

Minutes of liaison meeting held at the Eaton Hall offices of Tarmac on Wednesday 10th January, 2018.

Present:

- Grahame Fyles – Estate Manager**
- Kim Shilcock – Quarry Manager**
- Dan Ivis – Trainee Quarry Manager**
- Julie Lyne – Chair Eaton Parish Council**
- Susi Evans – Parish Councillor**
- John Rowbotham – Eaton Church**
- Marianne Reutter – Eaton WI**
- Dorothy Waite – Parish Clerk**

Apologies:

- Lesley Smetham – Ward Councillor**
- John Hood – Eaton Church**
- Wenda Dobson – Resident**

The meeting was chair and presented by Kim Shilcock

Sales Figures

No change in production still around 400k tonnes.

Complaints

None to report

Gawsworth sand

Trying to get at this. Need to put in a slurry pump. Gawsworth sand being extracted from Jackfields site. The Congleton sand is in Fields Farm site.

Processing Plant

Replacing sand plant and it depends on where the estimated cost of 2.4 million comes in. Now that the land is secure, Tarmac can apply for the capital.

Planning consent was received in October for three years. There is evidence of newts and therefore a licence has to be applied for. Need to change areas to incorporate the newt area. Application submitted last week to amend the area. This will just mean working in a different direction. Stripping Jackfields in the spring to summer and depending on finances could also be stripping Fields Farm. The north will be worked dry due to the presence of clay seams. Depth of sand 6/9 metres.

Business update

Grahame is now responsible for the north west and has relinquished Derbyshire.

Footpath diversion

Julie mentioned not all the gates are suitable but new gates are coming. She felt that the majority of the path needed to be stoned up and the stone is being delivered tomorrow and a start will be made on Monday. Julie is now happy with the proposals and when finished it should be a good leisure asset for the village.

Neighbourhood Plan

Julie outlined that the Government is asking local villages to set out what they required for the next 20 years. The neighbourhood plan group wish to meet with Tarmac to discuss how this fits with the quarry. The request has been left with Grahame to suggest dates for a meeting – in an evening to allow for works involved members. Grahame indicated that there is a request in the mineral plan to take out School Lane.

Millennium Park

Asked about the quarry fund and the possibility of grant monies from this. Julie felt that we should have a sustainable plan for the park. Unfortunately all the suppliers of equipment had to be approved and are expensive. Julie asked if there was an upper limit and there is not. Grahame will forward an application guide and form via the clerk but there would have to be some contribution from local funds, i.e. the Parish Council. Possibly the split is about 70/30 but this can vary and it may be more favourable.

Congleton Football Club

Request from them for either land or funding and this will be clarified.

Congleton by-pass update

Various people had been around the quarry workings. Waiting for final parliamentary sanctions to be granted and compensation will follow.

Any other business

Gates to the play area

One gate and a latch on the other have disappeared and Kim kindly offered to sort and replace these for us.

Locks and chains

These too have disappeared and again Kim will provide replacements

Broadband

Dorothy mentioned the report in road works that a cabinet and joint box are this week down to be installed just south of the church. Passed this information on to Lesley Smetham who had come back with an encouraging report on when the village was likely to be updated with fibre. We wait to see!

Wedding and flower festival

The village is holding this festival in June to raise funds for further work on the Parish Hall and is hoping that Tarmac would sponsor some aspect of this. Grahame and Kim thought this was possible and Dorothy will pass Kim's details on to Ros Mahon to make contact.

South site enhancement

Possibly including this in the application to close School Lane is applied for. Leisure activities such as walking, canoeing and a bridal path could be incorporated.

Next meeting

June 5th 2018 at 5.00 pm.

(Minutes taken by the Parish Clerk and submitted to Kim for approval)