

Minutes of the Quarry Liaison Meeting

Preston under Scar Village Hall

Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 6pm

Attended by:

Jason Lawes - Quarry Manager and Ash Hillary, Assistant Manager, Wensley
Councillors': Cllr. Brooks- Chairman, Cllr. Fletcher, Cllr. Jowett and Cllr Hackett Pain.
Clerk: Lynn Watkinson
2 members of the public

Business

The quarry continues to be very busy. The quarry is 150,000t above budget and as an area 300,000t above between the 5 quarries. The quarry produces high quality stone and so it is in demand.

A number of small companies' orders have made up for the loss of business now that the bypass has been completed.

A new tractor and excavator have been brought in due to the increased tonnage.

A member of staff had been replaced by someone more local and they would look for staff locally in the future.

Dust suppression

The dust suppression in the crushing shed has now been completed. A number of companies have been invited in to see what else can be done to increase dust suppression across the plant. These companies would find different solutions and the best would be followed up. Prices are awaited. A Wheel Wash is also being looked into to reduce the amount of dust being driven onto the roads. Currently the sweeper is visiting the quarry for 3 hours a week to clear the road.

ESG (air quality monitoring) had been in to the dustiest part of the plant and this had been cleared by them. The situation is such that although masks had to be worn they were not actually needed.

Restoration Work

The Redmire regeneration is going well. The plan is to leave it as it appears to be thriving naturally and may not require reseeding.

Work is not going to be carried out on the Preston side for some years as there is enough stone to work with at the moment. The west end of the Wensley side has been destoned and reseeded with a patch in the middle left for natural regeneration.

Work is due to begin on the agreed rerouting of the footpath adjacent the section of the quarry on the north side of the Tank Road. Fencing material has been brought in to reroute the footpath around the fields along side of the road and up the lane.

Jason explained that he has been considering the closed section of the footpath across the Redmire quarry. His suggestion is that the footpath from Redmire be routed east along the south side of the quarry to the junction with the footpath crossing north/south between the two quarries, and it be then routed west along the northern edge of the quarry to the junction with the foot path across the moor. He suggested that it would restore continuity to the path from Redmire and would avoid the need for ramps into and out of the quarry. The proposal has not yet been put to Bolton Estates. The Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea.

Vibration Testing

Vibration Report testing has been completed and the results show that all sites are within specification.

The quarry is now using digital detonators which have reduced the vibration greatly. The angle of the blast face has also been changed resulting in reduced vibration.

The contract crusher has been moved to the Wath site. On its return the stockpiled stone would be worked through.

General

A member of the public asked if it would be possible to cut the trees back along the roadway as they obstruct the view down the road to the quarry from the track end. They also mentioned that the Lorries are driving too fast, and cutting the corner. Jason agreed to arrange for the trees to be cut and mention speed and cutting the corner to the drivers.