

# Springs Road CLG

## Minutes

### Meeting information

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**Date:** Thursday 24 January, 2019

**Time:** 1900

**Location:** Austerfield Study Centre

### Agenda items

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1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes from the last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Springs Road site update
  - a. Infringements
  - b. Drilling
  - c. NCC inspection report
5. Springs Road leaflet
6. Tinker Lane site update
7. Injunction
8. AOB
9. Date of the next meeting

## 1. Welcome and apologies

### Attended:

- Peter Edwards (PE)
- Sandra Crawford (SC)
- Sandy Young (SY)
- George Fiddler (GF)
- Richard Johnson (RJ)
- Dawn Collier (DC)
- Jennifer Worthington (JW)
- David Bardsley (DB)
- David Boyne (DB)
- Bob Kendall (BK)
- John Scutt (JS)
- Tracey Taylor (TT)
- Oliver Meek (OM)
- Andrew Barker (AB)
- Ard Battye (ArB)
- David Petrie (DP)

### Apologies:

- Will Bedford (WB)
- Peter Marsden (PM)
- Patricia Schofield (PS)
- Annette Simpson (AS)
- Bev Fullwood (BF)
- Janice Bradley (JB)
- Simon Gledhill (SG)

The Group welcomed John Scutt, who joined the group as a representative from Blaxton Parish Council.

## **2. Minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes were approved.

## **3. Matters arising**

It was agreed that the submissions made by IGas and various Parish Council represented on the CLG to the Governments consultations on Permitted Development, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and Public Consultations would be shared among the group. Misson and Finningley PCs to share with DP for him to distribute.

## **4. Springs Road site update**

PE asked the EA for an update. The EA said that it had inspected the site in October and that the next visit would be the following week (w/c January 28). The EA added that their principle role at this stage was to monitor and regulate the waste created by the operation. The EA added that all “pre-operational conditions had been satisfied”.

The EA added that the HSE’s role was work place practices.

### **a. Infringements**

DP said that there had been infringements since the last meeting.

OM provided the group with a list of incidents that had been reported to NCC (2 x light vehicles who overshot entrance, turned round and entered from Misson side; 1 x vehicle that entered from the incorrect direction but that had been taking a sample measurement from the Gresham Drain; 1 relating to the transportation of radioactive material (wireline logging tools), and; complaints relating to mud on the highway). OM said NCC had observed that reports of potential breaches came in from both IGas and the protestors at the gate, usually simultaneously and that two of the above incidents had been reported only by IGas.

DP is to share with the group the statement the EA had given to the Tinker Lane CLG regarding the use of radioactive material for wireline logging tools.

*["Regarding the question raised at the last meeting regarding down hole logging and radioactive sources please see the following information from our team who deal with the regulation of radioactive substances:-*

*"Radioactive sources have a wide range of uses in industry. This includes instruments that are commonly used in oil and gas exploration to investigate the geological properties of the rocks surrounding a borehole, known as well or borehole logging. The radioactive material is securely encapsulated in a metal casing so that it cannot be dispersed. (It is lowered into the borehole on a strong cable. Some of the radiation emitted by the radioactive source will be reflected back from the surrounding rocks. The properties of the reflected radiation*

*give information about the nature of the surrounding rocks, particularly the porosity and moisture content that can be detected by sensitive instruments.)*

*“Companies who use radioactive sources for this type of operation must have a permit from the Environment Agency. The conditions of the permit mean that the sources must be securely stored, properly maintained and only used by suitably trained staff.”]*

**b. Drilling**

AB and DP updated the group on the progress on site. DP said that the well had been spudded two days before the meeting on January 22 and that the well was now over 300 metres deep.

Responding to a question from PE, AB said that a decision on whether the second horizontal well will be drilled in series will not be made until later in the drilling of the current, vertical, well.

PE asked what depth the second casing point would be made. DP said he would find out and update the group.

Responding to inquires about the speed of drilling, AB said that progress would slow during the coring stages of the operation.

**c. NCC inspection report**

PE then asked the NCC what visits they had conducted. OM said that the site had been inspected on the day of the meeting (Jan 24) and the site was “operating in accordance with the planning permission”. OM

added that IGas were to provide NCC with information relating to a light survey and the noise data for the first week of drilling in due course.

#### **5. Tinker Lane site update**

AB informed the group that, due to his roles being focused on construction and restoration, he was now looking at what was required to restore the site back to agricultural use. AB said that IGas were aware of the restrictions on the commencement of restoration during the breeding season for hobbys.

#### **6. Springs Road leaflet**

DP told the group that the leaflet was now ready to be delivered and was likely to be later that week or the start of the following week.

DC said that people in Misson were unaware that the leaflet was being delivered and asked whether IGas had any plans to also deliver the leaflet in Blaxton. AB said that the plan was to do all of the village of Misson and the route of the Journey Management Plan, which would include some properties in Blaxton.

PE said that he was reassured that the route was being leafleted as issues could emerge if traffic was to become too numerous.

AB said that, under the current planning permission, vehicle movements were highest during construction and that this phase had already been completed. AB added that making the route too prescriptive could have the

unintended consequence of one community being subject to more movements than would otherwise could have occurred.

PE said that the community would welcome a detailed discussion about vehicle movements if and when any additional planning application was submitted.

SY asked if IGas' "three strikes" for breaches of the JMP had been used. AB replied that it had.

## **7. Injunction**

DP informed the group that the injunction was now no longer interim and was in force.

OM asked if IGas felt that there had been less disruption since, to which AB replied that this was likely to be one of various reasons why protestor activity at the gate had reduced but equally worsening weather may also have been factor.

## **8. AOB**

No outstanding business was raised.

### **Date of next meeting**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April

Venue: Austerfield Study Centre