

Bishop Burton and Walkington Liaison Committee (Crawberry Hill)

25 September 2012

Bishop Burton Village Hall

Notes of Meeting

Attendees: David Montagu-Smith (Chairman, Rathlin Energy (UK)) - DM-S
David Oxtoby (Chair, Bishop Burton Parish Council) - DO
Margaret Hebb (Bishop Burton Resident) - MH
Jason Chester (Bishop Burton Resident) - JC
John Castle (Walkington Resident) - JC
Tom Selkirk (Project Manager, Rathlin Energy (UK)) - TS
Caroline Foster (Field Manager, Rathlin Energy (UK)) - CF
Philip Silk (Planning Manager, Moorhouse Drilling and Completions) - PS
Jonathan Foster (HSE Manager, Moorhouse Drilling and Completions) - JF
Mat Martin (Site Construction Manager, Moorhouse Drilling and Completions) - MM
Simon Taylor (Rathlin Communications) - ST

Apologies: None Received

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** DM-S opened the liaison group meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

DM-S introduced MM explaining that he would be Rathlin's Construction Manager during the construction phase of the well-site. Employed by Moorhouse, D-MS said that MM would attend future liaison meetings to discuss what was happening at the site.

DM-S said that he had spoken to Cllr Pollard. Unfortunately, she couldn't attend this meeting, but would like to attend in the future in an observatory capacity (due to her role as the Chair of the planning committee – and the fact that other applications will follow in other parts of the East Riding).

DM-S asked if anybody had any specific issues to raise since the last meeting. MH reported that one resident had made a complaint about the proposals, raising concerns about a number of issues that had been covered previously. MH said that she had dealt with all of the issues raised. DM-S said he would happily speak with the concerned resident directly if that would help.

2. **Notes from the Previous Meeting (08 August 2012):** The notes from the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record of what was discussed and agreed.

3. Planning Update

PS explained that East Riding of Yorkshire Council's planning department had approved the application [for the Crawberry Hill Well Site, Land South-West of Crawberry Hill, Walkington Heads, Bishop Burton, Beverley \(June 2012\)](#) on 13 September 2012. He said that he was now working through the conditions applied by the planning committee with a view to getting them discharged as soon as possible.

Other important matters he is addressing include:

- Speed restrictions at Walkington Heads – PS said he is talking to East Riding of Yorkshire Council Highways and Rathlin's consultants as there is a view, from the local authority, that the length of the speed restriction area proposed by Rathlin may be too long (PS then circulated a drawing showing what Rathlin has proposed). The council has suggested that the limit might be shorter (from Wold Road to the site and then an equivalent distance on the opposite side of the site access). PS said that he and the team from Rathlin would work on finding the right solution based on what the professionals consider to be the best and most appropriate solution and that he would report back at the next community liaison meeting.

Community representatives reiterated concerns about potential overtaking and reinforced their view that the solution needed to be right. DM-S said that Rathlin shared this view and that all would be done to come up with the safest solution possible. He also re-stressed that vehicle movements to and from the site would conform with the approved traffic management plan and that Rathlin would be operating a strict safety and enforcement policy.

It is anticipated that the new traffic management arrangements will take around six weeks to address and be implemented – including the installation of new roadside signs. Adverts will be posted in local newspapers notifying residents that a temporary speed reduction is to be in place and its start date.

[Post meeting note: the council has now approved the original proposal].

- Archaeological works are likely to begin in week commencing 15 October – stripping back top soil and archaeologists will be on site for about three weeks. A 14 tonne excavator will be on site during this time.
- Resident representatives asked if the work would be undertaken by Humber Archaeology. PS said that Humber Archaeology may be involved in a 'supervisory' capacity at some stage as they are the advisory body to East Riding of Yorkshire Council, but the main archaeological contractor is Allen Archaeology as they had been involved in the geophysical surveys at this site and know it well already.
- PS also confirmed that there will be a dilapidation survey completed from Killingwoldgraves roundabout and along Walkington Heads prior to the commencement of site construction.

- Site construction is expected on or around 05 November – normally takes five weeks so the site should be ready before Christmas time, for drilling operations to begin in earnest in the New Year
- PS confirmed that there is additional information that the council requires to be approved by condition as part of the planning permission. This information would be submitted shortly. There is also a requirement to provide 14 days notification to East Riding of Yorkshire Council prior to starting operations.
- Resident representatives asked about gritting around the site. DO said that East Riding of Yorkshire Council has agreed to grit the road and surrounding roads this year.
- Baseline data and groundwater monitoring. Three boreholes have been identified for monitoring and Rathlin is talking to the Environmental Agency about the detailed process they require to obtain access to these boreholes and agree a suitable methodology.
- Resident representatives asked what the frequency for monitoring would be and PS confirmed that this would form the basis of his on-going discussions with the Environment Agency and that he would feedback at the next meeting. He confirmed that initial discussions had revolved around monitoring to begin with to establish a baseline and then once every two weeks during the conductor setting phase and every four weeks during the main drilling process continuing through during the well test. He reiterated that the Environment Agency will need to determine frequency and give Rathlin access rights.
- Installation of the conductor –PS confirmed that there would not be any activity over the Christmas period and that it would be installed in January (probably towards the end of the month). He said that once the site had been prepared, the conductor will then be installed to isolate the aquifer prior to the main drilling would be prepared first along with the installation of the first casing to protect the aquifer. He confirmed that the conductor drilling would take about four weeks and that the process is a 24-hour a day operation.
- Resident representatives asked if Rathlin had identified a suitable rig. TS said that for the smaller boreholes Rathlin has an idea of the type of rig that will be used. JF confirmed that the drilling rig had not yet been selected and that the team would be looking at that in the next few weeks. He said that Rathlin will be seeking the services of a trustworthy and reliable contractor.
- Resident representatives asked if Rathlin is sure that a rig will be available? JF said, “yes”.
- In summary, PS said that everything is working to plan and that residents will see people on the ground in around three weeks’ time. MM said that an outline of the

site was marked out on the day of the liaison meeting. He also confirmed that for the first few weeks there will be a Combi unit for the operatives to work from.

4. Members' Matters Arising

DM-S said that Rathlin knows that this project must be handled well. He said that it is really important that Rathlin has an early warning about anything that concerns people. He stressed that the company really wants to do the right things here and that the project team want and need to hear about anything that concerns anyone before, during and after the works.

Resident representatives asked who people should contact if there is a problem. PS confirmed that he will be the principle contact should there be any concerns and said that relevant contact numbers will be published via the website. JF also said that all HGV vehicles will be marked so that residents can identify Rathlin-related activity and to enable them to report problems – although everyone hoped that this would not be necessary.

DM-S reiterated that resident representatives should also act as conduit back to Rathlin representatives who will act swiftly.

Resident representatives asked how much hedge would be dug up on the south boundary? PS confirmed that it will be "as little as possible!"

5. AOB.

Resident representatives asked if Rathlin would put a project timeline on the company website. PS agreed that the website needs to be a main conduit for information. He said that the project team would put a 'base model' up to begin with the site being updated with latest happenings and news as the programme progresses

Resident representatives also suggested that the Bishop Burton and Walkington Parish sites could be updated with latest news from the site in the New Year. Rathlin representatives agreed.

MM said that photographs will be produced and presented at future meetings (a photographic record).

PS said that he would invite someone from the archaeology business to come along to next meeting to talk about what, if anything, has been found.

6. Date and time of the next meeting:

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 30 October 2012 at Bishop Burton Village Hall. The meeting is to coincide with the installation of the relevant and

necessary highways work being put in place.

DO is kindly asked to check and confirm the Hall's availability.