

THREE NOOKS FARM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

AGENDA for 4th Meeting
to be held at Horton Village Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 10th April 2013

- 1. Agree previous minutes**
- 2. Address actions from last meeting**
- 3. Site operation update**
- 4. Any other business**
- 5. Arrangements for next meeting**

Minutes of Meeting – 13th March 2013 at 6pm at Horton Village Hall

Attendees

Gill Heath (GH)
Debbie Holihead (DHol)
Dave Hawley (DHaw)
Howard Baswick
John Fryer (JF)
Carol Handley (CH)
Hal Wilson (HW)
Chris Wilson (CW)
Irene Harrison (IH)
Robert Scott (RS)
Gerry Foskett
Roger Carter
Rosie Powell
A Stanlake
Ian Waite
Helen Stead
Tony Bryan (TB)
Tom Gibbons (TG)
Jamie Gleave (JG)

Role / Organisation

Staffordshire County Councillor [Chair]
Staffordshire County Council Regulation Team
Biddulph Town Councillor
Horton Parish Councillor
Horton Parish Councillor
Biddulph Moor Community Association
Local Resident
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Seven Star Natural Gas Limited (SSNG)
RSK Environment Limited
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Apologies

Alan Dickinson (AD) National Farmers Union
Bill Goldstraw (BG) Horton Parish Councillor
John Jones (JJ) Biddulph Town Councillor
Mike Towers (MT) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Env. Health Officer
Ian Lawson (IL) Staffordshire County Council

Item	Agenda Item	Action
1	Previous Meeting Minutes	
1.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. HW highlighted the fact that a statement by TB that lateral drilling would not be undertaken under 'Moortop' had not been minuted. It was agreed that this statement would be added to the previous minutes before being published on the website. <i>Note: added to item 4.23 of previous minutes</i>	TG
2	Introductions	
2.1	Those in attendance made introductions. GH welcomed invited residents. A query was raised regarding residents not receiving the previous meeting's minutes and an agenda. It was stated that the agenda was fixed and would be the same for all meetings. With regard to previous minutes, after a short discussion it was agreed that all those attending the meeting would be sent the minutes for agreement prior to the next meeting.	
3	Site Operations Update	
3.1	<p>TB gave a short summary of activities undertaken since the last meeting, and those planned for the forthcoming weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The civil engineering works to the 'cellar' were now complete and the drill platform was now level and ready to receive the drilling equipment and was illustrated with a photograph. • Further connections have now been made onto the existing wellheads ready for the start of drilling and was illustrated with a photograph • Drilling (and use of coil tubing unit) has yet to commence on site. • The coil tubing drill was expected to be delivered to site during week commencing 25 March and would commence after the Easter weekend. 	
3.2	TB showed a drawing of the latest electrical cable route proposed by Western Power Distribution (WPD). This route is a further change to previous plans and was confirmed by TB that even this route was not yet fixed although he and WPD engineers had visually surveyed this route. TB was able to confirm the cabling would all be underground.	
3.3	A number of questions and concerns were raised by residents the most notable regarding distance from Three Nooks Farm, period for laying, time of year it would be undertaken, likely disruption of works within the highway, exact connection point.	
3.4	It was again confirmed by TB that WPD would undertake all this work independently and the questions raised would need to be answered by them. It was agreed that he would invite a WP engineer to a future liaison meeting, once the route had been finalised, so that the questions raised could be answered and give residents an opportunity to provide feedback on potential problems, particularly traffic congestion, that WPD may encounter during the work.	TB
3.5	Following on from the previous meeting regarding the agreed s106 HGV route TB explained to the meeting the procedure that had been put in place to reinforce the message to HGV delivery drivers/companies that they should be using the agreed route and illustrated this with a sample of a delivery note that gave specific routing instructions. HW circulated an example of the details that can be provided by a vehicle tachograph although this information is not available in the public domain.	
3.6	Further discussion took place regarding this traffic issue and how any transgression might be avoided in the future. It was agreed that the s106 was legally binding on SSNG and their HGV vehicles but it would be impossible to legally 'enforce' this on 3 rd parties.	
3.7	TB has made it clear to suppliers that the route should be used and repeated	

use of other routes would mean the loss of business to that company, not only from SSNG but from the drilling contractor.

- 3.8 On the whole it was accepted by the meeting that every effort had been made to comply with s106 and the few non-conforming deliveries were not an unreasonable number and insufficient to warrant Planning Enforcement action. It was also suggested that perhaps some of the problems related to local delivery drivers using popular short cuts.
- 3.9 Local residents were encouraged to pass any traffic problems on to TB and make a note of any company name on the side and if possible registration number so that he could take action.

4 Any Other Business

- 4.1 Matters arising from Any Other Business at the previous meeting were discussed. These included the following;

- Independent Energy map – The map was shown to the meeting. TB stated that it had nothing to do with SSNG, had no relationship to current work and would not be used in the future. This was noted by the meeting.
- Gas reserve Plan – This was shown as a coloured schematic and in outline on an RSK plan showing street mapping to provide some location context. TB explained the geological principals, extent and process for extracting the gas. He was able to reassure residents that it would not involve ‘fracking’, damage to their homes or lateral drilling. In addition discussions took place as to the extent of the field. It was suggested the scale of the field could be determined by the distance of Three Nook to Biddulph Moor, on this basis it was suggested the field extends to the area of Endon.

- 4.2 Other matters arising were raised by residents including the purpose of the liaison committee, the delay in publishing minutes, the constitution of the committee, its need to update the public and its ‘lifespan’.

It was the opinion of TG that the committee was formed to focus on anticipating and overcoming problems between the operations on site and local community rather than the other matters raised and that the scope or remit of the meetings were outlined in the first few paragraphs of the constitution and on that basis the meetings would retain this focus.

- 4.3 Residents questioned the ‘lifespan’ of such meetings and were concerned that they would be short lived and that no mechanism would be in place if there were problems in the longer term. DHol explained her departments experience with other liaison committees and that any long term problem could be addressed, at any time, specifically to the SCC Planning Department although the constitution at clause 1.3 deals with such issues.

- 4.4 It was agreed to minute the fact that this committee could operate for the lifetime of the scheme rather than the 3 years stated in clause 1.3. It was also asked that a clear process should be documented to resolve issues from any future event during the life of the operation irrespective of whether the committee exists or not.

- 4.6 *Post Meeting Note:*

In the previous meeting it was requested that residents have emergency contact numbers when drilling starts. These are provided below.

General Enquiries

Alkane Office : 01623 827927 (Days only)

Alkane Call Centre : 01246 240578 (24hr)

Email : nooksfarm@alkane.co.uk

Emergency Contacts Numbers

Site phone: 01782 513250

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Arrangements for Next Meeting

5.1

10th April at 6:00pm in Horton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm

Gill Heath – contact details:

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