

Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport
Airport User Group Meeting
Wednesday 13th January, 2016

MINUTES

Present:

Alastair Mackinnon	AM	Wolverhampton Airport
Bob Kirk	RK	Wolverhampton Flight Training
David Howell	DH	Private Owners
David Morgan	DM	Private Owners

1. Apologies for Absence

Andy Clarke (The Flying School) and Tim Brannon (Central Flight School)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 14th October 2015 were accepted after an amendment to the list of attendees.

3. Matters Arising

DM noted that others had also commented on the wish for a smaller set of steps at the fuel bay.

RK noted that the light in the credit card hut at the fuel bay wasn't always on and the credit card machine was challenging to use in the dark.

RK suggested that the café should stay open until the aerodrome closing time on Saturdays and Sundays.

RK asked for additional green studs on the yellow taxiway lead-in lines on the ends of runway 34/16; AM will arrange for these to be enhanced.

4. WASIRs

AM reported that three WASIRs had been raised since the last meeting.

An AIRPROX had been reported in relation to a C42 and C182 getting close in the circuit. This report had been raised some days after the event. The AIRPROX board report is awaited. DM noted that he had had a close encounter with a drone over Cannock Chase and the risks of drones were discussed.

An issue regarding vehicular traffic between hangar 8 and the fuel bay had been addressed and the situation was being monitored.

One member of staff had slipped over outside the café in heavy rain.

5. Security

Two security reports had been raised since the last meeting.

Two people had been observed behaving strangely by unit 29 one morning and the police had been notified.

Separately the local police, on one of their regular visits, had found the gates open late at night and had found people parked locally late at night with no good explanation. The gates had been repaired and tenants written to, reminding them of the need for vigilance.

6. Complaints

AM reported on two people who had complained since the last meeting.

One person from Ironbridge had complained about aircraft circling overhead, rising and falling repeatedly. The complainant had helpfully taken clear photographs of the aircraft concerned and consequently had been advised to contact Cosford.

A phone call from a local resident was not a complaint but a request that a particular helicopter stopped repeatedly overflying their house; the message had been passed to the pilot.

7. Instrument Approaches

The CAA have apologised for the delay and we hope to hear more shortly.

8. Birmingham Airport Local Airspace Infringement Team

The latest meeting had not produced anything specific to bring to the AUG but it was noted that Birmingham would be providing new leaflets about Birmingham Airspace.

DH suggested that Birmingham might like to make a presentation at the forthcoming Safety Evening. AM agreed and will take this up with them. RK thought that the current markings on VFR charts could be improved; AM will raise this issue at the next meeting of the LAIT.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Dates of Future Meetings

6 th April 2016	5pm
7 th July 2016	5pm
5 th October 2016	5pm
11 th January 2017	4.30pm