

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FIELD HOUSE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2017 AT 6pm
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGH PITTINGTON

Present:

Denise Harland – Chairperson and representative of STOPWR
Steve MacQuarrie (SMQ) - Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited (HSML)
Paul Davies (PD) – Hargreaves Surface Mining Limited
Councillor David Hall – Durham County Council (DCC)
Claire Teasdale (CT) (Planning Officer) - DCC Planning Department
Mike Tweddle (MT) (Monitoring Officer) – DCC Planning Department
David Turnbull - Pittington Parish Council
Jon Steer (JS) – Pittington Community Association
Arthur Dornan (AD) – Vice Chair, West Rainton Partnership
Bob Heron (BH) – Hetton Town Council

Action

Item

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from C Cllr Bill Kellett, West Rainton Parish Councillor Peter Morson and Sunderland City Council Development Control Manager Danielle Pearson.

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Action Point 3 – it was noted that the CLC and Community Fund Committee constitutional documents had been referred to DCC and Hargreaves legal departments for review. Concern was expressed that some small organisations do not have audited accounts and the constitutions will need to accommodate this.

Action Point 4 – it was agreed that the signed minutes of the CLC meetings will be posted on the DCC online register of planning applications and CT will email all CLC members with a link to the DCC website. Organisations represented on the CLC can decide how to make such information available via their own websites, newsletters etc.

AP5 CT

A request was received from BH for Moorsley Community Association (MCA) to be invited to join the CLC. This was agreed and BH will liaise with SMQ to arrange.

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BH/SMQ

4. CLC Constitution

It was noted that the current position had been addressed under Item 3 in respect of Action Point 3.

5. Hargreaves – Project Update

PD provided an update.

Ecology surveys have been carried out including: breeding bird surveys to be concluded late July; bat surveys to be concluded late July; badger surveys now complete; and tree surveys carried out to identify locations for bat and bird boxes.

The first phase of archaeological trial trenching is complete and an interim report has been submitted to the DCC Archaeological Officer. Additional works are planned in trench 21 where expected former pit building foundations are to be exposed for photographic recording. These works will take place early August after harvest.

The planned highway works around the A690/Robin Lane junction have not yet been carried out due to delays regarding traffic management arrangements and issues with the availability of contractors. The works are now proposed for the last week of July.

A specific start date for the working of the site is not yet clear as it is dependent upon the completion of outstanding matters including the signing of the Highways agreement and payment of the necessary bond. However it was noted that an August start is likely.

6. DCC Officer Update

CT reported that the discharge of planning conditions prior to site commencement was ongoing, with five conditions outstanding with additional drainage information still to be submitted. The restoration bond sum for the first phase of working has been agreed however the necessary legal agreement has not yet been completed.

Cllr Hall requested copies of the approved Dust Action Plan and Noise Action Plan. CT said that she would look to make them available on the DCC website.

AP7 CT

7. Issues / Complaints

No issues were raised.

8. Any Other Business

Cllr Hall referred to concerns raised at the previous meeting regarding the footpath along the eastern side of Pittington Road. SMQ reported that Peter Morson had involved the DCC Highways Department and the DCC 'Clean and Green Team' had visited the location and removed items. Cllr Hall maintained that a 10 metre section of the footpath between the Moorsley Road junction and Homer Hill farm shop was very narrow due to encroachment by a mound and vegetation. Ownership and responsibilities are unclear but Cllr Hall hoped that Hargreaves might assist in clearing the section of footpath once they start works on site. It was agreed that Hargreaves would liaise with Cllr Hall and DCC Highways in due course as and when the site commences..

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 6pm at the Village Hall, High Pittington.


It was further agreed that a meeting could be called at short notice, at the Chairperson's discretion, should circumstances arise which warrant an earlier meeting. Hargreaves

advised that the Company would provide a progress report the first and third week of August.

AP8 PD

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Signed

Chairperson 

Date: 13/9/17

Circulation: All attendees and apologies and MCA representative.