

Minutes of liaison meeting held at the Eaton Hall offices of Tarmac on Monday 13th January, 2020

**Present: Dan Ives (Quarry Manager)
Susy Evans (Council Chair)
Irene Goodwin (Eaton Council)
Carol Weedenburg (Eaton Council)
John Hood (Eaton Church)
John Rowbotham (Eaton Church)
Kate Hart (Eaton Amenities)
Dorothy Waite (Council Clerk)**

Apologies: Marianne Reutter (WI), Lesley Smetham – Ward Councillor, Kim Shilcock

Quarry Report

Coarse material has been taken off and has been stockpiled for later use. The dredger pipeline has been extended and is now 70m longer. Have removed newts to enable more ecological fencing to be installed when the newts will be free to move to the original areas.

Output is about the same in sales and production, e.g. about 450K.

The muck moving will commence again when the weather improves. There is a big lump of clay to be removed and there will be some noise from the dozer but some tree planting should reduce this.

Sand Plant

This is a massive area of replacement being about £3.5 million worth of plant. There will be one building and not three as before. The new plant will be installed in the same area as before and it will be sunken down to obscure from the road. The time scale is hoping to start in April/May, building June/July and commissioning September. There are certain problems which might delay this in that the suppliers are demanding water and electricity usage outside the wishes of Tarmac and it may be necessary to change to another supplier if this cannot be overcome. Kim Shilcock is now the Project Manager in charge of the sand plant replacement and Dan has become Quarry Manager.

School Lane closure

This has started and an application is being put in. The closure will be from the A34 to the junction with Bebbington Road. Although initially much opposition, with the opening of the link road there is a good alternative access to the A34. There is a plan to extend the bridleway from the A34 houses. Moss Lane will be closed from the A34 to the start of the residential part which connects with the A536. Susy asked if Dan would come to the March council meeting to set out details of the new bridleway. There will be a connection from the new link road. The offices and the bagging plant will be relocated if School Lane is closed.

Extraction Areas

There was a comment last time on the weeds on the bunds. Some weeding has been done and Andy Pedley has been asked for three dates to get this done.

By-Pass

It is about 2/3 weeks behind due to the weather but it should be completed by the end of the year. John Hood enquired whether the link road met the quarry boundary and it is in fact very close.

Parish Hall Drive

Kim had previously intimated that further work on the drive could be undertaken and Dan was asked if the first 50m from the entrance gate, which is a mass of potholes, could have work on it and Dan said this would definitely be done for us.

Irene mentioned that the wood near to Jackfields was lying very wet and will identify for Dan the position of a pipe which may be blocked and causing the problem. Part of the path is also lying very wet and Dan is proposing to lay down some sand/fibre to overcome this problem

Play Equipment

Andy Pedley is dealing with some repairs to a couple of pieces. When the weather improves it is proposed to make a full scale inspection of everything in the park. John Coates, on his inspection rota, noted that overall the park is looking tired and in need of some tlc. Dan promised to assist when we had a full list of what is needing to be done.

Sponsorship

At the request of Kate, Dan promised a voucher for the Race Night meeting and will also raise vouchers as before in support of the Garden Party.

Next Meeting: This was proposed as Tuesday the 23rd of June at 6.00 pm. (However on checking calendar, the clerk will be on the way back from Norfolk. Can stay the same if someone wishes to take minutes, otherwise the clerk is free on the 9th and 30th if a Tuesday in June is preferred – please advise)