

Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport
Airport User Group Meeting
Wednesday 1st April, 2015

MINUTES

Present:

Alastair Mackinnon	AM	Wolverhampton Airport
David Howell	DH	Private Owners
Roger Hawkins	RH	Private Owners

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Andy Clarke (The Flying School) and Steve Wilkes (Hadair)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 14th January 2015 were accepted without amendment.

3. Matters Arising

AM noted that gloves would be provided at the fuel bay as suggested.

4. WASIRs

AM reported on one WASIR raised since the last meeting.

This concerned a vehicle crossing the taxiway too close to aircraft. It was noted that the vehicle was authorised to cross operating on its own lookout but that it had crossed in front of a tailwheel aircraft with limited forward visibility in such a manner as to concern the pilot. The vehicle driver had been made aware of the concern and it was hoped that there would not be any repetition.

5. Security

There had been no security reports raised since the last meeting.

AM reported that the main hangars were now covered by CCTV.

6. Complaints

AM reported on one complaint received since the last meeting. A helicopter flew low over horses in a nearby field, spooking a horse being ridden by the complainant's daughter. The pilot had not seen the horse and had been operating at low level due to the weather; he apologised for the disturbance.

7. Path by Hangar 4W

AM noted that the completion of this path remained outstanding and this would be addressed in due course.

8. Aircraft Washing Facilities

DH reported that he had been asked about facilities for washing aircraft. It was noted that there was an existing tap by Hangar 4W which could be used but that this area could become crowded and an alternative site would be helpful.

AM will see if it is practical to provide washing facilities in the northern 'Overflow' area as this was a piece of hardstanding with little traffic.

9. Grass Runway Over/Undershoot

DH reported that a pilot had asked if the undershoot and overshoot of the grass runway could be cut shorter to avoid the likelihood of aircraft dropping their wheels into long grass.

AM expressed concern that this might be because the aircraft concerned was a bit of a tight fit on a short unlicensed runway and cutting the grass too short could encourage people to think landing short or ending up in the overshoot was acceptable; he emphasised that the ground beyond the marked runway outline was not suitable for the movement of aircraft. However he agreed that during the period when the grass was allowed to grow long prior to harvesting it would be appropriate to prevent excessive growth in these areas and the grass will be cut accordingly.

10. Instrument Approaches

A response from the CAA is awaited.

11. Any Other Business

It was suggested that a number of people advertised services for pilots around the café area and it could be useful to have a 'Useful Suppliers' list on the airport website. AM agreed and will arrange this.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

1 st July 2015	6pm
30 th September 2015	6pm
13 th January 2016	4.30pm
6 th April 2016	6pm