

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group Meeting

06 January 2022

Present

Phil Watson (PW)
Gene Wilson (GW)
James Wathen (JW)
Peter Oldfield (PO)
Gary Bower (GB)
Greg Wilkinson (GWilk)
Alisdair Mc Clellan (AM)
Michael Day (MD) -
Eleanor Nicholson (EN)
Fiona Cowan (FC)
Peter Guttridge (PG)
Chris Leuchars (CL)

Representing

North Northants Council (NNC)
Augean
Augean
Augean
Augean
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Nicholson/Jennings for Augean
Collyweston Parish Council
Woodnewton Parish Council
Kings Cliffe Parish Council

1 Apologies

2 Operators Update

2.1 **GB** provided a corporate update on Augean regarding the acquisition of Augean by Ancala/Fiera. John Rauch former Chief Operations Officer has been appointed CEO to the management Board otherwise, the company leadership remains the same. Ancala/Fiera have a similar Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance ethos to Augean are seeking to invest in the company to achieve growth. Therefore the day to day operational standards will be much the same.

2.2 **PO** updated on management changes at the ENRMF on progress with landfill site operations:

Simon Moyle has left Augean and we are currently recruiting for permanent replacement

Interim site manager has been seconded. James Wathen is an experienced senior manager with 20yrs operational, environmental and health and safety experience with Augean. He was previously site manager of ENRMF and Thornhaugh and when not on secondment is the Group Head of Health Safety Environment and Quality (HSEQ) for Augean.

An update on new site manager will be provided to the liaison group at the meeting following their appointment.

- 2.3** Waste disposal is currently ongoing in phase 7 in the SW corner of the site. Engineering of phase 8/9 was mostly completed in 2021 and the final parts of the engineering and Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) testing are being completed now. It is anticipated that subject to final completion and receipt of approval from the Environment Agency waste placement will commence in phase 8/9 in Q1/Q2 2022.
- 2.4** **PW** asked about void remaining in phase 7 and when operations would commence in 8/9, **PO** confirmed sufficient void remaining in phase 7 and that tipping would commence in phase 8/9 upon approval from EA in Q1/Q2 2022.
- 2.5** **PO** provided update on site entrance works and updated road signs. The site entrance has been widened to improve visibility and ease of access for vehicles. Augean has agreed to fund replacement road signs north and south of the site on Stamford Road. The designs have been approved and awaiting installation by the highways department.
- 2.6** **PO** indicated that phase 10 at the site was capped at the end of 2021, **PW** confirmed that this cell was filled following an application to amend the phasing sequence at the site: **PO** confirmed this.

3 Proposed Site Extension Application

- 3.1** **PO** provided an update on the extension application for the site

The DCO Application was submitted in early September and accepted for examination by the planning inspectorate on 24th September, the examination of the application is expected to commence in March 2022 (TBC)

The examination is a 6-month process and there will be continued opportunities for participation and consultation via the following:

- open floor hearings;
- issue specific hearings; and
- written representations.

Following the examination, the Inspector will have 3 months to prepare report to Secretary Of State (SOS) and the SOS has 3 months to decide whether to grant to DCO following receipt of the report.

PW asked for a timetable of the different parts of the process, **GW/PO** agreed to provide as soon as it was available from the planning inspectorate.

PO agree to provide a copy of the presentation slides with the minutes of the meeting.

4 Environment Agency Update

- 4.1** **GWilk** confirmed the site inspection in August was satisfactory and the monitoring data submitted routinely as part of the sites environmental permit is reviewed by the EA teams on submission. **GWilk** confirmed they had no current concerns regarding the operation of the site

AM confirmed that there were no issues with the radiological regulation at the site, he also confirmed that the EA were expecting the upcoming Radioactive Substances Regulation (RSR) permit variation application and they had assigned an officer to determine the application

5. NCC Update

- 5.1** **PW** confirmed that minerals and Waste Local Plan (July 2017) is still the adopted plan, a new plan would have been drafted but for the re-structure of the authority and impact of COVID.

6. Community Fund

- 6.1** **PO** gave an update on the community fund, and amounts that have been distributed in 2021 (See presentation slides)

PW asked if monies in the pot rolled over to subsequent funding cycles, **PO** confirmed that they did but that the intention was to try to allocate all monies available in an expedient manner to avoid the accrual of significant monies.

- 6.2** The ENRMF fund has been re-branded the Augean Revenue and Small Grants Fund and has a new logo, Lucy Hawes has taken over administration of the fund from Annabel De Capell Brooke

7. Any Other Business

EN asked **PW** about Annabel De Capell Brooke replacement, **PW** confirmed there would be a by-election but was unsure when this would take place.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed that it would be sensible to schedule regular meetings aligned with the timetable of the DCO application once it is published by the planning inspector Augean will send out doodle poll with the relevant dates once published.

.