

Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 16th April 2012
held at the Woodsford Quarry Office.

Present:

Dorset County Council	Cllr David Crowhurst [DC]
Dorset County Council Mineral Planning Officer	Rob Jefferies [RJ]
Woodsford Parish	Tony Meader [TM]
Crossways Parish Council	Dave Harris [DH]
Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Andrew J. Liddle [AL]
Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Steve Bowman [SB]

Circulation:

Dorset County Council	Cllr David Crowhurst [DC]
Dorset County Council Mineral Planning Officer	Rob Jefferies [RJ]
Dorset County Council Archaeology	Steve Wallace [SW]
Dorset County Council Highways	Ian Madgwick [IM]
West Dorset District Council	Cllr Peter Stein [PS]
West Dorset District Council	Cllr Teresa Seall [TS]
West Dorset District Council Environmental Health Officer	Toni Archer [TA]
West Dorset District Council Planning Officer	David Hodges [DH]
Knightsford Parish Council	Frank Stanton [FS]
Woodsford Parish	Tony Meader [TM]
Woodsford Parish	Jenny Meader [JM]
Crossways Parish Council	Stella Wilson [SW]
Crossways Parish Council	Dave Harris [SH]
Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Andrew J. Liddle [AL]
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Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Alan J. Mackenzie [AJM]
D. K. Symes Associates	Douglas Symes [DKS]

1. Apologies:

West Dorset District Council Environmental Health Officer	Toni Archer
West Dorset District Council Planning Officer	David Hodges

2. Matters Arising:

DC - to circulate a further letter to all attendees regarding the importance of the liaison meetings as a forum for discussion. Letter was not sent.

RTO still under discussion with the County solicitors.

3. Site Development Report:

AL - the development of the site is progressing as planned. The extraction operation is in Phase B and the new field conveyor system is operational.

Sales volumes of aggregate and concrete are starting to reduce with still a lot of uncertainty in the market place.

AL - the quality and quantity of the sand & gravels are a concern at the moment and equipment has been brought in to start stripping Area C. It is intended to create a soil bund along the side of the footpath in Area A which will be used for the restoration of that area once final levels are achieved.

TM- raised the issue of the sand stockpile in the operational area and the Finlay screen which is there.

RJ - said he would prefer the stockpile to be removed as it was not in-line with the planning permission for this area. Or a formal proposal should be tabled to legitimise the current working methodology.

AL - the sand stockpile is being reduced and the screen was there to process the sand to make it into a saleable product. While the earthmoving equipment is on site the level of the grey sand stockpile will be reduced further as planned.

RJ - agreed to take the matter forward with further discussion with Hills to resolve the working plan going forward.

JM - raised the issue regarding the cycleway construction.

AL - informed the committee that the cycleway construction was under way and should be completed by the end of the month.

3. REGULATORY MATTERS

A site visit was carried out by RJ at the end of March - no issues were raised.

RTO still under discussion with the County solicitors.

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. The permanent application has also been made and an objection has been raised by an individual in Newcastle upon Tyne. Discussions are being held with D.C.C. Rights of Way officer.

TM - raised the issue of noise from the stripping operation.

AI - this is part of temporary works and will be for 8 weeks.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

DH -raised the issue of the cycleway, which has some soft spots.

AL - pointed out that the cycleway was built in a wet period last September and the contractors will be returning in the summer to redress the route and give it more compaction.

TM - raised the issue of the footpath north of the Frome river RJ agreed to discuss with the Rights of Way team.

TM - raised the issue of planting on the main storage bund.

AL - pointed out that although the bund was not fully complete there would be some planting carried out in the Autumn this year.

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at 14:00 at the site office.

The meeting ended 15:00