



OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

NUCLEAR NEW BUILD SUB GROUP MEETING

Held on Tuesday 01 August 2017, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Mr Keith Sullivan, Mr Matthew Riddle, Dr Tony Acton, Mr Malcolm Lynden

Clerk: Emma Pattullo

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mr John Cornock, Mr Matthew Clothier and Ms Gillian Ellis-King.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2017 were proposed as an accurate record by MR, seconded by ML and agreed by all.

3 Review of actions (not otherwise on this agenda)

Item 3: questions for residents' survey. It was agreed that the survey was a good idea as it would show that the PC wished to involve residents and understand their priorities. MR suggested that residents should be asked to rank their priorities across a number of issues e.g. transport, environment. MR agreed to collate suggestions.

<p>Action: all to send suggested questions/issues to MR. Action: MR to collate suggestions into draft survey.</p>

GE-K has circulated a number of papers to meet actions from items 4, 5 and 6.

4 Finance matters

4.1 Letter to Luke Hall

KS sent the agreed letter to MP Luke Hall and has received a reply indicating that Mr Hall has written to the Minister for Housing and Planning, Alok Sharma MP, to ask about possible assistance.

KS asked if our letter can be shared with Horizon. Discussion was held on the possible benefits or otherwise of doing so. Horizon have a duty to fund county/district authority level input to the process but not lower levels of government; sharing the letter would promote an open relationship so Horizon are aware that the PC is pursuing funding possibilities elsewhere. It was agreed to wait until the Ministerial reply is received.

A discussion followed regarding the possible scope and depth of the PC's involvement in the consultation process. It was suggested that the PC could leave the majority of effort to SGC and ask to be informed about any relevant SGC inputs to the process. This would lessen the workload within this committee and the PC. However, SGC will be looking at the wider picture across the area whereas the PC has responsibility to represent Oldbury parishioners, so there may be conflicts of interest. It was concluded that we need to have the facility to look independently at some issues (e.g. pay independent consultants) if required.

4.2 S106's and Planning Performance Agreements

GE-K has provided various items which clarified the difference in funding streams. PPAs are used to fund local authority input to the consultation phase whereas S106s are used post consent (either planning permission or DCO) to enable the local authority to discharge the planning requirements once work is underway. Both cover a wide range of issues.

MR stated that there may also be community benefit funds in mitigation of the impacts of such large developments. He also questioned whether S106s would still apply or whether some or all funds may be part of a Community Infrastructure Levy agreement.

5 Visit to Wylfa

This is still planned to go ahead in late September / early October but the date has not yet been confirmed. It will be for at least one, possibly two nights. The visit will be timed to coincide with the Wylfa project liaison group meeting. KS will attempt again to contact Claire Loveday (Horizon communications manager) to try to get the date & will circulate once known.

Post meeting note: Claire has said that 21st or 28th Sept are being considered, KS cannot do 21st

Action: KS to confirm visit date & circulate

KS & ML are definitely interested in attending. Others could not confirm until the date is known, but provisional indications of interest would be useful.

Action: All to give provisional indications of interest to KS

6 Horizon to talk to NNB after visit to Wylfa

Samantha Stagg (Horizon PR) has suggested that this committee might appreciate an update presentation from Horizon. It was agreed that this would be useful but would be best held after the Wylfa visit. (Possibly to be attended by Tim Proudler)

Action: KS to liaise with Samantha to arrange

7 GDA consultation report from Environment Agency

Following the consultation on the Generic Design Assessment earlier in the year, the Environment Agency have published all the responses they received. This committee's response has been included verbatim so it is assumed that others have as well. TA reported that there were several common themes in many of the responses, including:

- predicted emissions of radioactive isotopes, which are at the upper end of the normal range for this type of reactor;
- geological disposal facility development – there is little connection between that project and the proposed on-site storage facilities;
- the applicability of many of the GDA calculations for the proposed cooling system at Oldbury (cooling towers not fully water cooled);
- assessment of fuel rod cladding – assumed failure rates are arbitrary and not realistic;
- potential for flooding of the site.

The EA will be publishing their responses to the issues raised by the end of 2017.

ML asked whether there any of the issues raised might present major problems. TA replied that one potentially serious issue was the design of cooling ponds in which fuel rods are stored after being taken out of the reactor for replacement or maintenance; a similar design was a cause of concern during the Fukushima incident.

ML commented that in recent SSG presentations, the NDA had indicated that they are planning to start decommissioning the graphite cores of various closed stations before the proposed completion date for the geological storage facility.

8 Dairy Farm, Jobs Green Farm, Shepperdine Farm etc.

KS has discussed these properties with Claire Loveday and Samantha Stagg. Contracts for renovation of Dairy Farm and Jobs Green Farm have been signed and work is due to commence soon. Shepperdine Farm has been held up, but efforts are ongoing to get this property habitable as well.

9 AOB

ML reported that the SSG tour of the existing Oldbury site will go ahead on Tuesday 15th August. It may be possible to get one or two more places if requested.

Action: anyone else who wishes to attend site visit to contact ML
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10 Closure & date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 21:20.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 7:30pm.