

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 28 September 2022 at 6pm

PRESENT: Cromford Parish Council: Cllr J Beckett,
Bonsall Parish Council: Cllr M Harris,
Derbyshire Dales District Council: Cllr Garry Purdy (DDDC),
EH Officer: Karen Carpenter,
Minerals Officer: Andy Porter,
Tarmac: Aaron Laycock,
Slinter Mining Co Ltd: Tony Gregory, Helen Ward, Thomas Gregory,
Middleton Parish Council & DDDC: Dawn Greatorex, Peter Slack
Clerk: Sian Bacon (CPC),
Footpath Warden (CPC): John Mee

22/9.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from, Glynis Spencer (Middleton PC) and Cllr M Nutting (CPC)

22/9.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th April 2022 were agreed as a true record of that meeting with the alteration that K Carpenter is the Environmental Health Officer not Minerals Officer.

22/9.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Beckett reported that Barbara Bowman has looked for old minutes but does not have many papers for CPC.

Tony Gregory has found the first set up documents and other documents. The Clerk will scan and archive.

Dene Hollow was supposed to be completed as reported at the July meeting last year but the work has not been completed as of yet. Aaron Laycock reported that getting someone contracted has been an issue and proper contractors are required so they can't just use anyone. One has been found and it is expected that on the 3rd October they will break ground. It was noted that it is dangerous so Tarmac is trying to get the work done before Christmas. The temporary path will be remaining until the work is finished.

22/9.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD

Cllr Beckett reported that he hadn't any complaints and Cllr Purdy noted that he had not received any either. There was an issue in August due to the drought but that had been sorted now. It was reported that the lorries were going through two washes usually but the drought had caused water supply problems and so Dene had turned the first wash off. Now both are running and mains water is being brought in by truck. It was queried whether the bowser was running and it was confirmed that it was.

Cllr Purdy, Aaron Laycock and the clean and green team officers have agreed to get together if there are issues with cleaning but none had occurred so far. Aaron Laycock reported that he had been encouraging cleaning company to get better equipment and do better job. It was noted that the area was currently looking good. It was reported that there had been an unrelated lorry spill on the road to Derby.

22/9.5 REPORTS FROM:

i. Environmental Health

Karen Carpenter reported that she had visited Dene in September and found that the permit conditions had been met and that she was pleased at the management of the drought conditions as Dene had trucked water in which is over and above what is expected of them. Cllr Purdy (DDDC) noted that government austerity policies had caused issues with the regularity of cleaning by the DDDC and the Council has a report due in November following which there will hopefully be a lift in the cleaning schedules. Karen Carpenter reported that the complaint levels have subsided to virtually nothing.

ii. Tarmac Ltd

Aaron Laycock reported that the quarry production sales were ahead of budget and money is being made safely and the stakeholders are happy. The preliminary wheel wash is working well and now runs all the time with water brought in if necessary. Dene Hollow will be done soon and apologies for it not being done by now. An update was given on blasting there are larger blasts which means more tonnage but less blasting and it is being monitored.

Mr Mee the Footpath Warden (CPC) reported that he had completed a walk of the perimeters of Dene and Slinger and noted the following things:

1. The wheel wash lines are worn away and need replacing.
2. The 2nd flight of steps are a very good job.
3. There are some overhanging branches that need work.
4. The new warning signs are a good job.
5. Some walls coming down not got coping stones on. Cllr Beckett noted that there were people climbing in.
6. The west boundary reserve is badly overgrown and Dene Hollow is covered. The west side boundary also has overhanging branches.
7. There is a red cone in middle of the field where there is ground movement. It was queried whether this could be fenced round. Aaron Laycock will look at this.
8. The south boundary strimming is not satisfactory.
9. The little gate at the Slinger access road won't fasten as the post is broken off. It is though the gate has been vandalised and is causing a danger.
10. At Slinger mining people using the new road crossing have noted traffic coming on rather fast. Would a speed hump be possible. Tony Gregory noted that a speed hump breaks springs on the lorry as they are come up a gradient. It was noted that empty lorries are the issue. There are speed signs up in the quarry but it was suggested that more signs would help up near the area with the public footpath crossing signed to warn for lorries.

11. The swinging wooden gate signs are down and need putting back. Tony Gregory will walk the path and have a look. He noted that the signs are easily remedied.

iii. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd

Tony Gregory reported that Slinter has hit a massive seam of mineral, rare Malachite has been found and Fluorspar. Aaron Laycock and Tony Gregory went to Cromford School and the donations given were much appreciated. After 8 years of planning the matrix coming in is designed for houses but if a green field is lost it means one must be replaced elsewhere as a carbon offset. It is at the last stage but a date is not yet set. The carbon offset is not yet law but it is being prepared in advance of it being legislated and it is hoped the planning will go to committee soon.

iv. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council

Andy Porter reported that things been quiet on their side. There have been a small number of noise complaints from May and June due to pecker noise on the Bonsall side. This was short lived and discussed with Tony Gregory. It is unclear if the noise is actually coming from Slinter. There is reportedly another development that occasionally uses a pecker in the Peak Park area so there are other sources of pecker noise.

22/9.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Beckett reported that there had been burning rubbish complaints that were not from Tarmac but on the other side of the footpath quite close to Dene. Someone is burning rubber and plastic. It was noted that burns are permitted on site and are after blasts but no other burns are held and it is cardboard and paper only. Karen Carpenter has not received any complaints but will look at other areas. Aaron Laycock is also not aware of these burns.

22/9.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th January 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 28 September 2022

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