

Airport Report for Chew Magna Parish Council for 4 October 2022

Report from the PCAA following meeting on 15 September 2022

Finances: The secretary reported that after receipt of 27 subscriptions the amount presently in the PCAA account is now £2306.82 before expenses

Appointments

Joachim Steinbach has filled the vacant post of Vice-Chair.

Since the AGM the following had agreed to be topic leads:

- Laurie Vaughn: (Wrington): Noise, including to represent the PCAA on AEF ANCF)
- Roger Daniels (Burrington): Parking and Green Belt matters.
- Justin Milward (Butcombe): Biodiversity

Bus Service withdrawals: will impact the public transport targets. The HCT (bus company) has gone bankrupt. The number 54 (Clevedon to Bristol Airport, serving Kenn, Yatton, Claverham and Cleeve) and 55 (South Bristol to Bristol Airport, serving Dundry and Barrow Gurney

Baggage Handling Disruption causing knock-on effect on surrounding parishes as cars park away from the airport while waiting to void high parking charges.

Noise: Night flights and flight paths - Residents in various parishes had reported an increase in aircraft noise and perceived changes in flight paths, although the airport denied that this was happening. In particular, planes were turning sooner over Pensford and Queen Charlton. Complaints had also been received in Backwell and Nailsea and in Bishop Sutton and Compton Martin. There was some discussion of why this should be happening. LV said there were strict rules on how high larger aircraft should be before they turn.

It was thought important that residents should complain to the airport so that incidents were logged. A "How to complain to the Airport document" is being drafted with simple instructions for residents on how to log issues, and how to complain, for parishes to put on their websites, Facebook etc.

If parishes wish to write to the airport, the best contact is James Shearman who chairs the Environmental Effects Working Group. Residents can complain via the airport's website or by ringing 01275 473799

Bristol Airport renewed application for year-round slot coordination, which was shelved during the pandemic. The main effect of the application would be to assist the airport in rescheduling all their allowed 4,000 night flights into the summer, as proposed in their application 18/P/5118/OUT currently approved by the Planning Inspectors but subject to Judicial Review.

In response to a query from Backwell Residents' Association Richard Kent, NSC Chief Planning Officer, has said that as things stand BA are within their rights to apply for year-round slot coordination under condition 12 of their permission granted by the appeal.

Department for Transport consultation on Slot allocation concluding on 5 October 2022

A detailed response has been sent in by the PCAA and is attached for reference.

CMPC Response to the DfT Consultation

CMPC has sent a response to the DfT consultation with copy attached

Attachments

Copy PCAA response to DfT consultation on Slot allocation

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