

THORNHAUGH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTES OF MEETING

Friday 12th February 2010 – Kings Cliffe Landfill

Present:

Susan Marsh (SEM)
Martin Witherington (MW)
Hally Hardie (HH)
Gene Wilson (GW)

Peterborough City Council
Thornhaugh Parish Council
Leicester Road, Thornhaugh
Augean

1. Apologies

Simon Moyle (SMo)	Augean
Francis Joseph	Home Farm
Bunny Guinness	Thornhaugh
Nick Simmons (NS)	Environment Agency

ACTION

Approval of previous minutes

The minutes were approved

1. Matters arising

It was agreed that all matters arising had been addressed or were on the agenda.

HH informed the meeting that the historic litter along Home Farm footpath and along A47 had been shown to Simon Moyle. GW confirmed that the litter would be picked during the month.

SMo

HH advised that he had informed the EA of wind blown litter during recent high winds. He confirmed that the litter had been collected. GW advised that the litter fences had been extended in consultation with the Agency.

2. Update on the current situation re the operations at the quarry

GW stated that the gas turbine Permit is near completion with some minor details to be provided to the EA. When the Permit has been received Augean will re-approach the contractor to determine when the plant can be installed.

SEM indicates that she had been consulted by the Agency on the Permit.

The wheel wash was non-operational for a number of days but has now been repaired.

GW advised that a planning enforcement officer had been to site to review the lighting. SM clarified that another officer of the Council had identified that the light was highly visible from the A47 when driving towards the site from the east. GW confirmed that Augean has commissioned electricians to assess how the light can be adjusted

SMo

3. Future proposal/plans in respect to the quarry

GW informed the meeting that Augean had originally intended that the Cooks Hole land would be sold. As the sale had not progressed Augean would need to make the ROMP application which is due in July.

SEM clarified that planning permission is already in place for the working of the mineral at the site. The planning authority cannot refuse the application and can only impose conditions on the operation and for the restoration of the site. The conditions should not compromise the economic viability of the site.

GW confirmed that Augean is currently undertaking field studies including ecology, archaeology, hydrogeology and assessing the mineral that is present. Drilling works will be undertaken over the next month. Based on the studies Augean will determine how to extract the mineral with the minimum of impact on the local area and the site.

MW asked SEM whether the farm house Cooks Hole had been listed. SM stated that she understood that English Heritage have considered the building and are interested but she believed that a decision has not yet been made. SEM stated that an English Heritage officer had viewed the building from the adjacent footpath and was of the view that the building was of several periods of building and that it was of interest.

GW explained that the Highways Authority has indicated that it did not wish to see another access constructed onto the A47 therefore Augean was considering access through the Thornhaugh Quarry entrance. MW expressed concern that the access was too close to Home Farm and that he would object. MW suggested that a new access could be sited at the boundary of the Cooks Hole and Thornhaugh properties. GW advised that options for the access would be considered in the ROMP submission and would have to be based on technical highway considerations.

GW informed the meeting that prior to making the submission Augean would consult locally regarding the proposals with the Liaison Committee and wider in the community.

4. Planning update

The extension of time permission for the gas flare has been issued.

5. Update on Cambs and Peterborough MW Plan – submission documents

The Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents were approved by the full council on 2nd December. The documents will be issued for consultation on soundness on the 15th February 2010 for a period of six weeks.

Three supplementary planning documents are also being issued for consultation at the same time

6. Environment Agency Update

NS advised two areas to discuss cover and gas.

Nick Simmons provided the following notes which were circulated in advance and taken as read.

- At the last site inspection it was agreed that the litter fencing would be extended along the whole Eastern boundary of Cell 5. The waste was well covered down. Some litter was noted on Cell 6 & Cell 3 which needs collecting.

- Some scavenging birds were noted on the waste - Augean have increased the use of bird control in response.

- A slight waste odour was noted offsite when driving along the A47. However no complaints have been received by the EA recently.

- The asbestos cell extension was recently agreed with Augean.

- The variation for the micro turbine and enclosed flare is being determined

- The closure variation for the old WML for Phases 1 & 2 is also being determined.

If any of those attending need to speak to me directly please give them my office landline.

HH confirmed that he has observed the smell between BH04 and BH05. He also mentioned a wet patch along by the road side. GW proposed that the monitoring personnel investigate.

SMo

7. Issues raised by local residents/parish council

No additional issues to those raised in the minutes

8. Monitoring of air quality and ground gas at Home Farm

GW presented a summary of the most recent monitoring results.

Elevated carbon dioxide has been detected but this is consistent with the limestone strata

Dust

There are weather related peaks but all within the specified limits

Asbestos

Graph showed signs of recent spiking but not above the limit.

The revised layout of the asbestos cell and the recommencement of operations were discussed.

9. Any other business

None.

10. Date of next meeting

Provisionally Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at 11.00am at East Northants Resource Management Facility.