

## Tinker Lane CLC – Minutes

### Meeting information

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**Date:** Thursday 22 June, 2017  
**Time:** 1900  
**Location:** Lound Village Hall

### Agenda items

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1. Welcome and apologies
2. AGM
  - a. Election of a new Chair
  - b. Election of a new Vice-Chair
3. Minutes from the last meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. HSE talk
6. Section 106 discussion
7. AOB
8. Date of the next meeting

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Attended:

- Christie Willies, Chair and Tolworth PC (CW)
- Rob Boeuf, Vice-Chair and Sutton cum Lound PC (RB)
- Peter Thompson, Blyth PC (PT)
- George Fridlington, Babworth PC (GF)
- Maureen Holdgate, Lound PC (MH)
- Helen Wilson, Mattersey PC (HW)
- Bev Fullwood, Mattersey Community Rep (BF)
- Cllr Tracey Taylor, NCC Misterton (TT)
- Tony Almond, HSE onshore oil and gas policy (TA)
- Trevor Sexty, HSE onshore oil and gas policy (TS)
- Adrian Taylor, HSE mines inspector (AT)
- David Petrie, IGas (DP)

Apologies:

- Chick Fraser, Barnby Moor PC (CF)
- Ann Fraser, Barnby Moor PC (AF)
- Philip Merchant, Ranskill PC (PM)
- Michael Gray, Ranskill DC (MG)

## **2. AGM**

- a. CW was re-elected as Chair.
- b. RB was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

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

Minutes approved

#### **4. Matters arising**

RB requested that minutes and agendas be sent as either .doc or .pdf files.

CW asked that the previous minutes are emailed along with meeting agendas.

#### **5. HSE talk**

TA began by outlining the general role of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) then moved on to discuss the organisation's role in relation to onshore oil and gas and its input into the well design process.

TA said the HSE's regulatory regime relating to oil and gas wells is long-established and is "goal-setting", i.e, it sets a general goal to be achieved (as opposed to setting out prescribed processes) and is supported by more specific regulations designed specifically for operations involving the extraction of gas and oil through wells, both onshore and offshore, including shale gas operations.

TA added that HSE's role is to ensure well operators comply with specific health and safety regulations to prevent those working at the site, or others who could be affected by the work (including members of the public), from suffering injury or ill health as a result of the operations.

Key to this, TA said, was ensuring the integrity of the well and that HSE regulations require that well operators must design, construct, operate and abandon the well in such a way that there can be no unplanned release of fluids. The operator must notify HSE before they start to drill the well. The

notification contains a lot of detailed information on the design of the well, the geology it will pass through, how it will be constructed and the safety features that will be built into it. This information is scrutinised by HSE's own wells engineers before the work starts.

This are requirements of the Borehole Sites and Operations Regulations and the Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction etc) Regulations 1996 (DCR) which requires by law that operators to report to HSE every week during construction, drilling and abandonment of the well. The weekly report gives details of all work that has taken place since the previous report including:

- well integrity tests;
- the depth and diameter of the borehole;
- the depth and diameter of the well casing;
- details of the drill fluid density which allows the inspector to gauge the pressure in the well and identify any stability issues.

The purpose of this is to provide HSE with assurance that the operator is constructing and operating the well as described in the design. If they are not, HSE can take the appropriate regulatory action.

CW asked if the HSE would be prepared to acknowledge receipt of the weekly report from IGas to the CLC – TA said this would not be possible but IGas could copy the CLC into the email to the HSE that contained the Weekly Report should they wish to. TA assured the group that the recipients of the Weekly Report were experts and would quickly be able to ascertain from reports whether the operator was in breach.

CW then asked how residents would go about reporting concerns about the operation to the HSE. TA said that details of who to contact in these circumstances is available on the HSE website.

TA added that the HSE work with the Environment Agency and the Local Authority to monitor operations.

TA then went on to describe the role of the Independent Well Examiner, to whom the well operator must provide the following details:

- the well construction programme and any material changes to it;
- reports on how the well is being constructed;
- reports on how the well is being monitored, and;
- a plan for how it will be plugged and decommissioned at the end of the well's life.

The independent well examiner reviews these to ensure the well design, construction and operation complies with the regulations and that it is in line with the well operator's policies and procedures, and following industry good practice.

HW asked how site visits are planned. TA said that the HSE has its own visiting model to which it adheres, but where possible we will conduct joint visits with the EA.

TA then went on to describe the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR) regulations, which

requires employers, and other people in charge of work premises, to report and keep records of:

- work-related accidents which cause deaths
- work-related accidents which cause certain serious injuries (reportable injuries)
- diagnosed cases of certain industrial diseases; and
- certain 'dangerous occurrences' (incidents with the potential to cause harm)

PT asked about HSE's submission to the Planning Committee relating to the Tinker Lane planning application. RB asked why NCC hadn't asked HSE questions specific to the Tinker Lane site; stated that the 2D seismic being used had been shot prior to when the mine workings were dug, and; said it was felt the HSE and Coal Authority responses had not been satisfactory.

TA responded that the HSE can make further submissions and comments to the detailed well design and has the power to intervene and stop the operation if it is felt the proposal present a risk to people, for example by interacting with any other underground workings, such as mine workings.

AT then added that the existing coal mines in the area were considered extremely low risk to the operation proposed at Tinker Lane.

CW expressed concern that the onus was on residents to prove that damage to property resulting from seismicity were caused by the operations. TA said that it would be unprecedented for an exploratory well to cause damage such as this.

RB then asked how often HSE would monitor the well outside the drilling phase. TA said that it was IGas' responsibility to ensure that there were no escape of fluids and that it was a legal requirement under RIDDOR for IGas to report any escape to the HSE.

RB then asked what fluid was left in the well after drilling was concluded. DP said he would find out and report back the Group.

## **6. Section 106 discussion**

BF asked what waste contractors IGas were planning to use for the operation. DP said that no decision on this had yet been made.

## **7. AOB**

CW asked DP to establish with Daneshill was removed from the list of operational sites that can apply for grants from Community Fund

RB asked for an update relating to INEOS' seismic acquisition in the southern section of PEDL200.

CW asked to be sent the CLG distribution list.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting tabled for Thursday 7 September, 2017.

DP to establish the availability of Environment Agency to attend.

In order of preference, location to be: Blyth, Barnby Moor, Tolworth or Lound.

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