

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FIELD HOUSE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 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
Claire Teasdale (CT) (Planning Officer) - DCC Planning Department
Peter Morson (PM) – West Rainton Parish Council
Jon Steer (JS) – Pittington Community Association
Arthur Dornan (AD) – Vice Chair, West Rainton Partnership
John Ellis (JE) – Vice Chair Moorsley Community Association
Danielle Pearson (DP) - Sunderland City Council Development Control Manager.
Bob Heron (BH) – Hetton Town Council

Action

Item

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from C Cllr Bill Kellett, C Cllr David Hall, Pittington Parish Councillor David Turnbull, Jacky Worthington of Moorsley Community Association and DCC Planning Department Monitoring Officer Mike Tweddle.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Action Point 5 – it was noted that. CT had emailed a link to the DCC website on 14th July 2017 to all CLC members.

Action Point 6 – it was noted that Moorsley Community Association were now CLC members and were represented at the meeting.

Action Point 7 – it was noted that CT has added the documents to the DCC website at the link provided under AP5.

Action Point 8 – PD confirmed that an update report had been circulated on 29th August 2017 to all CLC members and it was noted that the information had been used in the latest Pittington parish newsletter.

Item 5 paras 3 and 4 – PD confirmed the additional works in archaeological trench number 21 were outstanding and the highway works had not yet commenced. Highways works can take place following completion of legal agreement and agreement with the Highways Authority.

Item 6 – PD reported that the restoration bond figure for the first phase of working had been agreed but the bond had not yet been signed. CT stated that the S.106 Agreement requires the bond to be in place with set amounts in place in advance of each phase, the financial agreement is not yet in place and therefore the development cannot commence.

4. CLC Constitution

Nothing to report

5. **Hargreaves – Project Update**

PD referred to the comments made in Item 3 above. He confirmed that all pre-commencement conditions had been discharged.

PD also referred to a recent Hargreaves email to all CLC members dated 12 September 2017. This advised that delays have occurred regarding the process of establishing the bond arrangements. Hargreaves cannot be confident that the bond requirements of the 106 Agreement can be completed in time to allow all soil stripping before the weather breaks. An offer of a cash bond as an interim arrangement was not acceptable to the Council. Consequently Hargreaves has concluded that they cannot now proceed with the site this year and a Spring 2018 start is planned.

A specific start date for the working of the site is not yet clear.

6. **DCC Officer Update**

CT advised that a cash bond was not considered to be acceptable because it would not meet the requirements of the S.106 Agreement. She had thought the bond was progressing and was surprised by Hargreaves decision. CT confirmed the planning permission requires the site to start within 3 years of the appeal decision issued on 5 January 2016. Following discussion about how the start can be triggered CT agreed to set out the position in an email to CLC members.

7. **Issues / Complaints**

A query was raised about mounds and water run off on a triangular area along the eastern side of Pittington Road. It was confirmed that this land was outside the Field House site and Hargreaves had no responsibility.

A suggestion regarding aerial photography was noted.

8. **Any Other Business**

Nothing raised

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

No date was fixed for the next meeting.

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged when a start date was clear and that a meeting could be called at short notice, at the Chairperson’s discretion, should circumstances arise which merit this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20pm.

Signed
Chairperson 

Date: 7/3/18

Circulation: All attendees and apologies.