

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group

Meeting 6th December 2006

Present

Phil Watson
Hilary Blunt
Werner Schulze
Fiona Cowan
Councillor Priscilla Padley
Gene Wilson
Roger McDowell
James Wathen
Palden Dorjé

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Augean
Augean (Managing Director)
Augean
East Northamptonshire Council
(Environmental Health)

1. Apologies

K Howard
L Byrne
J Norton

King's Cliffe Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Duddington Parish Council

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Para 2.1

- 2.1 Mrs Padley has visited the highway with Andy Leighton from the Highway Authority to discuss highway works including the proposed signs and chevrons on the Stamford Road. What is the delay in providing these?
- 2.2 Gene Wilson explained the position. Augean have prepared a specification for these works and for junction improvements with the A47 (this involves improving the right turning lane by installing bollards and high visibility signs). Augean are waiting for the Highway Authority to prepare the section 278 Legal Agreement for these works. Once it is signed they can do the works on the Stamford Road, but the A47 works will have to be undertaken when they fit in with the overall programme of highway works for this road.

Para 2.5

- 2.3 Planting details. Have these progressed?
- 2.4 Gene Wilson confirmed that he had submitted a landscaping scheme to the County Council for its approval.

3 Augean Update

Gene Wilson showed a presentation with photos.

- 3.2 Northern Face – he showed the inadequacy of the northern which was too steep and which had the waste cell construction walls partly exposed.
- 3.3 Augean – therefore needed to undertake remediation works. There were a lot of constraints to take into account in designing and planning the works.

- 3.4 The principle activities Augean undertook were explained. This included given total control to the Contractors to ensure Environmental Controls and monitoring measures.
- 3.5 A progressive working scheme was devised. The steepness of the slope was reduced and a HDP (plastic) sheet was placed over the re-shaped area. Gravel was placed and then restoration soils on top at just over 1 metre depth. A drainage ditch was installed at the bottom of the slope for surface water – this runs from east to west. The soils have been hydroseeded.
- 3.6 The site is continually monitored. Gene Wilson showed the Environmental Monitoring Results which demonstrated that potential airborne contaminants at the boundary of the site and upon persons working there, were within set limits.
- 3.7 Remedial works took between July 19th and early November 2006 to complete.
- 3.8 Reserved Matter schemes – have been submitted, to the County Council. These cover: phasing, dust/particulates/odour, noise, drainage, landscaping, and badger protection.
- 3.9 A gas flare received planning permission and is to be installed shortly (replacing the temporary flare) after the precise specification had been agreed with the Environment Agency.
- 3.10 Augean have received a Certificate of Integrated Management System by the British Standards Institute, on Health and Safety, Environmental Monitoring/Controls, and Quality Assurance.

Future Consideration

- 3.11 Northamptonshire County Council is looking at forward planning. Current planning consent is to 2011 but Augean want to think forward 20 years and they will be putting something forward to the Issues and Options stage of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework. This would include Augean keeping open their option for other land to the west as a possible extension.
- 4 Environment Agency Update**
- 4.1 No Environmental Agency representative was in attendance.
 - 4.2 Councillor Mrs Padley raised the issue that 8 prosecutions were being pursued by the Environment Agency.
 - 4.3 Gene Wilson confirmed that these were principally against Atlantic Waste. These were also issues relating to Thornaugh Landfill Site.
 - 4.4 Roger McDowell commented that the company felt a bit hard done by as one of the prosecutions related to the Company starting the remedial works 2 weeks too early and they have accepted this. It cost £4m to deal with the issues at the Thornaugh site.

- 4.5 Gene Wilson mentioned that the Agency are reviewing all Permits across the county to standardise them.

5 Northamptonshire County Council Update

- 5.1 Phil Watson drew attention to the progress on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework. This is the new forward planning system which replaces Structure Plan and Local Plans. The County Council still has adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plans and these are still relevant until the new Framework Documents are adopted.

- 5.2 The County Council (NCC) has adopted a "Statement of Community Involvement" which sets out how the County Council will ensure that local communities are involved in the planning process. The NCC has also prepared a "Supplementary Planning Document" which is expected to be adopted early in 2007. This sets down principles relating to minerals and waste issues that all development proposals should adhere to. These include principles such as sustainability, materials and energy efficiency, minimising waste, maximising the re-use of materials and lots more. The document gives lots of advice on how to incorporate these principles into planning applications for all types of development minor, medium and major.

- 5.3 The County Council has also consulted with interested parties about sites for future minerals and waste development and is preparing an "Issue and Options" document for consultation to test what everyone thinks about minerals and waste development and the strategies which should be pursued. Augean did not forward an extension to the site at the first stage of this process but they can still object at the "Issues and Options Stage" and ask for the extension to be included at the "Preferred Options Stage". If Augean do this the County Council will have to decide whether to propose an extension in its "Preferred Options" document.

- 5.4 The Local Community can either write and express views at the "Issues and Options Stage" in anticipation of Augean proposing an extension, or they can wait until it is seen whether the County Council includes it as at the "Preferred Option" stage. If anyone would like any further information on this process contact Mark Chant the Planning Policy Manager on 01604 236831, mchant@northamptonshire.gov.uk

6 Local community questions

- 6.1 There were no further questions but County Councillor Mrs Padley thanked Augean for its responsible attitude it has taken to this site and for the attendance of Roger McDowell the Managing Director. This demonstrated how seriously the Company regard its relationship with the local community.

Date of Next Meeting

6th June 2007, at 2.00 pm, at King's Cliffe Village Hall.

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