

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group

Meeting 16th July 2008

Present

Phil Watson
Simon Mitchell
Felicity Stevenson
Pauline Bradberry
Fiona Cowan
Michael Day
Werner Schulze
John Sweeney
Gene Wilson
Simon Moyle
Hilary Blunt
Howard Goulbourne
Nick Simmons
Palden Dorjé
Heather Smith
Verity Chilver

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council
Environment Agency Northern Area
Easton on the Hill Parish Council
East Northants District Council Councillor
Collyweston Parish Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Environment Agency
Augean – Group Technical Director
Augean – Site Manager
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Environment Agency Site Inspector
Environment Agency Site Inspector
East Northants District Council - Environmental Protection
Prebendal Division – NCC County Councillor (arrived 2.40pm)
NCC Highways

1. Apologies

Andrew Howard King's Cliffe Parish Council

- 1.1 County Councillor Heather Smith (delayed due to a meeting in Northampton) but arrived before the end of the meeting).

Introductions

New people were attending from the Environment Agency.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 Agreed

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Para 2.1 – Gene Wilson – Signs have now been erected on Stamford Road. Junction works to A47 are now programmed to start on the 4th August 2008. This involves the ghost island works.
- 3.2 Hilary Blunt commented that there had been no notification to the Parish Council.
- 3.3 Para 2.2 – Gene Wilson is aware that a formal application has been submitted to East Northants District Council to vary two of the conditions on the permission for the

distribution centre in the former bomb store. Collyweston Parish Council had been consulted on this.

- 3.4 Para 3.7 – Werner Schulze commented that green tankers are still coming through the village of Collyweston along “the Drive”.
- 3.5 Werner Schulze had seen a tanker which had “A” “A” on the side which he has previously seen about 2 months ago.
- 3.6 Simon Moyle said if he is contacted by phone he will check any HGV which is seen and find out if it came to the site. That particular tanker was not going to the Augean site.

4. Augean Update

- 4.1 Gene Wilson reported that the company was still growing. Augean has acquired a small company which picks up laboratory wastes.
- 4.2 They have implemented the cement stabilisation at the Cannock site. This is the first facility in the country.
- 4.3 At Port Clarence they are developing a waste recovery park for hazardous wastes.
- 4.4 At King’s Cliffe they have been dealing with environmental issues for the soil treatment facility, including bird surveys and newt relocation. The facility should be developed later this year.
- 4.5 Augean have decided to rename the site – “East Northants Resource Management Facility”. The company are ready to role this out,
- 4.6 Simon Moyle – Operations have not had any complaints. The new flare is nearer to being commissioned. Phase 4a is active and Phase 4b will be on course of preparation by the end of the year.
- 4.7 There is some slow down in the contaminated soils market, but it is too early to say if this will impact on the life of the site.

5. Environment Agency Update

- 5.1 John Sweeney reported that he had had an issue to deal with which he needed to explain. He referred to the previous problems at the site which he emphasised were no longer an issue with Augean. However, the previous enforcement investigations for the Pollution Prevention Control Permit revealed a delegated authority issue with one member of his team who was involved with the site. He took action to remove the authority of this person to sign Waste Management Licences, but not do this for the PPC Permit. This gives some uncertainty on the enforceability of the PPC Permit, and this is principally an administrative issue. There have been discussions with Augean who have agreed to make an application for a new permit.
- 5.2 John Sweeny emphasised that the existing permit is sound and the conditions are sound, and the standards operated by the company OK, but he needs to be sure that the Environment Agency has the confidence to enforce if the need ever arose, without the

risk of the administrative issue and associated risk of “challenge” to validity of the permit. At the same time the opportunity will be taken to update the permit.

- 5.3 Gene Wilson confirmed that Augean are fully co-operating.
- 5.4 Michael Day – commented that the parish considered that some of the local community may have concerns.
- 5.5 John Sweeney – noted this and said there will need to be a “consultation” with the local community.
- 5.6 Fiona Cowan advised that, thought should be given to pre-publicity to avoid any misunderstandings.
- 5.7 Hilary Blunt commented that a well worded statement is a good idea.
- 5.8 Simon Mitchell (Environment Agency) suggested they could combine this with the press advert which they would need to undertake.
- 5.9 Michael Day and Hilary Blunt – The Parish Council will probably have it as an agenda item on the next meeting of the King’s Cliffe Parish Council. The Environment Agency can send a representative to this meeting and this was agreed.
- 5.10 Two Environment Agency Inspectors are now co-ordinating and inspection controls on this site and the Thomaugh site. (Howard Goulbourne and Nick Simmons).

6. County Council Update

- 6.1 Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF) – Phil Watson reported that the submission stage of this document would be prepared for the Autumn. There are some more waste sites which have been put forward which could result in another consultation on the site for waste. The Core Strategy may therefore be progressed before the site allocation document.

7. Local Community Questions

- 7.1 None

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 Wednesday 28th January 2009 – 2.00pm at King’s Cliffe Resource Centre