

**BESTHORPE QUARRY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
15th SEPTEMBER 2015**

ATTENDEES

Mr T Deal – Estate Manager Tarmac
Cllr M Dobson – Notts County Council
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer Notts CC
Mr S Gorin – Besthorpe Parish
Mrs V Wright – Collingham Parish Council
Mr R Hindmarsh – Collingham Resident
Mr C Kennedy – Notts Wildlife Trust

APOLOGIES

Mr D Coote – Tarmac Production Manager

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Mr Deal confirmed that the sale of Lafarge Tarmac had been completed to CRH (Cement & Roadstone Holdings Ltd) as expected. As from 1st August 2015 the company are now trading as “Tarmac”. CRH are an Irish based company, with major cement and aggregates operations in 34 countries around the world employing around 80,000 staff. There should be no change to business at local level, although there is a new name and corporate re branding.

3. Company progress Report

- 3.1 Mr Deal advised that extraction was still taking place in phase 7 to the west of the plant site. Mineral is campaign dug by contractors over a few months at a time to create an as raised stock pile which is shovel fed into the processing plant. This is a practical way of efficient production for relatively small production plants. The company are only processing what is required for sales
- 3.2 Output for 2015 is likely to be similar to 2014 (circa 120,000 tonnes). The on site bagging plant is operating steadily and traffic management is being adhered to.
- 3.3 The river barge facility remains dormant, but Tarmac are intending to keep it so that it is ready to operate in the future.
- 3.4 Tarmac have taken action to recently ban one haulier who has ignored warnings about taking back road routes from the quarry to the A46 Lincoln ring road.
- 3.5 The quarry has not received any complaints and operations are generally working well.
- 3.6 Mr Gorin commented that since the quarry access had been moved onto the main road , some 25 years ago, there have not been any real operational problems with he quarry.

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) were still to be determined. Further details were

- submitted to the County Council on 13th August 2015.
- 4.2 Mr Hankin confirmed there were no real issues with the applications, which extend the operating date by 8 years through to December 2022. The applications should be presented to the Council's planning & licensing sub-committee in November. A new permission will require new conditions.
- 4.3 There will be a possible need for a S106 planning agreement to repeat the existing provisions, but in the meantime, the quarry continues to operate under the existing planning conditions

5. Footpaths

- 5.1 Mr Kennedy confirmed that the Trust's "Making Tracks" project was bringing forward the new disabled / mobility scooter friendly radar gates to improve ease of access from the Trent Lane car park. This will be a well received improvement.
- 5.2 Mr Hindmarsh confirmed there is still local desire to have a circular footpath route through creating a new path in the field east of The Heronry. It's a long term aspiration.
- 5.3 Mr Deal confirmed the field was owned by the Oates family and their agreement will be necessary to bring it forward on a good will basis as there is no obligation to create the path. Mr Deal will contact the owners agent to see if they would be willing to consider creating a permissive path (on the basis that the land is included in the draft Mineral Local Plan as a proposed allocation). Cllr Dobson will then follow up with discussions at a local level.
- 5.4 Cllr Dobson asked if there were opportunities to provide greater linkage through to Langford/ RSPB reserve. Mr Deal thought that was possible as part of a long term strategy for the northern extension for Langford (currently the proposed Besthorpe South mineral plan allocation). Consideration will be given to be able to bring forward permissive linking paths.
- 5.5 Mr Gorin mentioned that the claim for an historic footpath following the line of The Fleet was being formally considered by an inspector. There is not a great deal of evidence for it.

6. Restoration Update

- 6.1 Mr Deal advised the active silt lagoon at the quarry would be looked at to ensure silt levels do not rise too high. Silt disposal will be transferred to the area south of the wharf conveyor. Water balance is an important part of the restoration design.
- 6.2 Mr Hindmarsh noted that there is a general increase in the number of people using the local footpath networks around the quarry site.
- 6.3 Mr Kennedy advised that the Canal & River Trust were assessing the idea of discharging river dredging into the edge of the Mons Pool area to the east of The Heronry. The material should be exempt from waste licencing. Mr Hankin thought that planning permission might be required, but if the scheme delivers benefits there should not be major policy difficulties.

7. Mineral Local Plan Update

- 7.1 Cllr Dobson advised that the report to Notts CC committee has been deferred from September with a target for presentation to the NCC Environment Committee on 19th Nov and NCC Full Committee on 26th Nov. Those dates could be extended if members wished to take more time to consider the proposed allocations, including making site visits.
- 7.2 Cllr Dobson commented that there are very good examples of mineral workings

generating high quality habitats and afteruse and those aspects should be seen positively. The industry has mostly established good site management band traffic routing controls, which need to be considered.

8. AOB

- 8.1 Mr Hindmarsh advised that the over hanging trees along Northcrift Lane could do with some cutting back. Mr Deal confirmed that Tarmac would arrange for some work to be undertaken over the coming winter.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 2016 . 2pm at the Trinity Hall, Besthorpe
Tarmac to arrange (including a request for the heating to be turned on)

Notes taken by T Deal