

Woodsford Quarry Liaison Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th October 2011
held at the Woodsford Quarry Office.

Present:

Dorset County Council	Cllr David Crowhurst [DC]
Woodsford Parish	Jenny Meader [JM]
West Dorset District Council	Cllr Teresa Seall [TS]
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	Tony 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]
Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Steve Bowman [SB]
Hills Quarry Products Ltd	Alan J. Mackenzie [AJM]
D. K. Symes Associates	Douglas Symes [DKS]

1. **Apologies:**

Woodsford Parish Tony Meader [TM]

2. **Matters Arising:**

DC – to circulate a further 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 as planned. The extraction operation is about to move into Phase B once the new field conveyor system has been installed.

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.

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.

JM – raised the issue of the noise survey.

AL – informed the committee that an electronic copy of the April 2011 noise survey had been sent to the D.C.C office and should be available on the website.

JM –raised a point of interest regarding flocculants.

AL – discussed the use of flocculants to force the settlement of suspended solids in the water.

JM – asked if there was any interesting finds during the last overburden strip.

AL – informed the committee that during the strip of Phase B there was little archaeology exposed, mainly a continuation of Bronze age and Roman occupation.

JW – raised the issue regarding tree planting on the main amenity bund to the east of the plant site.

AL – informed the committee that it was the intention to add more material to the bund during the strip of Phase C & L next year. This would then allow the bund to be seeded and planted in the autumn of 2012.

JW – raised the issue of the Soft Sand stockpile.

AL – informed the committee that the grey sand stockpile had been reduced in level when the earthmoving blade was onsite during the recent soil strip. Processing of the stockpile was now underway to produce a Dry Screened Sand and as this is sold the heap will be reduced in height further to maintain the same footprint.

JW – asked for details of the stripping operation so far this year.

AL – agreed to add these to the minutes.

4th April – 13th May
13th September – 23rd September

7 weeks Phase B
2 weeks Old Footpath Phase B

3. REGULATORY MATTERS

No new 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.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

DH – raised an issue regarding fencing which has been erected in the fields the south of the railway.

AL – understands that the land was owned by Aggregate Industries and has now been sold, partly to Woodsford Farms and partly to the owner of the nearby house. The fence has been erected to demarcate the land ownership between the two parties and has nothing to do with the Hills operations.

[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 17th April 2012 at 14:00 at the site office.

The meeting ended 15:00