

Minutes of liaison meeting held at the offices of Tarmac on Wednesday 31st January, 2024.

**Present: Steve Williams – Operations manager
Tom Farmer – Section Quarry manager
Matt Wharton – Packed products Manager
Steve Waltho – Eaton Parish Council
Sue Cook – Eaton Parish Council
Kate Hart – Eaton Villages Amenities Group
John Stenton – Church Warden- Eaton
John Rylands – Chair Marton Parish Council
Lesley Smetham – Ward Councillor – Cheshire East
Dorothy Waite – Clerk Eaton Parish Council**

Production

The market for production is slightly above pandemic levels but is still volatile. Although maybe flat for the first half of the year but hope steadily improving. Exploration continues but no firm decisions yet. No decision yet on the possible School Lane closure. Cllr. Waltho referred to the mitigation measures and the trees to the south of the park. John Rylands asked about road access around the lanes would be affected. It would run parallel to the A34 when the stripping is finished shortly and there could be less vehicle movement. For the next 18 months the sand will be extracted by dredging.

Village Matters

John Stenton asked about the maintenance of the church hall drive. He is receiving complaints from persons hiring the hall and is concerned that it will affect future bookings. Maybe come to some compromise on some more permanent repair to the driveway. Cllr. Waltho had met with Tom and where some has been tarmacked it is ok but the rest is pot holes. The present infill is not lasting. Steve Williams promised that an inspection would be made and the site costed for a permanent solution

Cllr. Waltho raised problems with Langdales where grass cutting is not up to the previous standard or as often. The childrens play area is of particular concern and it needs more regular attention. The hedge cutting will take place shortly. On the muddy area by the swings and slides it is suggested that the area is dug out and the matting put back. Steve Williams will look at the problem and hopefully resolve it.

John Rylands has a project in Marton where he is hoping for financial support but did not wish to clash with needs of Eaton. He will get in touch with Tarmac when he has put an application in.

Cllr. Waltho referred to the noticeable lighting at the quarry where it appears to be like a football ground and Tom will look into this.

Tarmac have been advised of a proposed power outage and maybe this would affect the village. Cllr. Waltho thought that if so North west Electric would notify the village if this was the case.

Cllr.Watho expressed regret that the restored area on the south side was not available for access and whether there could be easier access to the walking path.

The subject of litter around the village was raised and Cllr. Smetham advised there was a scheme which would support the village on this. The clerk asked that the visibility towards Congleton from the end of School Lane could be checked as it was often blocked by hedge growth.

There being no further matters to raise, the meeting closed and Tarmac thanked for the discussions.

The clerk will submit her notes to Tom Farmer for approval and/or amendment and will circulate them.