



**LAMBS HILL WIND FARM  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING  
RE/M/749/COM-1**

**Held on Thursday, 12 May 2016 at Stillington Youth & Community Centre  
Commencing at 6.00pm**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Lewis Stokes	Banks Group
Sue Bell	William Cassidi Primary School
John Corbey	Stillington & Whitton Parish Council
Julie Cornelius	William Cassidi Primary School
Andrew Glossop	Stockton Borough Council
Catherine Hart	Foxton Resident
Brian Hunter	Banks Group
David Porter	Cheetham Hill Construction
Claire Robson	Stillington Resident
Mark Rowcroft	Banks Group
Judith Turner	Stillington & Whitton Parish Council
Sarah Wolleter	Stockton Borough Council

**APOLOGIES:**

Mark Cant	Sedgefield Town Council
Eleanor Lane	Foxton Resident
Martin Parker	Stockton Borough Council
Jill Platten	Banks Group
Judith Wood	Bishopton Crossings Resident

**1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- 1.1 The Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 1.2 AP1 – Complete
- 1.3 AP2 – L Stokes to inform the school and group of delivery schedules. Ongoing.
- 1.4 AP3 – Complete
- 1.5 AP4 – Complete
- 1.6 AP5 – Complete
- 1.7 AP6 – Complete

**AP1 L Stokes**

## 2 Update on Construction of the wind farm

- 2.1 D Porter gave an update on the construction work which had taken place since the last meeting. Approximately 95% of the access tracks were now complete. Some technical design work was required at the crossing point of a gas main and that had meant a slight delay was incurred. Turbine foundation excavation had started for T4. Fencing work was now complete but there would be some additional fencing required after turbines arrive. Drainage works on site would be complete by 13 May 2016. Cabling works to remove the existing overhead lines were also complete and Northern Power Grid (NPG) would be completing that element of the work within the next two weeks. C Hart mentioned that she had experienced a loss of supply recently. S Bell asked if the school would experience any loss of supply. D Porter explained that this part of the work is being carried out by NPG as they are responsible for all works directly on the grid and Banks have no control over that. However, if any residents, schools or businesses were to experience any loss of supply then they will be notified of that in advance.
- 2.2 D Porter mentioned that some components were being delivered tomorrow but these would be arriving on normal sized HGV vehicles and are not abnormal deliveries.
- 2.3 Concrete which will be used in the foundations will be delivered on 31 May, 15 June, 23 June and 1 July. These dates are subject to change and L Stokes agreed to speak with the school as soon as the dates are confirmed and measures will be put in place to ensure that any disruption is minimised. Around 360m<sup>3</sup> of concrete is required for each turbine base.
- 2.4 D Porter advised the group that the control building was nearly complete. J Corbey asked if this could have been located elsewhere off site. B Hunter explained that the equipment in the control building needs to be located on site for health and safety reasons.
- 2.5 Turbine deliveries are scheduled to begin 27 September 2016 however this is subject to change. L Stokes agreed to send through information on deliveries as soon as it becomes available.
- 2.6 C Hart asked if the concrete would have enough time to harden before turbines arrive. D Porter advised that the concrete takes circa 28 days to cure and reach the appropriate strengths.

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- 2.7 J Corbey asked about the cabling works along Letch Lane. M Rowcroft replied that there are currently three teams working on the offsite cabling works and they have agreed with Stockton Borough Council (SBC) that they will finish works on 3 June for three weeks to allow SBC to complete the work they need to do for the cycle race. Works will resume on 27 June. C Robson asked if the cable will go into the road or the verge. M Rowcroft confirmed that it will be a mix of both.
- 2.8 M Rowcroft advised the group that offsite enabling works were currently being carried out at the A177 junction. These works are what is required on the local road network but off the main wind farm site which will allow delivery of turbine components. The works will move next to the school for approximately three weeks. Traffic Management will be in place for the duration which will allow normal traffic to still use the routes affected. J Turner asked if a mini-roundabout could be installed at that end of the village as the speed of cars entering there was too fast. M Rowcroft agreed to speak to SBC about speed reducing measures and commented that there was adequate time for discussions before the reinstatement of that area was undertaken
- 2.9 J Corbey commented that it sounded as if everything was going well with the project and asked if Banks had encountered any problems. D Porter replied that there was a slight delay in designing the crossing point over the gas main but other than that everything had gone according to plan and programme.
- 2.10 C Hart asked who was supervising the excavating works to look for items of archaeological interest. L Stokes replied that several studies and assessments had taken place to ascertain areas of archaeological interest before construction work started. Both SBC and the archaeologist were happy with the measures Banks had taken and works were taking place in accordance with the permission and consent. C Hart commented that she had recently discovered some Roman pottery just lying on the surface of the ground and it is important to document any finds. L Stokes replied that should any finds be made then these will of course be documented and the relevant authorities contacted.
- 2.11 J Corbey asked if a mini-programme could be sent through with the Minutes identifying key milestones and dates of deliveries so the community could be aware. M Rowcroft agreed to produce something appropriate and would arrange for this to be circulated with the Minutes.

**AP2 M Rowcroft**

**AP3 M Rowcroft**

### 3 Views of Local Residents

3.1 J Turner mentioned that there had been a number of complaints about fencing along South Avenue. M Rowcroft replied that Banks were aware of this and temporary fixes had taken place. M Rowcroft asked if J Turner could collate the details of those still complaining and Banks would of course look into this.

**AP4 J Turner**

3.2 J Turner also mentioned that residents were extremely happy that Banks had offered to clean the doors and windows of affected properties along the cabling route and asked to pass on thanks to Banks and their contractors.

3.3 C Robson commented that not everyone in Stillington was unhappy about the wind farm and she felt it unfair that all the comments were negative. There are Stillington residents that were pleased about the wind farm, contractors were polite and they regularly clean up after they finish.

3.4 J Turner commented that the work done in the Forest Park is of a high standard and the long-term benefits outweigh the short-term disruption. There is a plan of what works are required at the end of construction and J Platten is to give an update on this at the next meeting.

**AP5 J Platten**

3.5 D Porter mentioned that there are some orienteering equipment which was saved prior to construction in the Forest Park. This equipment included signage, markers and a bench. D Porter agreed to keep this until further notice.

### 4 Any Other Business

4.1 Nothing further was discussed.

### 5 Date and Time of Next Meeting

5.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 6pm in William Cassidi Primary School. Food will be available.

**AP6 L Stokes**

Minuted by L Stokes  
12 May 2016

Prepare by R Dowson  
13 May 2016