

CROMFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Councillor J Beckett (Cromford Parish Council)

Clerk: Mrs Brenda Kirkham (Locum Clerk to Cromford Parish Council)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee held remotely on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 5 pm

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

21/6.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Glynis Spencer.

21/6.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 17 February 2021 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

21/6.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

21/6.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD

There were considerable concerns expressed from Councillors regarding un-sheeted vehicles travelling through Cromford, this was not necessarily the fault of local quarries who had regulations in place to prevent this happening but was often caused by vehicles travelling through the village from elsewhere, lumps of stone had been observed on the roads in the village, this was obviously a risk to public safety.

Cllr Purdy expressed his frustration at the situation which had been going on for over 2 years, several factors had exasperated the situation including traffic policing being done from Chesterfield and the lack of cameras at the A6 lights. Cllr Purdy called for a meeting of all agencies involved.

The dust in the village was also a major concern, and dust combining with diesel exhaust particulates having an environmental health impact.

Aaron Laycock acknowledged the points being raised, the nature of the quarry had changed, some issues were caused by volume of work. The quarry had a sheeting area on site and various controls and penalties were in place to prevent un-sheeted lorries leaving the site.

21/6.5 REPORTS FROM:

i. Environmental Health

Karen Carpenter stated that she was working with Dene Quarry to look at the issues raised and was notified of problems. A permanent permit would be requested for the crusher so that planning and environmental health officers can monitor the situation more effectively. Karen felt that the dust in Cromford was coming off lorries not from the quarry.

ii. Tarmac Ltd

Aaron Laycock updated the meeting and explained that the business was very busy, and the volume of work had increased significantly. The company was making strides to improve the dust situation, laboratory tests of the water used in the wheel wash was taking place. Road sweeping by the Council will stop shortly, but the company is looking at a sub-contractor to do the work. Air born monitoring was ongoing and results showed dust was within limits. Aaron genuinely believed that dust was not leaving the site. Blasting information was now put on the Facebook page, this information to go in the newsletter. A meeting regarding the restoration of the Dene Hollow footpath would take place shortly.

iii. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd

Planning permission was currently being considered. Karen Carpenter offered to email out notices for printing and display on notice boards. Noise bunds had been installed and the crusher had been moved to protect Bonsall village.

iv. Deepwood Mining

The group no longer had a representative from Deepwood Mining. Andy Porter to provide email address for representative. **Action: Andy Porter**

v. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council

Andy Porter reported that he was continuing to work with Karen Carpenter regarding concerns relating to Cromford Hill and he is making regular inspections of the Hill several times per week and will continue to monitor. A complaint had been received regarding dust in Middleton.

21/6.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other matters raised.

21/6.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The provisional date for the next meeting was Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 5 pm.

I hereby certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the Cromford Quarry Liaison Committee meeting held on 16 June 2021.

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