

ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL / STAR ENERGY LIAISON WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 19th April 2010

Present: Cllrs Cllr Nick Wenman, John Brockwell, Peter Gellatly and Roy Hogbden (Albury Parish Council), Joanna Cadman (clerk to Albury Parish Council) Sophie Tucker (Star Energy Project Manager), Joseph From (Star Energy Drilling Manager), Barrie Hedges (Daybreak Communications).

1 Review timings against project plan

Sophie Tucker (ST) reported that the drilling phase was completed by 2nd April 2010. Dismantling of the acoustic structure had been completed by 13th April. During the drilling phase, the total target distance of some 15,000 feet was achieved and the well had been successfully cased and completed. During the drilling phase, large amounts of data were gathered from the relevant strata and this data would be analysed by Star Energy over the next few months to help determine the plan for the initial testing and appraisal phase.

The next stages of activity at the wellsite were likely to be as follows:

Wellsite activity	Likely timeframe
Drilling rig demobilisation	Complete by end April 2010.
Dismantle 4.5m high acoustic wall.	Two weeks during April or May 2010.
General wellsite maintenance.	Ongoing minor activity from end April 2010 onwards.
Initial testing and appraisal.	Timeframe to be determined pending outcome of data analysis.
Restoration of access track parking.	To be completed once initial testing and appraisal is complete.

In response to questions, ST said that data analysis could take between three and six months and that, subject to the findings, flow testing of the well could then be necessary.

2 Review planning conditions

ST reported that the appraisal drilling planning permission was granted in July 2008 with 36 conditions. Planning permission for the acoustic enclosure and drilling time extension was granted in March 2010 with 34 conditions, which updated and superseded the original 36 conditions.

3 Traffic

3.1 Traffic management plan

Traffic management continued to go well and the traffic management plan was being strictly complied with. Star Energy would continue to proactively manage the project traffic during demobilisation.

3.2 Photographic surveys

A total of 13 photographic surveys had taken place to date (the most recent on 14th April). No significant discrepancies had been noted.

Action: It was agreed that no further surveys were needed.

4 Noise

The noise monitoring programme was being discontinued following demobilisation of the rig from the wellsite.

5 Security

There had been no security issues at the wellsite.

6 Communications

6.1 Communications programme

The communications programme was progressing as follows:

- Residents in the immediate area of the wellsite were phoned individually by ST on 7th April 2010 to advise that drilling was finished
- A 24-hour complaint line continued to operate
- The general Star Energy information line continued to be available in work hours
- The project website would soon be updated in line with progress

6.2 Other community activity

Applications for the 2010 Star Energy Community Fund were considered by its grants panel on 18th March. The following Albury and Shere projects had been granted funds totalling £34,010:

- Albury Parish Council – restoration of Farley Green Pond (£3,300)
- Albury Parish Council – Albury Village Hall enhancement project (£6,500)
- Relate West Surrey – Relateen young people's counselling service (£2,000)
- Shere Village and Memorial Halls – permanently wired sound system to include loop for deaf-aid users (£3,900)
- Shere Pool Club – new surround for Shere swimming pool (£15,000)
- Shere Village Nursery – safe surfacing for play area (£3,310).

7 Complaints

No complaints had been received since mid-October 2009.

7 Any other business

With the drilling stage now complete, Nick Wenman said that he felt thanks were due to Star Energy for the spirit of cooperation that had prevailed between the company and Albury Parish Council. In summary, he said that traffic had not been the problem that had been anticipated at the outset and had been well managed; noise was an issue for some immediate residents and was a possible concern for the future; the visual impact of the rig enclosure was an issue from Newlands Corner and Farley Green. The issue of staff accommodation was also one that needed to be given further consideration in the event of further activity at the site.

8 Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively organised for mid-September. Contact will be maintained in the meantime.