8. STANTON MOOR MINERAL LIAISON GROUP - MINUTES AND PROGRESS REPORT (JEN)

In March 2014 Planning Committee resolved to establish the Stanton Moor Mineral Liaison Group (SMMLG). The group was established to operate at an arm's length and allow stakeholders (including mineral operators, parish councils, and community groups) to:

- disseminate factual information
- discuss problems relating to the mineral working and to be part of the practical response
- allow participants to understand their respective roles and responsibilities
- express and listen to each other's views
- ensure information is available to all stakeholders on a consistent and straightforward basis
- to provide an opportunity to discuss forthcoming development proposals
- to discuss day to day concerns about quarry operations and their impacts
- work to establish a better working relationship between the stakeholders
- promote the engagement of those with "protected" characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010

The Group continued to meet in 2016 and three sets of minutes are appended for information. The first two sets of minutes are agreed by the Group and the November minutes will be agreed at the next meeting.

The previous Chair, Tony Crook, was unable to continue with the position from mid 2015. The Group has been chaired since July 2016 by Peter Stubbs, who is retired lawyer and current Chair of the Cavendish Decorative and Fine Arts Society.

The Group continues to facilitate the open discussion of issues in relation to quarrying in the Stanton Moor area, and has proven useful in forging better relationships and understanding of divergent views.

It is anticipated that at some point in the future, less frequent meetings may be acceptable to the group, and once the current New Pilhough proposal is determined and if permitted has been operational for a few months, the group will be asked to consider the frequency of meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the minutes of the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group of October 2014, March 2015 and June 2015 are noted.
- 2. That the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group continues to operate as constituted in 2014.
- 3. That Peter Stubbs be agreed as the Chair of the Stanton Moor Minerals Liaison Group.