

MERIDEN
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
12th December 2016

ATTENDEES

Cllr David Bell (Solihull MBC)
Mrs Barbara Bland (Meriden Parish Council)
Cllr Rosie Weaver (Meriden Parish Council)
Mrs Lynn Parker (Meriden residents)
Mrs Mollie Bartlett (Hampton residents)
Mr David Wigfield (Solihull planning)
Mr Malcolm Green (A&A)
Mr Carl ? (Buckingham Group)
Ms Hannah Moxon (Harworth Estates)
Mr Paul Tovey (Solihull highways)
Mr Andy Barber (Cemex)
Mr Nick Atkins (Tarmac)

APOLOGIES

Mr Nick Parry (Berkswell)
Mr Kevin Jones (Tarmac)
Mr Bruce Brant (Meriden Ward)
Mr Tony Wehby (Beechwood Recycling)
Mr Shaun Denny (Cemex)
Mr Nick Barlow (Packington)
Mr Bireen Jethwa (Hope)
Mr Nick Pearson (TBP)
Mr Richard Hossack (Environment Agency)

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 12th September 2016 were approved.

3. Site reports**3.1 Tarmac**

Nick Atkins advised that Kevin Jones had been appointed as Quarry Manager, but he was unable to attend due to prior commitments. In the meantime, Nick advised that mineral extraction had been completed in phase 2 and extraction had now moved in to phase 3. Production volumes were remaining relatively constant at around 18,000 tonnes per month.

There have been no accidents or incidents or trespass issues since the last meeting.

3.2 NRS

Wayne Wardell reported that there had been no change to the operations in area G, which were continuing to take c 4000t per week. Minor works in area E are ongoing. Following some issues with carry out a couple of weeks ago, the road sweeper is now permanently engaged during operational hours. Barbara Bland reported that there had been a marked improvement since the increased road sweeping and asked whether the footpaths would also be addressed? Wayne confirmed the paths were all swept on Saturday.

3.3 Colemans

No report / no apologies

3.4 **A&A Recycling**

Malcolm Green advised that imports were decreasing and exports were increasing which is normal for this time of year. Works have now commenced on the slinkett pond and the bund. He advised that he had received one complaint relating to dust. Barbara Bland advised that the number of dust complaints had increased since the last meeting, with people asking what they are potentially breathing in. Barbara has so far not contacted the EA, but instead was contacting Bob Williams who dealt with recent applications and had undertaken to address any future concerns; she is awaiting his response. Malcolm commented that the situation would improve once the bund is completed (end Feb) and then the fencing installed. In the meantime, Malcolm will monitor and if weather conditions are such that off site dust cannot be sufficiently controlled, then he will instruct for the operation to be suspended.

Barbara Bland asked whether there is any connection between A&A Recycling and Earthworm. Malcolm confirmed that A&A would be supplying biomass to Earthworm for burning, but apart from a supplier / customer relationship, there was none.

3.5 **Hope**

No report

3.6 **TBP**

No report

3.7 **Beechwood recycling**

Carl confirmed that works were progressing well. The surface of the site is now all hardcored, so any carry out should be minimal. Piling works will be completed before Christmas, with structural steel erections starting immediately after Christmas. The project remains on time for a June completion.

Cllr Weaver reported that the Parish Council had received a lot of complaints about noise. Carl appreciated the issue but said that due to the nature of the ground, there was no other alternative. A number of the complaints related to the noise starting at 07.30. Dave Wigfield confirmed that no operations should commence until 08.00. Carl undertook to ensure contractors did not commence until after 08.00

ACTION – Carl

Carl is also to provide direct contact details to both Meriden and Hampton Parish Councils.

ACTION – Carl

3.8 **Cemex**

Andy Barber advised that the Cemex sand and gravel operations were continuing at normal volumes and there was currently no landfilling operations being undertaken.

Andy recounted a personal experience from some years ago involving a motorist who was involved in a road traffic accident as a result of carry out from the quarry, which resulted in him having to attend court and the company receiving a fine. He advised that there had been three accidents along Cornets End Lane within the last 7 days and it is very fortunate that none of them were more serious. As we are all responsible operators, Andy suggested a more integrated approach to road sweeping be considered by all of the operators. All parties present were keen to engage and explore this further.

Barbara Bland advised that she had had a 'difficult' discussion with Coleman's on this subject and shared the email response which members found disappointing. It was noted that Coleman's had not attended the liaison meetings for some time.

Cllr Bell asked who had overall responsibility for the access road and what wheel cleaning facilities exist. Hannah confirmed that the road was in the ownership of Harworth with each operator being granted rights of way, subject to an obligation to ensure no carry out on to the internal road from each operation. It was not clear as to what wheel cleaning facilities Coleman's had. Dave Wigfield reported that he believed there was a planning requirement for them to have a wheel wash and would investigate further.

ACTION – David Wigfield

Nick Atkins suggested that the best way forward would be for Hannah to write to all operators reminding them of their responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the access road and further to arrange an operators meeting to include all users with rights to use the access to discuss the matter further.

ACTION – Hannah Moxon

Cllr Weaver suggested it would be helpful for the parish council to have one point of contact for such matters. Paul Tovey suggested the best contact would be Bruce Brant – this is to be discussed as part of the operators meeting.

ACTION – Hannah Moxon

Andy Barber reported that some of the wearing course along Cornets End Lane was breaking up, with some fairly large potholes appearing. The railings by the culvert had also been further damaged as a result of one of the accidents and needed urgent attention.

ACTION – Paul Tovey / Bruce Brant

4. Planning

- 4.1 Dave Wigfield advised that no new applications have been received
- 4.2 He had received complaints regarding mud on the roads and noise, all of which had been discussed. He had also received a more general complaint about noise, but there was insufficient detail to be able to confirm the source. He has asked the complainant to maintain a log.

5. Highways

- 5.1 Paul Tovey had nothing to report, but welcomed the idea of operators coming together to discuss how operations could be better managed to reduce carry out on to the road.

6. Environment Agency

- 6.1 No report

It is hoped that Richard Hossack will be able to join future meetings.

7. Landowners

7.1 Harworth

There had been an incident involving the main site access gates. These have now been chained back in place.

8. Meriden Parish Council

8.1 Barbara Bland reported that one of the HGV routing signs on the roundabout at the bottom of Hampton Lane had been twisted round and needed correcting.

ACTION – Paul Tovey

9. Hampton Parish Council

9.1 No report

10. Resident Representatives

10.1 Mollie Bartlett reported that BT are currently working in the village, so that seems to have cut down the number of HGV's going through the village.

11. Any other Business

11.1 Paul Tovey reported that the Council were beginning to address the issue of traffic associated with the development and construction of HS2, with enabling works potentially starting towards the end of 2017, subject to Royal assent in early 2017. He wanted to engage with operators to understand what potentially could be served via the operations at Meriden and what that would equate to in terms of additional numbers. Paul undertook to prepare a schedule for review by the operators.

ACTION – Paul Tovey

Lynn Parker asked whether there would be any protection measures for villages?
Paul confirmed that there would be through agreed routing agreements.

12. Date of next Meeting

12.1 Dates of next meeting 6th March, 5th June, 11th Sept and 11th December 2017, at 2pm at The Pavillion, Meriden

ACTION – all to note dates