

Quarry Meeting Minutes
Preston under Scar Village Hall
Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 6.15pm

Present: Tony Tait (Quarry Manager),
Cllr Brooks, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Cormack, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Knights,
Parish Clerk: Joanne Long, 4 members of the public

Dust Suppression

Tony stated that progress was continuing to be made with dust suppression. Water was being sprayed on the quarry floor to eliminate or at least reduce dust coming off the site and a water bowser was being used when loading stone. Additional water sprays are being installed shortly. He hoped this had made a visible difference in the village.

Several members of the public however stated that in the dry summer period with certain wind conditions the dust levels had actually got worse. It was asked if dust levels were monitored and Tony confirmed that statutory monitoring of dust levels on the boundary perimeters was carried out by independent contractors; without notice and in dry conditions, although monitoring in the village was not carried out.

Villagers also expressed concern at the height of the stock pile and suggested this was where the dust was blowing from. Tony stated that the quarry was reducing the height of the stock pile and offered to spray water on it, to help eliminate dust from this source in the future.

Business

Business has slowed down in the last 6 to 7 months. Generally this is a nationwide occurrence but also due to local competition.

Noise

A resident reported a loud reversing bleeper noise. Tony said that this was not from quarry vehicles as they use white noise which does not carry, so it must have come from a contractor.

Flooding

Cllr Brooks reported that in the recent floods, a large volume of water flowed from the old quarry down the road leading to the village although luckily no property was damaged. Cllr Brooks explained that the old quarry was its self flooded and there was so much water it was not possible to get through the narrow gap into the Preston Quarry. Cllr Brooks asked if the woods below the old quarry bordering the road were part of the quarry lease, as the drains need to be cleared. Tony said he will inform the Estates Department and get them to look into this.

Mineral Content Data Sheet

Following a request from a resident, Tony said he will provide a data sheet of the mineral content in the stone.