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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BNXE | |
| No & Type of Engines: | 1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine | |
| Year of Manufacture: | 1981 (Serial no: 28-8116034) | |
| Date & Time (UTC): | 19 April 2016 at 1230 hrs | |
| Location: | Sturgate Airfield, Lincolnshire | |
| Type of Flight: | Private | |
| Persons on Board: | Crew - 1 | Passengers - 2 |
| Injuries: | Crew - None | Passengers - None |
| Nature of Damage: | Damage to front and right wheel fairings and propeller and engine shock-loaded | |
| Commander's Licence: | Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence | |
| Commander's Age: | 73 years | |
| Commander's Flying Experience: | 1,290 hours (of which 850 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours | |
| Information Source: | Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot | |

The pilot was approaching to land on Runway 27 at Sturgate Aifield which had a dry asphalt surface and a length of 820 m. He described the wind as "light and variable". He had made several 'blind' radio calls to which had received no response, during which he noted that the wind strength appeared to be about 4 kt.

On final approach, the pilot felt that he was slightly high due to noise abatement procedures over local houses and selected two stages of flap. On touchdown he felt that the wind had calmed completely, causing him to float further than he would have expected, with the result that the aircraft ran off the end of the runway and into an area of ploughed land at a speed he estimated to be about 5 mph.