

CROMFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee held at the Cromford Institute, Cromford on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6pm

PRESENT: Cromford Parish Council: Cllr M Birch, Mr J Beckett
Bonsall Parish Council: Cllr M Harris,
Middleton Parish Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council: Cllr Peter Slack, Cllr Dawn Greatorex
Derbyshire County Council: Cllr Dermot Murphy
EH Officer: Karen Carpenter,
Minerals Officer: Andy Porter,
Tarmac: John Bradshaw,
Collins Earthworks - Ball Eye Quarry: Dave Collins
Slinter Mining Co Ltd: Tony Gregory
Clerk: Sian Bacon (CPC),

23/6.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Andrew Caile from Tarmac who has taken over from Aaron Laycock.

Karen Carpenter requested a meeting invite from outlook as if members have not attended the meeting, they don't always know the meeting date sufficiently in advance.

23/6.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th February 2023 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

23/6.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

23/6.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD

Jeremy Beckett reported there had been a spillage of large stone less than a month ago by Tors café. The spill has not been swept up so it is just being crushed into a mess on the road. It was noted that there have been no lorries without sheeting seen for a while. Tony Gregory noted that it is more likely to be trailer than high sided lorry as the local lorries know the rules and abide by them. It was noted that the Dene Road sweepers are going up and down and no complaints have been received.

23/6.5 REPORTS FROM:

i. Environmental Health

Karen Carpenter reported that there have been no visits to Dene recently and no complaints have been received. Slinter have had their normal inspection programme where

they discussed sheeting and the water bowsers now have new sprinklers installed. Tony Gregory noted that they pump water from Dene so the water suppression system is on the top road. Karen Carpenter noted that everything is fine and she has had no complaints.

ii. Tarmac Ltd

John Bradshaw reported that Aaron Laycock has moved and Andy Caille is now back in place in charge of Balidon and Dene quarry. Nothing has changed since the last meeting. There has been one blasting complaint. The wheel washes are in place and continuous road sweeping and blasting of the pavements is being done. Dene Hollow is completed and the restoration completed to the plans. Peter Slack raised the issue that although the steps are ok the two big stones are dangerous and very slippery on the Middleton side. He observed that it needs compacting and currently people are slipping. John Bradshaw noted that the work has been done to the specification but that he will look into this. Jeremy Beckett reported that he had received a complaint and had reported back that the work was done to spec. Dawn Greatorex reported that she had received a complaint about a lack of handrails and noted that this could cause problems for those less abled. It was noted that the footpath had been put back to where it was originally but John Bradshaw will raise this. Dawn Greatorex reported that she had been on the site visit with Aaron about 9 months ago as was happy with the restoration and it was just teething problems with it now.

iii. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd

Tony Gregory reported that he was still involved with the planning application and had received a site visit with DDDC councillors. He had also been for a meeting at Bonsall and it was noted that it was interesting to note the difference of opinions regarding the quarry between the different demographics of people resident in Bonsall. The planning is still going through and coming to the final stages. Slinter have done everything required in preparation.

iv. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council

Andy Porter reported that Dene Quarry had been subject to a blasting complaint and so he has done monitoring on Beech Walk. There were three events that didn't trigger anything and there was only one minimal result during the time of the monitoring so the blasting is well within the planning limit. He noted that every once in while an event is perhaps more felt but this is not necessarily a planning breach. He is happy to do monitoring if a complaint comes through but there have been no complaints for ages. An inspection was carried out at Dene yesterday there are no great changes and work is being done to develop the central area spine. It is likely that Limestone is being extracted in an area where an old lead mine drainage tunnel ("Vermuyden's sough") runs. There are planning conditions in place should it appear and quarry staff aware of what to do if it does appear. The sough very likely starts at the bus pull in on The Hill, goes under the meadow area behind the back of the houses and under the wheel wash area, continuing through the quarry to the old mines now forming the DWT 'Gang Mine' nature reserve. There will be a Slinter inspection in the next few weeks and he has not received a Slinter complaint in 18 months.

There was a Ball Eye enquiry received in March relating to activity on the site. A site visit was done and Collins Earthworks now have an interest in the Ball Eye quarry. They are currently reopening the access routes as the quarry has not been opened for a while and so

they are removing vegetation. There are ecologists monitoring the vegetation removal. Pat Gaffney and Dave Collins from Collins Earthworks have also been into County Hall.

23/6.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ball Eye Quarry – Dave Collins reported that ecology is happening and Collins haven't bought Ball Eye yet. They are planning on removing trees and widening the road as part of the DCC conditions and the owners cannot sell any part until this is done. Collins was supposed to sign last week. Cllr Murphy reported that the Via Gellia roadworks drawings should be ready by September. He noted that the removal of the trees on Via Gellia is complicated as some verges are privately owned and the DCC need to get the landowners involved to remove their trees. It was noted that ash die back severe on the Ball Eye quarry land. Paperwork is currently being sorted for the tree permissions and the DCC are paying for traffic management so it is best if landowners do work at same time. The roadwork has slowed down due to that tree work. Dave Collins reported that there will be a bit of tidying up once the papers are signed. Collins Earthworks would like to take stone out of the quarry and will be doing crushing etc. but they are not there yet.

Jeremy Beckett reported that the mess around the traffic lights has still not been cleared up. Cllr Murphy noted that the road needs cleaning more than it is getting. The Clerk will pass this on to Cllr Whitehead at the DDDC. Cllr Murphy will speak to the clean and green team. Dave Collins offered the use of Collins machinery if needed.

It was reported that there have been a few discussions around boundaries and environmental projects at Bonsall for Ball Eye. An ash die back survey been done. Cllr Mike Harris will contact Dave Collins regarding any Bonsall issues with Ball Eye quarry.

23/6.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 6.00pm in the Cromford Institute, Cromford.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the Cromford Quarry Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2023

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