

## Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
at Woodsford Quarry Office.

Present:	Dorset County Council	Cllr David Crowhurst [DC]
	West Dorset District Council	Cllr Peter Read [PR]
	Dorset County Council Mineral Planning Officer	Rob Jefferies [RJ]
	Dorset County Council Highways	Ian Madgwick [IM]
	Dorset County Council Archaeology	Steve Wallis [SW]
	West Dorset District Council Planning Officer	David Hodges [DH]
	West Dorset District Council Environmental Health Officer	Tony Archer [TA]
	Knightsford parish Council	Frank Stanton [FS]
	Crossways Parish Council	Ron Arnold [RA]
	Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Alan J. Mackenzie [AJM]
	Hills Quarry products Ltd	Andrew J. Little [AJL]
	Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Steve Bowman [SB]
	D. K. Symes Associates	Douglas Symes [DKS]
Apologies:	West Dorset District Council	Cllr Teresa Seall [TS]

### INTRODUCTION.

[AJM] welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave a brief introduction to the Hills Group along with an information pack.

### ELECTION OF CHAIR.

It was proposed by [AJM] that Cllr David Crowhurst [DC] be appointed as chair of the committee, this was seconded by Cllr Peter Read.

### SCOPE & PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE.

[DC] Thanked Hills for the welcome on this inaugural meeting.

[DC] suggested it would be good for people to introduce themselves and their involvement in the development.

[TA] responsible for monitoring of nuisance complaints.

[DH] responsible for local planning issues.

[SW] the development proposal was subject to archaeological investigation and the planning permission stipulates the scope of work to be carried out over the life of the site and he is responsible for monitoring compliance.

[AJM] highlighted the amount of involvement the Hills Company has had over a number of years with many Bronze age, Roman and Saxon settlements in our other operations.

[DC] suggested it would be prudent to discuss the "rules of engagement" for the Committee and would get hold of a copy of a previous liaison meeting agenda to discuss as a template.

[DC] went on to state that one issue which would be of high concern would be the movement of materials around rural Dorset and the impact on the communities.

[DC] requested a copy of the Transport Rules governing traffic leaving and entering the site.

[RA] requested an answer, which he could pass on at his next Parish Council meeting, why the permission for the site did not include a separate access, the other side of Crossways and Morton, for the 'Eastern block' of the reserve.

[IM] stated that DCC Highways worked very closely with [DKS] during the application process, regarding the weight & width restrictions, being imposed in the area to reduce the amount of through traffic. Traffic control and management, in the county, was discussed some time ago, with the intention to have traffic move west across to the A35, but there are a number of issues still to be resolved with the Highways Agency. However market spread will dictate which direction the traffic will move, but HGV traffic should be deterred from travelling through Affpuddle to gain access to the A35 east.

[PR] asked the question regarding vehicle movements. The permission is for the extraction of 4 million tonnes of sand & gravel over a twenty year period.

[DKS] stated vehicle movements would be in the order of 100 truck movements per day.

## **SITE DEVELOPMENT REPORT.**

[AJM] gave a brief resume of the project so far. Initial work concentrated on the creation of the access onto the main road and the long site access road, this would minimise any congestion with vehicle deliveries, etc. As can be seen the access road has only one lane, with passing places, this was seen as the best way to control the speed of vehicles, rather than speed humps, which can increase road noise.

The plant area has been stripped of soils and then the area has been reduced in height by two meters to enhance the screening of the trees.

Soil bunds have been constructed, at particular points around the site, to reduce noise impact and it is hoped to seed these in November, dependant on the weather. Tree planting will also be carried out on these bunds, once they have settled.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

[RA] asked, with the close proximity of the railway, if consideration had been given to installing a rail head for the site to reduce traffic movements on the road network.

[DKS] responded that the site has been established to replace local market gravels and a rail head would potentially mean the material would be delivered to London and not Dorset, thus increasing importation from neighbouring counties. In order to make the investment pay, materials would also be imported to the site and this would extend the life of the site even longer.

[DC] thought it would be useful to have copies of the Company internal magazine in the local library.

[PR] agreed to deliver a number of copies of the In Touch magazine.

Attendees were asked if they would like to take the opportunity to look around the site.

[AJM] announced there would be site visits organised in the spring of 2010 for groups to visit the site and have a look around.

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 14:00 at the site office.

The meeting ended 15:30