



**BESTHORPE & GIRTON QUARRIES
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
2nd October 2019**

ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council
Mr John Bradshaw –
Planning Manager, Tarmac
Mr Ashley Gillard – Quarry Manager, Tarmac
Mr Joshua Mason –
Production Manager, Tarmac
Mr A Hindmarsh –
Collingham Resident/ Notts Wildlife Trust
Mrs R Scott –
Representing Collingham Parish Council
Mr S Gorin – Chair Besthorpe Parish
Mr M Hankin –
Planning Officer, Notts County Council

APOLOGIES

Mr S Lee – Girton Parish Council
Ms J Bradley – Notts Wildlife Trust
Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves. Joshua Mason has taken over as Production Manager from Dave Coote.
- 1.3 Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- 2.1 Mr Gillard advised that a meeting is being held between Tarmac, Notts County Council and Notts Wildlife Trust at Besthorpe Quarry on 3rd October to discuss restoration matters.
- 2.2 Mr Bradshaw explained his role and responsibilities
- 2.3 Mr Hankin explained that David Park would now be responsible for restoration matters, who is already familiar with Besthorpe.
- 2.4 Cllr Dobson requested that David Park be invited to attend liaison meetings. Mr Bradshaw explained this may be difficult due to his base location. Mr Gillard will invite David Park to attend future meetings.

3. Company Update on Besthorpe Quarry - Operations

- 3.1 Mr Gillard advised that production and sales had increased in quarter three, but were still a little lower than anticipated
- 3.2 Mr Gillard advised that there are 4 permanent staff employed
- 3.3 Mr Gillard advised that there had been no issues with HGV movements.
- 3.4 Mr Gillard advised that dewatering of the former phase 4 to the south of the site was underway.
- 3.5 Cllr Dobson and Mr Hindmarsh expressed concern over water levels in local drains, particularly The Fleet. Cllr Dobson noted that some respite in rainfall is expected which should ease the situation

4 Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Planning / Restoration Matters

- 4.1 Mr Gillard described the restoration which has taken place in the former phase 7 workings in the Northern part of the site.
- 4.2 Mr Gillard explained that there were still two soil stores near the former silt lagoon to be placed to form the restoration along the southern edge the former phase 7. This had not been completed for ecological reasons. Mr Gillard said that a plan has been made in consultation with county council ecologist Nick Crouch regarding vegetation clearance on the soil storage bunds.
- 4.3 Mr Hindmarsh asked if it would be possible to consider lowering the level of the footpaths which cross the site. Mr Hankin said it would be looked at as part of the upcoming restoration meeting at site.

5 Update on Besthorpe Quarry – Eastern Extension Planning Proposal

- 5.1 Mr Bradshaw stated that Tarmac intends to submit a planning application for the Eastern extension in mid to late October
- 5.2 Mr Bradshaw said that Tarmac were proposing a leaflet drop outlining the proposals to 200 properties in Besthorpe and North Collingham; rather than a public presentation due to poor turnout to previous presentations.
- 5.3 Mr Gorin did not expect there to be any issues raised by residents of Besthorpe village as the only issues experienced previously were during the initial construction of the process plant.
- 5.4 Cllr Dobson felt a public presentation would be useful in conjunction with the leaflet drop as inaccurate information may be spread via social media to those residents who hadn't received a leaflet.
- 5.5 Mr Bradshaw said that Tarmac had made a "microsite" on its website with details of the proposals for those who won't receive a leaflet.
- 5.6 Mr Bradshaw will reconsider the matter of a public presentation.
- 5.7 Mrs Scott took the opportunity to thank Tarmac for the financial assistance given to local projects.
- 5.8 Cllr Dobson echoed Mrs Scott's comments and added that Tarmac's support in future projects would be vital

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

- 6.1 Mr Bradshaw stated that Girton quarry, although inactive, remains an important strategic reserve which could be brought online in the event of a market upturn.
- 6.2 Mr Bradshaw said there had been little change at Girton. The planning application requires a section 106 agreement to be completed.
- 6.3 Mr Hankin stated that planning had expired in 2016 and the section 106 agreement that is needed is out for engrossment. This will hopefully be complete by the end of October.
- 6.4 Mr Hankin said that the operational life of Girton Quarry could be extended until 2035
- 6.5 Mr Hankin stated that after a period of 3 years' inactivity there is a requirement to clear the process plant.
- 6.6 Cllr Dobson asked what benefits Girton quarry brings in respect of flood prevention
- 6.7 Mr Hankin said that when Girton is running, it would provide materials for flood prevention
- 6.8 Cllr Dobson said she would like to see flood defences moving forward

7 Update on Girton Quarry Planning – Extension of time application

- 7.1 It was agreed that all aspects had been addressed in section 6

8 Update on Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan

- 8.1 Mr Hankin said that the Minerals Local Plan is out for consultation until 11th October
- 8.2 Mr Hankin said the plan makes the following provisions
- Existing reserves
 - Besthorpe – 0.5Mt
 - Girton – 3.5Mt
 - Langford – 5Mt
 - Extensions
 - Besthorpe – 3.3Mt
 - Langford North – 4.7Mt
- 8.3 Mr Hankin said that the new plan will run 2020 to 2035 and will be subject to reviews in that period.
- 8.4 Cllr Dobson asked if there had been many objections to the proposed plan, Mr Hankin said there had been a few but none regarding to Girton or Besthorpe.
- 8.5 Cllr Dobson and Mrs Scott suggested it might be a good idea to begin tree planting before applying for planning to give the trees time to become established before working mineral.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 Cllr Dobson invited Mr Mason for a walk around of the sites
- 9.2 Mr Hindmarsh discussed the Trent Vale Trail project and its importance to the local communities. Mr Hindmarsh was wondering about a car park being provided in the longer term for users of the trail. Mr Gillard said he would make enquiries with David Park during the upcoming on-site restoration meeting.
- 9.3 Mr Bradshaw asked for Tarmac's contribution to the Trent Vale Trail project to be highlighted. All parties involved in the project thanked Tarmac.
- 9.4 Mr Hindmarsh raised the issue of fly grazing. Mr Gillard said this has been an ongoing problem over several years and he was making his best endeavours with the owner of the horses to get them removed. It was noted that there has been a reduction in the number of horses recently, with a plan in place to fence off the point of entry when all horses are removed.
- 9.5 Cllr Dobson highlighted that there had previously been an agreement for Besthorpe quarry to supply sand to Girton for the residents to fill sandbags in the event of flooding and asked Mr Mason if this agreement was still in place. Mr Mason confirmed that this was still the case and Mr Gillard should be contacted to make the arrangements when necessary.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 2pm at Trinity Hall, Besthorpe Village.

Notes taken by Mr Gillard