

THORNHAUGH LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 3 March 2011 – ENRMF

Present:

Theresa Nicholl (TN)	Peterborough City Council (M&W)
Alan Jones (AJ)	Peterborough City Council (M&W)
Chris Edwards	Peterborough City Council (M&W)
Steve Horner	Peterborough City Council (RofW)
Cllr John Holdich (JH)	Peterborough City Council
Kevin Burton (KB)	Environment Agency
John Stannage	Wansford Parish Council
Martin Witherington (MW)	Wansford Parish Council
Hally Hardy (HH)	Leicester Road, Thornhaugh
Gene Wilson (GW)	Augean
Simon Moyle (SM)	Augean
Ed Cosgrove	Jennings Nicholson (For Augean)

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising

TN restated the role she and **AJ** now play in Minerals and Waste and introduced Chris Edwards who had joined them in November as a Planning Information Officer.

3. Site Update

SM confirmed litter along the A47 had been cleared. **HH** felt that it was a shame that it had happened to this extent and asked whether the Environment Agency had been informed which **SM** confirmed. **SM** added that he had sent a man to liaise with **HH** on where to collect litter.

GW confirmed there were no further problems with lighting along the A47.

SM confirmed that a small area of the current phase was left to fill on the north west corner of the site. A contract is going out tomorrow for a small extension of the void which will begin in April.

GW said that a contractor is still assessing whether a gas turbine is viable or not. The site is marginal in gas generation; with mainly material such as soil there is little biodegradation and therefore little gas generation which is why we are looking at a micro-generator. The relatively little gas generation at the site in comparison to other landfill sites and future management and monitoring of gas was discussed further generally.

ACTION

4. Peterborough City Council Update

AJ said that the Minerals & Waste Core Strategy had been through a hearing with a few changes proposed. Close to a fact check report from the Inspector, but confident it will be found sound. The site specific proposals were expected in June or July. Nothing substantial had been changed to the thrust of the policy.

MW asked whether the site specific proposals and Core Strategy would both be adopted in July? **AJ** clarified that the site specific proposals could not be examined until the Inspector confirmed that the Core Strategy is sound.

MW also asked about the changes to the East of England and the Core Strategy. **AJ** replied that the Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire strategy was the same for the East of England strategy.

5. Environment Agency Update

KB explained to members that he was the replacement for Nick Simmons.

- He had seen the litter earlier and said that litter screens will need to be moved.
- A variation had been issued for the closure of cells 1 and 2.
- Nothing further heard on the variation for the micro-turbine.
- Nothing untoward in the monitoring data. Quality of groundwater consistent.

6. Monitoring

GW presented a summary of the most recent monitoring results.

Test results for Lead, Electrical conductivity (salt), Chloride, Ammoniacal Nitrate, Methane and breathable dust did not indicate any problems. There was some elevation in dust levels during the summer, but these were below the trigger level.

HH reported an odour on the North West side of the site, but only in December. **SM** confirmed that a leachate cap had been open at that point which would account for this.

7. Cook's Hole Quarry

TN gave an update and confirmed that the application was in. She explained it was the renewal of two old planning permissions that were still live, but subject to revised conditions. An Environmental Impact Assessment had been submitted and the applicant had submitted what they thought the conditions should be. Some consultee responses had been received and, as a result, they had written to Augean at Christmas with some issues, mainly clarifications. As a result some revisions had been made to the restored profile and landscape. This has now gone back out for consultation. Alongside the ROMPP, full applications were also submitted to quarry in an area excluded from the original permissions, to access the site through Thornhaugh and for the site infrastructure.

JH added that there were accidents near the entrance on a regular basis, but mainly minor and unreported. The Police have visited and agreed to

support double white lines. Peterborough City Council had no budget for this, so would Augean possibly contribute to safety measures. **GW** said he would be more than happy to discuss this. However, the white lines would be outside of the scope of the ROMPP application.

GW

MW commented on HGVs and overtaking on the A47 causing fatalities and questioned the traffic assessments. **GW** said that these were mainly an issue of driver behaviour. The total number of movements, whether for waste or the quarry would all be assessed. **GW** confirmed that he would check the data and write to **MW** with any clarifications.

GW

8. Low Level Waste (ENRMF)

GW explained that a Planning Inquiry took place last year. The Inspectors report had been submitted to the Secretary of State and Augean expected a decision sometime in May.

9. Western Extension (ENRMF)

GW confirmed that Augean was seeking an extension of time for ENRMF of two to three years. It is currently permitted to 2013, but will not be complete in that timescale. At the same time Augean is also seeking to apply for an extension to the void space. The application is currently at the Scoping stage. However, a Statement of Community Consultation would be published soon. This would detail what community consultation would take place, including exhibitions and workshops. An application was expected to be submitted in August.

10. Thornhaugh 1

GW continued that time for the completion of Thornhaugh 1 was also running out and would not be complete in time. Augean would be seeking to apply for an extension of time and apply to work the Bradshaw land. Landscape issues would also be dealt with.

AJ said that they wanted to push for an area action plan to unify individual restoration plans. **GW** added that Augean had no preference for the land use after restoration and they would be interested to hear what people thought.

A general discussion followed on the resources of Peterborough City Council to develop a unified plan to restore adjacent sites (both Augean and Mick George). There was general agreement that a more joined up approach was needed.

GW concluded that Augean was undertaking ecological surveys. Consultation would take place towards the end of the year and he suggested that the next meeting should take place before the consultation starts.

11. Any other business

AJ asked about the London Olympic site waste being brought to Thornhaugh. **KB** confirmed that the waste in question had low activity and was classed as exempt.

12. Date of next meeting

No date was set for the next meeting.