

MINUTES of a meeting of the ACRE LANE, SHARDLOW, SAND AND GRAVEL LIAISON COMMITTEE held at SHARDLOW QUARRY OFFICE ON 22nd September 2015

PRESENT

Representing Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Rob Davison and Mr Kevin Finn

Representing Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Mr Richard Spowage

Representing Hanson Aggregates

Messrs Paul Lagram, Rob Little, Brian Shaw and David Southgate

Representing SAVE (Save Aston Village Environment)

Mr Chris Sellek

Representing Severn Trent Water

Mr Ben Young

Representing South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Peter Watson

Representing Weston-on-Trent Parish Council

Councillors Martin Bowles and Ed Green

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Nancy Hawksworth (Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council), Messrs David Arnold and David Hamson (Derbyshire County Council) and Mr Bob Woodbridge (Hanson Aggregates).

Councillor Rob Davison (in the Chair)

13/15 SITE VISIT PRIOR TO MEETING Members of the Liaison Committee undertook a site visit to view developments since the last meeting in April 2015.

14/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST **RESOLVED** to note that no Members had any Declarations of Interest

15/15 MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Liaison Committee held on 23rd September 2014 be approved as a correct record, subject to two amendments requested by the Chair, as follows:

- The penultimate sentence of the second paragraph of Minute 10/15 should read “Mr Sellek outlined the desire for full local consultation and involvement in Witches Oak Water but indicated that he would be happy with an annual guided walk as suggested by Mr Spowage; other members felt this was insufficient and that this should be several times per year.”
- Minute 12/15 should read “The date of the next meeting was agreed as 22nd September 2015”

16/15 PROGRESS REPORT BY HANSON AGGREGATES

Mr Lagram advised that the quarry had reopened with both extraction and processing at the end of April 2015, and that production and sales are going well. There has been no issue so far with flooding. Restoration is also progressing at good pace, due to high volumes of imported inert waste; some PFA has also been imported, but volumes have dropped recently.

Mr Shaw updated the meeting on progress with the planning permission and S106 Agreement for the Weston Extension, which now incorporates revised phasing plans for clarification. What is hoped to be the final draft version has been received by Hanson’s Solicitor from the County Council, and completion should take place shortly.

17.15 COMMENTS OF DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr Finn had nothing to add on the Shardlow Weston Extension, but updated the meeting on the emerging Minerals Local Plan. New papers will be sent to the Parish Councils regarding assessment of proposed sites – 10 have been put forward by the industry. Comments on the methodology for assessment would be welcomed. It is estimated that the draft plan will be published in spring/summer 2016.

18/15 COMMENTS OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

None

19/15 COMMENTS OF THE PARISH COUNCILS

Aston – None

Shardlow and Great Wilne – None

Weston-on-Trent – Further information on the situation Fine George’s Bridge / Scotch Bridge was requested from the Company by Mr Green. Mr Shaw advised that ownership of the bridge, notwithstanding that it sits in Hanson’s Registered Title, is not entirely clear. Future use of the bridge – and hence the standard of restoration – is partly dependant on working of Weston Extension and how the land is managed in future, i.e. whether an independent access to the

land west of the bridge is required. This will become clear in due course but cannot be confirmed as yet. He advised that contact is being maintained with Canal & River Trust.

Mr Bowles asked if it was possible to revise the fencing arrangements and open the bridge for pedestrian use, but Mr Lagram and Mr Shaw felt that this could not be done safely, in particular due to past experiences of damage done to the fencing, and relocation of the concrete blocks.

The Company was asked if it could assist with the problem of trials bikes in Long Walk Wood. It was agreed to consider this, but it is difficult to prevent access by motorcycles without preventing pedestrian access also. Mr Young suggested involvement of the Police through a local PCSO would assist, in particular if the offenders were taking the bikes on the public highway.

It was also reported that Kings Mill Lane is suffering from severe potholes in places and the Company was asked if it could provide material to infill. Again this will be considered.

20/15 COMMENTS OF SAVE

Mr Sellek asked if the caravans off Acre Lane are still occupied, and Mr Lagram confirmed that there are currently three caravans on the site, with two people living there.

21/15 COMMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

None

22/15 WITCHES OAK WATER

Completion of the legal agreement between Severn Trent Water ("STW") and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust ("DWT") is currently being held up while land boundary issues are resolved, but in the meantime DWT is acting as a contractor to STW and invoicing for works carried out.

Mr Spowage advised that one community walk has taken place since the last meeting, and that university students have been assisting with maintenance.

Mr Spowage updated the meeting on various issues/tasks:

- It is proposed to get a tractor onto site to mow paths
- Two water gauges are on site, but water levels are a problem as - although pipes were installed for maintenance and/or draining - levels are reliant on outflow. Advice is being taken from Carlos Abrahams who was involved with the original scheme.
- It is proposed to develop a volunteer group, including how to gain safe access during quarry working hours.
- A management plan is in preparation which optimistically may be available in 2-3 months.

23/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Finn informed the meeting that he is now working part time, heading towards retirement, and that this may have been his last Liaison Meeting. Best wishes from Mr Finn were reciprocated.

24/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at Shardlow Quarry.

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