



Meeting Wednesday 9th November 2016

Present (Members):-

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| • Andrew Swayne | AS | Chair |
| • Clive Burghard | CB | Lancing Parish Council |
| • Audrey Old | AO | Lancing and Sompting Residents Association |
| • Maurice Pitchford | MP | Shoreham Beach Residents Association |
| • Jonathan Candelon | JC | MD BCAL |
| • John Davies | JD | Rotary wing users (Helifly) |
| • Mark Milling | MM | Lancing College |
| • Tim Dray | TD | Ricardo |
| • Andrew Edie | AE | SAOTA |
| • Louise Murphy | LM | Worthing Borough Council |
| • James Scott | JS | ICG Longbow |
| • David Thurgood | DT | Administrator Menzies |

In attendance (supporting officers)

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| • Christine Smith | CS | Secretary |
| • Barry Smith | BS | West Sussex Country Council |

1. Apologies from:-

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| • Emma Evans | EE | Adur District Council |
| • Nick Hibberd | NH | Brighton & Hove City Council |
| • Richard Heywood | RH | SAOTA |
| • Ben Daines | BD | Adur and Worthing Councils |
| • James Crabbe | JC2 | Fixed Wing users (Sussex Flying Club) |

2. Minutes of last meeting:-

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th July 2016, having been previously circulated, were agreed that they were a true and correct record of that meeting after one minor amendment to page 3.

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):-

Membership – AS reported that membership was stable.

b. **A27** – AS reported that there was a public meeting in Worthing on 28th October. The objective was to get Highways England (HE) to explain the decisions which led to their current objectives. 2 MPs were also in attendance to explain. HE failed to deliver the detail and were not well prepared. Local people attending wanted a by-pass which is not affordable. HE produced an unchanged

timetable but they are still not clear on the consultation period but they are following instructions from Government .

There will be another meeting of the A27 Worthing/Lancing working group later this month (AS is co-chair). When design schemes are issued, further discussion will be possible as part of a consultation period. To get an idea of what to expect, look at the Chichester plans on the HE website. LM commented that it was important that the process has begun and that it was also important to stress to the meeting that, contrary to rumours, the consultation company is British. She also stated that the plans for the A27 have been ongoing for years and HE have been given a tight budget. AS stated that more background information was needed and LM replied that that this would be forthcoming and that more public meetings were necessary. AS stated that he hoped HE would come and speak to us and asked CS to send a message to Peter Phillips of HE to invite him to our next meeting. He also requested that CS contact the representatives of the New Monks Farm development to invite them to our next meeting also.

4. Reports on current airport activities

a. **Section 52 Report** – BS told the members that they all had a hard copy of the report and added that helicopter movements were up 40%, the figures are positive and the figures don't breach any limits.

b. **Airport Manager's Report** – JC told the meeting that the effects of the crash are dissipating and that we had good weather for flying in October. He added that one of the new instrument approaches is going to have a slightly different track on the missed approach segment; this will not affect the community. JC also discussed the holding pattern, this is currently over the airport but it is going to be moved over the sea. In due course more detailed information will be shared as part of the airspace change proposal. All members have copies of the maps of the approaches but he assured everyone that this would not change the noise of approaches. MM asked if these changes would affect Lancing College and JC assured him that they wouldn't and that more papers will be seen at a later date. He also confirmed that these were changes to instrument approaches not visual. JD commented that the missed approach will be further away from the college. JC finished by saying that there will be further discussions at a later date.

c. **Property report including Terminal and Hangar refurbishment** – DT introduced himself and told the meeting that his purpose is to engage with everybody at the airport. He said that he was appointed by the Court on 7th September to administer the affairs of five companies:- Albemarle Shoreham Airport Ltd., Albemarle Shoreham LLP, Berkshire GP Ltd. and Berkshire Nominees 1 and 2. He added that the Airport lease is with Albemarle Shoreham Airport Ltd. He also said that the reason that he had been appointed was because the Longbow investment was going up and up and the companies couldn't service these so Longbow applied to a court for these companies to be put into administration. This administration lasts for 12 months but an extension can be applied for and he is expecting to need to do that. He added that he is involved with the Environment Agency, Brighton City Airport Ltd and various tenants. AS then asked DT if he could attend future meetings to keep us updated and added that he felt it is positive that he is acting as an active landlord. DT replied that he had started to deal with tenants' issues. AS told him that we all want to see good quality jobs here that are mainly aviation based. JD then asked DT how many extensions he could apply for before receivership. DT replied that he could make an application for any amount of time but that this would need justification and reasons. He added that courts appoint administrators and do much to help them. He told the meeting that he is looking at the sale of the site and is speaking to the councils involved. AS remarked that this committee needs reassurances and positivity. JS stated that his company is a lender and there are plans to make further investments in this asset. JD told him that we now had an active airport management. AS added that the two owning authorities are looking for a positive outcome for the airport and asked JS and DT to keep us informed. He added that we need news regarding the refurbishment of the municipal hanger. JS

replied that Longbow have contractual obligations to refurbish the hangar and that he will have more news regarding this by the next meeting.

e. **Air crash recovery** – JC mentioned that currently there is no further news. AS reminded the meeting that there could be no discussions until all reports had been received.

5. **Aviation Complaints** – JC reported that there was nothing to add to the report which all members had a copy of. He stated that the number of complaints were high but the period covered was summer-time. MM told the meeting that he had problems with low-flying helicopters. JC replied that display practice is not encouraged here. JD told MM to send him pictures of any low flying helicopters and assured MM that he would investigate. AS then asked CS to send MM a link to the complaints page of the CAA website.

6. Progress on matters of interest to the committee

a. **Adur Local Plan update** – BD has sent his apologies but AS read out some information that BD had sent in to be read to the committee. This confirmed that the Adur Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 20 October and that details could be found at the following web link: <http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/alp-submission-2016/> He added that he had a further meeting with the Planning Inspector to discuss the process of the Examination and the Inspector's various requirements. The Inspector has indicated that he intends for the public hearing to take place on the Local Plan at the end of January 2017 although dates are not currently fixed and that there is not much more to report at the moment but that he would share examination timings when known. JD then reported that he had heard of a much larger development plan for New Monks Farm. AS told the meeting that this is included in the Local Plan and a detailed working application is being drawn up. There will be a consultation period, when suggestions of improvements can be made after which a formal planning application can be made. CS requested to invite the developers to our next meeting.

b. **Local Growth Fund future rounds**– AS reported that things were at a critical stage and that a bid had gone in to the Government. There is an LEP board meeting next week when we should know more. Matters are ongoing but the outcome and what the government has decided is not yet known.

c. **Aviation Policy** – BS told the meeting that because of the Government's decision to grant the new runway to Heathrow, a new aviation national policy will have to be published and that the consultation period will take about a year. There will then be a judicial review after which Heathrow will then prepare a planning application and report about 9 months after the public enquiry. Work will probably not start until the late 2020s. AS remarked that there had been short-term growth at Gatwick and BS replied that they have 41 million passengers at Gatwick but can't handle more than 45-46 million. He added that they are handling these passengers with less aircraft movements due to using larger aircraft.

d. **Adur Tidal Walls update** - JS told the meeting that ICG Longbow are co-operating with the EA and looking forward to work starting on this stretch in March/April 2017.

e. **Proposal to update the Section 52 agreement** – JC told the meeting that is no further news at the moment.

7. Future events at the airport -

a. **Wildlife 2016** - JC reported that the Wildlife Festival is expected to take place on 10 & 11 June 2017 but this has not yet been confirmed.

b. **Other Events** – AS reported that the Ricardo Fireworks event will take place in Ricardo's grounds and not on the airport.

8. AOB

CB told the meeting that his wife is concerned about helicopters exceeding the circuit and flying over the houses south of the railway line. JD then explained to CB about both the large and small helicopter circuits.

AO asked JC if the Police Helicopter would return here after the demise of Redhill and JC replied "hopefully".

9. Proposed future dates for Consultative Committee meetings – all 1415 for 1430

Wednesday 15 March 2017

Wednesday 12 July 2017

Wednesday 8 November 2017

AS added that we are holding meetings at sensible times and taking outside issues into consideration.