than 2024 and had the restaurant not closed we would have been on par with 2023, showing a positive visitor trend.



JH had received a drone request and wondered if should have a policy for processing drone requests, as currently they are approved by various people. Permission is always required to fly a drone in the Fenland FRZ and the guidance states we need to try and accommodate all requests. Clearly the maximum height and location of the drone flight makes a huge difference to aircraft safety. **Action JH to draft a drone policy leading to a drone request form on the website.**

6) FINANCE

JB reported a bank balance of £65k and around £18k of fuel stock.

If we need to make any changes to fees for the next financial year, this will need to be raised at the next meeting. A discussion followed on how we could incentivise IER and tower volunteers.

7) FUEL

We are being audited on 11 February for our petroleum storage certificate, SC offered to help. An up to date electrical certificate will need be obtained before then. **Action JH to source electrician to produce a Filing Station Periodic Inspection Report.**

New Jet A1 test capsules will arrive tomorrow.

JH had transferred some AVGAS from tank 2 to tank 1 to balance the tanks.

8) AIRSIDE AND ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER

There are a few derelict caravans located between bay 8 and the road, which could cause a safety hazard if the air ambulance helicopter lands. **Action ZK to talk to the landlords to see if the caravans can be relocated.**

OW expects an onsite audit by the CAA in March or April, so we should ensure all our fuel, IER, and A/G records are up to date. A pre-CAA internal audit should be done.

SC raised the faulty lights on the tower beacon and old hangar, LD will resolve.

9) IER/RFFS AND A/G RADIO

SC reported that a new foam extinguisher may be required on the truck to be compatible with the AFFF replacement. It was agreed we should buy a new extinguisher if needed.

We have some new IER recruits and training will commence soon.

10) NON-AIRSIDE

JH had ordered more heating oil and would like to buy an oil monitor to check levels, this was approved.

11) HANGARS

One hangar occupant has left but there is a healthy waiting list.

The IER crew had raised concerns over the hangar bins spilling over. Spare in bags will be provided by each bin. **Action PB to remind hangar owners to empty the bins.**

12) EVENTS

HB reported the final events of 2025 all went well and thanked all the helpers. Lessons were learnt to make events more streamlined in 2026. The Men's Shed event led to 6 new IER candidates. The Christmas fly in was poor weather but was well attended non-airside. The model aero club want to come back for their AGM in 2026 and also participate in Wings and Wheels.

The next event is a club social gathering on 24 January, with food and music. Future events being discussed include a local historian talk, camping under the wing evening, a Chipmunk 80th year fly in and Wings and Wheels 2026.

SB asked if we could host a GASCo safety evening, their last talk at Fenland was 2019.

HB asked if there was budget to purchase a marquee to be used outside the clubhouse on event days. Further research on prices will be done.

13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

LB asked if the cafe would be able to provide food and drink for the bi-weekly ground school. AB responded that they will help with as many events as possible.

14) RUNWAYS CAFE

SMC, AMC and AB gave an update on preparations. The cafe re-opens on 21 January. All feedback and suggestions will be happily received. The alcohol licence was sent off over Christmas and we are waiting for the updated licence, JH will chase the council. JB will give social media access.

JH shared the final licence agreement with a separate inventory. Two references are needed.

15) QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES AND AOB

None

The meeting closed at 20:08. Date of next meeting w/c February 16.