

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

Held on Monday 11 April 2016 at Stillington Youth & Community Centre  
Commencing at 6.00pm

**MINUTES**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Sue Bell	Great Stainton Parish Meeting
	Mark Cant	Sedgefield Town Council
	Julie Cornelius	William Cassidi Primary School
	Andrew Glossop	Stockton Borough Council
	Kevin Johnson	Resident
	Eleanor Lane	Foxton Resident
	Norman Melaney	Bishopton Parish Council
	Martin Parker	Stockton Borough Council
	Jill Platten	Banks Group
	David Porter	Cheetham Hill Construction
	Mark Rowcroft	Banks Group
	Lewis Stokes	Banks Group
	Judith Turner (Chair)	Stillington & Whitton Parish Council
	Sarah Wolleter	Stockton Borough Council
	Judith Wood	Bishopton Crossings Resident
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	John Corbey	Stillington & Whitton Parish Council
	Brian Hunter	Banks Group
	Claire Robson	Stillington Resident

**1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- 1.1 M Parker commented that points 3.1, 3.6 and 4.1 of the previous minutes were raised by M Cant and not M Parker.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 1.3 AP1 – Complete
- 1.4 AP2 – Complete
- 1.5 AP3 – Complete
- 1.6 AP4 – Complete. Network Rail issue unable to be resolved.

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## 2 Update on progress of the Development

- 2.1 D Porter gave an update on the construction work which had taken place so far. The site compound was complete and access tracks to turbines one, two and three were also nearly complete. Around 50% (7,500 tonnes) of the required stone had been imported. The road in the northern part of the site had started, fencing was now complete with a few gates to be installed and then work was scheduled to commence in the Forest Park by the end of the week / beginning of week commencing 18 April). No excavations had started for turbines however these would be well underway by the end of May. Overhead electricity lines were due to be diverted underground over the next few weeks. The majority of future stone deliveries will be made by the northern entrance meaning that they would completely bypass the main part of the village including the school.
- 2.2 M Cant asked if the risk to the groundwater below the site caused by concrete within piled foundations had been considered. S Wolleter commented that the consultees had agreed that the conditions in place were adequate to cover all eventualities for the site. As there were no deep excavations it was agreed that there would be no long-term risk. S Wolleter agreed to respond to the email when she received it.
- 2.3 A Glossop mentioned that the Environment Agency were responsible for commenting on this aspect of the environmental work and had no objections to the proposals and had asked for various conditions to be imposed.
- 2.4 M Rowcroft commented that for a risk to the aquifer to exist there needed to be a pathway from source of contamination to the aquifer. M Rowcroft stated that there were no piled foundations proposed for the site, merely a conventional gravity base extending into the ground by circa 3 metres.
- 2.5 M Rowcroft further stated that there was circa 40m of clay separating the surface operations from the underlying rock forming the aquifer which would prevent contamination occurring from those operations (postscript: on checking the site reporting, the actual cover separating the aquifer from surface activities was found to be circa 68m).

AP1 – S Wolleter

## 3 Views of Local Residents

- 3.1 J Turner said that a number of complaints had been received by residents regarding the speed and vibration from HGV's delivering to and leaving the site. J Turner had raised this previously with L Stokes and instructions had been re-issued to all drivers coming to the site. J Turner did mention that

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they had seen a reduction in the speeding lorries since the initial complaint.

- 3.2 K Johnson also mentioned that the speed of the lorries was a concern. D Porter commented that if people could take details of the lorries speeding then action could and would be taken. J Cornelius asked if a 20mph speed restriction could be enforced by Highways. D Porter mentioned that delivery times were restricted but J Cornelius mentioned that their school offered breakfast clubs from 7.45am as well as afterschool clubs until 4.30pm meaning traditional school drop off and collection times were not the only time the roads around their school were busy. D Porter agreed to update the school information and will ask for deliveries to avoid these additional times wherever possible.
- 3.3 A question was asked about which route the abnormal deliveries would take. M Rowcroft confirmed that abnormal deliveries would arrive via the A689/A177 to Grindon then to the site. M Rowcroft mentioned that turbines were currently scheduled to arrive starting early September until mid-October. L Stokes agreed to notify all committee members of both concrete deliveries as well as for turbine deliveries with as much notice as possible so information could be given to the wider community and parents of the children at school.
- 3.4 J Turner mentioned that residents on South Avenue had complained about the cabling works. The traffic lights had been installed in the wrong place however this had since been rectified. K Johnson commented that fencing was being broken and kerb ties were also being damaged. M Rowcroft replied that Northern Power Grid had requested that the cabling ducts be installed under the kerb stones and this was perhaps the work which was taking place. A Glossop commented that a dilapidation survey had taken place prior to work commencing and that a follow up survey would take place after construction work was finished. M Rowcroft agreed to investigate the kerb issue and would report back.

**AP2 – L Stokes**

**Post Meeting Note:**

Clancy Docwra have stated that no kerbing has been dislodged whilst works in the road / verge have been undertaken. The only interaction with kerbs is when a junction crossing is undertaken. In that instance the works are carried out in accordance with a standard document 'New Roads and Street Works 1091 (HAUC)'. The Street Works representative for Stockton Borough Council has been visiting site regularly to inspect works.

- 3.5 K Johnson also mentioned that his fence had been damaged by the contractors and that he had asked for this to be

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repaired. To date, nobody had been back to look at this issue. M Rowcroft agreed to investigate and would report back to K Johnson.

**Post Meeting Note:**

Clancy Docwra undertook the necessary repair works on Saturday, 16 April.

- 3.6 K Johnson also asked if a wheel wash was on site because the road had been in a state some days. D Porter commented that wheel wash facilities were available and a road sweeper had been working when required. These measures would continue as and when required. The tarmac at the entrance would also help with this issue.
- 3.7 M Parker asked if Banks could send through the standard detail of reinstatement for the kerbs and M Rowcroft agreed to send these details through.
- 3.8 E Lane asked who had installed a sign at the allotments stating the turbine work would not commence until September / October. L Stokes replied this was not something Banks had installed and they did not have further knowledge on the sign. J Turner mentioned that an area of land that had been granted planning permission for housing and it could be that the signage was something to do with that.
- 3.9 J Turner mentioned that the cabling works along South Street were around two to three feet from the houses. Residents regularly park their cars on this stretch so why had they not received any notifications of this. Also the footpath along Mount Pleasant is extremely narrow and close to the houses. M Rowcroft would pick these issues up with the Grid Manager at Banks and the contractor doing the work.

**AP3 – M Rowcroft**

**Post Meeting Note:**

South Street - Residents received a general notification of works letter on 7 March which included contact numbers for more information etc. Each residence was door knocked prior to start of works for a fuller explanation of works and a request to vacate the parking area before works commence. Works started week commencing 11 April.

Mount Pleasant – Residents received a letter on 7 March. A second letter was delivered on 6 April when the 'Community Liaison Van' was also present in the morning. No residents visited the van.

The detailed alignment of the cable trench is still to be arrived at, it is dependent on a trial pitting process and the accurate identification of existing services. That said,

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Clancy will try to stay in the highway wherever possible to avoid affecting the footpath. Two way lights will be used to control vehicles along there.

Close liaison has been ongoing with Ed Pannetts Garage over the past few weeks, the last visit by Clancys site manager Saturday, 16 April. The coordination of works to allow the business to operate and alternate parking arrangements is in hand.

- 3.10 K Johnson commented that residents were also upset that the cabling works were taking place at 8.30am on a Saturday working with loud machinery without notification. M Rowcroft agreed to raise this with the contractor so that residents would be given prior notice of any further instances of Saturday morning working.

**Post Meeting Note:**

Works are continuing apace, including weekend working in an effort to leave Stillington as soon as possible and thus limit the disruption to residents. The weekend in question saw pecking activities relatively close to properties, which made works more noticeable than would usually be the case. In future works will continue at the weekend but will be further away from properties and shortly will be in fields which will reduce the audibility of works as well as the traffic management impact greatly.

- 3.11 J Wood mentioned she had no evidence of but she was sure empty wagons were leaving the site and travelling through Bishopton Crossings. J Wood agreed to look out for this in the future.
- 3.12 A Glossop confirmed that no complaints had been made to Stockton Borough Council regarding traffic movements.
- 3.13 E Lane asked if properties had been notified about shadow flicker as a result of the changes to the turbines. L Stokes said that work to address shadow flicker issues would be complete meaning that properties should not receive any issues with shadow flicker. As part of all of their sites, Banks conducted the shadow flicker work wherever necessary and would continue to do that work at all sites including Lambs Hill. It was agreed that L Stokes would send the shadow flicker study area plan to J Turner.
- 3.14 M Rowcroft mentioned that some off site enabling works were required to two junctions. This work involved areas being excavated, stone being placed and then top soil reinstated. This would help to strengthen the areas for turbine deliveries.

**AP4 – J Wood**

**AP5 – L Stokes**

**4 Any Other Business**

K Johnson asked if there was any possibility of work for local people who were being laid off from some of the local factories. L Stokes commented that some contracts to local businesses were currently being looked at. D Porter also replied that there would be some opportunities for labourers on the site. D Porter to send the job specification to L Stokes who will forward it to J Turner to give to local employers.

**AP6 – D Porter**

**5 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

L Stokes suggested that the next meeting be held on site however due to the meeting room being on site being double booked, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 May at 6pm in Stillington Youth and Community Centre.

Minuted by L Stokes  
11 April 2016

Prepared by R Dowson  
15 April 2016