

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Liaison Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019 at 1400 hrs at Went Valley Aggregates.

Present:

Mr Russell Meakin – Went Valley Aggregates
Cllr Elaine Bartlett (Kirk Smeaton PC Chair)
Cllr Gillian Ivey (Little Smeaton PC Chair)
Mr Gary Lumb – North Yorkshire Highways
Mr Andrew Skelton; Mr Alan Hobson (engineer) – West Yorkshire Highways
Mrs Kate Bowden - Clerk

Apologies: There were no apologies

1. Welcome from Mr Russell Meakin
2. Cllr Bartlett was appointed as Chair for the meeting
3. No representative from NY Planning was in attendance
4. **Highways maintenance position – North Yorkshire Highways.** Mr Gary Lumb informed the meeting that the 278 agreement for the maintenance work was with their Legal Department to agree the wording and all being well, should be signed within the month. (no supervision fees or bond). All plans had been agreed for the removal of the banks and inserting grips and preventative measures for stopping lorries parking in unofficial laybys.
5. **Highways maintenance position – West Yorkshire Highways.** Mr Hobson informed the meeting that he had a start date of 6th March for improvements to the junction at Wentbridge. He considered that .6 metre was insufficient room to carry out the work planned to have a long-term effect. Cllr Bartlett informed the meeting that Mr Bill Turnbull was willing to sell part of the field to Mr Meakin. Cllr Bartlett then rang Mr Turnbull from the meeting to clarify the position. Mr Turnbull agreed he was willing to sell the 9 square metres which were required but the committee considered his price exorbitant. Lengthy discussion followed and it was agreed that further plans would be drawn to use a dropped K4 kerb to act as an overrun and explore whether additional

land could be used without encroaching on the private land. The date for starting the work will still be 6th March 2019.

6. Highways issues raised by residents:

6.1. Road Cleaner effectiveness. Mr Meakin stated that the Road Cleaner did improve the condition of the highway but could not be used if the temperature was forecast to fall during the night as this would then freeze the surface of the road and be extremely dangerous. The wheel wash is now repaired and working.

6.2. Lorries Parking on the verges. This is being dealt with by NY Highways as in (4) above.

6.3. Delay in improvements – discussed in (4) and (5) above.

7. New Planning Application – Mr Russell Meakin confirmed he is awaiting approval of a new Planning Application to extend the Quarry up to the pylon in the field towards the Village. The bushes will be cut down and the road will be replanted with trees etc. It was noted that this work could be carried out up until 1st March.

8. There was no other business.

9. **The date of the next meeting** will be Monday 20th May at 2.00 pm at the offices of Mr Russell Meakin.