MERIDEN
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
06th March 2017

ATTENDEES
Cllr Rosie Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Barbara Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Lynn Parker (Meriden residents)
Mrs Mollie Bartlett (Hampton residents)
Mr David Wigfield (Solihull planning)
Mr Ed Brown (Environment Agency)
Mr Malcolm Green (A&A)
Mr Kevin Jones (Tarmac)
Mr Paul Quance (Colemans)
Mr Nick Pearson (TBP)
Mr Jimmy Dinshaw (Breedon)
Mr Andy Barber (Cemex)
Mr Nick Parry (Berkswell)
Mr Nick Atkins (Tarmac)
Mr Carl ? (Buckingham Group)
Mr Clive Bailey (Beechwood)

APOLOGIES
Cllr David Bell (Solihull MBC)
Cllr Mike Blomer (Hampton Parish Council)
Ms Hannah Moxon (Harworth Estates)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Mr Shaun Denny (Cemex)

1. Introductions

1.1 Nick Atkins welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Ed Brown representing the Environment Agency.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2016 were approved.

2.2 (re item 3.7) Cllr Weaver reported that the piling works went on for longer than envisaged and it would of been helpful if Beechwood had informed the Parish. Clive Bailey apologised and advised that the piling rig had broken down resulting in the extended works. Beechwood are to provide a contact number to Barbara Bland so that any future complaints from residents can be raised sooner rather than later.

ACTION – Clive Bailey

2.3 (re item 11.1) Nick Atkins reported he had not heard further from Paul Tovey. Cllr weaver asked whether this piece of work was still to be undertaken as vehicle movements associated with HS2 was a major concern.

ACTION – Paul Tovey

3. Site reports

3.1 **Tarmac**

Kevin Jones introduced himself as the new quarry manager and confirmed that extraction operations were now underway in phase 3. Production volumes were remaining relatively constant at around 18 – 20k tonnes per month. The processing plant had been 'down' for the last 8 days whilst ne screens were being installed, but the site should be back in full production later this week.

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

3.2 **NRS**

No report / no apologies.

Barbara Bland advised that there was a continued issue with carry out from the site and the state of the road and footpaths in the vicinity of the site entrance. She advised that the matter was so bad that some residents were refusing to use that section of the road on to the A45, and instead coming in to the village, down Hampton Lane and up the A452

ACTION – Wayne Wardell

Barbara advised that this are of the highway was on the boundary between Solihull and Warwickshire and was a bit of no-mans land when it came to taking responsibility. It was requested that Paul Tovey clarify the extent of Solihulls responsibility and liaise with Warwickshire to identify a point of contact, with the aim of getting a site meeting with NRS to develop a strategy to address the problem.

ACTION – Paul Tovey

Cllr Weaver reported that a significant number of HGV's were using Hampton Lane to and from NRS. She had tried with limited success to get vehicle registrations. She asked whether they were running between the two sites? Malcolm Green advised that this was not the case. Cllr Weaver and Barbara Bland expressed disappointment that the hauliers seemed to flagrantly breach the traffic routing agreement and there was little enforcement from the company.

ACTION – Wayne Wardell

3.3 **Colemans**

Paul Quance introduced himself as the new point of contact from Coleman's. He confirmed that it was pretty much business as usual at the site. He has had a meeting on site with David Wigfield to review wheelwash facilities and confirmed that such facilities were present on site.

3.4 **A&A Recycling**

Malcolm Green advised that imports were low which is normal for this time of year.

He advised that the construction of the bund was on hold due to weather conditions and the area being too wet. Barbara Bland advised that complaints regarding dust emissions continued to be received. Lynn Parker stated that construction of the bund was first discussed 3 years ago and expressed frustration at the time it was taking. Malcolm explained that NRS were contracted to Harworth (rather than A&A) to complete the bund and until that was done; A&A could not complete the fencing and dust suppression spray installation. Barbara Bland asked for Harworth to increase the pressure on NRS to complete the long overdue works and for David Wigfield to review planning conditions with a view to commencing planning enforcement action. Dave Wigfield confirmed that he had spoken to NRS who had confirmed it will be

completed as soon as weather conditions allow. Barbara Bland asked that david Wigfield assist through formal planning channels as much as possible.

ACTION – Hannah Moxon and Dave Wigfield

Malcolm advised that operations were stopped during storm Doris and the following day. Some litter fencing was damaged, but has now been repaired.

3.5 **Hope**

Jimmy Dinshaw is now the point of contact for the liaison committee, with David Knowles being the site manager. He confirmed that the site was busy, with production increasing to around 2.5-3k cu.m / month currently.

3.6 **TBP**

Nick Pearson confirmed that the mortar plant was also very busy.

3.7 **Beechwood recycling**

The development remained on programme with the boiler due to be available from mid June. It is intended to commence the generation element first, with phase 2 being dependent on the development of the Solihull waste plan.

3.8 **Cemex**

Andy Barber advised that Cemex were busy. Plans have been confirmed to replace the processing plant in c. 3-4 months time.

The site suffered a theft in January with £16k worth of pumps and tanks being stolen.

Landfilling operations were due to re-commence in late Spring / early Summer.

4. Planning

4.1 Dave Wigfield advised that there were no outstanding applications at the date of the last meeting, and thus no new decisions have been issued. One new application has been received being a retrospective application by NRS for a cement storage silo on Area G.

4.2 He confirmed he had met with Paul Quance at Colemans and observed the wheelwash facilities. They discussed some surfacing to further improve conditions.

5. Highways

5.1 No report

5.2 Cllr Weaver advised that residents had been asking for a reduction in the speed limit near the NRS site which is currently at 50mph

ACTION – Paul Tovey

6. Environment Agency

6.1 Ed Brown advised that there had been increased fly tipping in the area around Christmas, however investigations had failed to identify the depositors, so it will be down to the landowners (Packington) to clear. The Agency is engaging with landowners to minimise future incidents.

6.2 Nick Atkins asked whether Ed would be the point of contact for the site on a day to day basis? Ed confirmed that the Agency is currently going through a boundary restructuring and at this point in time it is not certain as to who the point of contact will be. He undertook to advise the committee when the decision is known.

ACTION – Ed Brown

6.3 Barbara Bland asked whether the Agency undertook dust monitoring, explaining that there is consistent number of complaints regarding dust, with air quality seemingly getting worse. Ed confirmed that it is possible for the Agency to undertake monitoring, but against limited and constrained resources, such monitoring is limited to those sites where there are significant issues with a potential for formal enforcement. He suggested that residents log every complaint via the incident hotline is it is this log that can influence where EA resources are targeted. The number is 0800 807060.

Nick Pearson advised that the mortar plant is monitored daily with external annual testing. Jimmy Dinshaw confirmed the concrete plant is similarly monitored. Lynn Parker asked whether all operators did the same amount of monitoring? Nick Atkins explained that the mortar and concrete plants were slightly different in that they were industrial operations with obvious sources of emissions (stacks etc) that could be monitored, whereas open air operations including quarrying, landfill, and recycling were more reliant on visual checks. Andy Barber explained that any items of plant that were covered under an Environmental Permit would require some form of monitoring undertaken by the operator. Malcolm Green commented that neighbouring farmers produce a lot of dust which A&A were blamed for last year. Lynn Parker commented that most residents had been in the vicinity for a long time and were used to farming activity and dust emissions had historically not been a problem. Jimmy Dinshaw responded to advise that he had family knowledge of the agricultural industry which had changed significantly over the last 25 years, with much bigger machinery creating much more dust than they used to. Paul Quance suggested that the locations of complainants are mapped to see if there is a trend, which might give a better indication of the source

ACTION – Barbara Bland

7. Landowners

7.1 **Packington**

Nick Barlow had sent his apologies, but had no issues to raise

7.2 **Harworth**

Hannah Moxon had sent here apologies. In her absence, Nick Atkins reported back on the site operators meeting to discuss road sweeping on Cornets End Lane. He confirmed that each operator was responsible for sweeping on each day of the week (mon – Fri) and it seems to be working well. Hannah would routinely report on progress as part of her report to the liaison committee.

7.3 **Berkswell**

Nick Parry reported that he had been in discussions with HS2 as some 2km of track will pass through their land. He advised that preliminary works would commence in Q3 2017, with the major works set to begin in Q3 2019. It is not clear at this stage as to the impact on highways.

8. Meriden Parish Council

8.1 No further issues to be raised.

9. Hampton Parish Council

9.1 No report

10. Resident Representatives

10.1 Meriden – Lynn Parker asked for clarification on ownership of area G – Nick Atkins confirmed it was owned by Packington.

10.2 Hampton – HS2 representatives had attended a Parish Council meeting. Residents were concerned about the impact on highways, and asked how they would distinguish between HS2 traffic and quarry traffic. Andy Barber suggested that hauliers will probably have to have cards in their windscreen if working on HS2.

11. Any other Business

11.1 none

12. Date of next Meeting

12.1 Dates of next meeting 5th June 2017, at 2pm at The Pavillion, Meriden

ACTION – all to note dates