

MINUTES OF LANGFORD QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 15th April 2015
6.00pm at RSPB Offices, Langford Quarry

L20G9

Present:

Councillor M Dobson	Nottinghamshire County Council
Cllr C Allen	Collingham Parish Council
Cllr T Musson	Collingham Parish Council
Mr W Jackson	Collingham Resident
Mr M Copleston	RSPB
Mr D Coote	Lafarge Tarmac – District Production Manager
Mr T Deal	Lafarge Tarmac – Estate Manager

ITEM

1.0 Councillor Dobson chaired the meeting.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS:

Apologies were received from : Patricia Richards, Howard Morgan, Mike Hankin

Patricia Richards has advised that due to ill health, it was unlikely that Howard Morgan would attend further meetings of the committee. TD to remove Mr Morgan from the circulation list until further notice.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

The minutes from the previous meeting of 3rd December 2014 were accepted as an accurate record.

4.0 QUARRY UPDATE REPORT

Mr Coote advised that Mark Staines has left the company in February to pursue a career abroad. Lafarge Tarmac are in process of appointing a new quarry manager by mid year.

Cllr Dobson thanked Mr Coote for the input that Mark Staines had made to the successful operation of the quarry and the committee over the years.

Mr Coote confirmed that sand and gravel production in 2015 has been running at about 40,000 tonnes per month, which is keeping pace with sales.

There is around 360,000 tonnes of workable sand and gravel (excluding the plant site area) covered by the existing planning permission, which should last until Christmas 2015.

It was hoped that soil stripping in the eastern extension area would be commenced in late April. There is some archaeology recording to undertake, and the company have

instructed Trent & Peak archaeology to carry out the work.. The company will use the soil crusting agent if the soils are dry while archaeology work is being undertaken to avoid risk of dust blow (as in the October 2010 event).

Monitoring visits had been carried out by the County Council planning officer and operations are generally in accordance with the planning permission. Some conditional detail is required to be submitted by the company over the coming year.

Construction work on the new bailey bridge to cross over the Slough Dyke is expected to start at end of May. Planning conditions have been satisfied for the planning permission to be implemented, and the company will serve formal notice to Notts CC in advance.

Mr Coote advised the committee that there had been a local dust blow event on 26th March 2015, but this had been generated from recently ploughed fields east of the plant site adjoining the Gainsborough Road, tenanted by Simon Bust. Mr Coote showed the photographs of the event to the members and all were satisfied this was not a quarry related event.

5.0 RSPB NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr Copleston stated he was now also acting as manager for other sites in the North Midlands area, although he is still based at Langford.

Jenny Harris will be starting as the Langford Reserve Manager mid 2015.

Bitterns are still resident but there is non male/ female combination on site at present. A pair of Avocetts have been on site, as well as Red Kite and Marsh Harrier.

RSPB are continuing work with Notts Wildlife Trust on the wider strategic land use planning for the Trent Valley.

6.0 SLUICE OUTFALL TO RIVER TRENT FROM NATURE RESERVE

Mr Coote confirmed that the design for the sluice had been completed and had been put out to tender with a view for works starting late summer. The cost for the works are for the company to take on as part of the final restoration works. It is still expected be a 10-12 week build.

7.0 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN EXTENSION TO THE QUARRY

Mr Deal advised that the S106 planning agreement and the planning permission has been issued at the start of March.

Schemes for the conditional requirements have been approved by Notts CC.

Construction work on the new bailey bridge to cross over the Slough Dyke is expected to start at end of May. The public footpath running along the bank of the Slough Dyke is being accommodated under the new bridge structure.

Planning conditions have been satisfied for the planning permission to be implemented, and the company will serve formal notice to Notts CC in advance.

Soil stripping likely to commence in the fields south of the Dyke in August, so that mineral can be exposed for working over the winter period.

Cllr Dobson proposed a liaison meeting in early autumn so that works can be observed. Mr Deal agreed this was a good idea.

8.0 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Allen advised there were local elections in May and new members could be elected. It was therefore best to send future communication through the Parish Clerk – Caron Ballantyne.

Mr Coote confirmed that investigation on hgv's coming through Collingham village from the north were not related to any of the company's business

Cllr Dobson thanked Mr Coote for his reassurance. She advised there was a wider dialogue between Notts CC and Lincs CC to try and improve the position generally in the face of a noticeable increase in local hgv traffic.

9.0 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERAL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION UPDATE

Cllr Dobson advised that the draft Mineral Local Plan was being presented to the Environment Committee in September and then the full Council committee. Another round of consultation will take place with a Examination in Public by a government inspector around mid July 2016.

Mr Deal confirmed the company are working on producing formal Scoping documents for the Southern and Western extension draft allocation areas for Langford Quarry. The company are planning to have plans on display locally in the autumn of 2015 with a view to a planning application being submitted around spring 2016.

10 ADVANCED TREE PLANTING FOR SOUTHERN EXTENSION

Mr Deal advised the advanced tree planting had been completed in Block 1 and Block 2 is to be completed by 31st March 2016. The planting will be inspected and maintained by the company to ensure it establishes and grows properly.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Deal explained the sale process of Lafarge Tarmac as part of the world wide merger of Lafarge and Holcim. Lafarge Tarmac are being sold as a going concern. That sale is likely to be concluded in mid 2015.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September 2015

4.30 pm at quarry office for site inspection.

6.00 pm for meeting at RSPB office

Notes taken by Tim Deal – Estate Manager for Lafarge Tarmac