

CROMFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee held remotely on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 5 pm

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

21/9.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dawn Greatorex, Glynis Spencer, John Bradshaw, Cllr Garry Purdy (DDDC), and Cllr Dermot Murphy (DCC).

Cllr Beckett thanked Mrs B Kirkham on behalf of the council for the 15 months she has spent as Locum Clerk.

21/9.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 16 June 2021 required an alteration to 21/6.2 to change "Karen Carpenter offered to email out notices for printing and display on notice boards" from **iii** Slinter to **ii** Tarmac. They then were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

21/9.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

21/9.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD

It was reported by Cllr Beckett that Cllr Murphy had organised a meeting with the new Police Crime Commissioner and the issue of the dust levels had been raised with her. It had been agreed that the Commissioner would raise this with the Head of the Traffic Division officers and request they discuss sheeting with the quarry operators. The Commissioner had been up to the Dene quarry and was impressed with the dust suppression measures. Cllr Beckett also reported that letters have been sent to a couple of operators who had lorries coming down the hill and through the village with no sheeting on and dust on the lorry. One operator had been warned by the quarry and now told not to attend the quarry anymore due to their violation of the rules. It was noted to the Crime Commissioner that the Dene and Slinter quarries were good at ensuring no violations. There have also been complaints received regarding several tractors and trailers carrying soil with obscured number plates that are shedding mud and soil on the roads. The police have been asked to stop lorries that are un-sheeted.

21/9.5 REPORTS FROM:

i. Environmental Health

Karen Carpenter reported that she had made a visit to Dene on the 8th of September as a pre permitting visit. She is currently drafting a permit and offered the members the opportunity to view the permit prior to it being put in place. This was accepted by the Councillors.

The emphasis of the permit for permanent quarry crushers will be on dust control, she has been making regular visits and noted that a report had been made that day. Slinter is expected to be visited in March. Mighty mix has had a spillage of concrete on the road, and it was noted that when contacted Mighty mix had stated that they will clean up when their lorry spillages occur. Dust monitoring has been done at Dene during the week and came back as dust levels being well below the legal limit. It was reported that the dust is nuisance dust as opposed to being levels of dust that are harmful to people. Cllr Beckett queried where the monitoring is taking place and Ms Carpenter reported that it occurred at four designated sites around the quarry and an additional monitor further down from the entrance of the quarry.

ii. Tarmac Ltd

Aaron Laycock updated the meeting and explained that there had been several issues on the road and the quarry had had issues with three pump units failing and all requiring large amounts of maintenance at the same time. It was noted that this was a very unusual circumstance. In the meantime, Mr Laycock had doubled the amount of road sweepers. Mr Laycock noted that a full refurbishment of the wheel wash was occurring to improve the issues with dust on the roads. He noted that he was happy with the dust monitoring results but if there are problems occurring it will be retested if the tests are shown to be justified and necessary. Cllr Beckett noted that the bowser coming down the hill was going down much faster past Hawthorn Drive. Mr Laycock reported that extra road sprinklers will be installed to keep the dust down with 150 meters worth of pipework being replaced as the old pipework is not working so new pipework has now been ordered. A wheel wash bath is also under consideration to be placed before the sprinklers. It was reported that Mighty Mix had dropped further concrete on the roads and the sweeper from the quarry out to remove this. No issues with blasting have been reported. A resident had reported visible dust after blasting and a similar complaint had been received earlier. Mr Laycock stated that he was confident that no dust is leaving quarry area during blasting and that the ground is dampened, and other mitigations made as part of the blasting process. He thought it may be fumes not dust that were being seen. The resident has been contacted and offered a meeting to discuss the complaint. Dene Hollow restoration has, after being put back 3 times due to the poor weather, hopefully moving ahead. On Monday mobile plants should be arriving. It will take two weeks work and should bring the footpath issue to a conclusion. Cllr Beckett queried why there are so many issues being raised by residents around dust on cars and it was reiterated that the dust was nuisance dust and not causing ill health. Cllr Nutting noted that the measures raised by Mr Laycock are designed to address the nuisance dust issue.

iii. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd

Tony Gregory reported that the bund height increased by several feet to help noise suppression but that unfortunately the act of raising had resulted in noise complaints. It was also reported that the planning application was delayed again.

iv. Deepwood Mining

The group no longer has a representative from Deepwood Mining.

v. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council

. Andy Porter reported that he had done a full compliance inspection of Dene quarry. Issue regarding restoration of Dene Hollow is now in hand. He reported that he had not had a reason to do an inspection of the Slinter quarry. It was reported that the Deepwood quarry was still owned by Deepwood Mining but that it is unlikely that will it reopen any time soon though new operator may take it on. He reported that there had been noise and dust complaints from Dene and Slinter. The noise concern from a Middleton resident had resulted in noise monitoring equipment being taken up to Middleton in good weather and the results were that Dene quarry was well within legal limits. The work at Dene Hollow may be heard but is not likely to breach planning conditions. There had been a few complaints regarding Slinter’s construction works on raising the bund most recently, but the issue was short lived and will improve the noise issue now the work is finished. Issues have also been raised with the emergency access route that started back in 2017 and this may involve a site inspection.

21/9.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other matters raised.

21/9.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The provisional date for the next meeting was Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 5 pm. The location will be confirmed closer to the time.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the Cromford Quarry Liaison Committee meeting held on 15th September 2021.

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