**Held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 7 p.m. at St Mary’s Church, Temple Guiting.**

**TGPC attendees:** Stephen Gower (Chairman), Jane Ewart-Perks, David Sandy, Ali Clifton-Brown, Kate Mather, Maxi Freeman (Clerk),

**Other attendees**: Stephen Smith (CPRE North Cotswolds), three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None as all members attended.
2. **Declaration of interests relating to matters on the Agenda.** None.
3. **Points from the floor.**
4. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** The meeting approved the draft minutes which the Chairman agreed to sign.
5. **Update on status of quarry planning applications including Guiting, Naunton, Oathill and Nayles Barn.** The Chairman and David Sandy gave a presentationsummarising the Working Party’s findings and the current situation in the North Cotswold Quarry Cluster and thanked CPRE for its contribution to the comments on quarry applications.

The Clerk reported that … Quarries had not been discussed at the last GCC planning meeting. The latest planning application related to quarrying was a decision to permit a new modern toilet block at Nayles Barn.

1. **Update on Working Party reports:** TGPC QWP has been researching and writing a number of technical reports on the issues created by the current quarry operations in the North Cotswold Cluster. These are also the criteria on which a Cumulative Impact Assessment is measured.All reports are available on ‘Quarrying’ page of the TGPC website.
2. Dust

David Sandy reported that smaller dust particles (2.5micron & less) can cause damage to lungs and that equines are more sensitive to this than humans, which is particularly relevant to Summerhill residents due to the number of equines in that location. Equines are also very sensitive to selenium levels, which could increase due to the greater risk of flooding which could be caused by quarrying. Dust has been monitored but only at the quarries, not at the sensitive sites outside the quarries or along the quarry routes. Action: Councillors agreed to a Freedom of Information Act request to Tewkesbury Borough Council to access the data from their dust measurements at Stanway Hill.

1. **Noise**. This technical report sets out levels deemed acceptable for NPPF purposes.
2. **Transport.** This report examines HGV movement data, using measurements provided in the Oathill planning application and Cllr Moor’s bespoke measurements. The report includes a comparison of the estimated data provided in the Naunton application and shows that these estimates, which have not been tested in real life, do not fit with actual data.
3. **Cumulative Impact Assessment**. This report includes definitions of Cumulative Impact as well as the legal regulations at EU, UK and county Council level for Cumulative Impact assessments. It demonstrates that GCC has the legal right to change conditions, including within ROMP reviews.
4. **Vibration**. This technical note has been drafted and will be published shortly.
5. **Reinstatement/restoration**. This report has yet to be written. Action: Kate Mather to scope report, including the current status of each quarry in the cluster and a definition of best practice.
6. **Meetings held with relevant bodies –** The notes and reports prepared for the following meetings are available on the TGPC website:

GCC (MPA/Highways); GCC (new councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington); MP (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown). Following the meeting with GCC MPA/Highways GCC data for extraction volumes over the past 10 years were provided. These demonstrate that:

\* Volumes have almost doubled recently

\* Traffic has doubled since 2009, and further increases will occur if the pending planning applications are approved.

\* that a baseline could be established at a point appx 10 years ago, coincidentally the year that Cumulative Impact legislation was passed.

**Further actions**: Remind Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown of his commitment to help and suggest most effective actions, co-ordinating with Mark MacKenzie-Charrington. Follow up with GCC MPA/Highways Not sure what this means – historic figures to be agreed. Request meeting to discuss TGPCQWP CI report. Mitigation – not covered. Councillors agreed that GCC MPA needed to understand CI fully before making any decisions regarding the pending applications.

1. **Evidence –** photographic, emails, other. Members agreed that a comprehensive log of photographs , dates/times and locations should be available to members, covering verge erosion, speed, convoying and any other incidents on the roads. Action: David Sandy to investigate options for a private log possibly accessible via the TGPC website. DS also to research possible projectors for future meetings.
2. **Engagement with other Parish Councils and NGOs.** Members agreed that further data may be needed before engaging with other parish councils. The CCB officer responsible for planning issues would not be available until the end of 2021. Engaging with CPRE would be helpful. Both Stephen Smith (present) and Bob Brown would be interested in the project. TGPC listed the options that might be available to improv e the position – mitigation factors such as reducing operating hours across all quarries to equal levels; a legal challenge to the implementation of Cumulative Impact by GCC; reduction of aggregate production, support for independent measurements for dust and noise across the area. The CPRE representative stated that CPRE had a number of contacts who could be helpful, including planning and legal expertise. Action: CPRE to investigate planning expertise and legal expertise contacts and share these with TGPC QWP.
3. **Future activities and funding** The meeting agreed that a two-pronged approach was most appropriate:

\* Funding of independent environmental monitoring to (a) determine whether dust and noise levels were acceptable or not; (b) support any possible legal challenge; (c) contribute to evidence for engagement with other PCs.

\* Support from NGOs e.g. CPRE, legal advice, a second Toddington meeting.

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Signed ……………………………………………………………….. xx xxxx 2021

Chairman