

Minutes of the Quarry Liaison Meeting

Preston under Scar Village Hall

Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 6pm

Attended by:

Jason Lawes - Quarry Manager and Ash Hillary, Assistant Manager from Wensley
Parish Councillors
5 members of the public

Introduction

Jason Lawes highlighted that the quarry continued to be a benchmark in working practices with Martin Riley, Senior Vice President of Tarmac UK having recently visited the site. Jason reinstated that he aimed to make the quarry the best he could with the ultimate goal being to reach a point where HSE could be invited to inspect the site.

Dust suppression

Dust suppression continued to be a high priority at the quarry. Improvements already in place include the reduction in the number of conveyor belts being used from two down to one with sprayers having been added.

There is a water bowser& tanker which can be used to suppress dust on the site.

They are looking at introducing a spray system on the road to reduce the dust from the vehicles with a dust suppression system on the road at the weighbridge with water being sprayed onto the lorry wheels as well as water sprayed onto the road.

The work is ongoing with the road spray system hopefully in place by the end of the year.

The borehole has now been licensed by North Yorkshire County Council and would increase the available water on site.

Business

The site has increased production with sales of half a million tonnes forecast. An additional employee has recently been taken on and a previous employee had asked to be transferred back to the site.

Blasting is currently occurring twice a month with a contract crush having been on site since the beginning of the year to meet the demand.

The plans are being reviewed on Monday to ensure the quarry remains within the agreed quotas.

Redmire Quarry

Redmire Quarry had been due to be graded back and handed back to the Bolton Estate from September 2016 onwards. The land has been landscaped but as conditions for reseeding were not favourable this was deferred. The site is due to be reviewed next week as to the best time to seed.

Ragwort in the disused quarry

The control of the Ragwort was continuing.

Road Traffic

A member of the public asked if it would it be possible to stop HGV drivers coming through the village. Jason felt this would not have been a driver from the quarry as the rules prohibit them coming through village. He thought it was probably a driver from off-site and he would put up posters at the weighbridge to remind drivers not to go through the village.

Vibration Testing

The last testing was carried out in June 2016. The next round of testing is due this month and Jason would ensure that a test be carried out at Langscar Barn.

Footpaths

Clarification was sought about the status of the footpaths. Jason confirmed there were no plans to close the footpath in the short term but the quarry does have permission to move back to working the east side of the site in the future.

He would review the footpath in Redmire quarry and would get back in touch.