

BENT FARM QUARRY LIAISON MEETING

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY 3rd AUGUST 2021
AT BENT FARM QUARRY**

Attendees:	C Evans	Astbury Parish Council
	S Fern	Brereton Parish Council
	B Bailey	Smallwood Parish Council
	A Hughes	Smallwood Parish Council
	C Dale	Smallwood Parish Council
	B Jelf	Astbury Parish Council
	A Sutton	Local Resident
	G Wells	Local Resident
	L Williams	Sibelco
	T Green	Sibelco
	M Davies	Sibelco
	D Walton	Sibelco

The meeting was chaired by B Jelf (BJ).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow (Newbold Astbury cum Moreton PC) and Karen Jinks (Sibelco).

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (9th March 2021)

These were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Operational Update

L Williams (LW) provided an update via PowerPoint presentation with Tony Green (TG) Michael Davies (MD) and David Walton (DW) contributing.

TG outlined the sand extraction area in Bent Farm Quarry and the final phase of soils and overburden stripping to access minerals which would include the removal of the small woodland

copse separating the Bibbey 2 and Bibbey 1 quarries. The clearance will take place in the Autumn with the overburden team likely to commence in late March 2022.

5. Planning and Environmental Update

LW provided an update on the new extension into Bent Farm West known as 'Holford'. Members had visited the site to see the early preparation works as part of the site tour. This includes the installation of the conveyor route formation of soil bund on the periphery of the site and the removal and storage of clay to the west of the site. It was identified that Wallhill Lane will require closure for 10 weeks to install the conveyor tunnel. It is now likely this will happen during October 2021 due to delays from the supplier of the concrete tunnel casting.

BJ raised a query regarding signage to identify the road crossing required for the daily movement of the front end loader to the site. LW confirmed that appropriate signage will be installed as per the S.278 agreement with Cheshire East Council Highways.

G Wells (GW) asked about the levels of the conveyor and how it works. TG confirmed that the conveyor runs at ground level across Holford Farm but will then gradually descend under ground level through the tunnel under Wallhill Lane. It re-emerges on the quarry side where it gains gradient to ground level prior to linking up with the existing quarry conveyor route. MD confirmed that the conveyor line will be uncovered.

DW provided an update on the Bent Farm Quarry Time Extension Application. A response is waited from Cheshire East. The application had a determination date of 25 June 2021.

GW requested that a copy of the Powerpoint is circulated to member. LW took an action to circulate.

LW provided an update on the new signage installed along the A34 and through Congleton to direct HGVs to the site without shortcutting through Childs Lane and Wallhill Lane.

GW and AH confirmed that the situation has improved recently. GW said HGVs were still using this route but residents don't believe they are linked to the quarry. BJ confirmed the Parish Council were pleased with the signage and the action taken by Sibelco regarding the haulier who had been using the Lanes.

LW presented the environmental monitoring update with all readings within the limits set by the planning conditions.

Periodic noise monitoring took place on 16th February 2021. All calculated noise levels were calculated to be lower than permitted levels.

Boot - Quarry

	LOCATION	Grid ref at nearest perimeter to quarry	Grid ref at noise source	Grid Ref at monitoring position	L1 – Noise level at monitoring position	R1 – Distance from monitoring position to noise source	Calculated noise level at source	R2 - Distance from noise source to this location	L2 – Calculated noise level at this location	L2 – Calculated noise level at this location inc -10 dB(A) screening	Permitted noise level
1	Less-a-Tree Cottage	SJ82825 61229	SJ 83409 61494	SJ83415 61541	66.3	10	94.3	670	29.8	19.8	53
2	Brownlow Farm	SJ83259 61243	SJ 83409 61494	SJ83415 61541	66.3	10	94.3	340	35.7	25.7	53
3	Bent Farm	SJ83510 62015	SJ 83409 61494	SJ83415 61541	66.3	10	94.3	480	32.7	22.7	53

Yard - Processing Plant

	LOCATION	Grid ref at nearest perimeter to quarry	Grid ref at noise source (nearest plant - Dry plant)	Grid Ref at monitoring position	L1 – Noise level at monitoring position	R1 – Distance from monitoring position to noise source	Calculated noise level at source	R2 - Distance from noise source to this location	L2 – Calculated noise level at this location	L2 – Calculated noise level at this location inc -10 dB(A) screening	Permitted noise level
1	Less-a-Tree Cottage	SJ82825 61229	SJ 82862 62090	SJ82895 62086	60.6	20	94.6	960	27.0	17.0	53
2	Brownlow Farm	SJ83259 61243	SJ 82862 62090	SJ82895 62086	60.6	20	94.6	1020	26.4	16.4	53
3	Bent Farm	SJ83510 62015	SJ 82862 62090	SJ82895 62086	60.6	20	94.6	660	30.2	20.2	53

6. Council Matters

Cheshire East Council

No representative present.

Parish Councils

Astbury Parish Council.

BJ confirmed that J Carter had retired and would no longer be chair. Another chair needs to be elected at the next meeting.

BJ asked whether the recent traffic counting measures installed on Wallhill Lane were related to the quarry development. LW confirmed they are and linked to the S.278 application required to close Wallhill Lane. GW asked whether Sibelco would provide members the count data. LW confirmed Sibelco will provide this once the S.278 agreement is completed.

Brereton Parish Council

No issues raised.

Smallwood Parish Council

AH and BB confirmed there were no comments.

7. Any Other Business

GW raised issue with lights on the plant site believing some appear brighter than others and that queries had been raised locally. TG confirmed that Sibelco had undertaken night time surveys of the lighting and as a result replaced a number of old filliment bulbs with modern LEDs. TG confirmed there are still a number to replace and this will be easier to do in Autumn time with the nights drawing in. TG encouraged members to inform Sibelco regarding any further issues with night time lighting and glare.

BJ asked whether Sibelco could assist with tree planting for a scheme they have for some common land. MD confirmed Sibelco would be happy to contribute once a scheme is confirmed.

BJ discussed cutting of the vegetation around the road signs on Wallhill Lane. Greg Sutton (GS) confirmed that this had recently been done. TG confirmed that GS does this once a year on behalf of Sibelco. TG also confirmed Sibelco litter pick twice monthly along Wallhill Lane to keep the verges tidy.

8. Date of next meeting
5th April at 6pm.