

**Suffolk EfW Community Liaison Group  
Minutes**



Great Blakenham Village Hall  
Tuesday 6 September 2011  
6.30pm-8.30pm

**Attendance:**

Shirley Fairburn, Great Blakenham Parish Council  
Cllr John Field, (JF) - Chair  
Desma Girling (DG), resident  
Simon Harding (SH), Bury St Edmunds resident  
Derek Lockwood, (DL) resident  
Trevor Messenger (TM), resident  
Sophie Meudec (SM), resident  
Penny Pearson, resident  
Pamela Robinson (PR), Great Blakenham Parish Council

**Observers:**

Cllr Lisa Chambers (LC), Suffolk County Council  
Manda Henry, (MH), Suffolk County Council  
Cliff Matthews (CM), SITA UK  
Emma Smyth, (ES), SITA UK  
Anthony Durston (AD), SITA UK (minutes)

**Presenters:**

Jools Granville, (JG), SITA Trust

**Apologies:**

Cllr Roy Barker (RB), Mid Suffolk District Council  
Cllr Michael Blakenham (MB), Mid\_Suffolk District Council  
Cllr. Kathy Pollard (KP)  
Munaveer Wafgstaff (MW), resident

Discussion	Actions
<p><b>1. Minutes and actions from the last meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes from the last CLG meeting were approved by the group.</p> <p><b>2. Project update</b></p> <p>CM updated the group on the status of the project. CM said that 50 planning conditions accompanied the planning permission for the facility (which was awarded in July 2011)</p> <p>CM said that the next stage is for SITA UK to issue the ‘notice to proceed’ to its contractor in mid-November with work on-site starting in the New Year.</p> <p>CM explained that the conditions covered a range of issues including (this is not an exhaustive list):</p> <p>The remediation of the site;  Noise limits;  Traffic;  BREEAM;  Travel plans;  The type of waste that can be processed at the site.</p> <p>AD to circulate a PDF version of the planning conditions to members of the group.</p> <p><b>Environmental permit application</b></p> <p>The Environment Agency’s consultation ended 12 August 2011. CM said that the award of the permit is imminent.</p> <p><b>Membership of the group</b></p> <p>A discussion followed about future membership of the group, in particular, Simon Harding’s continued involvement. A motion was put forward requesting that Simon leaves the group due to his support for the Suffolk EfW facility, which he voiced at the planning</p>	<p>AD</p>

<p>committee in July.</p> <p>The issue was discussed thoroughly by group members. Some felt that the EfW is only a local concern, now that it has planning permission. Others felt it is right that the group represents a wide spectrum of views to stimulate discussion.</p> <p>SH said that he will scrutinise SITA UK’s proposals and will be able to do so without focusing on local issues.</p> <p>SM said she felt that SH was an asset for the group. This view was echoed by CM.</p> <p>The motion requesting that SH leaves the group was not seconded.</p> <p>JF agreed to speak to neighbouring parish councils – Bramford, Little Blakenham and Somersham - to find out if they would like to be represented on the group.</p> <p>The involvement of other local parish councils will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Presentation on SITA Trust</b></p> <p>Jools Granville from SITA Trust attended the meeting and provided information on how to apply for funding from SITA Trust.</p> <p>The presentation will be circulated to the group via email / hard copy as appropriate. Key points from the presentation were as follows:</p> <p>SITA Trust is an ethical funding organisation that currently has four main funding programmes:</p> <p>Enhancing communities programme – for community improvement projects within a three mile radius of SITA UK’s major facilities. This type of funding makes physical improvements to a community facility. This fund will be available in Suffolk when construction work starts on the Suffolk EfW facility.</p> <p>Enriching Nature programme – providing funding for biodiversity projects within ten miles of any landfill site in England. Projects across Suffolk are already eligible and receiving this funding.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>AD</p>
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Young Persons' Volunteering Fund – providing funding for volunteering projects that are run by young people aged 14 – 25 to improve community leisure amenities in England and Wales. Projects across Suffolk are eligible for this funding, although there have been no applicants to date..

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund – funding to preserve and improve designated Queen Elizabeth II playing fields across England and Wales. This funding will only be available to eligible fields, however, there is still time to include a field in the scheme. (more info at [www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com))

Within the Enhancing communities programme, the Trust operates a number of tiers of funding including a fast track fund scheme and core fund. Applicants are advised to check the SITA Trust web site for more information.

Jools provided advice on how to develop projects and how to apply.

Other key points that were mentioned:

SITA Trust has an independent Board that decides on which projects should be funded.

The Trust receives its funding from SITA UK, via the Landfill Communities Fund, whereby a proportion of the tax that SITA UK collects is allocated to SITA Trust.

SITA Trust has committed over £80million to projects since 1997. In 2011/12 the Trust is likely to have £8million to distribute and there is currently a 50 per cent chance of community projects receiving funding. These are very favourable odds compared to other grant providers.

SITA Trust are happy to hold a funding event in Great Blakenham to increase awareness in Suffolk. Possible dates include 5/6/7 December

### **Next meeting**

Next meeting is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 18 October 2011. CM to provide an update on the construction programme.