

CROMFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee held remotely on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 5 pm

PRESENT: Cromford Parish Council: Cllrs J Beckett,
Bonsall Parish Council: Cllr Richard Grover,
Derbyshire Dales District Council: Cllr Garry Purdy (DDDC),
Tarmac: Aaron Laycock,
Slinter Mining Co Ltd: Tony Gregory,
Glynis Spencer

22/4.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from, Karen Carpenter (DCC Minerals Officer); Cllr Dermot Murphy (DDDC/DCC) (Illness); and Cllr M Nutting (CPC) (Illness). John Bradshaw (Holiday)

The meeting was recorded to ensure accuracy at the consent of those present. The recording was deleted as agreed on completion of the minutes.

22/4.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th January 2022 were agreed as a true record of that meeting, with an amendment to 22/15.i Environmental Health report that it was Cllr Nutting forwarding the comments from Cromford Parish Council not Cllr Beckett.

22/4.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Beckett noted that the Dene Hollow Restoration was expected to be planted with flower seeds as per the last Quarry liaison meeting but so far just grass mist had been planted. Defibrillator on Barnwell Lane – Slinter has decided to place it on the outside of the Slinter office building.

22/4.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD

Cllr Beckett reported that he had received some complaints and the lorries involved have been Total Aggregates, Central Aggregates, and Mighty Mix from the Via Gellia. Most incidents of spillage are not from either the Dene or Slinter quarries. Aaron Laycock noted that Total are usually very good and they have their own quarry. It was noted that sometimes spillages seem to individuals with lorries rather than anyone attached to the quarries. Generally, most lorries are covered and Cllr Beckett has received no dates or times or photos just comments. It was noted that if the lorry is carrying a product not produced by limestone they don't have to be sheeted. It was reported that the Central Aggregates lorry that Cllr Beckett saw could not have been sheeted due to position of grab. Cllr Purdy reported that complaints have dropped but there are still strong complaints about dust and mud on road. He reported that the schedule of cleaning by the DDDC and DCC have been cut back due to austerity and that officers at the DDDC feel that Dene should

cover the issue but Cllr Purdy noted that it is not as clear cut as that. He noted that the schedule needed review and possibly more cleans adding to it. It was noted to get a deep clean they have to close the road even at night. Cllr Purdy is to discuss with the DDDC officers the dirt coming in from other areas. It was reported that Andy Porter had found that mess was coming off lorries from out of the area quarries. Cllr Beckett noted that the DCC had closed the road to do line painting but didn't clean the road first just scraped it and left piles of dust. The lines are now already covered with dirt and may not last as long. It was noted that photos had been sent to Cllr Murphy but no response had been received as of yet.

Thanks were given to Aaron Laycock for the cleaning of the pavement and hopefully next time they will go further down and Dene will keep the good work up. It was reported that the Bear pit cleaning was really good and left the area looking much better with positive comments received on both.

22/4.5 REPORTS FROM:

i. Environmental Health

There was no update from Karen Carpenter.

ii. Tarmac Ltd

Aaron Laycock updated that the quarry is as busy as usual with production and sales booming in part because of work from the quarry at Balladon is taking step back but Dene has taken up some more work. He noted that he was pleased that there are less complaints and he has his foot to the floor with improving standards. At the last meeting he had reported that the hippo wash had just come out of the design stage and is to be situated in the bed rock as opposed to being on ramps in the next month or two instead of the wash. It was reported that the quarry had taken on a permanent tractor bowser that was doing a great job cleaning the road and lorries. There are a further 2 people in the way bridge and more boots on the ground due to seasonal ramping up. The Dene Hollow right of way work will be happening in the next four weeks. This is the stairs and trail and if needed the area reseeding. The stairs have been repaired by the wheel wash and are no longer a slip hazard. Pavement cleaning is continuing and a condition in the new permit means the quarry is required to report data on a quarterly basis with DCC and DDDC. The repairing of the dry-stone walls around Middleton completed. Bonsall Primary School has received funds for trees and Cromford Primary School has received funds for the playground resurfacing. Mr Laycock noted that he had received not much negative correspondence from Andy Porter, Karen Carpenter and Cllr Beckett. Cllr Purdy offered his thanks and asked for a sit down with his Green Team officers to discuss cleaning Mr Laycock stated that he was happy to do so.

iii. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd

Tony Gregory reported that the Minerals Officer had been round and undertaken a chargeable investigation which had gone ok with no issues found. There will be a defibrillator placed on the office outside wall and this had been ordered. Business has been steady with some small blasts that day and the quarry is currently working on the lower benches. No complaints have been received. The planning is still going through with current

discussion on compensation for disturbed fields taking place. The process has been going since 2016 as Covid stopped work on the application for 2 years then the election slowed it as well. Bonsall Parish Council has enquired about the application three times. Slinter has made a donation to Cromford primary school towards their playground repairs.

Cllr R Glover (BPC) raised the Section 73 application to extend quarrying time. Mr Gregory reported that the quarry had applied to extend as it has not worked the area so the extension has been given. Cllr Purdy (DDDC) recommended that the Bonsall Clerk contact planning.

Cllr Purdy recommended that for the Jubilee the Councils could ask quarries for contribution and circulate information about the work the quarries are doing. He noted that perhaps having a stall at the Jubilee celebrations would help get word out. It was suggested that leaflets were given to Cllr Fraser at Cromford Parish Council. It was noted that the newsletter comes out quarterly so it is not always effective for time sensitive information. Cllr Beckett stated that Tony Gregory was welcome to put in an article to the newsletter. Aaron Laycock already did an article for the last newsletter.

iv. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council

Cllr Beckett noted that there were visits due for Slinter and Dene quarries. It was reported by Tony Gregory that Mr Porter had visited Slinter Quarry on a chargeable visit and no issues had been found.

22/4.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Beckett reported that he had asked Cllr Bowman if she had any older Quarry Liaison minutes but she can't find many and very little has been lodged with the records office. The Terms of reference and minutes are being looked for and will be put together. Cllr Beckett noted that, as he had responded in emails between himself and Cllr Grover the involvement of Bonsall Parish Council had evolved rather than the council having brought in on a formal basis. Cllr Grover agrees to talk to Irene Ratcliffe as she might be able to assist with documents. It was noted that the group had been originally Masson ward councillors only and Cllr Beckett had only invited Mrs Ratcliffe 6 or so years ago. Cllr Beckett noted that he will wait for Councillor Bowman to see if she has anything. Mr Gregory reported that he may have some documents from when his dad was on the committee and will have a look to see if anything had been retained. It was noted that the Quarry liaison committee had been in existence since before 1990 for at least 33 years and was set up in part due to a lorry accident at that time.

22/4.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 21st September at 5.00pm. Participants are happy for this to continue on Zoom.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the Cromford Quarry Liaison Committee meeting held on 20th April 2022

Signed.....Chair Dated.....