



OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

NUCLEAR NEW BUILD COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 7th August 2018 @ 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Cllr John Cornock, Mr Malcolm Lynden, Dr Tony Acton, Mr Barry Turner, Ms Gillian Ellis-King (South Gloucestershire Council).

Clerk: Emma Pattullo

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthew Clothier.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by JC, seconded by TA and agreed by all.

The minutes of the Horizon briefing session held on 10th July were proposed as an accurate record by MR, seconded by TA and agreed by all.

3 Review of actions (not otherwise on this agenda)

Change to constitution: the Clerk has amended this committee's constitution to remove references to the Parish Plan steering group.

4 Review of committee constitution

The role of the committee has moved on since the constitution was first drafted, thus it was felt to be an appropriate time for it to be reviewed. Key changes were to remove references to 'working group' as it is now operating as a full committee; to update the Aims and Objectives to represent where we now are in the process; and to use more positive and collaborative language to reflect the good working relationship established with Horizon, SGC and other relevant bodies.

The Clerk was asked to present the revised Constitution to the next PC meeting for approval.

Action: EP to present constitution to PC meeting.
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5 Registration for 'interested party' status in Wylfa Newydd DCO examination process

TA had drafted a proposed submission to the Planning Inspectorate to justify inclusion of this committee as an 'interested party' in the DCO examination process. It was noted that we are mainly interested due to potential precedents being set which might affect an eventual Oldbury DCO, but in order to be party to the Wylfa examination we need to demonstrate that we would have a valid input to make.

TA agreed to insert a reference to the potential setting of precedents. Once finalised, he will submit the application before the deadline of 13th August.

Action: TA to complete and submit 'interested party status' application.

6 Nuclear related policies for the Neighbourhood Development Plan

BT presented a proposed draft policy (circulated prior to the meeting) for inclusion in the NDP which addresses the issues of nuclear build. He noted that NNB is covered in SGP local planning including the Policies Sites and Places plan, and questioned whether it was necessary to also include it in the NDP. GE-K responded that if included, SGC would be able to take account of a NDP when developing future planning policy and when responding to consultations on NNB. The NDP might beneficially contain local detail and issues of particular concern to the Neighbourhood Plan area which may not otherwise be available to SGC planners who have a more strategic viewpoint. She suggested that the issues listed in the Policies Sites and Places Plan policy 46 might provide a helpful starting point for the NP group to consider specific issues or needs relating to the NP area, while impacts seen at Hinkley or Wylfa might be useful evidence of impacts or opportunities that may arise from NNB construction.

The draft policy includes reference to provision of support to the PC; employment opportunities; traffic impacts and enhancement of community owned facilities.

A number of additional issues were suggested for inclusion; land use requirements for the NNB construction phase, flooding, education & skills, heritage impacts, environmental impacts such as visual amenity, noise and dust.

The importance of evidence to support all policy was raised. It was suggested that the results of the Shepperdine residents survey could also be useful evidence for the inclusion of some of these issues; BT does not currently have a copy of these results.

Action: EP to provide copy of residents' survey results to BT.

GE-K noted that it was important to distinguish between mitigation (actions to off-set the direct impacts of the new station) from community benefits. Mitigation can be addressed via Requirements (similar to Planning Conditions attached to a regular planning application) attached to a Development Consent Order, or via a S106 Agreement. . As set out in the SGC Core Strategy, Community Benefit contributions are intended to compensate communities for the burden and disturbance resulting from hosting the development. GEK also advised that for Hinkley there is a Community Impact Mitigation Fund, which she understands provides funding for works/ enhancements that are intended to offset impacts that cannot be fully mitigated by direct means. In view of the need for policies to be evidence based, GEK suggested that the NDP Group may wish to refer to impacts seen/ documented at Hinkley, and also the mitigation in their S106.

GE-K suggested that it would also be useful to take note of the Wylfa Community Councils' inputs to the DCO examination; this could be useful evidence for the inclusion of such matters in the Oldbury NDP.

BT agreed to take the committee's comments and further develop the draft NDP policy.

7 National Policy Statement consultation – response from government

BEIS have issued a response to the recent consultation process on proposed site selection criteria. TA and GE-K have looked through the lengthy document and SGC submitted a response. There is evidence some evidence of input being reflected in the BEIS report as a result of submissions, although changes to the criteria for consideration are few.

TA noted that the revised proposals still do not consider additional land requirements during construction/decommissioning to be part of the site suitability criteria; instead these are deemed suitable to be decided at DCO stage.

GE-K noted that the timescales for the NPS seem to have slipped and publication of the draft is now expected to be in spring/summer 2019, at which stage a further round of consultation will be carried out.

8 AOB

Other parishes – ML asked whether the committee ought to be involving neighbouring parishes at this stage. All agreed that this would be appropriate. Hill, Rockhampton and Falfield are likely to be the most affected after Oldbury so will be approached to see if they wish to send representatives to the NNB committee meetings. Other parishes e.g. Aust may be affected but it was felt that their potential to be impacted depends on issues which are not yet clear, so there is little point involving them at this stage.

It was noted that representatives from other parishes would need some briefing as to what this committee has done so far and the current issues which the committee is addressing.

Action: EP to send invitations to neighbouring parishes.

Data storage

Although large documents associated with the Wylfa DCO can be downloaded from the Planning Inspectorate website, it is likely that this committee will want to have copies on which collaborative comments can be made. As these documents are too big to be reasonably circulated by email, this requires a secure cloud storage facility. There are various potential products which could be used, both free and paid. The clerk was asked to investigate possible options.

Action: EP to research cloud storage options.

Funding

Previous efforts to secure external funding towards the costs of the committee's work have not been successful. KS suggested that the issue is becoming more pressing and needs looking at again.

The committee discussed approaching Horizon for potential contributions, e.g. they may be willing to pay costs for a representative to attend relevant sessions of the Wylfa DCO examination. There is also a Magnox socio-economic fund which could be approached, though ML noted that the latter was aimed at reducing impacts due to the closure of the old station thus may not be relevant.

It was agreed that this issue should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: KS to approach Claire Loveday to discuss possible funding.

It was noted that Horizon have offered to pay for the new flagpole which the PC are installing on the Pound.

Horizon proposed gates

KS reported that Horizon are proposing to install gates at two locations on their property. One will prevent vehicle access to the lane adjacent to Jobes Green Farm, which has been the site of illegal rubbish

dumping. The other would be at the Windbound, to prevent vehicle access to the sea wall. Pedestrian access would be maintained.

GE-K suggested that Horizon might be asked to clarify the right of way status of both locations to establish whether gating would impact on any user rights. MR asked whether there would be wheelchair access, especially to the sea wall at the Windbound as this is one of few locations where wheelchair users can currently access the Severn Way path.

Action: KS to put these points to Horizon.

Damming of the Severn Estuary

ML reported that he has written to BEIS to suggest that they consider whether creation of a freshwater lake by damming the estuary below Oldbury could be a more practical and economical solution than having to build tidal flood defences and cooling towers at the site itself. ML stressed that he has written this letter as an individual, not as a representative of the committee.

9 Closure & date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 7:30pm.