



Smiths Concrete

# Minutes

Subject: **Wolston Fields Quarry Liaison Committee**  
Date: **Tuesday 7th February 2017**  
Location: **Hills Room, Ryton Gardens, Wolston Lane, CV8 3LG**

Present:

- Cllr Geoff Marsh (Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council)
- Cllr Tim Harvey Smith (Wolston Parish Council)
- Cllr Arthur Parker (Wolston Parish Council)
- Mr Matthew Williams (Senior Planner – Warwickshire CC)
- Ms Carole Garner (Facilities Manager – Ryton Gardens)
- Mr John Green (Operations Manager - Smiths Concrete)
- Mr Mark Page (Land & Planning Manager – Smiths Concrete)

Apologies:

- Mr Andy Stubbs (General Manager – Smiths Concrete)
- Cllr Heather Timms (Chair)
- Ms Julie Court (Finance Director – Ryton Gardens)
- Cllr Ian Spiers (Ryton On Dunsmore Parish Council)
- Mr Andy Duncan (Landscape Manager - Smiths Concrete)

Distribution: All those above

Minutes taken by: Mark Page (Acting Chair in Cllr Timms absence)

No	Item	Responsible
1.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>  The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th October 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.	
2.	<u>Matters Arising</u>  Addressed in following items.	

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3.	<p data-bbox="288 353 943 387"><u>Operator's Update</u> (update provided by Mr Green)</p> <p data-bbox="288 423 1182 622">3.1 Wolston Hill (phase 3a) has now been filled with imported inert waste and restored back to agricultural land. Some of the topsoil bund alongside Wolston Lane will be removed shortly as we respread topsoil coming down the hill towards the site entrance/access road. The whole of this area will then be seeded with a grass pasture mix in the spring.</p> <p data-bbox="288 658 1203 790">3.2 Most of phase 2 (adjacent to the river) has been restored to wet woodland and seeded with grass. Reeds have been planted around the pond areas and tree and shrub planting is due to start shortly.</p> <p data-bbox="288 826 1190 925">3.3 Sand and gravel extraction was suspended temporarily from the end of November until the middle of January whilst the company cleared out the silt ponds at Bubbenhall quarry.</p> <p data-bbox="288 960 1206 1025">3.4 Sand and gravel is currently being dug from an area in Phase 3a between Wolston Lane and the site administration area.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1061 1193 1160">3.5 The remaining two fields in Phase 3 alongside Wolston Lane towards the Severn Trent access will be extracted and restored back to agricultural land this summer.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1196 1166 1328">3.6 The footpath diversion around Phase 4 beyond the Severn Trent works will be fenced off shortly allowing the current route (through Phase 4) to be closed temporarily to enable mineral extraction to take place.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1364 1166 1462">3.7 Smiths is liaising closely with the tenant farmer who will be having another crop on Phase 4. The company intends to strip soils in this area in Aug/Sept following the harvest.</p>	
4.	<p data-bbox="288 1500 1034 1534"><u>County Council Update</u> (update provided by Mr Williams)</p> <p data-bbox="288 1570 1166 1635">4.1 The last site monitoring visit was undertaken in December. No issues observed.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1671 1190 1834">4.2 Smiths have submitted a number of planning schemes in respect of Phases 4 to 8 setting out more detail such as ecological management, archaeological monitoring amongst other matters. The County Council will be reviewing the submitted details shortly.</p> <p data-bbox="288 1870 1174 2002">4.3 The £9k S106 contribution has been received from Smiths and will be used to contribute towards improvements to the footway on Wolston Lane. Mr Williams to check timings for the work.</p>	Mr Williams

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5.	<p>4.4 The Minerals Plan has recently been subject to a consultation exercise resulting in some 300 responses being received. The County Council will need to review the responses and then decide on the next step for the Plan.</p>	Mr Williams
	<p><u>Observations from the Committee</u></p>	
	<p>5.1 Cllr Parker enquired where the infill materials were coming from now that Toll Bar Island works were complete. Mr Green reported that inert waste was being sourced from the local construction market such as construction sites in Warwick, Coventry and Baginton. Typically clays, subsoils and rubble are imported for infilling the worked out quarry void. The site does not accept imported topsoil.</p>	
	<p>5.2 Cllr Marsh mentioned that a HGV had been observed travelling through Ryton and that he had reported this to Mr Green, who had subsequently reprimanded the driver.</p>	
	<p>5.3 Cllr Parker said that two HGVs had been seen travelling in tandem through Wolston although he was not in a position to record their registration numbers. It was not certain whether these HGVs were connected to the Wolston operation as they were not John Hughes or Smiths vehicles. Mr Green advised that if registration details can be taken then he can check whether it relates to the company's activities.</p>	
	<p>5.4 Ms Garner said that Wolston Lane was particularly muddy on Monday 6th February. Mr Green to investigate. The white lining on the road is fading. Mr Williams to raise issue with the Highways Team.</p> <p>5.5 Cllr Parker enquired whether Centenery Way was closed. Mr Green said that is was open, however, a small temporary diversion had been put in place in agreement with Right of Way as part of the route had been flooded.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>4 pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. Note this will be a site visit. Meet at Wolston Fields quarry. Please wear sturdy footwear.</p>	