

Minutes of BAJCC meeting – 12th April 2023

In attendance Anne Rowlinson NYCC
Craig Allison NYCC
Martin Scott Owner
Tom White
Amanda Skelly
Nil Attendance Bagby Parish council and action for refusal

1. **Previous meeting and meeting notes** – Agreed.
2. **Outcome of most recent planning appeal determined on 21st December 2022** – it was noted that the most recent appeal relating to the runway at 2 4 had been successful with his majesty’s inspector confirming that objections based on improvement to the airfield were no longer valid given the movement conditions which applied and had been agreed. CA stressed that his take from this was that the monitoring system had to be demonstrated as being fit for purpose as it was important that the airfield could demonstrate consistency and reliability in reporting. It was appreciated however that numbers for the present were very low and certainly below any of the movement condition thresholds earlier agreed as noted in paragraph 29 of the appeal decision APP/G2713/C/22/3298638
3. **Delays in relation to the planning application for the door to Hangar B and Windsock** – MLS pointed out that the most recent application for the erection of the door on the front of hangar B and movement of the windsock reference 22/01387/FUL which was filed on the 8th June 2022 was not finally determined until the 14th April 2023. MLS whilst noting the decision to be in his favour was concerned that in the context of a busy airfield these delays were extremely problematic given the planning application itself was extremely straightforward and could not by any stretch of the imagination impact on even the hostile of locals but also the original target date was as early as the 3rd August 2022.
4. **Delays in Hambleton responding to the joint consultation in relation to planning submitted by Barton Wilmore in 2021** – MLS was concerned that this issue was still outstanding, and it was preventing the airfield from moving forward with-it planned development so that works can be finalised before MLS retires from his professional practice. In the event as there was some talk of some changes to the consultation it was agreed that the final scheme should be produced before the council to comment further.
5. **Progress report in relation to the airfield monitoring system to be submitted by Greenspot** – Attached letter from Touchstone dated the 11th April 2023. It was reported MLS that it was hoped overall that the monitoring system (which is proving to be a horrendously expensive and complex AI project) should be nearing completion by the end of the year though until BAMS report with its recommendations is to hand in September 2023 it will not be possible to the definite on timing simply because the scope of the project remains unclear. *(Authors note BAMS report was submitted on 12th September 2023 was estimated work was completed by the end of January 2024)*
6. **Management summary in relation to ongoing works** – MLS reported limited ongoing because of delays reported above although it was essential in his view that a variety of jobs particular the doors to Hangar B be completed as they were currently in dangerous state. Slimily it was noted that in the winter a lot of damage was caused to the clubhouse which is now in truly a

deplorable state. Work on the landscaping outside the front gate was ongoing and hopefully will be completed shortly.

7. **Airfield Operations** – the airfield remains quiet post covid although commercial operations have picked up albeit not to the level of pre covid.
8. **Complaints** – MLS confirmed that the airfield had received no complaints as regards movements. The complaints received from Hambleton from the usual source appeared of nuisance value only as no serious breaches were reported although CA was anxious that minor breaches in terms of timing of landings and take offs did not become a regular weekly event as whilst the occasional landing outside of the timetable deadline might be excused on the grounds of weather air traffic etc. It must not become a regular event.
9. **Safety matters** – MLS noted that he was under pressure to extend the tiles on the runway to provide a uniform surface. It was not for that this would cause any particular problem as the appeal calls specifically allows for improvements and extension to the tiling on 06 by approximately 100 metres.
10. **Outstanding enforcement issues**
 - a) Painting of galvanised gates – Appeal lodged
 - b) Satellite and camera posts – Appeal lodged

Authors note appeal in relation to both successful.
11. **Any other business** – AR noted the progress being made on a number of fronts but noted the history of minor breaches of planning are not being helpful and had made the councils job much more difficult. Saying this, it was recognised that the airfield is a complex and demanding business which is not easy to manage and will benefit from facilities being improved so that a more uniform approach to staffing logistics, safety storage, movements and technical issues could be adopted going forward. It remains a considerable disappointment that Bagby Parish Council and action for refusal do not attend these meetings and it is hoped that this situation would eventually improve.