

Minutes for the 15th September 2021 Hartlepool Model Flying Club meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Derek Smith, Kevin Hunton Young, Peter Robotham
There were 11 members present

2. Matters arising from last months minutes

Due to the long time since last the last meeting we will defer this until next meeting.

3. Chairman's report

The chairman is absent so nothing to report

4. Secretary's report

I'd like to congratulate everyone on their tolerance in handling the Covid situation at the flying field. As a club we seem to be running quite smoothly without too many problems.

5. Treasurer's report

Our change of bank account, during the first lockdown, has been very successful, allowing our members to pay fees directing to the bank. That has allowed 7 new members to join. Our membership stands at 31 paid up members.

We currently have £1215.16 in the bank with £18.81 cash in hand.
This gives us a total of £1233.97

6. Welfare officers report

The welfare officer is absent so nothing to report. Nothing has been brought to the attention of the club committee over the past year.

7. BMFA delegate's report

The BMFA delegate was absent so nothing to report

8. Club business

• Your contact details, emails and postage costs.

If you've had any change of details over the past year or so please let me have them and I'll keep BMFA updated as well. Emails are our best way of keeping in contact even though some members don't have one, again if you have any changes please let me know. Postage costs are high, a mail shot to all members currently costs around £25.

• Grass cutting at the field, mower condition and fuel costs.

Thanks to Paul for keeping the mower running. He has maintained the mower over the year and it is still in good working condition. Paul presented a mower parts bill and fuel receipts totalling £23.42. This was paid by the treasurer.

• Gas Enclosure

If you've been up the field lately you will have noticed that the fenced enclosure behind the pits area has new official signage. The thought has just occurred to me (since the meeting) if there will be future gas work to be done here or if it's just a signage update. If anyone see official gas works starting here please let me know ASAP. Whatever happens this obviously is an area to avoid wherever possible.

• Discussion was raised about the state of the flying field

The problems at the moment are cows in the field leaving messy cow pats all over the cut strip and I'm sure as winter approaches car access will again be a problem. We have no control over what the farmer does with the field. As much as we would like an animal free zone and a hard standing area for the cars we have to take what is there. Flying fields in our area are few and far between. This field was very difficult to

find and we want to stay on the good side with the farmer and not put ourself in a position with him where he feels better off without us.

The field we have is good but as we all know, not perfect. If someone hears of a better field in our area that meets all the specific requirements we have for model flying then get in touch with the committee and we will investigate and see where this takes us.

9. AOB

- Mike offered congratulations from himself and others in the club to Bob on his recent wedding.

- **Model Aircraft Builders Show**

The BMFA is holding this show at the National Centre at Buckminster on 2nd and 3rd October. For more information have a look here

https://nationalcentre.bmfa.org/event/model-builders-show?instance_id=2675

- **Indoor Flying**

For those interested in indoor flying the Peterlee club have restarted their indoor flying sessions. The next one is on 2nd October. For more information have a look here

<https://peterleeradiomodelclub.weebly.com/>