

**CAGNE**

**Communities Against Gatwick**

**Noise and Emissions**

**Parish Council Forum**

## **CAGNE – Parish Councils Forum**

Minutes of the first meeting of CAGNE/Parish Councils Forum held at 10:00 am on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Loxwood Village Hall. This was a 'pilot' meeting to established the group and thus not all parish councils were invited. The next meeting will invite the full membership to attend.

Present: Parish Councillors from Abinger, Alfold, Loxwood, Nuthurst, Plaistow&Ifold, Rudgwick, Rusper and Warnham.

Chair: Joanne Dove (Rudgwick PC)

Apologies: David O'Brien, Loxwood (Initially the chair of the forum), Slinfold, Turners Hill, Shipley and West Grinstead parishes

### **AIMS OF THE FORUM**

Ms. Dove gave an overview of the aims of the Forum which are:

To provide to all member parishes all relevant aircraft and airspace information regarding Gatwick Airport primarily and also other airports where they may affect West Sussex and Surrey residents.

Sally Pavey then explained how the forum will operate:

It will operate under parish council ethics and will **not** exist as a campaign group in the same way as CAGNE. Horsham District Council has confirmed that P.C.s can join the forum with no membership issues.

Parish councils currently have no voice or information flows from Gatwick so CAGNE will break down output mainly from GAL, CAA, Dft and NATS and where necessary any other relevant source.

CAGNE will provide the information filtering the jargon in a concise fashion and respond to members requests for information via the new forum website or email **(see below)**.

Because CAGNE is a member of the Gatwick Noise Management Board (NMB) it is able to provide non-confidential information via new pages on the CAGNE website.

Confidential information cannot be provided directly but CAGNE will enable members to pursue these issues directly without breaking confidentiality

Members can ask the forum to raise specific issues to the NMB.  
The forum will evolve over time to meet member's requirements.

Alfold suggested joint responses/proposals, if agreeable to all members, could be made to add weight to the response. This was met positively by the members present.

Alfold asked for an initial glossary of terms and a jargon buster

Rusper referred to the increase in flight volumes and times.

Warnham asked for details of acceptance of the group by HDC to be provided in writing.

Loxwood asked about the security on the new website currently being developed. It was agreed that general information would be available to all including parishioners and more sensitive information would be password protected. Sally Pavey confirmed that funding would not be required for the maintenance of the website.

Rusper asked why the NMB has confidentiality issues. It seems that CAA, NATS, Easyjet etc. want to discuss some issues without being quoted directly.

Night time movements at Gatwick are regarded as a commercial issue and resident groups have no say. *2016/17 pricing has been fixed and although the Secretary of State has been asked to intervene due to incentivising night movements by the set charges, it was explained that the process is not simple and that discussion had commenced in the Autumn of 2015. CAGNE asked the CEO of GAL 'in the spirit of the NMB would you consider a gentleman's agreement to ban night flights'. The CEO reply was to state that they would not be seeking an increase in quotas for 2017/18 during the next DfT consultation due to take place later this year.*

Alfold asked for the proposed airspace changes for Farnborough after Sally Pavey explained that proposed expansion there will affect parts of West Sussex. SP to provide more details direct to the parishes who may be affected.

Sally Pavey reported that Kent campaign groups are unhappy about the recent airspace changes which they believed would improve things but in some cases have worsened. But in the west we had seen some dispersal of the swathe. CAGNE never believed that the moving of the join to the ILS would necessarily change the concentration of the swathe or height; this has been proven by planes still being concentrated over Billingshurst at 4,500ft. These matters were raised with the NMB and this is to be an on going process. Also CAGNE raised the issue that the Arrivals Review did not cover night arrivals.

Rusper and Abinger stated that departures have worsened with dispersal. Sally Pavey will investigate and report back concerning Route 4.

A general discussion took place regarding Gatwick 2 with the main points being:

A new website [www.gatwickcant.co.uk](http://www.gatwickcant.co.uk) to be launched which will, amongst other things give the proposed new departure and arrival routings and allow the download of a new leaflet to enable complaints by parishes and individual residents. The self-explanatory leaflet should be utilised as soon as possible with a possible announcement by Chris Grayling (Secretary of State for Transport) on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, regarding expansion.

City airport is to expand and Stanstead has applied to increase number of air traffic movements. Any expansion will reduce regional growth of other airports due to climate change targets.

Rusper raised the issue of lack of charges on fuel and aviation. SP stated that less than half of the UK population fly and thus we are all subsidising the aviation industry.

The map of second runway flight paths and #gatwickcant leaflet was asked to be distributed to all so that they may be put on to parish websites.

Future meetings will be held in each parish location initially every 2 months alternating between morning & evening and possibly the chair will be the local councillor and

perhaps the clerk of the hosting PC will take minutes. It was suggested a set format should be adopted for the minutes.

PC's in attendance that are not already members of the Forum would return to their PC and decide on whether to formally join the CAGNE PC Forum.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Next meeting will be at 7.30pm in November, date and venue to be arranged

Att: Gatwick second runway flight paths  
#gatwickcant leaflet

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