MERIDEN
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
12th September 2016

ATTENDEES

Mrs Barbara Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Mr Mike Blomer (Hampton Parish Council)
Mrs Lynn Parker (Meriden residents)
Mrs Mollie Bartlett (Hampton residents)
Mr David Wigfield (Solihull planning)
Mr Malcolm Green (A&A)
Mr Tony Wehby (Beechwood Recycling)
Mr Shaun Denny (Cemex)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Mr Bireen Jethwa (Hope)
Mr Jamie Pickett (Tarmac)
Mr Nick Atkins (Tarmac)

APOLOGIES

Cllr David Bell (Solihull MBC)
Cllr Rosie Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)
Mr Nick Parry (Berkswell)
Mr Dave Watson (Hope)
Mr Bruce Brant (Meriden Ward)
Mr Davinder Chohan (Solihull highways)
Ms Hannah Moxon (Harworth Estates)
Mr Matt Emery (Environment Agency)

1. Introductions

1.1 Nick Atkins welcomed everyone to the meeting

He introduced Jamie Pickett from Tarmac who is acting site manager following the resignation of Simon Parkes from the company.

Cllr Mike Blomer is now representing Hampton in Arden Parish Council following the resignation of Gill Lewis.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 06th June 2016 were approved.

3. Site reports

3.1 **Tarmac**

Jamie Pickett confirmed volumes were remaining constant, with mineral extraction still in phase 2. There is approximately 2.5 months remaining in phase 2 before operations move to phase 3 which is already stripped.

Limited traffic monitoring has been undertaken since Simon's resignation, predominantly due to staffing. Jamie will pick up with NRS and ensure continued ad-hoc monitoring is undertaken.

ACTION – Jamie Pickett

Barbara Bland asked whether the phase 2 operations were creating any dust? Jamie confirmed not as the material is wet as it comes out of the ground and the haul road to the hopper is very short.

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

3.2 **NRS**
No report / no apologies

3.3 **Colemans**
No report / no apologies

3.4 **A&A Recycling**
Malcolm Green advised that tonnages remained stable. Frustratingly, the bunds and reedbed had not been commenced and NRS needed to be chased.

ACTION – Malcolm Green

Malcolm advised that they were looking at the possibility of applying for a groundwater abstraction licence to provide potable water for welfare facilities, but also to increase volume of water for suppression.

Barbara Bland reported complaints from Meriden Park properties regarding dust had been escalated to the Parish Council. Malcolm confirmed that he had attempted to speak to the complainant. He believes that the source of the dust was from neighbouring farm cropping activities at the time. Mollie Bartlett commented that she had a property on the estate, but had not been aware of any issues.

3.5 **Hope**
Bireen Jethwa advised that Hope had been acquired by Breedon so in time, there would be new signage.

The site is relatively quiet at the moment with low volumes.

3.6 **TBP**
No report

3.7 **Beechwood recycling**
Tony Wehby confirmed that non-material amendments to the approved schemes and pre-commencement planning conditions had all now been approved. A stat date on site is scheduled for 28th Sept, with construction works anticipated to be completed by April 2017.

4. Planning

4.1 Dave Wigfield advised that no new applications have been received and there had been no complaints or enforcement action taken.

Cemex are to replace their processing plant within Berkswell Quarry during the autumn. Lynn Parker asked whether this would result in more traffic? Shaun Denny confirmed that the plant capacity was the same as the existing plant, however the existing plant is no longer efficient, so some production efficiencies are anticipated.

5. Highways

5.1 No report

6. Environment Agency

6.1 No report

Parish Council members again expressed frustration at the lack of EA attendance (see below)

ACTION – EA representative to be encouraged to attend

7. Landowners

7.1 **Packington**

Area E is now restored and seeded. Access tracks are currently being completed and fencing works are to be completed in the future.
Area G is operating as usual.

8. Meriden Parish Council

8.1 Barbara Bland advised of complaints regarding dirt and dust on the highway being carried out from area G. Monitoring had identified a lack of road sweeping. Gill Lewis advised that she was following a vehicle along the road on 31st Aug / 1st Sept and the dust being generated was so bad that it obliterated her view of the vehicle in front. Nick Barlow undertook to raise the matter with NRS.

ACTION – Nick Barlow / Wayne Wardell

Members of the Parish Council wish to meet with the Environment Agency to discuss the potential for some air pollution monitoring to be undertaken. Barbara Bland is to formally write to the Agency.

ACTION – Barbara Bland

9. Hampton Parish Council

9.1 Mike Blomer advised that there were no specific issues to be raised.

10. Resident Representatives

10.1 Mollie Bartlett reported a wagon going through the village which entered the Tarmac Quarry. Simon Parkes investigated and the driver advised that his previous load (for a different company) was dropped off in Hampton, before he came in to Meriden for his next job.

Lynn Parker asked whether there was any further information regarding reports that the Bickenhall waste facility was moving to area G. Nick Barlow confirmed that Bickenhall needed to relocate as a result of HS2 and area G was an alternative location being considered. He undertook to keep the committee informed.

ACTION – Nick Barlow

11. Any other Business

11.1 Referring back to discussions regarding dust, Nick Barlow commented that it has been very dry during crop harvesting this year and just is inevitable from such operations.

12. Date of next Meeting

12.1 Dates of next meeting 12th December 2016, at 2pm at The Pavillion, Meriden

ACTION – all to note dates