

# **CROMFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Councillor M Birch (Cromford Parish Council)

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee held at the Cromford Institute, Cromford on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 6pm**

**PRESENT:** Cromford Parish Council: Cllr M Birch, Cllr C Gould, Cllr R Walsh  
Middleton Parish Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council: Cllr Glynis Spencer  
Tarmac: Anthony Salt  
EH Officer: Karen Carpenter,  
Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Officer at DCC: Andy Porter,  
Collins Earthworks: Katie Collins,  
Slinter Mining: Tony Gregory, Helen Ward,  
Clerk: Sian Bacon (CPC)

### **24/6.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: Andy Caile from Tarmac, Cllr Dermot Murphy (DCC), Cllr Dawn Greatorex.

### **24/6.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

### **24/6.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Planning permission has been granted for Slinter Quarry.

### **24/6.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD**

Cllr Birch has not received any complaints. Cllr Walsh noted that the spillages occur on the corners where lorries are turning. So, the Tor Café A6 area often has stone dropped in front of it. Lorries use two different types of sheets the ones that fully cover the lorry and the non-fitted sheets that drop stone. Tony Gregory noted it is sometimes other vehicles such tractors and those not used to moving stone whereas the quarries are used to the requirements so are compliant. Outside quarries are on occasion the ones dropping stone.

### **24/6.5 REPORTS FROM:**

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

Karen Carpenter reported that she has done one inspection at Slinter and all was satisfactory and no complaints have been received.

#### **ii. Tarmac Ltd**

Andy sends apologies. Crushing will be restarting on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. This won't result in any extra trucks. They have volunteered to put forward a plan to avoid pecking before 9am. Slinter have the same voluntary agreement after previous complaints. Earthworks will be

taking place at the top south part of the quarry (Dene Hollow) this week. This is just internal work not external so will not result in anymore lorry movements. The road sweeper has a refit to be more effective and Tarmac will keep on top of this. The wheel wash water being held back by speed hump rather than escaping out of the quarry. Tarmac are still removing 2000 tonne of stone per day from the quarry. The sweeper is still cleaning 8 until 4 every day. Tony Gregory noted Tarmac have done good job.

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

Tony Gregory reported that they have on the 13<sup>th</sup> May had their planning application approved though this did take 7 years due to various issues. Tony is grateful to have planning though they now have several hurdles to meet. The Environmental Health Officer Karen Carpenter has been round to do an inspection and have received a clear inspection. Tony clarified that it was not the Slinter pecker at 7am and not Dene's either. Tony noted that they can't move turf until they have the area ready to reinstate. Helen Ward reported that they have methods in place. it was observed that the 9am pecker time is currently voluntary. Andy Porter noted that the new planning conditions may make the 9am pecker limit compulsory.

### **iv. Collins Earthworks**

Katie Collins reported that no issues so far. There is going to be tree clearance to remove the ash die back inside the quarry. There will be a blast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and this will be announced on Facebook and WhatsApp groups. Katie will ask if the 8am pecker is Balleye's.

### **v. Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Officer – Derbyshire County Council**

Andy Porter reported that it had been quiet with only one inspection since the last meeting which was on the 10<sup>th</sup> June at Dene and things are generally fine. Dene have put forward a voluntary agreement to only use the pecker after 9am. This is good as in the past there has been confusion over whose pecker is going when complaints have come in and this will bring the quarries in line. The Dene Hollow works final part of the restoration on the quarry face is taking place. The lower area of Dene Hollow will have a V shape developed in order to blend the area back into quarry as shown on the approved plans. This restoration scheme will encourage wildlife and provide sympathetic landscaping. Currently the area is like a hanging valley at the moment but it will all blend in and trees will take hold so it will look good from the distance eventually.

Slinter and Balleye have not had an inspection as no chance or reason to. On complaints on the 7<sup>th</sup> March a complaint was made from Bonsall regarding 8am pecker noise. It was Balleye's pecker and there are no restrictions on Balleye. The pecker was in a particular area, on top face in the highest part of the quarry and Balleye have agreed they won't be pecking in that area again so everyone is happy. Cllr Birch noted that this was all very positive.

Tony Gregory noted that Balleye was looking very good, cared for and well managed.

**24/2.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**24/2.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 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 19 June 2024

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....