

BROOM SOUTH LIAISON GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES, PRIORY HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.00PM

Attendees:

Central Bedfordshire Council	Mr J Delafield Cllr C Maudlin (Chairman) Cllr G Clarke Cllr L Birt
Southill Parish Council	Cllr N Hickman Cllr R Green
Langford Parish Council	Cllr A Spencer (agenda and minutes to be sent by post) Cllr S Braybrooke
Shefford Parish Council	Mr Mackin
Old Warden Parish Council	Cllr M Studdert-Kennedy
Northill Parish Council	Cllr K Bennett
Southill Estate	Mr M Egar
Lafarge Tarmac Ltd	Mr M Pendock Mr L Cooper

1. Introduction

Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence

Richard Bonell – Lafarge Tarmac
Cllr R Green – Southill Parish Council

3. Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved with no changes.

4. Funding Applications

Update on previous applications:-

The Chairman provided an update on the status of applications determined by the committee at the last liaison meeting.

a) SALGA

The £1500 contribution towards the cost of additional watering points has been requested and released. The Chairman received a letter of

thanks from SALGA on 27 Jan 2014. Photographs of the installed water system were circulated.

b) All Saints Church, Southill

The £4970 contribution towards Church repairs has not been requested. Deadline for the contribution to be requested and spent is 1 June 2014.

Applications to be considered at this meeting:-

Funding applications were considered by the committee in respect of submissions made by:

a) Stanford Playing Field Association

Cllr Hickman gave a short presentation to the group on behalf of SPFA and its application for £3924 for a set of play equipment. Project involves the construction of three linked sets of play equipment. Funding has been secured for the first set and this was recently installed. This application was for the second set, which is approximately a third of the total cost of the project.

Prior to the discussion, the Chairman sought clarification on the procedure for the vote. Cllr Hickman was happy to step out for the vote but the group decided that was not necessary. It was clear how Southill Parish Council would vote, as they have already supported the project.

Following a discussion, the Chairman proposed that the group should contribute the full amount requested by the applicant. This was carried by a vote (5 in favour, 0 against).

b) Langford Methodist Church

Requested £900 for the replacement of 10 units of double glazed windows which have blown in Sunday School. The applicant sought the full cost of the project, and stated on the application form that there were no other sources of funding available.

The Chairman highlighted that it would have been helpful for the applicant to have attended the meeting to give a presentation and take questions. The group agreed, particularly as the group was being asked for more than 50% of the total cost of the project.

The Chairman proposed that the discussion on the application be suspended until the next meeting and a request made of the applicant to provide further information on efforts made to secure match funding from alternative sources. This was carried by a vote (5 in favour, 0 against).

A third application from Old Warden Cricket Club was on the agenda but this was withdrawn by the applicant two days prior to the meeting.

The Chairman advised that requests have been received for a further "funding" meeting in May. The Chairman consider the justifications provided

by the applicants for a May meeting to be valid and the group were in a agreement that a meeting should be held, particularly as a decision on the Langford Methodist Church application had been deferred.

This funding meeting will be held of Thursday 15th May 2014 at 7pm in Priory House, Chicksands.

5. Report by Lafarge Tarmac

Production/Planning Condition Update

- Producing through small capacity plant, estimation that operating at under quarter capacity. Temporary plant not as reliable as expected. A second mobile processing plant is proposed to be brought in for a temporary period. This will be subject to a submission to the LPA for their approval.
- The permanent fixed processing plant will be brought in during the summer with the aim of it being up and running in the Autumn upon which the temporary processing plants would be taken down and removed from site.
- No excavation taking place, currently processing material taken from lagoons. Excavation proper expected to start in May in Phase 1.
- General sales have not started from quarry although one customer is being supplied on a trial basis. Approx 500t/week. Number of daily HGV movements?
- Wheel wash now in position on site although not yet electrically wired in. A dry wheel shaker has been used on a temporary basis whilst the approved wheel wash was being installed.
- Approved CCTV system for traffic monitoring expected to be installed by mid March. As an interim measure a fixed CCTV camera has been installed on a temporary portacabin positioned at the site exit.
- Contract sweeper on site twice a week to sweep main haul route.
- Condition of haul road is deteriorating. Plans in place through internal supply to start road upgrade due to start 17th March.
- Applied to change Dust Monitoring Scheme to update to recent technology and analysis.
- Soil bunds to be grass seeded and bund to North of plant site to be tree planted. Tree planting in March, seeding later in coming months.
- Entrance splay to B658 to be planted in coming weeks.
- Abstraction from river postponed at the moment due to waterlogged routes to/from pump.
- No soil stripping or restoration planned for this year. Next likely date for soil stripping 2016 (Phase 2).
- No issues of theft, vandalism or trespass reported.
- VAS expected be installed in the next week. (Now advised this will be on Friday 21st March)

Complaints

- Received by James Delafield. Noise from abstraction pump on river running out of hours. Advised farmer to bring this into operational hours only but failed on night of complaint. Readdressed following day and resolved. Action taken passed to James Delafield. Position of pump also to be checked before we start abstraction again. Plan supplied by Environment Agency does not seem to correspond to updated Grid Reference.

Community

- Pedestrians using haul road route for dog walking, can a reminder go out that the Pedestrian route goes to Broom Village. Permissive route to go in behind already constructed soil bund to North. This will be signposted in coming month.
- Properly identified crossing point of Right of Way over Haul Route to go in when road upgraded.
- Archaeology open day for two schools, Caldecote Lower and Langford - 3rd October in conjunction with Andrew Josephs, our consultation went really well and received good feedback from some of the children who wrote in letters of thanks.

6. Report from LPA

Since the last meeting, a full monitoring inspection has taken place on 18 December 2014.

Noise monitoring was last undertaken by LT on 19 November 2013 at 6 of the 9 specified locations during a period when excavation and processing of material from the silt lagoons was taking place. The noise levels were observed to be below the day to day noise levels at all six locations. Site activity was inaudible at station 2 at Langford Road Farm, station 5 on the edge of Broom and stations 7 and 8 in Stanford. Site activity was just audible at station 1 in Mill Lane, Langford and station 9 at Hill Farm, Stanford. Next noise monitoring due in May 2014.

Fortnightly dust monitoring data received up to 9th December 2013 from the specified 8 locations surrounding the quarry. The results of dust monitoring indicate that since the development commenced, the limit set by the scheme has not been exceeded. The Liaison Group was however advised at the last meeting that LT would be updating the dust monitoring scheme with input from a specialist consultant. A letter was recently circulated to the group from the consultants who proposed ways to improve the scheme. The LPA are now in the process of formally agreeing those changes by way of a non-material amendment application. LT hope to have the revised scheme up and running asap.

The results of monitoring of groundwater and water levels in the fishing ponds and eastern ditch for 2013 have been provided. The data collected shows no evidence of operations having impacted on groundwater levels or surface water levels in the vicinity of the site over the last year.

7. Any other business

Cllr Hickman sought clarification from the LPA about the position with respect to the footbridge over the River Ivel secured by the Section 106 agreement. JD advised that the erection of the bridge was dependent on the Council confirming it has full rights to construct the footbridge on the eastern side of the river bank, and negotiations were on-going with a landowner to secure a dedicated route to Mill Lane, Langford. The Section 106 secures a fall back position if this is not possible within 5 years of implementation (i.e. 15th April 2018). If no request is made by the Council for LT to provide a footbridge during this period, then the obligation will cease to have effect and instead LT will contribute a further £40,000 indexed linked towards local community projects.

Cllr Studdert-Kennedy requested that an update be provided at the start of each meeting about the total remaining in the local community project fund. This was agreed.

Cllr Braybrooke requested that the dust monitoring data be made publicly available on the Council's website. JD advised that he had discussed this with his Team Leader who decided that we do not have the resources to manage the data on our website, particularly when the level of public demand for this data appeared to be reasonably low. JD agreed to add an informative to the Broom South Liaison Group webpage advising that monitoring data can be provided to interested members of the public on request.

8. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Funding Meeting - Thursday 15th May 2014 at 7pm at Council Offices, Chicksands.

Full Group Meeting - Wednesday 24th September 2014, meet at 6.00pm at Broom South for a site visit and thereafter at Council Offices, Chicksands.