MERIDEN
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
07th March 2016

ATTENDEES

Cllr David Bell (Solihull MBC)
Cllr Rosie Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Barbara Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Gill Lewis (Hampton Parish Council)
Mrs Lynn Parker (Meriden residents)
Mrs Mollie Bartlett (Hampton residents)
Mr David Wigfield (Solihull planning)
Mr Davinder Chohan (Solihull highways)
Mr Wayne Wardell (NRS)
Mr Malcolm Green (A&A)
Ms Hannah Moxon (Harworth Estates)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Mr Tony Wehby (Beechwood Recycling)
Mr Andy Barber (Cemex)
Mr Nick Pearson (TBP)
Mr Dave Watson (Hope)
Mr Simon Parkes (Tarmac)
Mr Nick Atkins (Tarmac)

APOLOGIES

Mr Paul Tovey (Solihull highways)
Mr Shaun Denny (Cemex)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Mr Nick Parry (Berkswell)

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 14th Dec 2015 were approved.

3. Site reports

3.1 **Tarmac**

Simon Parkes confirmed volumes were remaining constant.
Mineral extraction was continuing in Phase 2, which is anticipated to be exhausted by end October 2016. Operations will then move to phase 3.
Pumping of water out of area G had recommenced.

3.2 **NRS**

Wayne Wardell confirmed the Tarmac pump was having a positive effect and water levels had reduced by 6” in the last 2 days.
Volumes remained fairly constant.

3.3 **Colemans**

No report / no apologies

3.4 **A&A Recycling**

Malcolm Green advised that site throughput remained steady.
A planning application had been submitted for additional welfare facilities. Barbara

Bland advised that the Parish Council had not initially received notification of the application. Dave Wigfield explained the council system is set up to notify the Parish Council where the site entrance is located (Berkswell). It takes manual intervention to include other Councils and this was originally missed as Dave was on leave. The matter was corrected on Dave's return and the Council still had time to submit any comments.
Barbara Bland raised a query over a separate application relating to the installation of screening bunds and reed beds. Dave Wigfield explained that this was not a new application but a submission to satisfy reserved matter conditions attached to the existing planning permission. Barbara advised that the planning consultant was coming to the next Parish Council meeting to explain the proposals in greater detail.

3.5 **Hope**
Dave Watson advised that volumes were consistent for the time of year.

3.6 **TBP**
Nick Pearson advised that the operation was busy, producing c. 7-9,000 tonnes per month. It is currently operating 6am – 7pm to cope with the volumes.

3.7 **Beechwood recycling**
Tony Wehby advised that planning permission had been granted subject to a section 106 legal agreement. This agreement covered financial contributions towards the upkeep of the local road network.
The timeline is for a contractor to be appointed by mid April, with an intended start on site of mid July 2016. They are aiming to be operational by April 2017.
An application for an environmental permit is about to be submitted.
Barbara Bland asked whether a copy of the approved conditions is available. Dave Wigfield undertook to provide.

ACTION – David Wigfield

Barbara expressed concern about the level of environmental monitoring and what the environmental permit would cover. Tony agreed to meet with Barbara to go through the permit application.

ACTION – Tony Wehby

Rosie Weaver asked about the traffic impact assessment and whether consideration is given to the cumulative impact. Barbara Bland commented that too often, applications are considered in isolation and insufficient consideration is given to the cumulative impact. Dave Wigfield advised that the application was considered by his highway colleagues, who had no objections to the proposals. Barbara also commented that some vehicles were so large, they had no choice other than to mount the verge, causing damage to the verges. Davinder Chohan confirmed that the council should repair any such damage and agreed to inspect with Barbara.

ACTION – Davinder Chohan

Andy Barber confirmed that road repairs that are undertaken are of good standard and highlighted how much better Cornetts End Lane is following the resurfacing. That said, it was highlighted that there remains a drainage problem outside the entrance to the Cemex quarry. Davinder suggested that Barbara write directly to Ed Bradford at highways.

ACTION – Barbara Bland

4. Planning

4.1 Dave Wigfield confirmed that the beechwood permission has received resolution to

grant subject to a legal agreement. Apart from the A&A application for the additional welfare facilities, no other applications had been received.

4.2 No complaints have been received.

5. Highways

5.1 No further comments

6. Environment Agency

6.1 Nick explained that the EA are looking to identify someone to attend the meeting and we understand someone will be attending the June committee.

ACTION – EA representative to be encouraged to attend

7. Landowners

7.1 **Harworth**

Hannah Moxon confirmed that her colleagues were looking at the state of the internal haul road and tenants can expect to hear from them soon.

8. Meriden Parish Council

8.1 Cllr Weaver expressed thanks to Wayne Wardell for the very quick response when a HGV shed part of its load on Coronation Island.

8.2 Barbara Bland asked Davinder Chohan whether there was an update on the highway cleaning regime (action 5.1 from the previous minutes). Davinder was unsure, but undertook to check for the next meeting.

ACTION – Davinder Chohan

8.3 It was reported that Cllr Bell and Barbara Bland had received a letter from a local resident advising that there had been insufficient public consultation in respect of the Beechwood development. A response was being prepared.

8.4 Barbara Bland advised that a neighbouring resident to the NRS operation had raised a complaint regarding dust and queuing HGV's waiting for the site to open. Wayne Wardell undertook to visit the resident.

ACTION – Wayne Wardell

9. Hampton Parish Council

9.1 Gill Lewis advised that Hampton were not consulted about the Beechwood application and asked whether traffic restrictions applied? Dave Wigfield confirmed that the vehicles associated with the operation would be subject to the same restrictions as the existing operators. Gill asked how this would be enforced? Tony Wehby explained that their main incoming material will be from regular sources with the same drivers.

9.2 Gill Lewis noted that there had been no summary report on traffic monitoring. Simon Parkes and Wayne Wardell are to ensure the data is available for the next meeting.

ACTION – Simon Parkes / Wayne Wardell

10. Resident Representatives

10.1 Lynn Parker asked whether the A&A Recycling dust suppression system was now fully installed? – Malcolm confirmed it is in place.

10.2 Lynn also asked when the bund would be installed? Malcolm confirmed that a contract was in place with NRS and it would be completed this year as soon as weather conditions allow.

11. Any other Business

11.1 Cllr Weaver advised that during the recent wet weather a couple of properties had been flooded out and no sandbags were available. She wondered whether companies could donate a supply of sand bags? Wayne Wardell advised that filled sand bags do not store very well as they tend to rot. It is better to keep the bags empty and dry and have a supply of sand to fill them as needed. Wayne undertook to look in to the supply of suitable bags.

ACTION – Wayne Wardell

Nick Pearson asked about the bridge parapet where Cornetts End Lane passes over the Horn Brook, which has needed repairing for a long time. Davinder suggested Barbara add it to the list to be sent to Ed.

ACTION – Barbara Bland

12. Date of next Meeting

12.1 Dates of next meeting 6th June 2016, at 2pm at The Pavillion, Meriden

ACTION – all to note dates