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**Stanton Moor Mineral Liaison Group (SMMLG)**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 14:00 pm**

**Members present**

Professor Tony Crook – Chair  
Paul Morris – Stanton in Peak Parish Council  
Andy Tickle – Friends of the Peak District/CPRE  
Steve Boam – Stancliffe Stone Limited & Marshals  
Cllr Kath Potter – Rowsley Parish Council  
Howard Griffiths – Stanton Against the Destruction of our Environment (SADE)  
Geoffrey Henson – Stanton Lees Action Group (SLAG)  
Andrew Gregory – Blockstone Limited  
Adrian Davie-Thornhill – Thornhill Settlement

**In attendance**

Jane Newman – PDNPA Senior Minerals Planner  
Nicola Howarth – PDNPA – Minerals Planner

**1. Introductions**

Introduction and outline by the Chair on the purpose of the Liaison Group. Discussion from attendees on what they want to get out of the Liaison Group. Overall consensus and shared aspirations were: better communication, honesty and information sharing.

The Chair explained the Liaison Group protocols:

- **Please notify A.O.B the day before the meeting or earlier**
- **Address Tony Crook as ‘Chair’ to maintain the formality of the meeting**
- **The Chair will call people to speak in the order that they put their hands up.**
- **Jane Newman to report minutes to Planning Committee under part A (public item).**

**2. Apologies**

Apologies has been received from the representatives of Birchover Parish Council and the Haddon Estate

It was **noted** that Birchover Stone Quarry had declined to become a member

### **3. Terms of Reference for the SMMLG**

A report went to Planning Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 outlining the terms of reference which had been approved by that committee and subsequently circulated to each of the stakeholder groups.

HG wished to have it minuted that members did not have the terms of reference prior to the first meeting.

Post meeting note: following a check on the paperwork after the meeting PDNPA staff confirmed that ToR were sent out with the invitation to the initial 4th June meeting of the group, including to the contact for SADE held on file. When HG was nominated as SADE's representative, PDNPA staff did not forward the letter to him as it was assumed that paperwork has been sent on to him by the SADE contact.

There followed discussion regarding the Stanton Moor Principles and their importance in regard to the terms of reference and the Birchover and New Pilhough quarries. KP and HG requested that the principles as amended by the committee resolution of 14 September 2012 be noted within the terms of reference. JN also confirmed that the Authority's policies would not be supportive of quarrying on the edge of Stanton Moor other than in exceptional circumstances.

- i) **Action: JN to report to Planning Committee that the Planning Committee report 'QUARRYING IN THE STANTON MOOR AREA – THE STANTON MOOR PRINCIPLES' item 8.1, September 2012 and related minute 170/12 which resolved: *That the Stanton Moor Principles agreed by the Authority on the 27 October 2000 and incorporated into the Stanton Moor Conservation Plan agreed with English Heritage in 2007, which enshrine the Core Strategy principle of the exchanges of historic planning consents for more environmentally acceptable alternatives, remain in place unchanged until the two current applications (for New Pilhough Quarry and Birchover Quarry) are determined, as they provide specific locational advice that remains valid and relevant to planning decision making.*' are confirmed as a key document for the purposes of the terms of reference for the Stanton Moor Mineral Liaison Group.**

### **4. Current Situation with Stanton Moor ROMP**

JN explained the situation with the Stanton Moor ROMP determination, including the Authority's decision not to pursue a Prohibition Order related to Stanton Moor. The company is currently pursuing the ROMP application. The Authority has requested additional environmental information which is required to be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014. JN confirmed that it was likely that the ROMP would go to October/November committee.

A number of attendees queried the legislation behind the ROMP procedure and indicated that they were looking for the legislation that allows the Authority to accept environmental information after the 2 year

period deadline. They requested clarity of information/English and 'chapter and verse' of the legislation.

JN read an extract from the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 Committee report to help explain the legislation. The Chair requested that the report be contained within the minutes.

AG confirmed that they will work the quarry if necessary and the Chair noted that this helpfully established the Company's position.

AT thanked AG for his frankness and said it was his understanding that the option to get an extension to New Pilhough rather than work Stanton moor was still open. AG confirmed that it was.

JN stated that she hoped the Company would not work Stanton Moor and would give up the permission in exchange for an extension to New Pilhough quarry. This would be secured through a Section 106 Agreement and Revocation Order.

**Action: The 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 Committee report to be attached to the minutes.**

#### **5. Current situation with Dale View including tabling of the approved working plans**

JN displayed the working plans for the site to show the extent of the quarry and explained that exceptional circumstances had allowed for the quarry extension in return for the relinquishment of Lees Cross and Endcliffe quarries.

KP requested the possibility of a site visit for local people. SB confirmed that he would be happy to arrange this.

Discussion took place concerning the conditions and enforcement of conditions related to the site. JN confirmed that the Authority had a duty to restate existing conditions in the forthcoming decision notice to amend the phasing.

**Action: SB to organise a visit to Dale View quarry. Parish Council's to contact SB.**

**Action: Members of the Liaison group to visit Dale View prior to next meeting.**

#### **6. Update on other applications under consideration**

JN confirmed the following applications:

- 1. Replacement building at New Pilhough Quarry.
- 2 wire saws in a building at Dale View. JN confirmed that it would not result in any extra lorry movements. The wire saw application

would be going to next committee. PM suggested that it would be useful to see a wire saw in operation. PM stated that reports were over complicated and requested that a Non-technical Report be provided.

- 3 (Resubmission) – Exchange application for the extension of the permitted area of stone extraction at New Pilhough Quarry
- 4 Appeal application for the same proposal.

### **A.O.B**

- i) Timing of Meetings: Some attendees requested a later meeting time - late afternoon/ early evening. The Chair confirmed that JN and her colleagues would look at this for the next meeting and check members' availability on dates and times using a doodle poll.

**Action: JN to consider an evening meeting time. Set up next meeting with Doodle polls.**

- ii) Development Plan/Timescale for the sites: HG hoped that we could have a framework for anticipating what would be happening on the sites. A 6 month, 2 year, 5 year etc snapshot in time. JN confirmed that it would be for SB and AG to present this.

**Action: SB and AG to prepare outline of development proposals for the quarries for the next meeting**

- iii) Nomination of Attendees: KP requested that Darley Dale and South Darley parishes be invited to attend the next meeting.

**Action: JN to report to Planning Committee to consider merits of inviting the two other Parish Councils.**

It was proposed that stakeholders should be allowed to be represented by any of their group's members. The Chair stated a preference for consistent attendance and that the primary delegate should attend.

**Action: Continue as established and consider position in future if necessary.**

- iv) AT stated that he was disappointed that Birchover quarry not represented. Chair confirmed that he would write to the Company to encourage it to accept the membership it had been offered.

**Action: Chair to write to Birchover Stone.**

- v) Community Reps: HG asked that community representatives be treated as Parish Councils are in regard to formal public consultation related to the quarry sites. JN confirmed that the

Authority was not statutorily obliged to do this. Chair confirmed that he would discuss this issue with the Director of Planning.

**Action: Chair to discuss issue of community reps with John Scott (Director of Planning).**

### **Summary of Agreed Actions**

1. JN to include the September 2012 report within the terms of reference of the SMMLG
2. The 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 Committee report to be attached to the minutes to clarify the legislation to the members of the liaison committee.
3. SB to organise a visit to Dale View quarry. Parish Councils to contact SB.
4. Members of the Liaison group to visit the site prior to next meeting.
5. Chair to consider an evening meeting time. Set up next meeting with Doodle polls.
6. SB and AG to prepare outline of development proposals for the quarries for the next meeting
7. Planning Committee to consider merits of inviting the two other Parish Councils.
8. Continue as established and consider position in future if necessary.
9. Chair to write to Birchover Stone.
10. Chair to discuss issue of community reps with John Scott (Director of Planning).