



Smiths Concrete

Minutes

Subject: **Wolston Fields Quarry Liaison Committee**
Date: **Tuesday 18th September 2018**
Location: **Ryton Gardens, Wolston Lane, CV8 3LG**

Present: Cllr Heather Timms (Chair)
Cllr Geoff Marsh (Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council)
Cllr Tim Harvey Smith (Wolston Parish Council)
Cllr Arthur Parker (Wolston Parish Council)
Ms Louise Parmenter (Facilities Manager – Ryton Gardens)
Mr Matthew Williams (Senior Planner – Warwickshire CC)
Mr Andy Stubbs (General Manager – Smiths Concrete)
Mr Andy Duncan (Landscape Manager – Smiths Concrete)
Mr John Green (Operations Manager - Smiths Concrete)
Mr Mark Page (Land & Planning Manager – Smiths Concrete)

Apologies: Mr Sam White (SBK – agent for landowner)
Cllr Ian Spiers (Ryton On Dunsmore Parish Council)

Distribution: All those above

Minutes taken by: Mark Page

| No | Item | Responsible |
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| 1. | <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> There were no minutes of the previous meeting as the liaison committee undertook a site visit | |
| 2. | <u>Matters Arising</u> None | |
| 3. | <u>Operator's Update</u> 3.1 Since the last meeting on 6th March and the site walk round on Tuesday 12th June work has continued on the restoration of phase 3 final top soiling and grass seeding. | |

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| | <p>3.2 The compound, stock loading area and sand martin face will be fenced off and the Phase 3a grass pasture area can be handed back to Leslie Pugh who is going to graze sheep on it next year.</p> <p>3.3 The only remaining area 3e the other side of the bridle track is still being filled and should be ready for restoration soils spring 2019.</p> <p>3.4 Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will be taking over the wet woodland in Phase 2 at the end of September.</p> <p>3.5 Beyond the sewage treatment works we have started extracting sand and gravel from Phase 4f next to the diverted Centenary Way footpath.</p> <p>3.6 The de watering pond due to be constructed in the first field of Phase 5 soil stripping has revealed an Iron Age settlement and all work in this area has stopped.</p> <p>3.7 Excavations by archaeologists from MOLA will start shortly and site visits will be arranged with Parish Councils and local History groups in a few weeks time.</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>County Council Update</u></p> <p>4.1 Mr Williams confirmed that Smiths planning submission for a minor variation of the working scheme to provide for a new water settlement pond has been approved.</p> <p>4.2 Warwickshire Minerals Plan update – it is anticipated that the next round of consultation on the Plan will commence in the next few months.</p> | |
| 5. | <p><u>Observations from the Committee</u></p> <p>5.1 There have been no reported breaches of the HGV routing agreement.</p> <p>5.2 Cllr Parker requested an update on the current position regarding the processing plant site at Bubbenhall.</p> | |

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| | <p>Following the mineral reserves re-assessment as outlined in the March meeting the company is continuing to consider its options for processing beyond 2021 when its lease at Bubbenhall expires. An extension of the Bubbenhall lease is unlikely as the the landlord (FCC) requires the land for their own use. Smiths preference is to establish a new aggregates wash plant at Wolston to process the remaining Wolston mineral. The company is currently looking at different processing plant options and will provide further information in due course.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the company has no plans to install a concrete batching plant at Wolston. The majority of processed sand and gravel goes to Smiths existing concrete plant sites at Warwick and Stratford.</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>6.1 Mr Page reported that legal agreement between the landowner, Smiths and the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust was nearly completed and hoped that this would be finalised by the end of September. On completion the Trust will take on the long term management of the Phase 2 area with further areas (Phases 5 and 6) to follow once worked and restored. It was agreed to invite Karl Curtis of the Wildlife Trust to the next liaison meeting.</p> | |
| 7. | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>4.00 pm on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at Ryton Gardens.</p> | |