Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

Based near Cambridge we fly Free Flight, Radio Control and Control Line aircraft

Minutes from the AGM held on Saturday 14th November 2026 at 2.30pm

Introduction

The club secretary welcomed 31 members to the AGM. Apologies were received from 4 committee members and 3 members.

The meeting would be brief, but we needed to consider the important issues of the new all weather pitch and the reduction of Saturday indoor flying due to the sports centre closing early.

Chairman's report – John Copsey

Chairman John welcomed everyone and thanked John Clarke for his efforts over the last 7 years as membership secretary. This was endorsed by the members present. He also thanked Jon Sole for taking over this important role.

Discussion on the all weather pitch at IVC and plans for Friday evenings

A draft plan for the proposed new layout was included in the annual report. This is not set in stone but is a draft for discussion.

There is no progress and no start date, so it seems likely that if work does start in early 2027, it will be a construction site for the summer and there will be no actual use of the new pitch during our summer flying season. This removes the biggest obstacle to carrying on with Friday evening flying at IVC – namely that there will be no danger to anyone on the pitch.

There was a discussion about the best location for FF being in the same place as at present – not moved as shown in the draft plan.

It was agreed that once building work starts and we see the footprint emerge, the committee will get reps from FF, RC, drones and CL to walk the ground and discuss the ideal locations for all activities using the plan in the annual report as a "starter for ten". **Action Club Sec after building work starts.**

Chairman John is in contact with Girton Parish Council regarding paying them for sole use of Girton for our weekly summer evening flying. If the new pitch at IVC is actually in use every Friday evening, it may be that Girton becomes the preferred option. **Action Club Chairman – ongoing.**

We would like to stay at IVC, but not if it causes restrictions on flying because of safety concerns. For example, when we do the new Risk Assessment, it may be that it is not possible to continue at IVC if 22 footballers are on the new pitch.

Discussion on new Sports Centre opening hours from January 2027

The new opening hours at the weekend from January 2027 mean we have to vacate the hall at 4pm. There are no other times where we can get a 4 hour slot – this has been extensively discussed with the sports centre.

It was agreed that we would carry on with indoor flying on Saturdays with the new reduced hours from 1pm to 4pm. We would reduce the £30 season ticket to £22 to take the reduced hours into account.

With the 3 hour sessions leaving just 1½ hours for FF and RC at the mixed sessions, we discussed the option of scrapping the mixed sessions and just having alternating weeks with 3 hours FF one week and 3 hours RC the next week. A general show of hands was evenly split on the issue.

It was decided to carry on with the mixed sessions in 2027 to see what impact this had on members who had to travel a long distance. We would then have a proper consultation to decide the best way forward. **Action Club Sec to review at end of Feb 2027 and canvass the indoor flyers for a decision.**

The secretary was asked to try to get the sports centre staff to come into the sports hall and encourage the footballers etc to vacate in a timely manner so we didn't have to waste time clearing up after them. **Action Club Sec.**

Secretary's report – Alan Paul

There was little to add to the annual report.

We will be giving all adult members a 80th anniversary slate coaster designed, made and given to the club by Daniel Santos. A big thank you to Daniel.

We now have 42 people coming to the Christmas Party, so if anyone else wants to come, please contact the secretary.

Membership secretary's report – Jon Sole

Membership is up by 2 on last year with 118 members of which 27 are juniors. Membership is probably high due to the low subscription costs.

Safety and welfare officers report – Stuart Marsden

The main item discussed was the need for good discipline on the RC flightline next year with the potential for reduced space and 3rd parties using the new sports pitch whilst we are flying. Hopefully this will not be an issue for next summer due to the delays in work starting on the new pitch.

Drone and Quad report – Daniel Kenyon-Jones

There had been no incidents last summer with drone flying clashing with other activities on the sports field, or at the indoor flying events.

Club officers

The club would welcome volunteers to join the committee and help with the running of the club.

The following were elected or re-elected as officers of the club -

John Copsey –	Chairman
Alan Paul –	Secretary
George Adam –	Treasurer
Stuart Marsden –	Safety and Welfare Officer
Jon Sole –	Membership Secretary
John Copsey –	Control Line Rep
Tony Neal –	Radio Rep
Daniel Kenyon-Jones –	Drone and quad rep
Andrew Langford -	Member
Steve Mynott –	Radio Examiner
Alan Paul –	Newsletter and Website editor. Data Protection Officer

Treasurers report and subscriptions (1st Jan to 31st Dec 2027)

We had failed to spend the clubs money during the last year as planned to reduce the surplus. In fact we made a small profit of about £300, but this was due to receiving a BMFA grant for our 80th celebrations.

It remains the intent to spend money for the benefit of the club and reduce our cash holdings gradually. See 2 of the AOB items.

Subs will remain the same for 2027 (as they have since at least 10 years ago). Adult club subs £28 – This covers summer Friday evening flying at IVC, flying at Girton, the annual BBQ and socialising and spectating at all the indoor flying sessions. It also allows flying at the unofficial club sites at Longstanton, Cottenham and Waterbeach.

Indoor flying season ticket £22 (reduced because of the new 3 hour sessions). This covers flying at all 28 indoor 3 hour flying sessions over the winter and is in addition to the club subs. Juniors are free for both the above subs but need to have junior BMFA membership.

Any other Business

1. Chris Hinson suggested we have a couple of indoor FF sessions in the summer. This was agreed and the club will book one Saturday session first to see how it goes. This will be free to all members and guests. **Action Club Sec to book one session in June as a trial.**
2. Paul Burling suggested we have a session in the very large University Sports Hall off Madingley Rd. Paul was tasked with organising this and the club will fund it as a one off special event. **Action Paul Burling to investigate and plan a 4 hour session at the University.**
3. Gordon Hannah congratulated the club on receiving the club of the year award last year.

Vote to accept the annual report, subs for 2027 and election of officers

Proposed Jon Oakley
Seconded Gordon Hannah

Carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 14.55

Alan Paul
Club Secretary
15th November 2026