

# Wressle Community Liaison Group

## Meeting note

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Venue: Virtual MS Teams meeting

Attendees:

Community	
Jeff Storey (JS)	Resident/Chair
Louise Hammond (LH)	Resident
Agencies	
Helen Renshaw (HR)	Environment Agency
Howard Goulbourne (HG)	Environment Agency
Councillors	
Carol Ross (CR)	Broughton Town Council
Egdon representatives	
Mark Abbott (MA)	MD, Egdon Resources, Egdon
Martin Durham (MD)	Technical Director, Egdon
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.***

### **Update on the proppant squeeze (PS) and subsequent operations**

MA updated the group on the PS operation including site visits from the Environment Agency.

In July the operation to mobilise the seismic monitoring crew was undertaken. The monitoring array comprised 5 geophones located within a radius of 2.5km of the site. Monitoring was undertaken before, during and for 20 days following the PS.

The PS operation took place over two days on the 24 / 25 July. The Health and Safety Executive were on site ahead of the operations to audit all equipment and procedures and the Environment Agency had staff on site during the operation.

There were some delays on the day due to a data centre going down which temporarily delayed the operational start up. On the first day a total of 27.8 m<sup>3</sup> injected and 2<sup>nd</sup> day 118m<sup>3</sup> were injected along with proppant. There was no seismicity picked up before, during or after the operation. We did record a number of natural seismic events however - from a nearby quarry (initially thought to be from the North Sea), Hertfordshire, Pakistan and Panama which shows the equipment was functioning.

The well was then opened to flow on the 19<sup>th</sup> August and we have slowly increased flow rates. Oil, associated gas and the proppant carrier fluid (water), has been recovered and flow rates have reached 500 barrels a day (as expected ) and that flow will continue to be carefully managed over the coming weeks. All of the PS and CT equipment has been demobilised from site. Ground and surface waters were monitored and there was nothing unexpected there.

The next step in the Wressle development is to install the remaining permanent equipment as there is currently some rental equipment which will be replaced with permanent, customised kit.

MA reported that that he was pleased to have received positive and complimentary feedback from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspection.

There will be a lot less activity on site now. There may periodically be a crane required and the wire line unit used to clean wax from the well but nothing else expected.

Ground water boreholes and the Ella Beck continue to be independently analysed. A monitoring has been put in place by EnvireauWater, a specialist hydrological consultancy. The ground water monitoring reports will be published on the Wressle community website.

The results of a noise survey conducted before and after the PS operation confirmed that there was no breach of the Permit regulations.

### **Site visit**

MA proposed a site visit for CLG members and suggested the number be limited to seven (for safety reasons).

Dates were suggested as: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> September late morning except for 14<sup>th</sup> which would need to be a 1pm start. PPE equipment would be required for this site tour so would need to be booked in advance.

RS to issue a poll to the CLG membership to ask about suitable dates for a site visit.

LH advised the CLG that she did not have a Facebook account and asked that communication and dissemination of information should also be conducted by email.

MA confirmed that information and minutes of meetings are also uploaded to the via the community website too (<https://egdon-community.com/our-active-sites/#wressle>).

### **Community Fund**

RS outlined the community fund set up and the process for establishing a decision-making group called the *Egdon Community Fund Grant Panel* (CFGF). The Group should ideally be independent of any group which might bid for funds and are often made up of community members. RS stressed that it can sometimes be difficult to find community-minded members who are not involved in other community-led initiatives.

MA suggested that, while there can be some overlap, the CFGP should ideally be made up of other community members.

RS outlined that some terms of reference have been drafted which will be shared with the chairs of the Wressle CLG.

JS agreed to ask for volunteers from within the community.

MA added that on a six-monthly basis Egdon would advise the CFGP what funds are available for the next period. MA added that if the well performs as expected, the Community Fund could expect to receive £50-70k per year.

CR asked if applicants needed to be a Registered Charity. She mentioned a local play group which is in need of play equipment.

MA added that it does not need to be a registered charity. The intention is to provide funding where it can do the most benefit the local community e.g. young people who need sponsorship or play groups needing equipment. He suggested that most organisations will not be charities.

MA advised that he felt a business is a slightly different case, but that would be down to the CFGP to decide on the merits of each application for funding.

HR asked about the zone of influence – is there a geographical limit to which villages can apply for discretionary funding?

MA suggested that it should ideally be restricted to local influence but happy to look at regional projects which have a local impact. It would be down to the CFGP group to influence that.

CR asked if the CLG can inform groups that the funding is available.

MA suggested it will be advertised and people will be asked to get involved. Egdon will advertise that funding is available and for what types of groups or organisations can apply.

JS stated that the group should be made up of local people.

CR suggested a member (name withheld) who might be approached. She lives in the next village so would be a good person for sitting on the panel. CR to send her the links and ask her to get involved.

JS added it would be good to get more local people involved.

### **NLC update**

Apologies received and nothing to report at this stage in the project.

### **Environment Agency update**

HG told the group that he was on site during the PS date and all was compliant with the Permit so there is nothing to report.

HG added that reports from the EA will be less frequent as things progress unless there is anything significant.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.**