Minutes of the Meriden Site Liaison Meeting held on 9th June 2014 @ 14:00
The Pavilion, Meriden

Present

Cllr R. Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)

Mrs B. Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs M. Bartlett (Hampton in Arden Residents representative)
Mrs G. Lewis (Hampton in Arden Parish Council)
Mrs L. Parker (Meriden Residents representative)
Mr D. Wigfield (MPA) (Solihull MBC)
Environment Agency
Mr N. Barlow (Packington Estate)
Ms H. Moxon (Harworth Estates) Mr C. Warren (Harworth Estates)
Mr M. Ketcher (NRS)
Mr P. Perryman (NRS)
Mr Malcolm Green (A and A Recycling)
Mr M. Gale (Lafarge Tarmac)
Mr N. Atkins (Lafarge Tarmac)

Apologies Cllr D. Bell (Chair) (Solihull MBC) Mr N. Pearson (TBP)
Mr D. Watson (Hope)
Mr R. Fordham (Hope)
Mr J. Howard (Colemans)
Mr W. Davies (Lafarge Tarmac)
Mr B. Brant (Meriden ward neighbourhood coordinator)
Mr Phil Tomkinson (Highways) (Solihull MBC)

1.	**Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2014 were approved. The minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 3rd April 2014 were approved subject to the following amendments; 1. Cllr M Lees should read Cllr M Lee 2. Cllr P Lee was present at the meeting 3. At the penultimate paragraph, Mrs Lees should read Cllr M Lee.	
2.	**Matters Arising** None (all actions are covered below)	

3.	**Site Reports** **I. <u>Lafarge Tarmac</u>** • Mike Gale advised that sales volumes were slightly reduced due primarily to stock availability resulting from production issues. • Area E extraction is now complete and infilling being progressed by NRS • Now completing extraction in area H, with 6-8 weeks remaining mineral. • Preliminary works being undertaken to allow mineral extraction to commence in August, including archaeology, soil stripping and installation of conveyor. • Mr Gale circulated a copy of the highways monitoring report undertaken by LafargeTarmac. (copy attached). He is working with Pete Perryman in order to produce a combined report for future meetings. **II. <u>NRS</u>** • Pete Perryman and Mark Ketcher confirmed that operations were continuing in area E with another c. 4-5 months months remaining, before moving in to area G. • Lynn Parker asked whether area G could be filled via the conveyor that had been used to take sand out. Mark Ketcher explained that due to the nature of the incoming waste material, it is not suitable to put on a conveyor. **III. <u>Colemans</u>** • No report **IV. <u>A and A Recycling</u>** • Malcolm Green apologised for any inconvenience arising from the recent fire. The company has lost in the region of £1m worth of plant and equipment, as well as stocks of unprocessed wood. They are now in recovery mode, with reduced imports for another c. 4 weeks. • Barbara Bland raised a number of questions from the Parish Council; o are there any restrictions on total volumes held on site? ▪ Yes – the permit allows up to 10,000 tonnes. There were c. 8,000 tonnes at the time of the fire. o What is the height of the stockpiles? ▪ 10m as per planning conditions o Were the fire brigade aware of the change of use to include stockpiles of wood and was there an emergency plan for the site? ▪ The fire brigade undertook a risk assessment prior to the commencement of the operation at the request of the EA and the company. The brigade deemed the operation a low risk activity.	MG/PP

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	• Malcolm Green advised that a reassessment of the risk assessment is to take place later this month with the EA and the fire brigade. • Barbara asked whether there were any 'learns' from the event? Malcolm suggested that water management needs reviewing, but did not want to pre-empt the outcome to the risk assessment review. • Lynn Parker asked for clarification on whether the operation was run under an exemption or permit? Malcolm Green and Eddie Osondu confirmed that the operation was fully permitted. • Lynn Parker asked who set the restrictions for storage volumes and stockpile heights? Malclom Green confirmed that it was the EA and planning dept. respectively. • The neighbouring Jack Moody operation was questioned in terms of whether it operated under a permit or exemption and why it had no restriction on stockpile heights? Eddie Osondu advised that he did not look after that operation and was unsure as to how it was controlled. Dave Wigfield advised that planning conditions are set based on what is perceived to be required at the time of the application. • Lynn Parker expressed concern at the permitted height of the stockpiles. Malcolm Green advised that due to the size of the timbers, a lot of the stockpile is actually fresh air. • Barbara Bland advised that there had been several complaints from older residents suffering with asthma and breathing difficulties resulting from the smoke. Nick Atkins advised that one of the reasons for allowing a controlled burn rather than adding more water was to reduce the amount of smoke. Eddie Osondu mentioned that people can always ring the EA incident hotline to report incidents – he is to circulate contact details. • Lynne Parker asked about the screening bund. Mark Ketcher confirmed that this is currently being constructed and will be 10m high and will screen views from Berksfield Road. • Rosie Weaver thanked Malcolm for letting the Parish Council know what was going on, but asked how major events are publicised. It was suggested that a site wide emergency response plan, to include communications, should be considered. All operators to review. **V. <u>T.B.P</u>** • Nick Atkins confirmed that TBP had been acquired by Lafarge Tarmac, however the company would continue to run as a separate entity. **VI. <u>Hope</u>** • No report.	EO MG/MG/ PP/JH/

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4.	**Officers Reports** **I. <u>MPA</u>** • Dave Wigfield advised that there had been no new applications	

	submitted. The two applications relating to Area G are currently being considered. Highways have asked for additional detail, which is currently being prepared for submission. **II. Highways** mkinson and Bruce Brant had both sent apologies, but asked carry out on to Cornets End Lane be reviewed, and ation as road sweeping and wheel washes are in use. Mike Gale ied that every vehicle leaving the quarry passes through the clarific vash and a road sweeper is on contract. o Pete Perryman confirmed that NRS's roadsweeper is available for 99% of the time. He advised that there would be a significant reduction in vehicle movements once they move to area G. o Colemans – confirmation required. **III. <u>EA</u>** Confirmed that the fire had been the main issue, the cause of which is unknown, but arson cannot be ruled out. He advised that security was an issue and asked Harworth Estates whether there was to be a review of security. Hannah Moxon confirmed that some fence damage is to be repaired. She will pick up with Gary Owens regarding the proposals he was working on for increased CCTV	JH HM
5.	**Meriden Parish Council** • Barbara Bland recorded her thanks to Malcolm Green for his communication on the day following the fire – it was helpful in that they could answer queries from local residents. • Barbara Bland recorded her thanks to Bob Williams and NRS for the level of involvement the Parish Council have had with the area G planning applications.	

6.	**Hampton in Arden Parish Council** • Gill Lewis asked whether Cllr Bell had managed to make contact with Cemex to see if they would be prepared to join the committee. Nick Atkins advised that he was not aware.	Cllr Bell
7.	**Local Residents** • Mollie Bartlett advised that number plates are often too dirty to read when trying to record hauliers using restricted routes. • Mollie Bartlett asked that the vehicle monitoring record had a further column confirming the outcome of any vehicles identified. • Mollie Bartlett asked whether we were aware of a vehicle reporting damage – apparently a wall in the village was hit by a truckmixer, but failed to stop. She is to send more details to Nick Atkins for	MB
	investigation.	
8.	**Any Other Business** • none	
9.	**Date of next meeting** 15th Sept @ 14:00 hrs 15th Dec @ 14:00 hrs	