



Smiths Concrete

# Minutes

Subject: **Wolston Fields Quarry Liaison Committee**  
Date: **Tuesday 21st April 2015**  
Location: **Doubleday Room, Ryton Gardens, Wolston Lane, CV8 3LG**

Present: Cllr Heather Timms (Chair)  
Mr Matthew Williams (Planning Officer – Warwickshire CC)  
Cllr Ian Spiers (Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council)  
Cllr Geoff Marsh (Ryton On Dunsmore Parish Council)  
Cllr Tim Harvey Smith (Wolston Parish Council)  
Cllr Arthur Parker (Wolston Parish Council)  
Ms Julie Court (Finance Manager – Ryton Gardens)  
Mr Andy Stubbs (General Manager - Smiths Concrete)  
Mr John Green (Operations Manager - Smiths Concrete)  
Mr Bob Woodbridge (Principal Geologist - Smiths Concrete)  
Mr Andy Duncan (Landscape Manager - Smiths Concrete)  
Mr Mark Page (Land and Planning Manager - Smiths Concrete)

Apologies: Ms Carole Garner (Facilities Manager – Ryton Gardens)  
Mr Ted Beale (Sheldon Bosley – Agent for Landowner)

Distribution: All those above

Minutes taken by: Mark Page

No	Item	Responsible
1.	<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>  The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2014 were unanimously approved subject to the following correction: all references to Cllr Barker should have read Cllr Parker.	
2.	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>  Matters were discussed in the next items.	

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3.	<p data-bbox="316 331 632 367"><u>OPERATORS UPDATE</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 434 1310 636">3.1 Soil stripping and mineral extraction have now commenced on site. Phase 1 has been stripped of soils/ overburden and mineral has been fully excavated. Phase 1 is to become the dewatering pond whereby water from the quarry void will be pumped into the Phase 1 area (to keep the dig dry) with clean water flowing into an adjacent ditch which in turn is linked to the River Avon.</p> <p data-bbox="316 703 1302 873">3.2 Phase 1 soils are currently being moved into the roadside bund opposite Ryton Gardens. Works to be completed in c.2 weeks. Thereafter sown with grass and wildflower seed mix. Mr Duncan to liaise with Ms Court regarding possibility of using Ryton Garden's wildflower seed.</p> <p data-bbox="316 940 1307 1008">3.3 Phase 2 has been stripped of soils and is expected to be excavated shortly. Footpath reinstated.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1075 1315 1487">3.4 Stripping in Phase 3a commenced at end of February and the mineral in this area appears to be better quality compared with Phase 1. As anticipated the Phase 3a area (being on top of the hill) has unearthed a considerable amount of archaeology, principally Bronze Age. Evidence of a settlement has been found on the southern margin of Phase 3a next to Wolston Lane. Furthermore c.80 cremation pits have been found in the area also, a number of which still contain a clay urn containing ashes and bone fragments. The company's appointed archaeologists are currently recording the findings and liaising with the County Archaeologist accordingly. Smiths anticipate that it will take c. 6 weeks to clear the archaeology from the area to enable mineral extraction to commence.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1554 1302 1688">3.5 Smiths appointed archaeological advisor, Dr Andy Richmond of Phoenix Consulting is liaising with the Ryton History Group with the intention to conduct a site visit to view/discuss the archaeological finds.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1756 1302 1859">3.6 It was requested that the Brandon &amp; Wolston History Group be invited also. The contact for the group is Ms Joy Stanton. Mr Page will ask Dr Richmond to contact her.</p>	<p data-bbox="1355 703 1501 734">Mr Duncan</p> <p data-bbox="1355 1756 1466 1787">Mr Page</p>

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	<p>3.7 c. 40,000 tonnes of mineral has been extracted to date and transported to Bubbenhall quarry for processing.</p> <p>3.8 The eco wheel cleaning facility is on-site and being used by all HGV's leaving the site. The eco cleaner is 27 metres long and is designed so that shakers on the facility vibrate when a HGV travels over it allowing any mud to drop off. The eco cleaner is different from a traditional wheel wash in that it does not require the use of water in the operation. The eco cleaner is located on the concrete access road.</p> <p>3.9 The hedgerow along Wolston Lane has been gapped up with c. 450 plants.</p>	
4.	<p><u>COUNTY COUNCIL'S UPDATE</u></p> <p>4.1 Mr Williams informed the committee that the county council has been liaising with Smiths to ensure that all HGVs follow the traffic routing and are sheeted. This followed an incident when one of the lorries was observed travelling through Ryton village unsheeted.</p> <p>4.2 The county council has also been in discussions with Smiths regarding waste import HGV routing as this element is not covered by the S106. Cllr Marsh expressed concern that the S106 does not reflect the county council Regulatory Committee's decision.</p> <p>4.3 Smiths has made a commitment in writing to the county council to use all reasonable means to control waste import routing, such commitment follows a similar approach to that contained in the S106 for HGVs transporting mineral.</p> <p>4.4 Cllr Timms thanked Smiths for its commitment for HGV routing and confirmed that as long as Smiths has the intent to deliver on its commitment then the Regulatory Committee would be satisfied.</p> <p>4.5 Following further discussion Smiths agreed to record that they will use all reasonable means to ensure that all HGVs, whether carrying mineral or inert waste and for the avoidance of doubt all return journeys, will avoid travelling through Ryton and Wolston villages.</p>	Smiths

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	<p>4.6 Mr Williams advised that the county council carries out a planning monitoring visit of the site every 6 months to ensure compliance with the planning conditions. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2015.</p> <p>4.7 The committee asked the county council for an update regarding additional signage to deter quarry traffic going through the villages. Cllr Timms has put this forward as a project to be spent against the county council's budget but further information on the costs is required. Mr Stubbs confirmed that Smiths would like to see some additional signage, particularly on Wolston Lane and would be happy to contribute towards the costs. Mr Williams to provide details of signs and costs to Mr Page.</p>	<p>Mr Williams</p> <p>Mr Williams</p>
5.	<p><u>OBSERVATION OF THE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>5.1 Cllr Spiers is very concerned about the potential for mud on the road and made reference to poor condition of Leamington Road over the winter period. Smiths acknowledged that it has been a challenge to keep the road clean. This was due to the large volumes of inert waste coming into Bubbenhall quarry from the Toll Bar project where approximately one year's worth of inert waste was imported over the winter. Further inert waste (c. 50kt) is expected from Toll Bar from about July 2015 and hoped to tip this in Phase 3 at Wolston, subject to the void being available.</p> <p>5.2 Cllr Parker queried the new site entrance off Wolston Lane and was disappointed that the left hand curb on the exit on Wolston Lane i.e. towards Wolston village is not a right angle curb to deter HGV's turning left. Mr Page stated that a right angled curb would not meet highways standards.</p> <p>5.3 Mr Williams stated that the site entrance is marginally different to the approved design but that the County Highways were happy with it.</p> <p>5.4 It was requested that the portaloo (provided for the field archaeologists) is moved away from Wolston Lane roadside. Mr Green to action.</p>	<p>Mr Green</p>

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	<p>5.5 Cllr Parker requested further information on how the Environment Agency monitors landfill activities. Mr Woodbridge confirmed that Smiths holds a permit to tip inert waste which contains strict Waste Acceptance Procedures to ensure inert waste only is tipped. The EA can visit the site unannounced to monitor compliance with the Permit. Mr Woodbridge explained that both contractors and Smiths have a duty of care to ensure that waste is inert in nature. For example on a large project Smiths will request the contractor to complete a Waste Characterisation Sheet specifying the source and type of inert material which is proposed to be brought to site. Visual inspections of the waste coming in are undertaken also.</p> <p>5.6 Cllr Timms asked whether Smiths has had much liaison with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust given the close proximity of the workings to Brandon Marsh SSSI. Mr Page said that Smiths has regular contact with the Trust, in particular Ed Green its Chief Executive, and the relationship is very good.</p> <p>5.7 Cllr Spiers stated that the HGVs appear to be following the requirement to sheet but asked Smiths to keep reinforcing the message to its drivers. Mr Green to continue to manage accordingly.</p>	Mr Green
6.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>6.1 None.</p>	
7.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7.1 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 4.00 pm at Doubleday Room, Ryton Gardens, Wolston Lane, CV8 3LG.</p>	