

UBB Javelin Park Community Liaison Group.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday January 17th 2017

Present

Cllr. David Mossman (Chair)	Stroud District Council
Cllr. Gill Oxley	Stroud District Council
Cllr. Chris Brine	Stroud District Council
Herve Orjubin	UBB
Ian Barber	UBB
Andrew Bendall	UBB
Caroline Macdonald	UBB
Sue Hartley	Standish Parish Council
Robert Kellie	Standish Parish Council
Carol Kambites	Stonehouse Town Council
John Perkin	Hardwicke Parish Council
Humphrey Cooke	Haresfield Parish Council
Rob Gaffney	Resident
Pat Gilmore	Whitminster Parish Council
Cllr Lesley Williams	Gloucestershire County Council
David Jackson	Stroud District Council
John Dickinson	Moreton Valence Parish Council
Chris Harmer	Consultant
Sarah Pearse	Gloucestershire County Council
Roger Smith	Gloucestershire County Council
Anna Turner	Environment Agency
Graham Smith	Quedgeley Parish Council

In attendance

Neil James, David Bennett, Andrew Akani and Chris White, Western Power Distribution

1/17 Introduction

The Chair welcomed representatives from Western Power Distribution

2/17 Presentation by Western Power

Neil James set out the structure of the UK distribution network and identified the responsibilities on Western Power to supply power to customers.

In 2015 Western Power received an application for a 22 MW connection to Javelin Park. The request was approved in 2016 with a proposed connection date of 2018.

Under its licence Western Power had a duty to offer the lowest cost option.

Three primary sites had initially been identified for the connection offer; Tuffley, Netherhills and Ryeford. NJ added that work to Ryeford was presently being undertaken to replace transformers.

In respect of the three sites, Tuffley had increased demand and was no longer a viable option and Netherhills had accepted a large number of solar farm connections which would also make it an unviable option. The only viable option would be Ryeford. In consideration of the route from Ryeford to Javelin Park,

Members of the group noted that three potential routes from Ryeford had been considered and asked what impact there would be on Stonehouse Town centre and to along the B4008. In consideration of the route from Ryeford to Javelin Park, NJ commented that Western Power would need to take account of any potential development along the route and be able to guarantee access to its supply at any time.

Andrew Bendall reported that Western Power had provided UBB with three options; one was the original route through Stonehouse and a further two which would have varying levels of impact. The options would be considered by UBB over the following two weeks. He added that Gloucestershire County Council, as the client, would need to be consulted.

NJ informed members that the whole project would take approximately 26 weeks but would be completed in stages.

The chair asked UBB to present to the CLG sub group (the parish councils) when they have undertaken their risk assessment (approximately 2 weeks' time) before any final decision was taken, so if necessary the Parish Councils could present their objections/comments to GCC.

This was agreed by Andrew Bendall; further the Chair requested that once the final decision was taken as to which route would be used then a further meeting with the sub group would be held with WPD and UBB so that Parish Councils could contribute if they can to minimise disruption to residents with their local knowledge. This was also agreed by UBB and WPD.

The Chair thanked Western Power for their presentation and for taking questions.

3/17 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from; County Councillor Tony Blackburn, Gordon Buchannan, Kevin Pearse, Graham Brearley, Roger Dickenson and Javier Peiro.

4/17 Minutes of Meeting held on November 3rd 2016

The Minutes of the meeting were approved subject to the following amendment

Minute 30/16 last paragraph to read 'David Mossman reminded the group that with the £25,000 per year being allocated for community projects, this would mean that UBB would contribute around £700,000 in addition to the requirements of the contract'

5/17 Construction Plan, two and six month look ahead

Ian Barber reported that the piling works would be completed by early February. The construction cabins had been installed and the offices had been erected but the road to them had not been completed. The temporary access bridges had been completed too.

There are approximately 70 people working on site, 20 pieces of heavy plant and 50 deliveries to the site each day.

Looking ahead to June 2017, the work would commence on the major concrete structures and the waste storage bunkers.

Members requested that the 'look ahead reports' be provided before each meeting.

6/17 Tree Screening

Sue Hartley gave an update on the progress of agreeing the selection and the tree planting for Standish. The cost of the planting for Standish was £4,400. This would leave for £10,600 for Haresfield. Humphrey Cook, Chair of Haresfield Parish Council confirmed his agreement to the revised amount.

Humphrey Cook gave an update on the planned planting around Haresfield which included planting in hedgerows and along some footpaths.

Andrew Bendall confirmed that the order for the purchase and planting of the trees for Standish would be placed within a week.

7/17 Perimeter Bund

Andrew Bendall updated the group on the discussions to use the soil from the site to create an additional bund between the site and the motorway. Following the advice from GCC and the Environment Agency, under existing regulations, the proposal would be classed as landfill and would attract landfill tax and would require further planning permission. Sadly the proposal could not be taken forward.

8/17 Community Feedback

Sarah Pearse from GCC and David Jackson from SDC advised the group that no formal complaints had been received.

Ian Barber reported that there had been some complaints about mud on the B4008 and these had been responded to.

9/17 Date of Next Meeting

March 28th at 19.30 to be held on site