# MERIDEN
# LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
# 22nd Jan 2018

**ATTENDEES**

Cllr David Bell (Solihull MBC)
Cllr Rosie Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Barbara Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Cllr Mike Blomer (Hampton Parish Council)
Mrs Lynn Parker (Meriden residents)
Mrs Mollie Bartlett (Hampton residents)
Mr Phil Varley (Environment Agency)
Mr Malcolm Green (A&A)
Mr Paul Quance (Colemans)
Mr Wayne Wardell (NRS)
Mr David Wigfield (Solihull planning)
Mr Nick Parry (Berkswell)
Mr Andy Barber (Cemex)
Mr Adrian Bunyard (Tarmac)
Mr Nick Atkins (Tarmac)

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Davinder Cholan (Solihull highways)
Mr Shaun Denny (Cemex)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Ms Hannah Moxon (Harworth Estates)
Mr Ian Cresswell (Silvertree)

## 1. Introductions

1.1 Cllr Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th Sept 2017 were approved.

## 3. Site reports

3.1 **Tarmac**

Adrian (Ade) Bunyard advised that Kevin Jones had decided to leave the company and until a new manager is appointed, Ade would be the main point of contact. The site produced just under 190kt in 2017, with similar volumes currently predicted for 2018

There have been no accidents or incidents or trespass issues since the last meeting.

Nick Atkins advised that the company was progressing the preparation of a planning application for an extension of the quarry on to the land fronting Cornetts End Lane owned by Berkswell Estate. Barbara Bland asked whether this would result in increased outputs and more HGV traffic. Nick confirmed that this was not the case; rather it was about maximising the life of the quarry. Barbara asked whether this presented an opportunity to secure improved planning conditions? Dave Wigfield advised that he could not pre-judge the application, but would ensure that the Parish Council are consulted. Nick Atkins confirmed that there would be a public consultation exercise as part of the application process.

3.2 **NRS**
Wayne Wardell confirmed that the wheelwash had been increased in size by some 33% and a new road sweeper and driver were permanently based at the site. Barbara Bland commented that it had been relatively quiet on complaints, so hopefully the sweeper and wheelwash improvements were having the desired effect.

3.3 **Colemans**
Paul Quance introduced Malcolm Hurst who would be attending the liaison meetings in future. He advised that the site remained relatively quiet and there had been no changes since the last meeting.

3.4 **A&A Recycling**
Malcolm Green advised that stocks had reduced from around 11kt to 4kt, in line with seasonal trading. Barbara Bland thanked Malcolm for the response to addressing litter issues.

3.5 **Breedon**
No Report – Nick Atkins advised that subject to Competition and Markets Authority approval, an asset swap is anticipated later this year, which will see the Breedon plant come back to Tarmac.

3.6 **TBP**
Nick Atkins advised that the planning permission to extend the life of the plant to be co-terminous with the exhaustion of mineral extraction had been approved.

3.7 **Silvertree**
Post meeting, Ian Cresswell contacted the secretary to advise for being delayed and provided the following summary.... 'the facility is behind schedule because of manufacturing issues. The building of the plant will continue and could be commissioned in the summer'.

3.8 **Cemex**
Andy Barber advised that there were no operational changes. Planning approval has been granted for the replacement processing plant. Barbara Bland asked if this would result in increased traffic. Andy confirmed there was no intention to increase outputs.

Andy raised major concern at the state of the highway immediately outside the quarry entrance, with potholes and pooling water. Dave Wigfield agreed to take this matter to highways colleagues.

**ACTION – Dave Wigfield / Davinder Cholan**

## 4. Planning

4.1 Dave Wigfield confirmed that there had been no new applications, no complaints or enforcement action since the last meeting.

A query had been received regarding operations being undertaken outside of approved operating hours, but it was not clear which operation the query related to.

## 5. Highways

5.1 No Report

Barbara Bland asked whether anyone had an update on the proposed Fillongley Road closure. Nick Advised that he had received an email from David Hanger to say that options were currently being reviewed.

## 6. Environment Agency

6.1 Phil Varney advised that no permit applications / variations had been receivednor had any direct complaints been received. .

6.2 Rosie Weaver raised the recent dust report that had been commissioned by Harworth. Nick Atkins apologies that there had been a communication error on site which resulted in the Tarmac quarry operation not been included in the review.

6.3 Tarmac are to undertake boundary dust monitoring in the near future in accordance with their planning obligations.

## 7. Landowners

7.1 **Berkswell**

Nick Parry advised that the Estate is very willing to support discussions with Highways to see an improvement to Cornetts End Lane.

The footpath diversion through Cemex land has finally been completed. Rosie Weaver asked whether the path will be reinstated along its original line? Nick confirmed it would.

## 8. Meriden Parish Council

8.1 Barbara Bland advised that the dust report prepared on behalf of Harworth is an excellent start to understanding the sources of dust, but does not allay any anxieties. There needs to be some thought given on how to take the matter forward.

## 9. Hampton Parish Council

9.1 No issues

## 10. Resident Representatives

10.1 No issues

## 11. Any other Business

11.1 Wayne Wardell advised that as part of the completion of the Slinkett fields, a number of sand martin nesting boxes had been installed.

11.2 Barbara Bland advised that residents were asking for confirmation of the final restoration contours and the landscape design for area G. Wayne is to produce a brief report for the parish magazine.

**ACTION – Wayne Wardell**

## 12. Date of next Meeting

12.1 Dates of next meetings 5th March; 4th June; 10th Sept; 10th Dec; all at 2pm at The Pavillion, Meriden

**ACTION – all to note dates**