

THRUXTON & DISTRICT PROTECTON SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT THRUXTON TRACK.

9TH NOVEMBER 2021.

ATTENDEES:

- Peter Clements - Thruxton & District Protection Society.
- Edward Bailey - Thruxton & District Protection Society.
- Klaus Tamke - Chairman Kimpton Parish Council.
- Peter Christie - Chairman Thruxton Parish Council
- Brian Hamilton - Thruxton Representative.
- Ben Taylor - Chief Executive BARC, Thruxton Circuit
- Pat Blakeney - Circuit Manager, Thruxton Circuit
- Simon Bowder - Western Air (Landlord)

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Peter Clements welcomed everyone and thanked the circuit for hosting the meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as circulated.

3. Matters arising:

Annual passes – PB noted again that many people register for their passes but never collect them. Sally is currently working through the names. PCL offered to cast an eye over the list of offenders if helpful and it was felt that this would not infringe any GDPR issues.

TDPS Constitution – EB reported that there was nothing of significance to say at this point but work continues.

4. Race and test schedule was approved for 2022, including TOCA test day on Friday 26th August. BT agreed to supply a more formal table of race dates to PCL for wider circulation.

5. Noise monitoring

It was generally accepted that there had been fewer issues in 2021 with the noise from the circuit, with the exception of a couple of regular complainants.

BT confirmed that a noise monitoring station had been installed at Post 12 (Eastern end of the runway) which had been operational since the start of the summer. He advised that the data was being recorded constantly but that additional training was needed to derive a suitable report from the records. This should be done in Q1 of 2022.

KT asked if monitoring would also be undertaken in the villages. BT clarified that the monitoring was a tool for the circuit to better manage the noise generated by specific cars on track, and to assist in the removal of those cars if necessary should they be found to be

too loud. He said the Protection Society agreement was already very established on acceptable noise levels for particular track uses, so it would be incorrect to suggest that the noise monitoring would lead to a general reduction in noise – but it should help to avert the ‘rogue’ vehicles that cause noise ‘spikes’.

6. SB confirmed that his work continues to bring the Estate into good order. There had been some tree felling and pruning work which should help to minimise the risk of further falls. PCL thanked SB for the work that had been done with the Ragwort in the dog walking field. SB said that there were no plans at this stage for additional bunding to be installed, although there was an obvious gap at the Eastern end of the estate which may one day be filled in.
7. BH raised the issue of helicopters and suggested that they seemed to be flying over the village more regularly and causing significant noise on the ground and in the air. He requested that the operators be reminded to keep to the established flight pattern. He said that there was no such problem with the fixed wing aircraft.
8. Charity Day
A request was made for the circuit to host a charity day as a fund-raiser for the Church roof fund, as had been done previously in 2014. It was confirmed that the TDPS would be able to approve an extra day of track activity for the purpose, which would ideally take place on a Saturday or a Sunday in the warmer months of 2022. BT confirmed that the circuit would be pleased to consider the idea and that some work would be needed to plan a suitable type of event.
9. AOB
It was commented that trucks that were parking overnight on the link road to the Industrial Estate parallel to the A303 and that this was also leading to a rise in littering left by the drivers. After a short discussion it was agreed that there is little that the circuit can do about this as the lorries are not connected with the site.

The meeting drew to a close at 6.45pm