ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Pegasus Quik, G-CEVG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2007 (Serial no: 8319)

Date & Time (UTC): 1 July 2012 at 1131 hrs

Location: Manchester Barton Aerodrome

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - 1 (Minor) Passengers - None

Nature of Damage:Damage to wing, propeller blades, pylon, engine, front wheel strut and right mainwheel

Commander's Licence: National Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 53 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 316 hours (of which all were on type)

Last 90 days - 23 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on grass Runway 27L after an uneventful local flight. The weather was good, with the wind from 250° at 11 kt but reported as "gusty". The final approach had gone smoothly but, as the pilot flared the aircraft for touchdown, a gust of wind blew it to the right and the left mainwheel made premature contact with the ground. The aircraft bounced and the pilot found that he could not level its attitude or climb away. The aircraft struck the ground on its right side in a nose-low attitude, causing damage to the nose and right main landing gears. It skidded to a halt on its right

side, destroying the propeller blades and causing the engine to overspeed, because the pilot could not change the throttle setting or reach the magneto switches. The engine eventually stopped and although a considerable quantity of smoke was generated by oil leaking onto the hot exhaust, there was no fire. The emergency services attended and the occupants were helped from the wreckage. The pilot sustained minor injuries.

The pilot considered that the accident was the result of the gust of wind just as he was about to touch down.

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