

Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Quarry Stakeholders Meeting Working Party

held on Thursday 10th September 2020 at 6pm
at the West End, St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting

Present: Stephen Gower, Jayne Ewart Perks, Ali Clifton-Barnard, David Sandy.

In attendance: Cllr Nigel Moor (GCC), Cllr Richard Keeling (CDC), Maxi Freeman (Clerk), 5 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Received in advance from Kate Mather
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** Residents expressed interest in item 5a (Naunton and Grange Hill quarries extending towards Summerhill), 5b and 5d (volume and speed of traffic in Ford, traffic and dust and its impact on horses at Summerhill).
- 3. Points from the floor:** None
- 4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** The minutes were approved and the Chairman duly signed a copy.
- 5. To review activities and decide on QSWP actions**

(a) Review of quarry applications

Naunton ([18/0065/CWMAJM](#)) Awaiting decision. The application applies for a southern extension to produce a further 5.8 million tonnes of 90% aggregate. No increase in volume of traffic. Reason for application: 25% excess material quarried than that permitted.

Oathill ([19/0086/CWMAJM](#)) Application to double output to 100,000 tonnes p.a. of 80% aggregate/lime withdrawn. Applicant has also been producing amounts of aggregate and lime higher than permitted.

Grange Hill ([18/0074/CWMAJM](#)) Permission granted for extension towards Naunton quarry. Very slight increase in traffic forecast.

Cotswold Hill appeal ([17/0099/CWMAJM](#)). Successful appeal. There are now no limits on the number of vehicles and the volume of materials imported. Decision was based on lack of data showing impact of proposed unlimited volumes of traffic and that no other quarries have limits on imports.

(b) Traffic in Ford and other quarry lorry routes

The Chairman stated that data defining current permitted and actual traffic on the B4077 is critical to working towards an understanding of the current volumes and movement of quarry traffic and could have been used in the recent quarry planning application consultations. Discussion about this topic identified a number of reasons why traffic has increased, including:

- Quarries are not storing waste material (aggregate) on site but removing it, creating quarry traffic movements.
- Quarries then import materials for reinstatement, creating further lorry movements.
- Aggregate occupies more volume than the equivalent weight of stone so requires more vehicles.
- Quarries are now producing more aggregate than stone.
- Restoration work is not being carried out progressively during the life of the quarries.

Action: Clerk to circulate graphs of current permitted amounts quarried (N.b. considerable data is missing due to lack of limits to quarrying volumes and vehicle movements).

Cllr Perks explained that the number of HGVs on the B4077 at Ford has doubled in the last 7 years while reducing in the rest of the AONB. In addition, 3 huge tractors and trailers have

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been shuttling between other quarries and Guiting quarry. Vehicles have often been seen travelling in convoy and exceeding the speed limit.

Cllr Moor offered to fund a 24 hr survey of traffic at 3 locations in the cluster. Cllr Gower noted that only Oathill quarry's application included traffic data however, there was no analysis of where lorries were travelling to or from or when. Cllr Moor noted that the character of the B4077 needs to be changed to enable management of traffic and that GCC needed data to support this change. As well as the B4077, Buckle Street is a further problem. Cllr Moor explained that his proposed traffic management area would include this road and continue to Andoversford. **Action: QSMWP to provide Cllr Moor with locations for data capture.**

Cllr Gower noted that Upper Slaughter parish council had carried out a speed survey outside Cookson's farm on Buckle Street. **Action: Clerk to ask USPC for a copy of the report.**

(c) Environmental survey

The chairman noted that the recent Oathill quarry planning application included noise levels. This recorded bursts of 90db noise however, it is understood that GCC Planning usually considers ten-minute durations. The QSM needs specialist advice to determine exactly what data is needed to challenge quarry applications - noise, particulates, fumes, any other factors such as vibration. Cllr Moor informed the meeting that GCC has retained W S Atkins as environmental consultants and should be consulted. Cllr Keeling said that CDC had its own environmental services (ERS). **Action: Cllr Keeling to forward contact details to QSMWP.** The chairman noted that measurements have typically taken place at the boundaries of the quarries. Not where the noise is experienced. **Action: Clerk to find out if any noise surveys have been done outside quarry boundaries through a Freedom of Information act request to GCC Minerals Planning.**

Action QSMWP members to do some background research on best practices for environmental issues and quarrying

(d) GCC local transport plan

Cllr Moor has proposed the North Cotswold Quarry Cluster Lorry Management Zone as part of the plan. It could be used to:

- Reduce speeds
- Set consistent working hours across the Cluster
- Set consistent operating conditions
- Set enforceable driving standards.

Action: Clerk to circulate response from GCC Transport plan and copy of TGPC QSMWP comments on the plan (which focused on the lack of traffic data and understanding of the issues in the North Cotswolds and the possibility of an HGV Managed Zone).

(e) Cotswold Conservation Board (CCB) contact

Following the initial meeting in January, John Mills proposed a smaller steering group to continue working on quarry issues, which would report to full meetings (as per January meeting) twice a year. **Action. SG to clarify status and potential time of meetings with CCB**

The meeting also agreed that larger meetings (as per the initial Quarry Stakeholder Meeting held in January 2020) should also be held possibly twice per year. Cllr Keeling requested that each parish should be represented at the larger meetings. Cllr Moor requested that the group be extended to include Winchcombe.

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The meeting agreed that quarry visits should be attended by small groups of representatives but only when a checklist of standard questions was available. **Action: SG to develop key points to be addressed during site visits.**

(f) Meeting with Ford residents

Ford residents have contacted GCC Highways and Planning repeatedly to try to resolve the issue with little success. Data collected by the residents has not been accepted by the authorities. Residents agreed to work with the Quarry Stakeholder Meeting and that a separate meeting was not necessary at this time.

Cllr Keeling proposed that he follow up Cllr Ewart Perks' contact with local MP Geoffrey Clifton-Brown regarding a site visit. The meeting suggested that the levy from the quarry companies could be used to help fund the CCB and for much needed surveys if the rules on its use could be changed.

6. Other organisations

The meeting agreed that there were advantages to engaging as many relevant organisations as possible, asking for their comments on their experiences of quarries and quarry traffic in this area. Possible organisations include:

- CPRE Gloucestershire – David Baine, and Bob Brown (minerals specialist) **Action: Ali Clifton Barnard to contact.**
- Road users - Cycling, walking and horse riding organisations; local race horse trainers, local hunts,
- Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Action: QSMWP members to identify potential organisations and to contact for possible comment.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting. The Chairman proposed and the meeting agreed to the next meeting being held on 10 October, time t.b.d., when a quorum of Working Party members is available.

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