



## OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

### **NUCLEAR NEW BUILD COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October @ 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Matthew Riddle, Cllr Matthew Clothier, Cllr John Cornock, Mr Malcolm Lynden, Dr Tony Acton, Ms Gillian Ellis-King (South Gloucestershire Council), Mr Thomas Jenner-Fust (Chair, Hill parish meeting)

**Clerk:** Emma Pattullo

*The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the committee and may be subject to change until that time.*

#### **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Gregory (Falfield PC).

#### **2 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by TA, seconded by JC and agreed by all.

#### **3 Review of actions (not otherwise on this agenda)**

*Clerk to present constitution to PC meeting* – the revised constitution document was adopted and placed on website.

*Information to Neighbourhood Development Plan committee* – the clerk has sent a summary of the Shepperdine parishioner survey results to the NDP committee chair.

#### **4 Involvement of other parishes in this Committee**

Following a decision at the last meeting of this committee, the Clerk had contact Hill, Rockhampton and Falfield parishes to invite them to be represented at this meeting to discuss possible future joint working.

TJ-F (Chair of Hill parish meeting) was in attendance. Falfield PC could not send anyone but have confirmed they are interested in future involvement. Rockhampton have not yet responded.

The aims and recent work of this committee were outlined by KS. It was emphasised that this committee does not either support or oppose the potential nuclear build; rather it recognises that the site has been nominated by Government, and that the future impacts on parishioners could be substantial and thus the council must go forward on the assumption that the build will eventually happen and work to promote the best outcomes for parishioners.

TJ-F agreed there are considerable areas of common interest between the parishes and that it would be in the interest of Hill parishioners to be represented on this committee, though he noted that it would probably not be the same person in attendance at each meeting.

It was agreed that several parishes working together would be likely to have greater influence in future negotiations and would enable more efficient discussion with Horizon, SGC and other parties.

It was therefore resolved that Hill, Rockhampton and Falfield councils should be formally invited to join the committee as co-opted members.

**Action:** Clerk to send invitation and committee constitution to other parishes.

## 5 Funding

As actioned last meeting, KS has talked to Samantha Stagg (Horizon PR) about whether there is any possibility of this committee receiving funding from Horizon. This was rejected.

Horizon funds SGC's work in preparing for the development, but this covers only the time and expenses of SGC staff when working directly on Horizon-related issues. There is no 'spare' money which could be passed to the parish council. Horizon have provided support in kind to this committee, by attending meetings when requested, paying for GE-K's time in attending the committee's meetings and for the committee's visit to Wylfa and may be prepared to make similar contributions in the future.

As the Oldbury development moves closer to formal consultations and the DCO application stage, a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) will be developed by SGC in conjunction with Horizon. This is likely to include a 'community support' element. At other sites this has included items such as provision of paid community liaison officers or funding of third party consultant advice such as from the Royal Town Planning Institute's Planning Aid service, but the specifics of what would be required at Oldbury, and what Horizon would be willing to fund, are still to be established.

As has been the case for other consultations on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, SGC has sought input from affected Parishes to inform their formal consultation responses. Where possible, ways of working have been developed whereby draft outlines of responses have been shared with Parishes, which they may find helpful. Unfortunately however, the statutory timeframes for such consultations are often short, require fast turn around and often do not fit with the normal timeframes for committee meetings.

This committee will be invited to put forward their suggestions when the PPA is being drawn up. PPAs are however agreed through a process of negotiation.

It was noted that the parish precept was increased from 2017, in part to enable a reserve to be built up in preparation for expected funding needs in relation to the NNB development. This earmarked reserve currently stands at £6,000.

## 6 Progress of Wylfa Newydd DCO examination & 'interested party' status application

This committee has been accepted as an 'interested party' and hence is able to contribute to the DCO examination process. The examination is due to open this month, with a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October which will establish the procedures and timescales to be followed. TA plans to attend this meeting and hopes to combine it with a visit to the Wylfa site.

It was suggested that TA should speak to Claire Loveday (Horizon communications manager) to see whether his trip could be funded by Horizon. If not, it was resolved by all that the PC should be asked to pay for transport and accommodation costs.

**Action:** Clerk to request funding approval at next PC meeting.

## **7 Cloud data storage options**

It has previously been discussed that this committee needs a way of sharing large documents easily. The Clerk has investigated various cloud storage options including Dropbox, OneDrive and pCloud. All offer a basic storage/access capacity for free; charges for greater capacity and/or capability vary depending on the capacity required and the number of users registered.

It was resolved that the Clerk should set up a free account for the committee, with the possibility to convert to a paid one if the need arises.

**Action:** Clerk to identify suitable cloud storage provider and set up account.

## **8 Horizon properties & land**

Works on Dairy Farm and Jobes Green Farm are moving forward although progress seems slow. Shepperdine Farm seems to have stalled. MC reported that a fourth property owned by Horizon, The Wells, has recently become vacant; Horizon should be encouraged to ensure that this does not also fall into disrepair and all properties should be tenanted as soon as possible.

KS has spoken to Samantha Stagg regarding the gates which Horizon are proposing to install to prevent vehicular access to the bank at the Windbound and to the lane adjacent to Jobes Green Farm. He raised this committee's concerns about wheelchair access which SS agreed to take forward.

## **9 AOB**

No additional matters were raised.

## **10 Closure & date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7:30pm.