

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

### **Draft minutes of meeting held on Monday 25 July 2016**

#### **Members Present**

Paul Morris – Stanton in Peak Parish Council (PM)  
Andy Tickle – Friends of the Peak District (AT)  
Howard Griffith – Stanton against the destruction of our environment (SADE) (HG)  
Geoffrey Henson – Stanton Lees Action Group (SLAG) (GH)  
Ian Kennedy – Blockstone Ltd (IK)  
Adrian Davie-Thornhill – Thornhill Settlement (ND)  
Kath Potter – Rowsley Parish Council

#### **In attendance**

Peter Stubbs – Chair  
Jane Newman – PDNPA Acting Minerals Team Manager (JN)

#### **1. Apologies**

No apologies were received

The following members did not attend:

Haddon Estates  
Bill Elliott - Birchover Parish Council  
Rodger Caisley – Birchover Stone Ltd

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

#### **3. Chair's Report**

Peter Stubbs introduced himself

#### **4. Approval of minutes of last meeting (22 Feb 2016)**

The draft minutes had been circulated and amendments sent to JN but revised minutes had not been produced and so were not yet agreed.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

PS asked for introductions to be made around the table – this was carried out.

#### **6. Dale View Quarry**

Restoration

NT raised concerns about Dale View Quarry Restoration. JN responded by explaining that the profile is as approved and green hay to be cut and spread very soon.

NT is concerned about it being too uneven to access with machinery. SB said that he thought that it is accessible and that this will be improved by the restoration in the future of the land immediately to the south which will have a flatter profile and will allow vehicles to run-off and turn.

NT confirmed that both stones and profile are concerns. JN outlined that this is the restoration profile that the estate agreed to. JN pointed out that more pasture is sought by estate. NT queried if there couldn't there be plateau and faces? And more woodland. Or all restored at the end? JN – advised that it is not appropriate to restore all at the end. JN reiterated that the profiles have been agreed, including by the estate. JN agreed that stone picking is necessary

#### Rowsley Woodyard (related to Dale View Quarry)

KP stated that PC had complaints about noise. Concerned about traffic and access arrangements. SB enquired about the nature of the noise. KP characterised it as crashing and banging. JN stated that no noise complaints had been made to PDNPA.

Chair queried whether the development is unauthorised. JN confirmed that development is unauthorised PDNPA could take enforcement action if expedient. Due to consider the application at August planning committee.

HG: Concerned about traffic and articulated vehicles. SB queried whether the stone yard use is the same as the wood yard which also used articulated vehicles? JN said that as Stancliffe won't provide information on wood yard use (as they don't consider it relevant to the application), it's not appropriate to rely on it to defend the activity.

JN asked how many articulated vehicles per day for stone yard use? SB advised one per day. Tipper straight from Quarry.

KP said it's a shame that the minute change not yet made to previous minutes. JN explained amendment that KP proposed (that SB had said that the use was associated with the Bloomberg contract which was ending and implied that the stone yard use would cease when the contract ended) and explained that it is how it will be recorded on revised version. SB stated he was sorry to have misled anyone. Did say Bloomberg contract ended, but didn't mean to suggest that stocking over. Chair suggested that the company wouldn't have made an application if they didn't intend to carry on the development.

KP expressed her disappointment

#### Dale View Quarry Update

SB advised that main change that the saw bases etc. gone. KP lamented investigation carried out by officers at that time. KP is aware that good monitoring does happen by

the minerals team (cited example at Birch over) but does not consider that this is an example.

SB outlined that changes in management at Stancliffe Stone will result in a different approach in future.

HG queried what is happening with Stoke Hall Quarry wire saws planning applications? JN advised that it is out to consultation

NT left at this point.

## **7. New Pilhough Quarry**

IK outlined that Block Stone and Real Stone's assets have been purchased by Cadeby Stone (owned by Grants of Shoreditch). Building and quarrying company. Large co. More resources. Worked on Bloomberg project.

PM queried whether there would be any changes to company direction or working practices? IK advised that there would be more resources for proper working.

AT asked whether there would be a review of direction for the current planning application or ROMP. IK advised that they are proceeding with the application and they intend to submit revised information next week following resolution of final details. JN advised she has seen draft restoration plan.

HG set out that the community wants consultation. AT reiterated that he would like the revised information to appear on the weekly list of applications. JN to make a note of this (weekly list request), outlined that it's not as straightforward as it may seem. JN suggested Block Stone submit the revised scheme to community groups. JN committed to write a cover letter to additional info and to append a site history list. KP suggested a report to cover decision in relation to PO to be included.

AT asked IK if there can be a public display of the info so people can ask questions? IK advised that they have done it before and will think about doing it again.

HG queried what the timescale for determination is likely to be. JEN advised on the basis of submission now, looking at Nov/Dec for determination, likely to take 5 months from submission. HG is concerned about consultation over holiday period. JN is inclined to extend with Block Stones agreement.

KP concerned about stability following HSE prosecution. Has PDNPA had a geotechnical survey. KP had requested one and was denied one. IK advised that HSE fine was for not reporting in a timely manner, and alleged to have put people in danger. Did have geotechnical survey. Will ask if Kath can have a copy

## **8. Birchover Quarry**

JEN outlined that the permission has been issued for building and described what it entails.

KP expressed appreciation of site visit carried out by minerals officer outside of normal working hours. JN outlined requirements of conditions and north south door operation and advised that this was being monitored, willing to be pragmatic as long as noise not excessive. PM said that site must keep to conditions, noise can be subjective and people have expectation of condition being complied with.

PM has additional concerns regarding volume of tree planting at Birchover, blocking views from moor. Queried whether any movement on Highways sign movement  
KP Concerned about path at Barton Hill which appears wide and too developed.

**Meeting brought to close.**