Airfield Report July 2022 (in order of priority)

1. **Water supply**
   The supply of uncontaminated non-potable cleansing water is fundamental to the safety (and dignity) of members and the public, particularly in the toilet blocks. Water in the reserve tank (behind the toilet block) can supply water of unknown quality to the toilet block.
   Accumulation of leaf debris and pond life in the lower IBC reservoir has rendered it impossible to purify to a degree that is acceptable even for hand washing. In the past this problem has been solved by pumping filtered water up to the top IBC tank which also gathers uncontaminated water from the winch shelter roof. The bottom tank has previously been cleaned by emptying most of its contents via a screened pump and then flushing out the remainder.
   There is no sound basis for sanctioning use of the top IBC. The load is distributed on bearers such that it is born by the corrugated steel walls which are in good condition. Therefore any sagging due to corrosion at ground level would be gradual and apparent before any danger exists, with no risk of sudden and catastrophic failure. The alternative will be to erect a scaffolding platform. Cost of lift pump c£100. Cost of scaffolding if considered necessary, c£400.

2. **Gas tank security.** It has been suggested that a row of traffic cones is sufficient to prevent collision with the new gas tank and that the proximity of a glider trailer which is routinely manoeuvred does not constitute a problem. Please Minute the Committee's response to this.

3. **Parachute cupboard.** Awaiting replacement. Cost unknown.

4. **Safe storage.** 'Flatpack' shed has been purchased. It is to be erected in the triangular space next to the winch shelter. Whereabouts of the fixing screws unknown.

5. **Wind sock** Will be completed imminently. Thanks to all those who helped.

6. **Ridges on the east side of the airfield** Landlord has agreed we can mark offending areas with chalk from his store at no cost. We really need a robust trailer. Ditto volunteers.

7. **Clubhouse.** Needs trimming and electric heaters fitted. 13A ring main working, arth fault reported on ceiling lights.

8. **Gate sign.** Awaiting instructions.

9. **Airfield serviceability.** Our airfield lies on free draining chalk downland. While overnight rain might render it unusable at 08:30, it can subsequently be OK by midday. If serviceability is based on the early condition of the field, mud on the hangar apron and at the launch point, then we may scrub unnecessarily. Earlier attempts to mitigate using perforated plastic matting ultimately failed because we cannot now locate them. With landlord's permission (and associated funds) we could re-surface the worst areas with aggregate. **Cost £300?**

10. **Abandoned trailers.** Instructions please?

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