

**BESTHORPE QUARRY  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
14th SEPTEMBER 2016**

**ATTENDEES**

Cllr M Dobson - Notts County Council  
Mr T Deal - Estates Manager-Tarmac  
Miss T Lloyd - Graduate Estates Surveyor-Tarmac  
Mr D Coote - Tarmac Production Manager  
Mr M Hankin - Notts County Council  
Cllr M Davis - Collingham Parish Council  
Cllr R Scott - Collingham Parish Council  
Cllr K Rice - Vice Chairman Girton Parish Councillor  
Mrs J Bradley - Notts Wildlife Trust  
Mr T Bendall - Quarry Manager-Tarmac

**APOLOGIES**

Mr S Goring – Besthorpe Parish Council

**1. Introductions**

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves.
- 1.3 Minutes were confirmed.

**2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 None Reported.

**3. Company Update on Besthorpe Quarry**

- 3.1 Besthorpe Update: 110,000tpa for 2016 with extraction starting in April in Phase 7 workings. Aggs R Us bagging tonnages have increased.
- 3.2 Problems with fly grazing within the site. Mr Coote reported that Mr Lee had removed all of his horses over a 3 week period in Sept / Oct. Cllr Dobson commented on the delay in Tarmac removing the horses from the site. However, Mr Coote believed the Estates team reacted quickly to the issue and resolved the matter without causing antagonistic behaviour. Cllr Dobson commented on how Tarmac should be more forceful in the future as it has become a problem for surrounding Parishes. There is now a booklet available (via County and District Councils) for landowners and how to deal with fly grazing. Ken Rice reported there were horses starting to appear in Girton Parish.
- 3.3 No Complaints received concerning Tarmac lorries through Collingham, though Mr Coote did make members aware of three lorries which were diverted due to a road closure on the A46. No issues arose concerning the matter.

**4. Update on Besthorpe Quarry- Planning/ Restoration Matters**

- 4.1 Mr Bendall confirmed that the barge wharf and conveyor facilities are being

- preserved while they are in mothballed state.
- 4.2 A new silt lagoon is to be in operation in the south of Area A by May 2017. Overburden and topsoil to be removed from Phase 7 to aid the process.
  - 4.3 Mrs Bradley highlighted the importance of notice and communication between the site and Nottingham Wildlife Trust concerning operations as a rare breed of bird (Avocet) has been seen at the lagoon with young.
  - 4.4 Mr Hankin noted that Nottingham Council are waiting for the S106 from Tarmac. Tarmac are waiting for agreement from Mr Sheldon, who as a landowner will need to sign the agreement.

#### **5. Footpaths- Besthorpe**

- 5.1 Cllr Dobson brought to attention that the Trust would like to create a footpath in the Oates land within the Eastern Extension. Cllr Rice noted that some members of Girton Parish have been given a notice to quit by the Oates Estate which may suggest that some areas of the estate will be up for sale. Mr Deal clarified that if the land were to be up for sale Tarmac would naturally be interested in buying the site, though it would be a private matter. Mrs Scott will investigate plans for old footpaths for the next meeting. Cllr Dobson suggested due to the above matter the agent representatives for Trinity College and the Oates family should be invited to the meeting. Mr Deal did not support that, as property discussions are a separate commercial matter.

#### **6. Company Update on Girton Quarry-Old Site and New (mothballed site)**

- 6.1 The Wharf restoration on the site has been completed, despite poor weather. Additional fencing, hedge planting and Japanese Knot Weed treatment done.
- 6.2 Ken Rice reported there has been an issue with illegal fishing at the Sailing club entrance and cutting into the flood bank which can cause flooding issues in the future for Girton residents. Cllr Rice called for a clarification on the ownership plan and details of the FBT letting to Mr Scott which Mr Deal will provide.
- 6.3 Issues with bird scaring and shooting at Besthorpe. Mrs Bradley confirmed NWT have asked to involve the Police in the matter. Cllr Dobson further called for a collaboration between Langford, Besthorpe and Girton Parishes to combat the issue as other Parishes have had similar issues.
- 6.4 Current plant site .Mr Coote confirmed there remains no electrical power to the site following theft of electric cables some years ago. Tarmac still keep the plant site as tidy as possible and arrange for roadside grass bunds to be cut.

#### **7. Update on Girton Quarry Planning- Extension of Time Application**

- 7.1 S73 for the an extension of time was submitted to Notts CC by Tarmac in August, for the quarry permission to continue until 2036. Planning application is registered and in early stages of consultation.
- 7.2 County Ecologists seeking for a greater habitat in the restoration scheme. Tarmac will consider.
- 7.3 Footpath issues within Girton 1 and Spalford 28 to ensure the footpaths aren't lost in times of flood.
- 7.4 No objections of noise from the Nottingham County Council.
- 7.5 Cllr Dobson suggested Tarmac should aid in creating a flood bank for the village. Mr Deal stated Tarmac would be prepared to assist where possible in terms of some funding and materials, but this is not an issue which is linked to the quarry or be imposed through condition or planning agreement. Mr Hankin agreed that the Girton

flood bank issue was a stand alone matter and should not be connected with the quarry permission.

#### **8. Update on Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan**

- 8.1 Mr Hankin informed members that there were no changes to the timetable of the MLP, and the plan will go forward to the Sustainability Committee on the 23rd September and on to a full Council meeting in November.
- 8.2 Mr Deal advised Tarmac have submitted a formal Scoping Opinion to Notts CC for the Kelham ( Home Farm) site. Mr Deal had met with County Councillor Saddington and Laughton together with members of both South Muskham and Averham Parish Councils.
- 8.3 Mr Hankin advised no applications had been received by Notts CC for other non allocated sites although he was expecting an application to be submitted before Christmas for the Barton in Fabis ( Mill Farm) site. That application may spark other applications.

#### **9. AOB**

- 9.1 Mr Deal confirmed the Langford South and West extension application was to be submitted to Notts CC on Friday 16th September.

#### **10. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15th March 2017. 2pm at the Trinity Hall, Besthorpe.

Notes taken by T Deal and T Lloyd.