

BENT FARM QUARRY LIAISON MEETING

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2017

Attendees: Councillor D Brown (Cheshire East Council)
Mr John Carter (Astbury PC)
Mr J R Sutton (Bent Farm)
Mr D Muir (Resident)
Mr Stephen Fern (Brereton PC)
Mrs Helen Baker (Smallwood PC)
Councillor R Bailey (Cheshire East Council)
Mr Michael Hurley (Sibelco)
Ms Maria Cotton (Sibelco)
Mr Tony Green (Sibelco)
Mr Rob Davenport (Sibelco)

The meeting was chaired by Mr J Carter.

1. Apologies

Ms E Williams, Councillor J Wray.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (13th June 2017)

These were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

**4. Quarry Developments
(Including environmental update)**

R Davenport advised that top soil removal was undertaken during the summer. There were no archaeology findings. A soil mound was constructed to the south of the site and grass seeded.

Environmental Update Environmental noise monitoring was conducted on 15th September 2017:-

1. Brownlow Farm received noise level: 28.5 dB(A)
2. Less-a-Tree Cottage received noise level: 25.0 dB(A)
3. Bent Farm received noise level: 30.7 dB(A)

A limit 55.0 dB(A) is applicable for sand extraction operations.

No formal noise complaints or concerns have been received since the last meeting. One resident heard a noise at 2.40 am August 11th 2017. This was investigated but the cause could not be determined.

Dryer stack particulate emissions were tested on 8th March 2017. The Environmental Health Officer has reduced visits from twice per year to once per year since. Results as follows:-

Location	Result (mg/m3)	Limit (mg/m3)
Dryer / Cooler	44	100
Dryer LEV	8	50

Directional Dust Monitoring

A directional dust gauge is installed at the site near Brownlow Farm. The gauge is collected and analysed on a monthly basis. The gauge collects dust from all sources in the four compass directions.

Levels below 200 mg/m²/day are considered acceptable:-

Mg/m ² /day	North	South	East	West
15.01.2016	22	22	20	14
04.05.2016	9	21	19	22
14.07.2016	37	50	57	24
04.09.2016	6	31	10	31
19.10.2016	14	33	45	17
02.12.2016	81	26	30	28
12.01.2017	16	32	8	9
22.02.2017	49	36	42	189
24.03.2017	13	32	28	31
02.05.2017	23	37	26	26
28.06.2017	35	29	70	28
31.07.2017	34	39	63	92

No complaints or concerns have been raised in relation to dust since the last meeting.

Water Discharge Monitoring

All weekly results for 2017 so far have been within limits for suspended solids (parts per million). The discharge to Loach Brook is water removed from the quarry to allow dry working. The average result for the past 3 months has been 2.2 ppm. The figures ranged from 1.6 to 3.2 ppm. The limit is 20 ppm.

5. Planning and Estates Matters

5.1 Holford Farm

M Cotton advised members that the Company is working towards a submission in the first half of 2018 for development of sand extraction on land to the west of the plant site. Broad operational principles have been discussed with Cheshire East officers. A Scoping Request is being prepared for submission to Cheshire East Council in due course.

The site is a Preferred Area in the 1999 Minerals Plan and the land has been submitted to the site allocations consultations of the revision to the Mineral Plan.

5.2 Time Extension Application

M Cotton advised that the Company is preparing an application to extend the time of operations at the current Bent Farm site. Further details will be provided at future liaison meetings.

5.3 Cheshire East Minerals Plan

There was no update from Cheshire East but M Hurley advised that following the adoption of the Local Plan Strategy, it could be anticipated that a minerals plan Issues and Options paper on future site allocations could be expected.

J Carter noticed a link to the Cheshire East website for CE responses to an earlier consultation:-

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial_planning/cheshire_east_local_plan/local_plan_consultations/local_plan_consultations.aspx

6. Council Matters:

6.1 Parishes

Brereton Parish Council

No further business.

Smallwood Parish Council

No further business.

Astbury Parish Council

No further business.

6.2 Cheshire East Council

No further business.

7. Any Other Business

Councillor Brown discussed possibilities for cycling in the local area and suggested consideration could be given to cycling routes in future restoration projects.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1st May 2018 at the quarry offices commencing with a site tour at 5.30 pm.