

## **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 15 February 2023 at 6pm**

**PRESENT:** Cromford Parish Council: Cllr J Beckett,  
Bonsall Parish Council: Cllr R Grover,  
EH Officer: Karen Carpenter,  
Minerals Officer: Andy Porter,  
Tarmac: Aaron Laycock, John Bradshaw,  
Slinter Mining Co Ltd: Tony Gregory,  
Clerk: Sian Bacon (CPC),  
Footpath Warden (CPC): John Mee

#### **23/2.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: Cllr Garry Purdy (DDDC), Cllr Dermot Murphy (DDDC/DCC), Glynis Spencer (Middleton PC) and Cllr M Nutting (CPC)

#### **23/2.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

#### **23/3.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Beckett reported that Dene Hollow restoration has been on which will be updated in the Tarmac section.

#### **23/2.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD**

Cllr Beckett reported that he had received a complaint regarding the sweeper discharging water down the hill. Aaron Laycock reported that the spray bar nozzles were blocked up but are now cleared and the machinery is running correctly. There was a minor issue with the top wheel wash over the cold weather as the cold cracked the pipe as it froze. This has now been repaired. Everything else is functioning as it should. It was noted that blocked gullies are causing an issue and Cllr Beckett will report these to the County Council. There is further debris washed off the field in heavy rain. The path washing is continuing in sections. Aaron Laycock has had no further complaints.

#### **23/2.5 REPORTS FROM:**

##### **i. Environmental Health**

Karen Carpenter reported that there has only been one incident that was dealt with by Tarmac so good control of situation. The permit is all ok and all issues are reported straight away so she is happy. Not done inspection at Slinter since the last meeting it will probably take place in March.

## **ii. Tarmac Ltd**

Aaron Laycock reported that production sales had seen another good year. Stone prices are high at the moment. The forecast is a bit of a flat performance for the coming year. Production wise it will be about the same levels as this year which is roughly 75% of peak production before the mothballing. There should be no greater impact on the community.

Aaron Laycock also reported on the following issues raised at the last meeting by John Mee (Footpath Warden):

1. The wheel wash lines are an ongoing thing.
2. The tree branches on the south side is ongoing and they will keep maintaining the trees over the path.
3. The stone wall has been rebuilt and coping stones replaced.
4. The required strimming has been done.
5. The Dean Hollow path is now completed at the far western boundary and kissing gates are in on both sides. The temporary diversion will now be removed and the temporary access will be blocked at each end.
6. The south side strimming will be done.
7. The little gate on the northwest side of Slinters access still needs doing.

John Bradshaw reported on the mineral planning review of mineral planning permission. The last permission was granted until 2026 and requires an extension with an approximate further 10 years. The extension submission was due in March but a 6 month delay has been requested by the quarry as issues are resolved around the environmental impact assessment, restoration and archaeological issues. The consultation is anticipated to be in September or October for Parish Councils and the public to comment.

## **iii. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd**

Tony Gregory reported that the signs have been placed. Cllr Beckett reported that one of the signs seems to have been vandalised already. Tony Gregory will have a look. The decision is due soon on the planning application put in 2017. It is hoped to be on the final hurdle of planning. The consultation with Parish Council's and the public has now been completed and the decision is due end of February or March. Hit a lot of minerals so removing several thousand of tonnes of mineral out. Restoration of the landslip at the top and grassing is being done. It expected to be finished at the end of February or early March.

## **iv. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council**

Andy Porter reported that Dene was last inspected on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 22 he is generally happy apart from an ongoing matter of restoration under discussion. Resident raised concern about blasting vibrations in general, dust and dirt on pavements in November. Blast monitoring held at the property but Andy Porter has only done one monitoring sessions with a small blast which didn't trigger the monitor. He will monitor again a larger blast, in liaison with Aaron Laycock.

Slinter was inspected in January 2023 before that was last inspected at one of its 6 monthly inspections in June 2022. Work is continuing to stabilise landslip area and a new access is

being created. A new mineral vein has been discovered and is being extracted at the bottom of the new access slope. He has seen a copy of the latest site survey which shows that the access route is around 6m above the quarry floor. He anticipates that the next 6 months will see further downward development and towards the end of the summer the route may well have been complete. He has received no further complaints and it had been very quiet.

There has been no approach to DCC on starting work from the new owners of Ball Eye Quarry. Has possible live planning consent it is uncertain if statutorily dormant but it is unclear as to whether owners would be able to walk in and begin work immediately.

**23/2.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**23/2.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6.00pm in the Cromford Institute, Cromford.

Thanks were given to Cllr Beckett for his many years of service on the Quarry Liaison Group.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the Cromford Quarry Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2023

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....