



**Minutes of the meeting of the Norton Owners Club Executive Committee  
Held immediately after the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
At Donington Hall, Castle Donington, Leicestershire, DE74 2SG**

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Present:	Tim Harrison (Chair)	Barry Owen
	Nicole Hill	Peter Scatchard
	Chris Streather	Tony Ripley
	Neil Shoosmith	Ian Somerville
	Joan Catton	Dave Harris
	Brian Harriss	Peter White (Minutes)
	Dave Kington	Dave Catton
	Al Osborne (Guest)	

Apologies for absence: Received from; Mark Woodward and Mike Wills

### **1. Introduction**

Tim Harrison welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being prepared to attend at short notice. The reason for the meeting was the receipt of a solicitor's letter from Andover Norton International Ltd. (ANIL)

Tim related the history of the dispute which had occurred when Mr Siefert had requested a copy of a Drawing held by the NOC for an early Dominator Barrel. This request was discussed by the NOC Exec held in November 2017 but no substantive decision had been taken and no response therefore given to ANIL.

### **2. The Solicitors Letter**

The Chairman and Secretary had each received a letter from Baron-Warren-Redfern - ANIL's solicitors. The letter requested and required the delivery of all factory drawings held by the Club and the assertion of exclusive copyright to these drawings. The letter asserted that any use by the NOC to manufacture spares from these drawings would be deemed as a breach of their copyright.

The Club had obtained some legal advice from an authoritative if albeit unqualified source which suggested that the drawings held by the club were its property and that ANIL had no legal right to demand access to them.

### **3. The NOC's Drawings**

The meeting welcomed Al Osborne, who was an active member of the Executive throughout the 1990's who advised that the then Club Secretary, Dave Fenner had purchased the drawings in question from the owners of the former Norton dealer "Joe Francis" in 1990/1991. Al explained that a recent search through the Exec Minutes, had confirmed that the purchase (for c. £3,000.00) had been approved by the Executive in 1991.



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In discussion with others in the meeting, Al was able to further confirm that the Club had arranged to Microfiche the drawings in 1995 for and digitally scanned the drawings in 2005.

**4. The decision**

Tim Harrison led a detailed discussion of the options available to the club and advised that he had received a further email directly from Mr Siefert which appeared somewhat more reasonable.

He suggested that there was no need to spend funds on instructing a solicitor to act on the club's behalf at this stage and that with the Exec's agreement, he would write back to ANIL and their solicitors both using the template provided by our legal advisor and separately a more personal note to Mr Siefert offering to resolve the matter by offering to provide copies of such drawings requested; providing that ANIL promised to hold the club blameless in future for meeting its constitutional objective by continuing to manufacture 'hard to find' spare parts for NOC members.

Following a discussion this was agreed.

**5. GDPR**

Dave Kington and Peter White requested a short discussion on the Club's response to the introduction of the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** from May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

They advised that the club would need to make both technical and organisational changes in order to gain the necessary compliance. Dave recommended that he and the club's suppliers be allowed to make the technical changes necessary to the its data processing and that the organisational changes necessary could be put to the Admin Subcommittee due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

This was agreed by the meeting.

**6. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be a meeting of the Admin Subcommittee to be held in the Oxford area on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.