

Went Valley Aggregates Liaison Committee

Minutes of the meeting 4th September 2018

Present – Russell Meakin, Went Valley Aggregates

John Carlton, Went Valley Aggregates

Councillor Gillian Ivey, Chairman of Little Smeaton Parish Council

Councillor Tricia Storey, Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

Gary Lumb, North Yorkshire Highways

Mike Smith, Wakefield Highways

Colin Spink, Wakefield Highways

Adele Curnow, Little Smeaton Parish Clerk

Absent – Amy Taylor

1. Appointment of Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Gillian Ivey was appointed the Chair for the Liaison Committee.

2. Purpose of the Liaison Committee

The purpose of the Committee is for everyone to work together to get any issues sorted, to talk things through and to decide who is doing what.

3. Update S106 Agreement for application NY20160185ENV

The S106 Agreement is signed. Items covered in the agreement

- 10 year after care program once works have ceased in the area, the restoration program will kick in. The quarry agreed a 10-year program rather than the 5 years that it would normally be.
- The quarry licence is for inert waste, not landfill waste. There won't be any black bag landfill, it will always be recovery waste. The quarry recycles construction and demolition waste and the waste product from this is a very fine soil, this will be put into the quarry once they are finished.
- The only materials allowed in are the construction and demolition inert materials.
- The Quarry will have Low-Level restoration; ie. it will never be at the level at what it started, it will be undulated 25/30% to engineer a face against the quarry wall and will be left to grow naturally.
- The banking around the quarry will always stay and will be planted with trees.

Note. The Decision Notice giving approval for this application was issued by NYCC on Sept 4th 2018.

4. Highway Maintenance position – North Yorkshire

The road outside the Quarry and up to the bridge, which is the boundary.

Gary Lumb advised that a S106 Agreement is not needed for the works to be carried out to the highway on Went Edge Road, at the new entrance for the quarry. This can be done on a 278 Agreement. The 278 Agreement is with the Solicitors and Highways Legal department waiting for plans and specifications and contractor details, before it can be signed off.

ACTION POINT. John Carlon to chase this up.

Once the agreement has been signed off Highways have agreed that Went Valley Aggregates will arrange the work to be carried out on Went Edge Road. The road will be closed overnight while the works take place. Highways have agreed they will

- Arrange for the road closure to be put in place
- Reduce the height of the verge
- Haunch the sides of the carriageway and overlay it
- Provide and place new signs along Went Edge Road and outside the quarry entrance

Note. The works proposed will cover both planning application NY20160185ENV [see point 3] & NY/2017/0310/FUL which is the new entrance – still to be approved.

5. Highway Maintenance position – Wakefield Highways

The road from the Wentbridge side of the A1 bridge and the T junction.

The plan is to take off the corner to allow HGV's better exit at the junction. Highways advised that they will do what can be done in the bounds of the land that belongs to Wakefield Highways, the amount of verge is minimal.

In response to a question, they advised that a compulsory purchase of land could take up to 2 years and the issue needs to be addressed now. They intend to carry out alterations at the junction of Went Edge Road and Great North Road, Wentbridge. Russell Meakin has paid for these works to be done, this was not a planning condition.

- Plan in place to take the corner off damaged by the trucks and extend the highway as much as possible. They have tracked on their computer software to simulate a vehicle going around the corner and confirm that after the works are complete a lorry will be able to negotiate the corner without crossing the white lines on the carriageway.
- To resurface the carriageway at the junction at the same time.
- To provide warning signs around the junction.
- Works should be carried out before Christmas.

6. Further issues raised by residents (not covered above)

6.1 Road Sweeper

It was agreed at a previous meeting with the chairs of Kirk Smeaton and Little Smeaton Parish Councils and Went Valley Aggregates that they would run a pilot scheme to stop the road sweeper sweeping through the summer months. However, once the weather turns wet again the road sweeper will be back on cleaning the roads. It was discussed that the new road inside the quarry is longer and therefore most of the mud etc will be deposited on quarry land before it reaches the public highway.

6.2 Unofficial laybys

Residents are concerned about the unofficial laybys that have been made by lorries parking on the edge of the highway, and the rubbish that is being dumped in these laybys.

ACTION POINTS.

- Great North Road and slip road to the A1, Wakefield Highways will sort this issue.
- South A1 slip road, Gary Lumb North Yorkshire Highways agreed to look at the issue and take photos.
- Russell Meakin offered to extend the soil banking that runs along the side of the road, to stop the lorries and other vehicles parking there, but needs permission from Highways and the land owner. Gary Lumb to find out who owns the land.

6.3 Lorries travelling through Kirk Smeaton

Residents are worried about lorries turning left out of the quarry and travelling through the village.

- North Yorkshire Highways advised that residents should record the vehicle registration numbers, owners of the vehicles, dates and times etc. and report these details to Lorry Watch at North Yorkshire Trading Standards, at County Hall, Northallerton. Not to the police because they won't do anything.
- Russell Meakin guaranteed that no vehicle leaving his quarry would turn left and go through the village, all operators and drivers know that they will be removed from the site immediately and won't be allowed to return.
There are already 'no left turn' signs within the quarry site.

7. No other issues raised

8. Date for next meeting

Tuesday 4th December 2018