

Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th April 2011
at the Woodsford Quarry Office

Present: Dorset County Council
Woodsford Parish
West Dorset District Council
Hills Quarry Products Ltd
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Cllr David Crowhurst [DC]
Jenny Meader [JM]
Cllr Teresa Seall [TS]
Andrew J. Liddle [AL]
Steve Bowman [SB]

Circulation:

Dorset County Council Mineral Planning Officer
West Dorset District Council
Crossways Parish Council
Dorset County Council Highways
Knightsford Parish Council
Hills Quarry Products Ltd
D. K. Symes Associates
West Dorset District Council
Crossways Parish Council
West Dorset District Council Environmental Health Officer
West Dorset District Council Planning Officer
Dorset County Council Archaeology

Rob Jefferies [RJ]
Cllr Peter Read [PR]
Ron Arnold [RA]
Ian Madgwick [IM]
Frank Stanton [FS]
Alan J. Mackenzie [AJM]
Douglas Symes [DKS]
Cllr Teresa Seall [TS]
Stella Wilson [SW]
Tony Archer [TA]
David Hodges [DH]
Steve Wallace [SW]

1. Apologies:

West Dorset District Council Planning Officer
Dorset County Council Mineral Planning Officer
Dorset County Council Highways

David Hodges [DH]
Rob Jefferies [RJ]
Ian Madgwick [IM]

2. Matters Arising:

DC - to circulate a letter to all attendees regarding the importance of the liaison meetings as a forum for discussion.

3. Site Development Report:

AL - the development of the site is progressing. Sales volumes of aggregate and concrete sales are showing signs of improving, but there is potential for sales to start to slow heading towards winter. The operation has been extracting materials from Area 'A', which has been giving a few problems with clay lenses and oversize materials. Phase B is now being stripped in preparation, this will be an annual event as per the Phasing plan.

JM - raised the point that the stripping in March was good, with no noise detected from the operation.

JM - raised the issue of noise from the Finlay 595 screen which works in the extraction area. AL - the development of Phase B will have the screen operating in the bottom of the quarry, some 3 metres down from it's current position. A soil bund has been constructed along the North of the field to also help with noise attenuation.

JM - pre start sounders are not intrusive.

JM - the conveyor drive is still making a droning noise. AL - the drive is a Meco GB40 drive unit which is an old mine conveyor. This will be replaced as part of the new conveyor installation into Phase B, the Meco drive will then be out of service unless there is a need to install is as a spur, to the south, in any of the subsequent phases.

JW - raised the point regarding the crushing. AL - due to the high percentage of +20mm in the reserve there will be need to crush at frequent intervals, generally this will be contract crushed around 25,000 tonnes of the 40mm material. Options are also being looked at for the processing of the even larger material +70mm which is in the dig.

JW - raised the point regarding the cycleway. AL - tender documentation has been raised and will be sent out to nominated contractors in July, with a view to have the cycleway installed by September 2011.

3. Regulatory Matters:

No new issues were raised.

RTO still under discussion with the County solicitors.

The Environment Agency has given permission to use flocculants to settle the solids.

The Environmental Noise Impact survey was completed in March, the next will be July.

The temporary closure and diversion of the footpath FP 560/6 has been applied for and will be in effect by the end of May 2011.

DC - noted there has been some spillage of materials pointed out on the surrounding road network, which could be down to any of the three operators in the area. AL - noted that all our loads leaving site must be sheeted and all hailers have been issued with the Company Code of Conduct pamphlet.

4. Any Other Business:

[DC] will send a short note to Crossways and Knightsford Parish regarding the meeting held.

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 25th October 2011 at 14:00 at the site office.

The meeting ended 15:00