

Minutes of a meeting of Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Community Liaison Group held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 26th May 2021, in Tolpuddle Village Hall

Present: Sally Slocock (Southover resident), Philip Martin (Affpuddle resident), Toneisha Williams (Dorset Council Monitoring and Enforcement Officer), Barbara Talbott (Dorset Council Planning Officer), Peter Walton (Tolpuddle Parish Councillor), Lizzie Guinn (Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Councillor), Andrew Monro (agent to Mr Cobb), Nick Cobb (landowner).

Chair: Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also, in attendance: None.

Minute Number **Comments**

001 **Apologies for absence**

None.

002 **Terms of Reference**

Draft Terms of Reference prepared by Toneisha Williams were considered.

RESOLVED to approve the Terms of Reference with the first sentence of point 1 being amended to the following:

The general purpose of the Group shall be to consider the interests of amenity (including community interests where practical) and the environment relating to the approved Slurry Lagoon (ref: WD/D/18/001035).

003 **Status and timeline of the slurry lagoon**

Excavation will commence shortly. This will be followed by the laying of pipework, then rubber liner followed by safety fencing. The Environment Agency will then be asked to sign off on the development before it is used. It is thought that the slurry lagoon is not likely to be operational until early 2022.

Officers from Dorset Council have agreed to notify both Parish Councils once the Environment Agency have signed off.

004 **Local community concerns**

Traffic volume and speed was discussed. Nick Cobb and Andrew Monro confirmed that there would be no change to vehicle movements but that the creation of the slurry lagoon would spread vehicle movements more so that they would no longer be so concentrated. It is thought that this will have a positive impact of the local community. It was confirmed that the slurry lagoon would only be used to serve Cobb family farms and that drivers working directly for J.F.Cobb & Sons will continue to be asked to follow a one way system where possible and that they are able to contact each other by radio which should prevent agricultural vehicles from having difficulty in passing on narrow lanes. Difficulties are sometimes experienced when outside contractors are used.

It was agreed that if there was ever to be a particularly high concentration of farm vehicles and it was possible to give advance notice, the two Parish Councils would be informed. Where the Parish Councils are made aware of large events in Southover or Affpuddle, this information will be shared with the Cobb family so that they can consider any changes to be made to vehicle movements temporarily.

Any specific concerns which the Parish Council is made aware of can be discussed initially with Andrew Monro.

005 **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the liaison group will be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall in November 2021 (date to be confirmed).

Meeting closed at 7:10 pm.