

Quarry Liaison Meeting, Village Hall

Tuesday 16th August 2016

Attended by Jason Lawes: Quarry Manager, Ash: Assistant Manager and Justin: Weighbridge Operator from Wensley Quarry.

6 members of the public attended.

Meeting commenced at 5.50pm

Discussion points included;

- Introduction

Jason welcomed everyone and provided a brief explanation of his new role at the quarry following his recent promotion. Ash also explained how his role had changed too, he was previously more 'hands on' where as now his role has evolved following his promotion to Assistant Manager. Justin provided a brief insight into his role as Weighbridge Operator and explained how, collectively they all work closely together as a team throughout the entire quarry.

- Vibration Testing

Further to the PC's request the quarry has recorded the vibrations that are created during a blast, and have tested any potential impact on the village. The recording of the vibrations took place on Tuesday 7th June 2016. Jason explained the results of the testing and how the vibrations at three different locations in the village had been recorded. The three locations tested included, the village green at the East End, Rose Cottage garden and the grass verge outside the Springs.

A summary of the findings is as follows:

- any vibrations which are felt during a quarry blast, are a result of the vibrations being felt through the air, rather the ground.
- the air pressure varies due to the wind etc. which also has an impact on the strength of the vibrations.
- vibrations do not cause any problems whatsoever through the ground and will not cause any problems to properties in the village and surrounding area.
- all of the vibration measurements which were recorded on the 7th June 2016 are all within the compliance level, including those measurements taken at the quarry office.

For a copy of the report provided by the quarry, please contact the clerk.

- Dust Suppression

Dust suppression is continuously carried out rather than the previous remote arrangement via a shovel handler. A cannon / water bowser is constantly working around all roads / tracks to dampen them down. The water comes from the quarries lagoon which is on-site. The quarry has a pump with a piped system which takes water from a lagoon that is solely used for dust suppression. There is a possibility of a new water bore to help the dust suppression in operation, this is dependant upon cost. Hopefully Jason will know more about the water bore within the next 6 months.

One resident commented on how the dust at the entrance to the quarry is excessive, Jason informed the resident that ideally a system will be going in place to alleviate the dust at the entrance soon.

- Steps from the Scar to the disused quarry

The new steps are now in situ, residents expressed how much they appreciated the work that the quarry organised. Jason explained how hopefully the gradient of the steps will remain acceptable and hopefully no hand rail will be required – however, if residents feel otherwise they are encouraged to contact Jason at the quarry.

- Redmire Quarry due to be handed back to Bolton Estate

The Redmire section of the quarry is due to be graded back and ultimately handed back to Bolton Estate as from September 2016 onwards.

- Footpath Diversion
Further to recent information received from NYCC, Jason explained about the footpath diversion which came into force as from 16th August 2016. Jason has installed the necessary signs to help direct walkers around the replacement footpath. Jason handed out a map to all attendees and explained which areas of the field to the left of Langscar are going to be quarried and when. Fencing will be installed as required. There is a new gate due to be installed where there is currently a stone wall. Please refer to the map for more details
- Blasting
Blasting continues to take place every 3/4 weeks, concentrating on an area slightly further away from the current excavation area. In the near future, blasting will take place every 4/5 weeks.
- Echoes
Echoes are being created due to the crushing device, this is due to be improved very soon.
- Birds of Interest
Penn Associates continue to audit any birds of interest, one resident asked to see a copy of the birds of interest. Jason encouraged people to contact him via email if they wanted to find out what's been seen to date.
Jason can be contacted at jason.lawes@tarmac.com
- Equipment
The team explained that all equipment throughout the quarry is permanently fixed. The team also explained how a contracted crusher had been on site at the quarry to assist whilst they were completing the Bedale bypass contract. This contract is now completed and the temporary crusher is no longer being used.
- Tonnage
This year tonnage removed from the quarry is 350,000T-360,000T.
- Ragwort in the disused quarry
The quarry have take responsibility to reduce the extensive Ragwort which is growing in the disused quarry and are being as vigilant as possible to keep it under control.
- Purchasing quarry material
If members of the public did want to purchase any stone or material such as quarry waste from the quarry, they'd be very welcome too. Farmers have previously taken their own transport to the quarry and collected material as required. Please contact Jason to discuss this.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm.