

## **Notes from Rookery South CLP 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

### **Minutes and Matters arising**

Sue Clarke asked if the notes from the special meeting that took place after the main CLP meeting were to be published. She felt that, since a discussion about BACI's membership had taken place, notes should be published. It seemed clear that they would not be published. Vote had not taken place on BACI's membership. It was explained that BACI would not be invited but that a representative could attend as a local resident.

It was asked if events such as planned maintenance shut-downs could be advertised ahead of time as no-one knew about the planned shutdowns in August as notes have only just come out.

### **General Manager Update**

Neil Grimstone – plant didn't operate in August. It was shut down for 7 weeks in total. Outages and other issues.

### **Plant Manager Update**

Roy Griffin has moved on and new Plant Manager is Paddy Kelly who has been in place for two weeks. Background – nuclear submariner, Environmental and Engineering degrees. Worked on the Veolia/Severn waste plant 2011. This is his third facility.

The August outages were not planned. All 3 lines had to be closed down so that warranty works could be completed. Warranty defect was a steam pipe that affected all three boilers, hence the total shutdown. Difficulty co-ordinating contractors over the summer period meant that it took longer than expected. There was residual waste in the bunker and all waste over the summer had to be diverted elsewhere. It was explained that it was a controlled shutdown and was not responsible for a spike in emissions.

There had been a complaint about flies while the plant was shut down – this particularly affected the South Pillinge/Station residents. Emma D'Aquilar from the EA explained that they had investigated the complaint. RSL had contractors in to fog the plant to eradicate the flies. She deemed this to be an appropriate measure.

69% household waste and 31% commercial & industrial – non hazardous. Veolia have just won an additional contract from Hertfordshire for 50,000 tonnes of waste.

The RSCF panel had met that morning. The fund had been oversubscribed again but grants had been agreed, subject to ratification by the trustees.

Rights of Way – final 300m of the footpath/cycleway from the RSL entrance road through to Stewartby to be completed this month. This is a circular path and RSL will put signs up.

Green Lane – base line survey of condition of road was done before plant became operational and then after a year. Covanta to make good. There has been deterioration. They are sorting the spec out with Beds Borough and Stewartby PC – Beds Borough have taken responsibility for Green Lane.

Visitor Centre – Being road tested from mid-November. Will be open to official visits in the New Year. Will need to agree a lower age limit because of PPE and safety of younger children around the plant – might be restricted to the control room only.

### **Millbrook Power**

The plant will be an open cycle gas turbine. Metka are the company that will be handling the construction. This will start in November with the sub-station and it's access off of Station Lane. Main construction work will start in February and the peak for construction traffic will be mid 2023. They want a CLP and it was suggested that a meeting before or after the RSL CLP would be a good idea. Construction vehicles will be Metka or J. Murphy.

Sue asked how gas prices would affect the plant. They don't plan to come on stream until the end of 2024 so hopefully things will have quietened down by then.

During construction there will be around 260 total HGV movements per day, probably for a peak of around 4 weeks. Access will be via Green Lane and the RSL roadway. They will liaise with RSL to try and miss the peak of waste traffic. Once construction is finished there could be 3 vehicles a day, cars mostly.

The plant is being referred to as Marston Vale Sub Station by UK Power Network so they are going to go with that name rather than Millbrook Power since they are not in Millbrook.

### **Environment Agency**

Emma had assessed the Q2 emissions and there had been no breaches. Not assess the Q3 data yet.

### **CBC**

Dee Walker was happy with the RoW progress. She made a monitoring visit in early September and there were no issues.

### **AOB**

It was pointed out that the RSL website had no CLP notes after October 21. Problems with website as they are separating from Covanta US. JH will chase. They expect new website to be up and running in early 2023. NG said he would ensure the notes were on the website.

Parish Councils are encouraged to visit.

Date of next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> January 6pm