

# Wressle Community Liaison Group

## Meeting note

Date: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Venue: Virtual MS Teams meeting

Attendees:

Community	
Martin Hempstock (MH)	Resident
Wayne Gammon (WG)	Resident
Agencies	
Andrew Law (AL)	Planning, NLC
Helen Renshaw (HR)	Environment Agency
Howard Goulbourne (HG)	Environment Agency
Councillors	
Carol Ross (CR)	Broughton Town Council
Egdon representatives	
Mark Abbott (MA)	Managing Director, Egdon Resources,
Martin Brooks (MB)	Operations Director, Egdon Resources
Martin Durham (MD)	Technical Director, Egdon Resources
Paul Foster (PF)	Planning consultant
Rachel Smith (RS)	Community and communications

***NOTE: the following is not a verbatim report of the meeting but intended to capture the principles of the questions asked and the salient points of issues discussed.***

### Apologies

Louise Price, Louise Hammond, Elizabeth Walsh, Coleen McGovern, Terry Howe.

### Update on operations and proppant squeeze (PS)

Mark Abbott (MA) updated the meeting on the progress made on site. All works have gone according to plan so far. The well is free flowing oil with minor gas and no water at present. There have been no issues or incidents. The team are experiencing some wax in the oil which is not unusual in this area but the hot weather will make this issue better as heat helps it disperse.

Monitoring data for ground and surface waters has been collated and issued on the community website for the public to view.

Consent has been granted by the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) and the Environment Agency (EA) for the proppant squeeze operation.

Consent has also been granted by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) for the storage of the required oil volumes onsite. Once the proppant squeeze has been completed production is expected to be 500 barrels per day and this consent means this volume and more can be stored on site.

The community should expect to see a few more road tanker movements after the proppant squeeze operation. Currently it is one every two days and will be two or three a day after the PS operation.

An array of geophones is to be installed around the area to pick up if there is any seismicity. If any seismicity is registered during the PS Egdon will immediately shut down the operation

### **Site visit**

Martin Brooks (MB) outlined that Egdon would be happy to host a site visit at the most appropriate time and would propose this is before the PS operation when there are less traffic movements. He asked if the CLG be happy to do that and how many might attend.

MH – Said he would imagine there would be interest from the CLG and envisaged around 80% of members would want to come.

MB – Committed to circulating some possible dates for comments.

MA – added that there will be other opportunities and we should maybe limit to 8 people for this site visit in terms of safety on site.

Carol Ross (CR) said that as she and Cllr Tattersfield had been on a site tour, she was happy to be removed to help with numbers if required. She reiterated that she is interested in the technical aspects and would like to see everything after the PS has been completed. She also mentioned that she is now a NLC councillor and wanted to check that is ok to still sit on this group.

The group agreed there was no conflict in CR sitting on the CLG.

MB – told the group that the operational activity post-PS would be the same for CLG members as it is now and it was just that there would be more oil flowing. The fluid volumes are the only difference, the set-up is the same on site. He added if people would prefer to wait until after the PS then that could be facilitated.

Martin Hempstock (MH) suggested an early date and if a second visit was required that could be facilitated after the PS.

### **PS site visit**

MB – reminded the group that there had been a request for a CLG member to be present during the PS operation. He outlined that there was no problem from Egdon's perspective but there is an issue of co-ordination. The PS takes 2 hours and timing will only be known the day before or on the morning of the operation. Depending on who wants to be present there will be a co-ordination for people to get onto the site at very short notice given they will require safety briefings etc.

MA – added that the site would be busier during the PS and site personnel need to be able to focus on the operation. As such any visit needs to be just one or two people who can arrive at the site at short notice.

MH – said he felt like the Egdon team will have their hands full and will be busy doing the operation. He said that personally he is not that interested in seeing the operation but will consult with other members of the CLG.

### **Community Fund**

MH – asked for an update on the charity fund as the charity he worked with was interested to find out more.

MA - End of July the fund should be up and running. Egdon will be looking for local people to help administer that fund. Egdon will be 'hands off' but would want to know that the funds are being put to good use for environment or youth areas or community improvements for villages local to the operation. The fund needs to have some well-respected and independent local people to act as trustees to manage the requests and agree those uses of funds. Egdon will prepare some terms of reference for the fund and its uses for consideration by the CLG.

MH – committed to try and get some local people involved as there are a few charities interested. He asked about the size of the fund.

MA said it will obviously depend on how the well performed and oil price. The fund will comprise a percent of revenue i.e. before any costs or taxes. This could be around £30-50k per year.

### **Update – NLC**

Andrew Law (AL) introduced himself and said planning conditions were dealt with prior to works commencing on site. He added that the Council will visit the site if anybody alerts them to any breach of planning but nothing has arisen to date. There is nothing outstanding as far as planning is concerned.

### **Update – Environment Agency**

Howard Gouldbourne (HG) told the group that he had conducted a site visit in May and there were no issues with the site which continues to remain clean and tidy. The flare was operational and burning cleanly and all systems are in place and operating as they should.

He told the meeting that PS approval has been granted and there were some outstanding pre-operational conditions that he need to be assessed and signed off, but that he has no issues and these will be done before work is undertaken.

### **Questions arising**

MH asked if the CLG could be informed after the PS operation has been completed.

MB said that they would let the group know by email and if there were any other questions please do contact Rachel Smith directly and Egdon will answer them.

### **Date of next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was discussed.

CR said that as information was coming through so readily from Egdon, she saw no issue with waiting until after the PS for the next meeting.

MH – asked when Egdon will know if the PS operation has been successful.

MA told the group Egdon would know during the operation if it has worked and within a week to know how it has impacted production. By mid-July therefore Egdon will be able to report if it has been successful and if a side-track is required. He suggested towards the end of July for the next meeting.

### **AOB**

Wayne Gammon (WG) – thanked Egdon for its support of the litter picking group which is now 137 strong and growing. He said that he hoped the group could be a recipient of more funding going forward.

MA added the litter picking group is exactly the sort of charity which the fund will be established to support and that the company is happy to provide funding.

MH thanked attendees and closed the meeting.