MERIDEN
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
04th June 2018

ATTENDEES
Cllr David Bell (Solihull MBC)
Cllr Rosie Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Barbara Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Lynn Parker (Meriden residents)
Mr Malcolm Green (A&A)
Mr Malcolm Hurst (Colemans)
Mr Andy Barber (Cemex)
Mr Wayne Wardell (NRS)
Mr David Wigfield (Solihull planning)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Mr Morgan Grant (Tarmac)
Mr Nick Atkins (Tarmac)

APOLOGIES
Mr Phil Varley (Environment Agency)
Mr Shaun Denny (Cemex)
Cllr Mike Blomer (Hampton Parish Council)
Ms Hannah Moxon (Harworth Estates)
Mrs Mollie Bartlett (Hampton residents)
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 05th March 2018 were approved.

3. Site reports

3.1 **Tarmac**

Morgan Grant confirmed operations were continuing as normal in phase 3. A small soil strip along the northern boundary was scheduled for later in the year.He confirmed that operations were continuing in phase 3.

3.2 Nick Atkins circulated draft plans showing the extent of the proposed planning application for land to the south of the existing quarry (known as the 'Banana field') and advised members that the application should be in its final form by the end of the month with a proposed submission of early July.

He explained that the extension would provide a further 18 months extraction life and would be back filled with inert waste to return the land back to agricultural uses. The application would include removing the common boundary between the existing site and the extension area, which would require the temporary diversion of Cornets End Brook and the loss of the existing belt of trees. Nick advised that landscape and ecological investigations had revealed that this corridor did not support any important or protected ecological species. He did however explain that the belt of trees and the stream closer to where the stream is culverted under the road was more diverse and the company had carefully planned the extension area to protect this better quality area.

The stream would be rerouted northwards through the existing quarry and confirmed that formal consent for that diversion had already been secured. He concluded by confirming that the scheme would provide for the reinstatement of the brook along its original line and would be built and landscaped to include scrapes and ephemerally wet areas to provide a significantly more diverse habitat in the future.

Cllr Weaver asked about traffic movements. Nick Atkins confirmed that the mineral from the extension area would be processed through the existing plant site area and consequently all vehicles associated with the extension would use the existing quarry access road. He confirmed that the company would be happy to support a vehicle routing agreement as per the existing arrangements.

Given the nature of the application, it was considered that a full public consultation would not be required however Nick confirmed that once finalised and submitted, he will provide an electronic copy of the application to members and would be happy to attend a forthcoming Parish Council meeting if required.

David Wigfield confirmed that once the application was received and registered, formal notification of the application would be sent to both Parish Councils. Clearly, he could not pre-empt the outcome of the application, but noted that the land was identified in the minerals local plan for extraction purposes.

3.3 **NRS**
Wayne Wardell confirmed that operations were progressing as normal. He mentioned that a planning application was currently with the Council for a screening plant to segregate good quality soils for restoration purposes.

Barbara Bland thanked Wayne for coming to talk to the Parish Council about the application. She explained the sensitivities regarding noise impact on the neighbouring caravan park. Wayne confirmed that further noise monitoring on that boundary was to be undertaken, but the mobile plant had already been changed to a quieter unit and warning buzzers volume reduced to minimise the impact.

3.4 **Colemans**
Malcolm Hurst advised that the Colemans operation was very quiet, with no crushing/screening works being undertaken.

3.5 **A&A Recycling**
Malcolm Green advised that imports had increased in line with seasonal expectations.

3.6 **Breedon**
No Report

3.7 **TBP**
No report

3.8 **Silvertree**
No report

3.9 **Cemex**
Andy Barber advised that there were no issues with the quarrying activity and infill rates remained steady. He expressed thanks that the culvert crossing under Cornets

End lane had finally been repaired.

4. Planning

4.1 Dave Wigfield confirmed that there was one application currently being considered relating to the regularisation of the existing recycling operation, which seeks to regularise changes to the layout and location of the plant compared to the originally consented plans.

Wayne Wardell commented that some residents had mis-read the application and believed that they were looking to move the plant. This is not the case; rather the application is to confirm the existing plant location.

5. Highways

5.1 No Report

Barbara Bland mentioned that at a previous meeting, Davinder had inferred that a survey would be undertaken of construction companies to get a better understanding of their vehicle movements associated with HS2 and asked whether any company had received this? No company has received any further communication on this point.

Members would appreciate it if highways could provide an update on how HS2 construction traffic is to be managed to prevent an adverse impact on the local road network.

ACTION – Davider Cholan

6. Environment Agency

6.1 Phil Varney was not able to attend the meeting, but had emailed nick Atkins to advise that due to budget and personnel constraints, he is no longer able to attend the meeting routinely. He asked to be included on future minutes and would attend if there was a specific issue requiring advice and support from the Agency.

7. Landowners

7.1 **Packington**
No issues. There is to be a meeting following the liaison meeting to review the footpaths on the restored land.

7.2 **Harworth**
No issues

7.3 **Berkswell**
Nick Parry sent his apologies, but mentioned that the footpath issues within Berkswell quarry were now agreed and finalised.

8. Meriden Parish Council

8.1 Rosie Weaver asked whether there had been any progress on financial support for

purchasing stickers for bins to remind drivers to slow down. Nick to circulate the email request.

ACTION – Nick Atkins

8.2 Barbara Bland asked whether any progress had been made in response to the actions set out in the air emissions report undertaken by Harworth? She advised that there had been three complaints in May. Dave Wigfield advised that air quality had become far more prevalent in recent years and is managed through the public health team. Solihull air quality plan is currently being reviewed and monitoring in specific locations is underway. SMBC are purchasing further air quality monitoring equipment. Barbara Bland asked if the Chair could formally ask for priority to be given to a monitoring station in Meriden.

ACTION – Cllr Bell

Morgan Grant confirmed that dust monitoring had been completed for the quarry and the report submitted to SMBC planning. Monitoring would now continue on a 6 monthly basis, but the monitoring did not identify any quarry dust leaving the site boundaries.

8.3 Barbara Bland mentioned that HGV parking is a problem with hauliers pulling up to use the shops and parking inappropriately. All operators are asked to remind hauliers to park sensibly and leagally.

ACTION – All Operators

9. Hampton Parish Council

9.1 No issues

10. Resident Representatives

10.1 Lynn Parker advised that protective bollards by the road crossing on Maxwell Lane (by the tea rooms) had been demolished and subsequently removed. She asked whether they were to be replaced? Dave Wigfield undertook to refer to county highways.

ACTION – Dave Wigfield / Davinder Cholan

Lynn asked for clarification on when are planning conditions enforceable? David Wigfield advised that all planning conditions have to be capable of being enforced. If they are unenforceable, then they are not a valid planning condition. Lynn advised that she was concerned that conditions are not always enforced. Dave advised that the Council do not have monitoring staff to verify compliance with planning conditions, however if complaints are received which identify breaches the Council will seek to remedy with the operator. There is a cost associated with enforcement action and each case needs to be considered on its own merits depending on the extent and impact of the breach.

11. Any other Business

11.1 Nick Barlow advised that the latest understanding was that HS2 were to take occupation of the Stonebridge Quarry in next 3-4 months.

Barbara Bland warned operators of increased movement of travellers in the area and asked operators and landowners to remain vigilant and ensure site accesses are secure.

Lynn Parker asked whether the site had been working nights? No, but it is known that HS2 are carrying out night time survey works in the area.

Rosie Weaver mentioned the recent new legislation on Data protection and asked whether members had any issues with names and contact details being held within the minutes which are displayed on the Parish Council website. As secretary, Nick Atkins holds all members names, addresses, phone contact and email addresses.

If any member has an issue with their data being held for purposes of the liaison committee and their name appearing within the minutes, they are to notify the Secretary accordingly.

ACTION – all members

12. Date of next Meeting

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

ACTION – all to note dates