

Little Gransden Aerodrome Local Consultative Committee

Meeting held on 6th April 2022 at 6.30p.m.

Those present:	P. Joslin	Chairman Cambridge Gliding Centre
	J. Linger	Cambridge Gliding Centre
	J. Koen	Little Gransden Parish Council
	M. Capps	Great Gransden Parish Council
	S. Barlow	Little Gransden Resident(Admin)
	K. Merrill	Little Gransden Resident (Admin)

1. Appointment of Chairman

Peter Joslin kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Apologies for absence received from N Ginn, J Archer, T Gray (SCDC), M. Jefferies

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising.

J. Koen requested advanced notification of Twilight flying for local residents. Touchbase (email group) or Roundabout (newsletter delivered monthly to all residents). Also for any event likely to cause noise nuisance to the local community. It was suggested these flights could be listed on the airfield's website.

Members of the committee expressed concern over the intrusive noise from flights on route to Luton Airport. The flights were lower than local residents had been led to believe.

5. Items to be considered under AOB

None

6. Correspondence and Complaints

An email complaint was received from N. Rostami (former chair of Little Gransden Parish Council) concerning aerobatics taking place the same day as multiple tug plane launches at the Gliding Centre. Both causing noise nuisance.

Also on one day a helicopter flying in and out of the airfield. When approached by N. Rostrami, M. Jefferies said the helicopter flights were allowed under planning permission.

Prior to the meeting S. Barlow emailed T.Gray for clarification and received the following reply.

Formal Decisions point 6

‘Use of the airfield by helicopters or rotary wing aircraft shall not exceed 12 movements per annum in addition to any movement by helicopters operated by the armed services and the police forces or those that are engaged in public utility or emergency activities.’

The Committee was unclear on what an aircraft movement is under planning law. S. Barlow to email T. Gray for further clarification.

M. Jefferies believed the helicopter flights were allowable. The helicopter in question was based in Cambridge. T. Gray had inspected the log books before being made aware of the helicopter issue but emailed it would be helpful if the date could be identified.

The committee then discussed the problem of how complaints are dealt with. A written complaint is needed for the problem to be investigated. It should be sent to the Parish Council and the airfield. Date and location are essential. The complaints form needs to be easily accessible.

M. Capps said he thought it was helpful the Gliding Centre has a manned telephone line which enabled problems to be immediately investigated.

7. Reports

Aerodrome Management (text)

The dates airfield's two permitted special dates

28th May Cubman Event (aerobatic contest).

28th August for the Little Gransden Air & Car Show. (In aid of the BBC's Children in Need appeal and various local children's charities and organisations).

M. Jefferies suggested only one meeting was required per year.

K. Merrill pointed out this is for the committee to decide and if it believes the meetings are necessary they should continue. M Capps stated that the two airfields are so close it is advantageous to hold the meetings on the same night. Communication is key and if complaints were left for a year that would not be acceptable. The Committee agreed to continue with two meetings per year.

M. Capps commented that if the log books are kept in good order and have details as to whether an aeroplane or a helicopter is taking off or landing problems can more easily be resolved after SCDC have carried out an inspection.

South Cambridgeshire District Council (email)

T. Gray reported, via email, he had checked the airfield logbooks on 4.4.22.

Take-off movements and take-off hours were all within the conditions set under planning consent S/0069/97/F and there is nothing further to report.

Little Gransden Parish Councils

J. Koen - advanced notice requested for any event likely to cause noise nuisance to the local community.

Gransden Parish Council

M. Capps report there were residents pro and against airfields in the village. No official complaints received by the PC.

Waresley & Tetwoth Parish Council (email)

No concerns.

Cambridge Gliding Club

P. Joslin informed the meeting the Gliding Centre was planning to hold a Cloud Rally (club competition) 20th -28th August. K Merrill expressed concern that the final day of the competition coincided with the Charity Day at Little Gransden Airfield. P. Joslin explained the procedures in place to avoid problems. The start and finish line for the gliding Centre competitions are not at the airfield.

The club plans to hold open evening for local residents.

8 . Any Other Business

None

9. Items for the next agenda

- Procedure for advanced notice of intrusive/noisy flying at the Airfield.
- Complaints procedure.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th November 2022, 6:30pm at the Cambridge Gliding Centre.

The committee thanked the Cambridge Gliding Centre for hosting the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:27 pm