

**BESTHORPE QUARRY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
15th MARCH 2016**

ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council
Mr T Deal – Estate Manager Tarmac
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer Notts CC
Mr D Coote – Tarmac Production Manager
Mr C Allen – Collingham Parish Council
Mrs R Scott – Collingham Parish Council

Mr T Bendall – Quarry Manager -Tarmac
Mrs L Pickford – Estate Surveyor - Tarmac

APOLOGIES

Mrs V Wright - Collingham Parish Council
Mr S Gorin – Besthorpe Parish

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves. Lisa Pickford is taking on the day to day Estate Management duties for the Besthorpe and Girton sites. Tom Bendall has been recently appointed as Quarry Manager for Besthorpe, reporting to Dave Coote.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 None reported.

3. Company progress Report

- 3.1 Mr Coote advised that 2015 production had been about 100,000 tonnes, slightly down from 2014.
- 3.2 Mineral extraction will start up again in the phase 7 area (west of plant site) in April. It is likely there will be a 2-3 month campaign dig by contractors to deliver as raised material to stock at the processing plant. Output for 2016 likely to be 100,000 – 120,000 tonnes, largely depending on demand from the onsite bagging plant.
- 3.3 Silt Disposal – the existing lagoon is nearing full height in some places and intention is to transfer silt disposal into the void south of the footpath during 2017.
- 3.4 Aggs R Us Bagging plant – all the hgv's operating from the site have trackers and photographic recording systems fitted. If the A46 road is blocked then alternative local roads can be used in those exceptional circumstances. If there are breaches of the Traffic Routing Agreement then Tarmac will take action in the form of a warning and then a ban from site. Tarmac are also prepared to take action against Aggs R Us under the terms of their tenancy if necessary, although things at present appear to be running well and there is generally better understanding by Aggs R Us of their responsibilities and the importance of the traffic routing.

4. Planning Update

- 4.1 Mr Deal confirmed that the 2 planning applications submitted in November 2014 (one for the Quarry and one for the Wharf) to extend the dates to December 2022.
- 4.2 The Wharf permission has been issued.

- 4.3 The Quarry permission will be issued when the S106 planning agreement has been completed, which is expected to be late summer 2016. In the meantime the site continues to operate under the conditions of the earlier permission and the S106 agreement remains fully in force.

5. Footpaths

- 5.1 Mr Deal confirmed that the diversion order for the path through the centre of the site to be diverted around the south side of the main lake was still in place.
- 5.2 Under the new planning scheme, the central footpath is going to be retained (albeit with a minor diverted section at its western end). When the new permission is issued, the application for the new footpath can then be made and when confirmed the diversion around the southern lake can then be removed from the scheme. The whole process could take up to 2 years, allowing for orders to be made, advertised and confirmed.
- 5.3 The company are very mindful of the value of the footpaths and will be ensuring they remain open for use and in a good condition at all times.
- 5.4 The new arrangement of paths will be an improvement on the existing permitted scheme.

6. Besthorpe Quarry – Future Working areas

- 6.1 Mr Deal confirmed that Tarmac see the proposed 2 million tonne eastern extension being brought forward for planning in the next 3-4 years. It will provide a 7-10 year additional operating life for the quarry.
- 6.2 Tarmac will be consulting with the owners of the land, Mr Sheldon, Church Commissioners and the Oates family to agree the broad concept of working and restoration. Formal Scoping and public consultation will be carried out before a planning application is submitted.
- 6.3 Tarmac understand the desire from local community for there to be a stronger balance of land as opposed to large open bodies of water. The scheme will still have to rely on site materials for restoration rather than any imported material.
- 6.4 Any further extensions to the quarry will likely be considered as part of the next mineral local plan review.

7. Mineral Local Plan Update

- 7.1 Mike Hankin advised that public consultation on the draft submission plan was out to 29th March. There is still considerable interest.
- 7.2 The plan would then have to be put back to committee; September for Sustainability Committee and November for Full council. The timings may change.
- 7.3 The intention is to aim for an Examination In Public (EIP) in 2017.
- 7.4 Cllr Dobson commented that there is concern from some communities about the lack of an adopted plan as it could leave the door open for applications on non preferred sites.
- 7.5 Mr Hankin advised that the Council's policy was still to favour extensions to existing sites and those extensions which are identified in the draft plan will hold most weight. Applications for new sites, even those identified in the draft plan, would be deemed premature and would not likely to be approved.
- 7.6 Mr Deal confirmed that approach is supported by Tarmac, but it would not prevent prospective operators from submitting Screening, Scoping or even planning applications in the meantime. Operators will need to understand that any submitted schemes will have to be considered on their own merits against the saved and

emerging mineral local plan policies.

8. AOB – Girton Quarry

- 8.1 Mr Coote confirmed that the old river wharf has now been removed from Girton Quarry.
- 8.2 Gates have been installed down the Trent Lane to better control unauthorised access. Tarmac had provided some funds to Girton Parish to assist with the overall improvements to security. Tarmac have also let the former plant site area to a tenant, which should also help to deter unwanted activity.
- 8.3 Mr Deal advised the planning application to extend the Girton Quarry planning permission will be submitted before 31st August 2016. The process will be very similar to the application for Besthorpe.
- 8.4 Cllr Dobson advised that design work is still being done by the Environment Agency to look at improvements to the river flood bank at Girton. It is hoped that Tarmac will be able to provide some support for that initiative.
- 8.5 All members agreed it would be beneficial for the Liaison Meeting to be extended to include Girton Quarry. Cllr Dobson to invite attendees from Girton for the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th September 2016 - 2pm at the Trinity Hall, Besthorpe.

Tarmac to arrange (including a request for the heating to be turned on)

Cllr Dobson to invite attendees from Girton Parish

Notes taken by T Deal