

Draft Minutes KM8 Community Liaison Group

1st November 2017 at 18.30

The Beansheaf Hotel, Kirby Misperton

Present:

CLlr Fiona Farnell RDC, CLlr Paul Andrews Great Habton PC, CLlr David Dussold Kirby Misperton PC, Hazel Winter, Nicky Mason

Third Energy: Rosemary Drummond, Alan Linn, Shaun Zablocki

1. Apologies for absence were received from CLlr Lindsay Burr and CLlr Duncan Collinson
2. Minutes of the last meeting:
 - a. Minutes agreed with one addendum - Third Energy (TE) to inform residents if there were routine maintenance activities with the potential to cause odour in the village. Regarding the hosting a joint parish council meeting for the three parishes: Third Energy has the agreement of the three parish clerks. Meeting agreed that this should be held with the principle agenda item being a presentation from Two Ridings Community Foundation on the community fund. It will be a closed meeting hosted by Third Energy who will provide an operational update.
 3. Group membership
 - a. Introduce new member: Hazel Winter was welcomed to the group and thanked for the contribution she had already made on behalf of residents of Kirby Misperton.
 - b. Non-active members: the meeting agreed that, due to non-participation and in line with the Terms of Reference, Mr Ward and Mr Edmonds would cease to be members of the group. Third Energy will inform them of this decision.
 - c. Potential replacement members of the group were discussed and also whether the vacant seats should be filled. One member expressed concern that if TE selected the new members that it could be seen as a "TE appointed body". RD said that she would look at the Terms of Reference to check but believed that the appointment of new members rested with Third Energy but suggestions from all members were welcome. Parish Councils are each responsible for appointing their own representative.
4. KM8 Hydraulic Fractures operations update

Alan Linn gave a full update on the current status of operations for the KM8 hydraulic fracturing programmes. He confirmed that TE would be operationally in ready in a week to ten days but the required consent from the Secretary of State was still outstanding.

An outline of the fracturing process was given. Alan Linn confirmed that the top frags for the top four zones fell below the definition of associate hydraulic fracturing in the 2015 Infrastructure Act in terms of the volume of water to be used but the bottom zone did fall within this definition. The targeted zones are not pure shale but shale with interbedded sandstone. These zones have been chosen as the gas flow from the rock structure is likely to be better.

The Environment Agency will be monitoring the fracture height growth at site. The British Geological Survey are also carrying out independent monitoring.

Items for follow-up action:

- a. TE to consider whether they would make the livestream data on the seismic monitoring available to either the group or the wider public.
- b. Cllr Andrews reported that a resident had reported seeing a ground level flare or “fire ball” on the well site the previous Saturday. TE confirmed that there was no flaring activity on site and there was no night working. Cllr Andrews to provide further information so that TE can identify if there were a source of light on site that could have been the source.
- c. Cllr Andrews asked about a potential water pollution incident in a near-by stream. Meeting agreed that this was a reference to a Facebook post showing the Costa Beck with some surface “scum”. TE stated that there had been nothing on site that could have caused any pollution and explained how the set-up of the site protected both local water courses and the ground. Meeting agreed that it was normal for streams to exhibit these characteristic during rainy periods.
- d. Meeting expressed some concern about some aspects of the policing operation. TE said that they would feed these back to North Yorkshire Police. Members requested that a senior member of the Operation Kingfisher team is invited to a CLG meeting in the near future to discuss these concerns:
 - i. Better warning about road closures resulting from protestors actions
 - ii. Consider different ways of closing the roads
 - iii. Removing road closure signs immediately roads were re-opened. Reported instances of when the signs stayed in place over a weekend unnecessarily
 - iv. Attempted removal of awkwardly parked car in Main Street last Friday
 - v. General feeling of intimidation, especially when doing everyday activities like walking dogs and having vehicles photographed

The operation of the Traffic Management Plan was discussed. TE confirmed that, if access to the main gate were prevented by protestor action, non-HGV vehicles could be directed by Police to use the farm track running from Little Barugh to enter the site. Similarly, Police could direct HGV and other traffic to approach the site via Great Habton if the Kirby Misperton side access were blocked. TMP speed limits would be undertaken through the village on these occasions.

- e. Commented that contact email address for NYCC Highways bounced back. Generally felt that NYCC and other organisations were not quick to respond.
 - f. Discussion on what “observation monitoring” of HGV speeds done Main Street involved and what reports were available. TE to come back to the group with more information.
5. Communications – frequency and channels
- a. Requested a brief weekly update from TE once the hydraulic fracturing operations start. This was agreed. Daily Report will be on TE website as stated in the Hydraulic Fracture Plan
 - b. Meeting agreed that posts on Kirby Misperton People Facebook page were effective. Items on TE website should be signposted here as well.
 - c. As per the minutes of the last meeting, TE will alert the village if any routine or other work is likely to be a source of odour

- d. Request that details for contacting TE were re-issued
6. Odours
- Recent odour issue was discussed. Members said that it was very alarming when there was an odour and they had no information. Discussion on what causes odour and how this is different to a gas leak.
7. Emergency planning
- SZ explained that TE had an external plan under the COMAH regulations covering all its operations in the Vale of Pickering, although this was voluntary and not required under the legislation. This involved scenario planning and exercises with the local authority and emergency services. Meeting requested:
- a. Flow chart for how this plan works
 - b. Sight of the plan – TE to review as there may be confidentiality expectations around emergency planning
 - c. The equivalent of a “fire warden” type role to alert the village before the COMAH plan kicked in
8. There was no other business
9. Date of next meeting
- a. w/c 13 November for CLG session with Operation Kingfisher
 - b. w/c 20 November for joint parish/CLG meeting with Two Ridings Community Fund