

**BESTHORPE & GIRTON QUARRIES
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
15TH MARCH 2016**

ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Notts
County Council
Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac
Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac
Mr T Bendall – Quarry Manager, Tarmac
Miss T Lloyd – Graduate Estate Surveyor,
Tarmac
Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council
Ms J Bradley – Notts Wildlife Trust
Mr A Hindmarsh – Notts Wildlife Trust
Mr S Gorin – Besthorpe Meeting

APOLOGIES

Cllr R Scott – Collingham Parish Council
Cllr K Rice – Vice Chairman Girton Parish
Council

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Meeting was hosted by Mr and Mrs Gorin as there were issues with Tarmac acquiring the village hall keys.
1. Members introduced themselves.
- 1.3 Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 None Reported.

3. Company Update on Besthorpe Quarry - Operations

- 3.1 Mr Bendall advised that the quarry has been busier than previous years with an increased production of 150,000 t which is forecast to be sustained for the whole year. Ms Bradley raised concerns that the increased production would have an impact on the agreed restoration principles of the site. Mr Coote assured that there is minimal silt within the deposit which shouldn't have a large impact.
- 3.2 The first extraction campaign has been completed and Phase 7 has been stripped in preparation for extraction later in the year.
- 3.3 Lagoon and restoration works have been pushed back from May to July. Mr Deal asked for further clarification concerning the Lagoon works and what is intended to be done and how this would affect the natural ecology which has occurred. Mr Coote responded that the works were a creation of a new Lagoon which required simple dozer work and the dewatering of the lagoon. Members of the meeting further questioned how long the works will take, and will the dewatering affect the wildlife, particularly fish which may be within the Lagoon. Mr Coote and Mr Bendall assured the meeting that all relevant surveys will be completed and options explored before the works will be carried out. Mr Deal also questioned whether the works will affect

the public footpath which runs through the site. Mr Coote advised it would not affect the footpath.

- 3.4 Mr Bendall notified the meeting that there has been a complaint of a driver going through the village, but he is now on a final written warning.
- 3.5 Mr Coote asked members to continue to notify Tarmac if they see any hauliers travelling through Collingham so they can take action immediately. Mr Coote further noted recent local traffic issues and accidents which have occurred on the surrounding roads which are unrelated to the quarry hauliers but is still a concern.

4. Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Planning / Restoration Matters

- 4.1 Mr Hankin updated the meeting on the S106 Agreement which went to committee over a year ago but should be sent out for signature to Tarmac. Once returned to Nottinghamshire County Council it will be granted. Mr Hankin further commented that Tarmac have been working without a Planning Permission, but the application was submitted and Tarmac have continued to work Besthorpe under good standards which would be expected.
- 4.2 Mr Coote updated the meeting that a planning monitoring visit with Planning Officer John Cranham went well, and all matters which were discussed are in hand. Mr Deal noted that once the new permission is granted Tarmac will work to discharge various conditions.

5. Company Update on Girton Quarry – Old Site and New (Mothballed Site)

- 5.1 Mr Hankin advised that a Planning Application has been submitted for an extension of time for Girton Quarry. It is hoped it will go to the Planning Committee on the 18th April. There have been various requests for more information concerning new hedgerows along the A1133 and Green Lane. The impact on traffic has also been considered within the application. Mr Deal noted that Tarmac are to complete areas of restoration on site. Mr Deal confirmed that Tarmac have been asked to simplify the restoration scheme for the consultation to include marshland, reed beds and modified ditches for water voles.
- 5.2 Cllr Dobson questioned how this will affect the Sustrans cycle route. Mr Hankin assured that Girton Quarry has had a planning permission in place since the 1980's but he will check where the exact route is in preparation for the Sustrans meeting in two weeks time.
- 5.3 Mr Gorin asked whether the site is hoping to be brought back into production. Mr Deal clarified that the site could open to sell the remaining stock piles of 120,000 t without delay but to extract and process the mineral would take longer as there is no electricity supply on site and issues with the plant site and infrastructure.
- 5.4 Mr Deal noted that there were various options to consider before the site was reopened, but it could serve to replace some production at Finningley Quarry (Doncaster) which is due to close in 2018. Cllr Dobson further stated that Girton would be the better option as there would be minimal effects on traffic movements as they would travel north.
- 5.5 Ms Bradley asked if there were to be any ecological surveys to complete before it were to reopen. Mr Hankin assured these would be reflected in the planning conditions and that Girton has become a lot more interesting of a site since it has been mothballed as it has been allowed to naturally restore.
- 5.6 Mr Gorin questioned whether there would be any archaeological works which will need to be completed and any updates. Mr Deal advised there will be final reporting

- and interim reporting completed later in the year.
- 5.7 Mr Coote updated the meeting that the fencing and gate has been replaced at the old plant site since Mr Lee trespassed earlier in the year. Cllr Dobson assured that the Council is taking a hard-line approach to help prevent this in the future.

6. Update on Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan

- 6.1 Mr Hankin gave an update that an examination date is expected between the 27th June and the 5th July.
- 6.2 There is no additional allocation for Girton.
- 6.3 There is a northern and southern allocation for Besthorpe. There has been a request from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust for additional information regarding restoration and ecological emphasis.
- 6.4 Mr Hankin advised that he is anticipating the Inspectors Report in November or December this year. It is hoped that there will be an adopted plan for early 2018.
- 6.5 Mr Deal asked if the details of the examination and inspectorate was public knowledge. Mr Hankin advised it has been distributed and will update Tarmac of the information. Cllr Dobson was concerned that Tarmac had not been notified and noted that Coddington should not be allocated until the traffic issues in Collingham were sorted.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 Mr Bendall asked for further clarification concerning the weight restriction which was to be temporarily implemented on the A1133 and how this would affect Besthorpe hauliers as they will need to travel within the time limit. Cllr Dobson assured that Tarmac were exempt from the restriction as they were a business in the area.
- 7.2 Ms Bradley suggested a meeting and site visit when the S106 was signed for Besthorpe to discuss enhancements of habitats which can be made on site. Mr Coote replied that this will have to be done sooner rather than later as Tarmac would have to work within the agreed plans and company budgets.
- 7.3 Mr Hindmarsh asked if Tarmac would help to maintain North Croft Lane. Mr Coote offered for a strimmer to cut the verges.
- 7.4 Mr Deal updated the meeting that Tarmac are at the early stages of completing a scoping document for the Besthorpe Eastern Extension, which should be ready for Septembers meeting. Cllr Dobson suggested a pre-meeting with Mr Hankin and the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust to discuss the document. Mr Deal noted that the Wildlife Trust and the Community have previously suggested more land areas than water bodies but it was appreciated the landowners would also have views to take account of.
- 7.5 Cllr Dobson thanked the members of meeting for all of their efforts over the years and how well every member has worked together, as she is unsure as to whether she will be attending the next meeting as her four year term is coming to an end. However, Cllr Dobson is standing for re-election.
- 7.6 All meeting members thanked Mr and Mrs Gorin for hosting the meeting in such short circumstances.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 2pm at Trinity Hall, Besthorpe Village.