

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Finance & General Purpose Committee** meeting of Tuesday 8th April 2025 held at the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM: No members of the public attended

Attendance: Cllrs Bob Locke, Ashleigh Bolton, Alison Lewis, Andrew Gilbert, Debbie Hale, Donna Morris, Linda Herwig, Nick Bush and Mr Alan Jones

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Carney, Dodman and Lord, for reasons noted in the attendance book and accepted by Committee.
- 2 **Declarations of interest – either personal or prejudicial on any agenda item:** None
- 3 **The minutes of Tuesday 13th February 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting**
- 4 **Matters arising from the minutes:** None
- 5 **GatCom report.** Mr Jones reported that the Runway performance Group had been reviewing how to make the best use out of the runway at Gatwick Airport. Improvements should help reduce the number of 'go arounds' planes make; which are currently 30-40 per month. The Rapid Exit Taxiway has also helped reduce 'go arounds.'
DEfRA and the Dept for Transport are involved in reviewing the noise action plan, ensuring noise is minimised in surrounding areas. There is continuous monitoring to ensure compliance from the airlines. They continue to receive high numbers of complaints from further away areas such as Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Mr Jones admits to being confused as the complaints predominantly arise from arriving aircraft rather than departing and they generate far less noise as a rule.
GACT is now in its (possible) final years. A high number (182) grant application requests have been received. There will not be enough money available to fund all the applications. As to whether GACT will exist next year, it mainly depends on the 3rd runway status.
- 6 Clerks Report – see attached report
- 7 Cllr Locke proposed that the Parish Council express an interest in the Tandridge Council asset transfer programme, seconded by Cllr Bolton and carried unanimously. The Clerk was asked to email the district council.
- 8 Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to invite Mr Chris Hobbs to visit the Centenary Hall and review whether it would be suitable as an emergency refuge centre.
- 9 Items of an urgent nature brought to Committee's attention for inclusion on a future agenda. The Clerk advised Council that the gate at the Keepers Corner car park has broken and she will be organizing a repair.

Signed..... Dated.....

Meeting Closed at 19.50pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th April 2025