

Minutes of KM8 Community Liaison Group

**6 March 2017 at 6.30pm**

**The Beansheaf Hotel, Kirby Misperton**

Present: Fiona Farnell, Karen Garrett, Hazel Winter, Nicky Mason, Paul Andrews, Rosemary Drummond TE, Alan Linn TE, Shaun Zablocki TE

1. Apologies for absence  
Lindsay Burr, Kirby Misperton Parish Council
2. Minutes were approved by the meeting
3. Matter arising: As Kirby Misperton Parish Council has not met since the last CLG meeting, the proposal to organise an emergency contact pyramid for the village has not yet been taken to the Parish Council.
4. Operations and consent update given by Alan Linn
  - a. Equipment such as the workover rig and coil tubing unit have temporarily been released from site. The noise attenuation barrier, with the exception of the containers that make up the base will be removed. The current plan is that the frac spread and the chemicals will stay on site.
  - b. The water storage tanks will also be emptied and removed from site. As the Environment Agency (EA) does not permit the use of biocides, the water would not remain to the required standard if kept on site for an extended period.
  - c. The public footpath will re-open once the HGV movements have been completed although the temporary closure order runs until June.
  - d. The KM8 well has not been perforated. For safety and operational reasons it is currently filled with brine. A daily inspection of the pressure gauges is carried out to check that no gas is coming from the well.
  - e. It is not known how long the financial resilience test will take. This was an important factor in deciding to release equipment from the site. Third Energy is currently communicating with the government as to what is in and out of scope of the test and providing information as requested. Currently believe that operations will not resume before the autumn.
  - f. TE is in discussion with Regulators over the scope of baseline monitoring programmes during the pause in operations and prior to their resumption. Whilst a number of baseline measures are continuing the seismic monitoring is currently suspended.



8. Any other business – questions brought to the meeting by members:

- a. *What is TE relationship with Ineos?* Only contractual relationship TE has with Ineos is the joint venture for the approved Ebberston Moor South development. TE and Ineos are also in discussion, as per normal industry practice, on sharing seismic data and acquisition parameters on their adjacent licence blocks; this ensures both companies can achieve a full data set.
- b. *Does TE know why the owners of a pocket of land in Ryton inside TE's licence block (details not included in the minutes) has been approached by Ineos regarding a seismic survey?* TE said it could not answer the question on behalf of Ineos but would ask the views of its own subsurface team.
- c. *Has the KM8 well been perforated? Is there any connection with a shaking felt by one of the protestors sleeping in a caravan on the verge of the Habton Road felt shaking during the night in late November and low cloud was observed over the well site?* The KM8 well has not been perforated. The shaking reported by the protestor has no connection with TE operations and the company's operations have not generated any low clouds.
- d. *Odour detected in the village on the afternoon of 28 February?* The odour (was not reported directly to TE but via third party) was not connected with Third Energy operations. Operators did not detect an odour on the well site; no activities took place that day that could have caused any odour. Operators on site reported a very strong north easterly wind blowing across the site that day (confirmed by meteorological data). The direction of the wind and its strength would mean that the source of the odour experienced by persons from the village would have come from the opposite side of the village and not from the KMA well site.
- e. *Why is there a delay in making the holding company accounts available for viewing?* The TEHL accounts are non-statutory and prepared for members of the TEHL and not for publication at Companies House. Therefore TE requires the agreement of its auditors to share the accounts with members of the public on request. This process is underway. We believe that this is the first time since Third Energy was set up that this request has been made.
- f. *Will they release the safety inspection report associated with the pipeline into the public domain?* Due to their specialist technical content, Third Energy does not believe that it is of benefit to release such reports, into the public domain.
- g. *Will TE need a new traffic management plan and if so when can we expect it?* This will be discussed with NYCC. The alternative route that TE have been directed to use by the police for reasons such as protestor action will be surveyed prior to the resumption of operations.
- h. *What level of activity will TE have on site during the season when bats are re-emerging? What surveys have been carried out since the Wildlife Protection Method Statement was approved? Will they publish results?* The bat season normally starts in May and it is not expected that there will be anything other than the normal ongoing activity to support the conventional operations on the site. All required reports relating to the Wildlife Protection have been submitted to NYCC and published on the KM8 portal.

- i. *When they return to frack will they have a physical inspection of the site by experienced fire officers to ensure the access to and around the site is adequate in the event of an emergency. Will emergency staff visit the site to ensure they are familiar with it, did they make such an appraisal for KM8?* As explained at previous meetings, TE works with NY Fire & Rescue to meet all regulatory requirements for all their sites. The Fire Service had declined to make a site visit to KMA in the pre-operational phase.
- j. *When you return to frack at KM8 will you have had time to draw up a plan for local evacuation and alerts for other emergencies? How will this be communicated with day guests and overnight visitors?* As explained at previous meetings, there is an established protocol for emergency response and interaction with the emergency services covering all TE sites in the Vale of Pickering. In the very unlikely event that there were a need to evacuate local residents, this is not a decision that would be taken by TE and would be led by the North Yorkshire Police as the lead service within the JESIP protocols.
- k. *Now they have more time on their hands, will they ensure that ecologists/environmental consultants do an on the ground survey of the site area to estimate the number and whereabouts of the great crested newts?* TE has already commissioned extensive and detailed surveys by experts of wildlife, including great crested news, at the site as required by the regulators. These studies have been submitted as required and can be accessed on the NYCC portal.
- l. *Has TE had any chemistry on the water recovered from the well and will they be sharing this as happened in Lancashire?* TE has not recovered any water from the KM8 well.
- m. *Has TE recalculated the night time baseline noise levels with and without the night time running of the milking parlour engine noise?* TE has extensive data from the site stream of data, plus sound recordings, and know when the milking machines were running in relation to this data. No specific analysis has been undertaken.
- n. *Did TE pick up Wales earthquake?* The TE seismic monitoring is not currently recording data so did not pick up the recent earthquake in Wales.
- o. *Have police liaison officers been in touch re Security Staff bad behaviour during Pickering Quakers silent vigil.* The police have not been in contact but TE will ask them for information and then revert to the group

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17 April 6.30pm