

CROMFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee held remotely on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 5 pm

PRESENT: Cromford Parish Council: Cllrs J Beckett, M Nutting
Bonsall Parish Council: Cllr Richard Grover,
Derbyshire Dales District Council: Karen Carpenter, John Bradshaw
Derbyshire County Council: Andy Porter
Tarmac: Aaron Laycock,
Slinter Mining Co Ltd: Tony Gregory

22/1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dawn Greatorex, Cllr Garry Purdy (DDDC), and Cllr Dermot Murphy (DDDC/DCC).

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

22/1.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th September 2021 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

22/1.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

22/1.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD

There are four dust gauges situated at the four compass points on the edge of the quarry. These are operated by an independent contractor. The one at Middleton had been removed due to very low readings, but was reinstated in 2021. Historically all have recorded particulate well below the prescribed limits. Cllr. Beckett asked if these might not be too close to the quarry boundary to register dust that rose from within the quarry and fell further away. Dene Hollow is now at such a depth that there is very little in the way of dust escaping from their operations within the quarry.

Karen Carpenter reported that, following complaints about airborne dust, a monitor had been placed in the driveway of premises on The Hill for a week to ascertain Air Quality. All readings regarding airborne particulates were within acceptable limits for pm10 and considered to be within acceptable limits as defined as risk to health. A visual inspection had been carried out on Beech Walk by Andy Porter and dust was considered to be within acceptable limits.

It was noted that this did not mean that residents' concerns about dust nuisance are not valid. Much of this is caused by 'carryout' on vehicles which subsequently dries on the road and is then carried as dust or collects at the roadside.

Not all vehicles, such as concrete mixing suppliers and farm vehicles, feeding through the via Gellia / Hill / Market Place junction exit Dean Quarry, and few if any are as highly regulated as Dean so that there will always be a problem given the volume of heavy goods vehicles through this point. Dene is operating within its current permit limits.

It was agreed that there had been some improvement in the situation regarding 'carryout' from Dene Quarry but that other measures would be considered to further improve the situation. Aaron Laycock would later detail in his report measures being taken for Tarmac and Slinter at Dene Quarry.

22/1.5 REPORTS FROM:

i. Environmental Health

The Permit for Tarmac Dene Quarry was issued last week. No representations were received before the cut-off date at the end of the first week in January. There will be a quarterly report on this permit and any issues that arise. The comment from Cromford Parish Council, compiled by Mike Nutting and approved by the full Council, had not been received. Cllr. Beckett will forward this to Karen Carpenter.

Karen Carpenter reported that there have been two complaints received about the condition of the roads and Tarmac had agreed to reduce their throughput after a complaint in November until issues were addressed concerning the internal haul roads and drainage on-site. A mobile water-bath system was hired for trial, sprinklers before the weighbridge were recommissioned and a pavement clean sourced.

An incident in December resulted from circumstances related to the water-bath. This resulted in it being taken out of operation until the company it was hired from could be consulted and rectification made. It was subsequently taken out of use.

ii. Tarmac Ltd

Aaron Laycock updated the meeting on issues relating to carry-out from the quarry. Improvements have been installed to address the issue of nuisance. Tarmac engineering have been on site to advise on further controls that might be implemented. The water-bath has found to be unsuitable for some of the vehicles, and was causing damage to them, so has had to be removed. Instead, a Hippo high-pressure cleaning system has been installed for vehicles to use before the weighbridge.

A clean out of waste material from 'The Bear Pit' (Cromford Sough Tail) will be carried out as a gesture of good-will. This is expected to be within the next month weather permitting. The Dene Hollow restoration has been completed and re-seeding has taken place. Cllr. Beckett asked about the composition of the seeds and Aaron agreed to look into this and advise if it was just a mix of grass seeds, or if there were wild flower seeds in the mix. The Right of Way in the Middleton section has not been completed yet and is scheduled for completion in Spring, weather permitting.

A complaint was received about rubbish being burned. However, this fire was burning on a Saturday, when the quarry was not operating, and was not on quarry land but on farmland the other side of the footpath.

Cllr. Beckett enquired about the pavement sweeping of The Hill. This had been carried out by a team contracted by Tarmac. The team are able to work on the contract bi—monthly and will progress downhill as far as the Market Place before recommencing at the entrance to the quarry.

Cllr. Beckett asked about the repairs to the footpath going up from next to the wheel wash and along the side of the quarry, particularly the steps where wood had rotted. Aaron Laycock informed us that the contractors had been engaged and were due to commence the repair work within the next month.

John Bradshaw informed the meeting about a scoping request regarding the review of Mineral Planning Permission for Dene Quarry which is due in March 2023. This has been submitted in December to Derbyshire County Council and Parish Councils are being consulted.

iii. Slinger Mining Co. Ltd

Tony Gregory reported that further details have been submitted for the planning application to Derbyshire County Council.

Andy Porter has been involved on two occasions following complaints received from Bonsall residents about noise when the wind is blowing from the south / south-east. The sound levels have been tested and all found to be within the parameters set for the site.

iv. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council

Three recorded complaints about dust and dirt on The Hill. Explanation of reasons for this were requested and the situation continues to be monitored with visual inspection once a week. Inspections are due in the next month or so for Dene and Slinger.

A gap in the Slinger bund has been noted and advised to fill.

Slinger have been visited twice regarding the noise issue, following complaints from Bonsall, in relation to the emergency access area that is being worked on according to the plans submitted in 2017. It was found to be within acceptable limits for the permit issued. The noise will continue to reduce as the work goes deeper.

Slinger and Dene are due for inspection visits in the next month.

22/1.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Gregory asked of the Parish Council would be interested in installing a Defibrillator at the end of Barnwell Lane. Slinger Quarry and Dene Quarry would contribute to the cost.

Cllr. Beckett agreed to raise this with the Parish Council at their next meeting.

22/1.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th April 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 19th January 2022

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

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