

# **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 20 September 2023 at 6pm**

**PRESENT:** Cromford Parish Council: Cllr M Birch, Cllr I Wakefield, Mr J Beckett  
Bonsall Parish Council: Cllr R Grover,  
Middleton Parish Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council: Cllr Peter Slack  
EH Officer: Karen Carpenter,  
Minerals Officer: Andy Porter,  
Tarmac: Andy Caile,  
Collins Earthworks: Dave Collins,  
Slinter Mining: Tony Gregory,  
Clerk: Sian Bacon (CPC),

Andy Caile is temporarily the 81C at Dene whilst also being operations manager over Ballidon and Dene. The current supervisor is in training to take over from Andy Caile but that may be some time. Andy Caile point man at Dene for day-to-day issues for now.

### **23/9.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from: John Bradshaw from Tarmac and Cllr Nick Whitehead (DDDC)

### **23/9.2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

The Clerk reported the parish council now have a new email address and website.

### **23/9.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was reported by Cllr Birch that the spillage has not been cleared at the crossroads yet. The DDDC Officers, Mrs B Bowman and Councillors Whitehead (DDDC) and Birch (CPC) are due for a walk round the village to look at issues that require work from the DDDC.

It was noted that the secondary consultation on the Via Gellia works doesn't appear to be going ahead despite requests from Bonsall PC. Only a list of speed limit changes has been received but no design plans. Parish Council's would like a formal consultation on all the plans. The pavements in Bonsall could do with a review as on the bottom of Chapel Hill two lorries cannot pass without going on the pavement.

### **23/9.4 SPILLAGE FROM LORRIES/DUST IN CROMFORD**

Mr Beckett reported that all the lorries coming through Cromford are sheeted. Some of the older ones don't have particularly effective sheeting and when they are fully loaded there are small spillages when they are turning due to the older small sheeting. Particularly when they have been only loaded from one side. Andy Caile noted that some stone does get caught on the sheet and Dene are checking this to make sure this doesn't occur in their lorries.

Cllr P Slack queried whether any one has noted more lorries coming down the Via Gellia due to them avoiding Ashbourne. Bonsall PC have noted a marked increase as well.

### **23/9.5 REPORTS FROM:**

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

Karen Carpenter reported that she is due an inspection of Dene in October. No inspection of Slinter is currently scheduled but an inspection is done annually. No complaints have been received.

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

Andy Caile reported that he had walked Dene Hollow. The loose stones are causing an issue so the loose stones have been moved off as the underneath has been embedded now. So, the loose stone will be raked off the steep section.

Cllr Slack (MPC) reported that some correspondence was received by Middleton PC from a resident complaining that the path was dangerous with stones being too large and more steps are required. Hand rails were requested as well.

Andy Caile agrees with the complaints about the surface and will sort this. It was noted by Mr Beckett that there is a handrail down the side. The path has been done to approval and for any changes such as further steps would require further planning. The path hasn't appeared muddy where it has been cleared.

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

Tony Gregory reported that things are still as before with the planning still in the system. Two enquiries about pecking noise early in the morning but Slinter's pecker is not started until 9am. Andy Porter inspected the quarry on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **iv. Colin's Earthworks**

Dave Collins reported that things are developing slowly and they are currently trying to sort the site drainage. Some HGV works are being done and duct works for a new transformer. They have cleaned out all the drainage channels and a new drainage pipe is going in. It was noted that there is just infrastructure being done at the moment such as installing a whey bridge and the HGV works. There are stock piles of rubbish and there will be the removal of the rubbish stock piles in October but not any removal of stone out of the quarry.

Dave Collins has agreed to allow the DCC to put signage up and that they can have the corner on the Via Gellia but he has heard no more about the planned works. The only thing Collins were required to do towards the Via Gellia work was to deal with the ash die back. It

was thought that funding is in place for the road works. It was noted by Cllr Grover (BPC) that everyone is lacking in information on the Via Gellia works.

**v. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council**

Andy Porter reported he had monitored Dene on the 20<sup>th</sup> June and had received no complaints since then. He has monitored a blast last week at Beech Walk. The blast triggered the equipment but it sat well within the allowed planning levels.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> July Slinter was monitored. The alternative access route provided for back in 2017 has now reached the bottom of the quarry and the mineral is now accessible. Slinter are doing some stabilisation but the emergency access route is now completed.

It was reported that there had been no complaints and everything was very quiet until recently. Then three noise complaints had come in from the Bonsall area. One was early morning pecker noise with the time mentioned as 7.30am so Mr Porter is pretty sure the noise had come from Dene as Slinter don't operate their pecker until 9am. Historically he has heard Dene pecker in Bonsall if the wind is right. Another complaint was that potentially blocks were being dropped into the crusher hopper. Happy to do noise monitoring but suspects they fall within the allowed planning limits.

It was noted that Albert Rochach has sadly passed away recently.

**23/9.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**23/9.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next quarterly meeting would be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 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 20 September 2023

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....