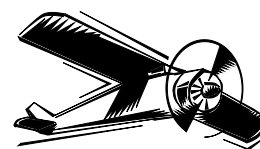


# FENLAND AERO CLUB

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

<b>Present:</b>	Ziggy Krasa (ZK), Josh Brown (JB), Steve Brown (SB), Pete Begley (PB), Heidi Barrett (HB)
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	Oliver Wheeldon (OW), Lisa Brian (LB), Lee Dickens (LD) Steve McCarthy (SMC), Annette McCarthy (AMC)

### MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2026 @ 18:30

**1) APOLOGIES:** Jeff Helm (JH), David Petters (DP)

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

A hangar member had reported several missing 12mm screws from his cowl hinge that are held in by the cowl when in flight. It was agreed to log this as an unexplainable event in case of any future occurrences.

**3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting on February 16 were approved.

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

No updates.

**5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Membership renewals have been sent out and lots of early payments.

A question had been raised whether DP should be given honorary membership under rule 2.2e4 flying instructors. Currently the honorary instructions are Steve, Paul and Adam Lacey. A discussion followed over the semantics of the wording “being employed by the Fenland Flying School” and differentiating between instructors that own aircraft based at Fenland. It was agreed to revise the rule for clarity and propose at the AGM.

**6) FINANCE**

JB reported that we are moving our accounts software from Sage to Xero, which will be officially live on April 1. It is cloud based with automatic bank feeds, so will massively reduce data entry.

We are also using the migration to review all our expense categories to make end of year account reports easier to understand.

In addition we are moving our AIB card machine in the flying to Square which will save us around £500 per year in fees. Square transactions are fully synchronised with Xero.

## **7) FUEL**

ZK reported that the price of 100LL is going up and the next delivery could be 30ppl more.

The Tactifil military helicopter refuelling agreement is being finalised. Fenland is now set up on the NATO fuel system and our pressurised fuel truck is being repainted. We have bookings between 30/03 and 02/04 which will form initial training for JH/JB/ZK/LD and fund start up costs such as PPE. The Jet A1 F34 fuel will be owned by Tactifil and so we will work on a commission basis for both military and civilian Jet A1. We still need to agree where large helicopters such as Chinooks will be refuelled to minimise damage to the grass from a fuel truck, concrete pads etc.

## **8) AIRSIDE AND ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER**

OW reported the CAA audit is confirmed for April 8 and April 9. There will be 3 inspectors and they would like us to give a brief business update at the start. It was suggested we get together at the weekend to do some preparation work including checking all training records. We would not want the CAA to report a finding that had been previously reported and resolved. A representative from each area needs to be available for the audit.

## **9) IER/RFFS AND A/G RADIO**

No updates.

## **10) NON-AIRSIDE**

Our waste contract renews in November and requires 3 months' notice if we wish to change supplier. It was agreed to review in the summer.

The wifi has been reported as slow and stable. JB proposed to replace our existing network infrastructure with a new Unify system which would also modernise our existing CCTV with high definition cameras. The cost will be around £4500. The system would also support additional cameras in the hangars. This was approved (proposed by JB and seconded by PB) and will be delivered in a phased manner.

## **11) HANGARS**

PB reported one hangar movement and a healthy waiting list.

A discussion followed in regards to the conduct of a member being frustrated at the lack of available hangar spaces. ZK will speak to the member to clarify the club's position.

Another member had suggested building their own hangar but in the past our landlords have not given permission.

## **12) EVENTS**

An Easter fly-in is planned on April 5 from 9am-3pm. A BBQ is planned for the Chipmunk fly-in on July 19, with a possible evening do. A pie and mash night is being planned for May 16.

More benches are required as many old unsafe benches have been removed. A budget was set at £1500.

A budget was proposed at £3500 for a marquee to give extra flexibility for airfield events.

HB asked for costs on a music licence. A long discussion followed on licensing requirements and JB will investigate further.

## **13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL**

The flying school is being refurbished over the next month. SB and LB are away for two weeks from April 14, but Paul will be here to test the fuel.

## **14) RUNWAYS CAFE**

SMC requested to open the cafe on bank holiday Mondays from May onwards, this was agreed.

The back gate behind the kitchen needs some repair, ZK will action.

AMC has purchased a new cafe swing sign to advertise that we are open.

HB asked if we could provide out of hours refreshments from an honesty box. AMC replied they were already looking at extending opening hours for the summer.

ZK had been approached by an ice cream seller about parking at the airfield on Easter Sunday.

There were no objections but it would be beneficial to the club to receive a % of the takings.

HB raised the monthly car meet, SMC and AMC are happy to support with the cafe open. HB will be onsite but would like some help.

## **15) QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES AND AOB**

None

The meeting closed at 20:35. Date of next meeting TBC.