

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group

Meeting 28th January 2009

Present

Phil Watson
Pauline Bradberry
Werner Schulze
Felicity Stevenson
Gene Wilson
David Nicholson
Simon Moyle
Hilary Blunt
Phil Hukin
Nick Simmons
Susan Thompson
Michael Day

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council
East Northants District Council Councillor
Collyweston Parish Council
Easton on the Hill Parish Council
Augean – Group Technical Director
Augean- Communications
Augean – Site Manager
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Environment Agency
Environment Agency Site Inspector
Resource at Kingscliffe
King's Cliffe Parish Council

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 Agreed

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Para 5.9 – The EA and Augean attended a Parish Council meeting.

4. Operators Update

- 4.1 Gene Wilson announced Augean's new operations director- Nick Bowen: An experienced manager who has worked across a range of waste facilities. This frees up more time for Gene.
- 4.2 Augean have installed organic treatment facilities at 3 other Augean sites. This involves a thermal absorption process which warms solids and enables contaminants' to be separated and recovered (E.G. Oils and chemicals). This reduces the hazardous nature of the material. There are 3 facilities being promoted at the moment.
- 4.3 At king's Cliffe the concrete pad for the soil treatment facility has been installed. The plant at Port Clarence will be moved down by March.
- 4.4 Simon Moyles reported on site operation issues: A mud on the road issue is being addressed. There were some drivers not using the facilities. Two were banned. Augean are looking to improve facilities. This would involve wet spinner and secondary wheel spinner (currently there is a wheel bath and jet spray). Augean have been through all the site rules again with every driver (2 strikes and out). Divers were all told they had responsibility to use the wheel cleaning facilities. Also looking at a new road sweeper (cost £90,000).

- 4.5 The signage at the bend in the highway has now been installed and then repaired by Augean following an accident. This was not strictly their responsibility.
- 4.6 The soil treatment plant should be in by March 2009. If anyone wants to visit to see if once installed this can be arranged.
- 4.7 Werner Schulze commented that signs on the A47 near the Kings Cliffe junction are dirty and asked who is responsible? The Highway Authority are responsible.
- 4.8 Simon Moyles reported that 500 newts were relocated and these works are completed.
- 4.9 The site was renamed and signs changed. Some more signs on the highway are to be changed this year.
- 4.10 A new flare has been installed with the agreement of the Environment Agency.
- 4.11 Other works to be undertaken include a site surface water management system. As part of this Augean are to pump clean surface water to the brook. It is also intended to construct a new internal road to link to the new soil treatment facility.
- 4.12 Michael Day asked will any more lorries be involved? It was confirmed that there would not be any increase in lorry numbers.
- 4.13 In respect of the Contaminated soils market, Augean have a new contract which meant it picked up again. The broader market is still active.

5. Environment Agency Update

- 5.1 Nick Simmons reported on a number of matters: - Landfill gas is required to be extracted and the old flare was not up to current standards. The new flare needed a permit variation but because this was a slow procedure the Environment Agency agreed for the new flare to be used.
- 5.2 Bareholes around the side are ok.
- 5.3 Leachate is contaminated liquor. There was a bit too much when the site started but this is now under control.
- 5.4 Mud on road is an occasional issue but the company are taking steps to address this.
- 5.5 There was one minor compliance issue which related to a bit of cover over waste. But this was dealt with straight away.
- 5.6 Generally no compliance issues to report. Olympic waste is stored on site pending going through the soils treatment process. This is because the organic content is too high and this can not get into the landfill site as it would generate gas or leachate. Need to bring it down to 6% by weight.
- 5.7 Phil Hukin- The permitting process is progressing. It is dealt with by the EA National permitting team. Expected to be completed by end of March 09.

6. County Council Update

- 6.1 Phil Watson reported that the Minerals and Waste Development Framework Core Strategy is going to an examination in public at the end of March 2009.

The locations for the Waste Development Proposal Submission Document is out for consultation and it is important that anyone who has any comments should respond. It is not ok to rely on previous responses because the new system does not allow this.

Phil Watson pointed out that an extension to the Kings Cliffe landfill site was not specifically proposed in the plan (or any extensions to existing or new landfill sites) as it is considered there is enough provision at least until 2016. However, paragraph 3.23 of the document was read out which enables future extensions to be considered later in the plan period if applicants 'robustly justify, need and ensure that only residual waste is disposed of'. Phil Watson also commented that the development control team has dealt with a number of waste management facility applications for dealing with food waste and generating energy from waste i.e. energy from wood waste; anaerobic digestion.

7. Date of Next Meeting

2.00 pm 15th July 2009 at Resource Centre, Kings Cliffe.