



**BESTHORPE & GIRTON QUARRIES
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
20th March 2019**

ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council
Mr John Bradshaw - Planning Manager, Tarmac
Mr Ashley Gillard – Quarry Manager, Tarmac
Mr A Hindmarsh –Collingham Resident/ Notts Wildlife Trust
Mr S Lee – Girton Parish Council
Ms J Bradley – Notts Wildlife Trust
Cllr R Scott – Collingham Parish Council
Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council

APOLOGIES

Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac
Mr S Gorin – Besthorpe Meeting
Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Notts County Council

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves. John Bradshaw has taken over as Planning Manager from Tim Deal.
- 1.3 Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- 2.1 No matters arising

3. Company Update on Besthorpe Quarry - Operations

- 3.1 Mr Gillard advised that production and sales had been a little slower than forecasted with an expectation for an increase towards late Q3 / early Q4 2019
There are 4 permanent staff employed
- 3.2 There had been no issues with HGV movements.

4 Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Planning / Restoration Matters

- 4.1 Mr Bradshaw advised that David Park (Restoration Manager, Tarmac) would be taking over management of restoration at Besthorpe from Andy McIntosh
- 4.2 Mr Hindmarsh requested an update regarding the restoration plan.
- 4.3 Cllr Dobson suggested a meeting between Mr Hankin (NCC) and Tarmac to discuss restoration plans would be helpful.

5 Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Eastern Extension Planning Proposal

- 5.1 Mr Hankin submitted his planning update by email prior to the meeting which was reviewed as follows
- Besthorpe Quarry has planning permission for minerals extraction until the end of 2022
 - The Council has received no complaints regarding the operation of the quarry over the last 12 months
 - The last monitoring visit was undertaken in November 2018 and identified that the site is operating in compliance with its planning permissions and planning conditions
 - It is anticipated that Tarmac will shortly be submitting a report of their archaeological fieldwork associated with the recent soil stripping operations under the obligations imposed within the planning permission.

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

- 6.1 Nobody from Tarmac with operational responsibility for Girton was available to provide an update.
- 6.2 Mr Bradshaw agreed to set up a meeting with Mr Hankin to consider planning compliance matters at Girton Quarry
- 6.3 Cllr Dobson asked for Tarmac to consider contributing resources for flood defences at Girton Quarry

7 Update on Girton Quarry Planning – Extension of time application

- 7.1 Mr Bradshaw stated that the section 106 Agreement is largely agreed and waiting for the land owners to agree the document
- 7.2 Mr Hankin submitted his planning update by email prior to the meeting which was reviewed as follows
- The existing planning permission at Girton Quarry for minerals extraction expired on 31st August 2016
 - Planning permission has been sought by Tarmac to extend the operational life of the quarry until 2035. The Council support this application subject to Tarmac entering into a Section 106 legal agreement to control lorry routing and the reporting of archaeological reporting
 - The Section 106 has not been completed and therefore planning permission for the extended life of Girton Quarry has not been formally issued. The council understand Tarmac are currently in dialogue with landowners who are required to sign up to the Section 106 agreement.
 - The council has received no complaints regarding the operation of the quarry over the last 12 months.
 - The last monitoring visit made by the Council was carried out in January 2019. Concerns were raised by the Council that the Section 106 legal agreements have not been signed and therefore site activities at Girton are not compliant with the planning permission for the site

8 Update on Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan

- 8.1 Mr Hankin submitted his Minerals Local Plan update by email prior to the meeting which was reviewed as follows
- A copy of the Proposals Map from the published Draft Minerals Local Plan showing-
 - A proposed allocation for sand and gravel extraction to the North of the existing Langford Quarry
 - An allocation to the South and West of Langford Quarry. This land was granted planning permission for sand and gravel extraction in September 2018 and is now in production
 - The draft plan does not allocate any extensions at Besthorpe and Girton Quarries
 - Feedback on the plan consultation is now being analysed and will inform the ongoing development and preparation of the Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft Document. The intention is to publish this plan and undertake consultation in September 2019.
 - The Submission Draft Plan is likely to include a series of modifications following the consultation responses received in connection with the draft plan. These consultation responses include a request from Tarmac to reconsider the decision not to allocate a Western extension at Besthorpe Quarry

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 Ms Bradley requested that the land transfer agreement between Tarmac and NWT for the old silt lagoon at Besthorpe needs to be agreed. Mr Bradshaw is to Speak to Mr Deal regarding this.
- 9.2 Mr Hindmarsh highlighted that signage and access stiles along the footpaths at Besthorpe are not meeting an expected standard. Cllr Dobson suggested contacting Neil Lewis (public rights of way officer) regarding this matter
- 9.3 Mr Hindmarsh suggested that a piece of land adjacent to the quarry entrance at Besthorpe could be used as a parking area for users of the nature reserve in the longer term.
- 9.4 Mr Hindmarsh highlighted a problem at Besthorpe nature reserve with members of the public misusing drugs in and around the area.
- 9.5 Mr Gillard reported that Besthorpe Quarry had suffered a break in on 9th March which resulted in the theft of 2x fork lift trucks from the 3rd party bagging plant located on the site. Whilst attending the break in Mr Gillard encountered a car parked at the site gateway containing four young males who he suspected had been misusing drugs on Northcroft Lane. It was suspected that these could be the same people who Mr Hindmarsh had previously discussed. Mr Gillard is to email the details of the vehicle to Cllr Dobson

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 2pm at Trinity Hall, Besthorpe Village.