

LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at Moons Hill Quarry, Stoke St Michael – 15.00

Present:	Phillip Ham (PH)	SCC Councillor and Chairperson
	Ben Dormer (BD)	J Wainwright Aggregates Business Manager
	Matt Bishop (MB)	J Wainwright SHE Manager
	Barry Clarke (BC)	County Council
	Amanda Taylor (AT)	Stoke St Michael Parlay Council
	Nick Dunn (ND)	J Wainwright (L&MM)
	Rowena Kinsman	Stoke St Michael resident
	Ruth Amundson	Somerset Council Minerals & Waste
	Apologies:	
	Chloe Hart (CH)	J Wainwright Sustainability Manager
	Tony Blaker (TB)	Douling Residents Representative
	Alan Townsend	

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record from the previous meeting held on the 4th October 2023.

3. Quarry Matters

BD - John Wainwright & Co Ltd continue to operate as normal. The market has an element of economic uncertainty that is impacted on the industry this causes competitive pricing within the industry and margin is impacted. The production operations have been as before with a focus on Stoke West from levels 2/3/4. To develop the quarry in line with sales needs. Some overburden will be removed from Moons Hill to access an area of mineral that is currently sterilised. this is proposed in the early summer 2024.

BD advised no changes to static plant have taken place during the period.

Employee numbers have risen slightly in 2024, this is due to our contracting division that has taken on a number of new members of staff instead of using external contractors to meet the demands. Elsewhere our numbers remain the same.

BD referred to the Planning application that John Wainwright & Co. Ltd submitted at the back end of 2023. This was submitted after two public consultations took place in Stoke St. Micheal village hall and in the Somerset Earth Science Centre. Nick Dunn from Land and Mineral management provided a short update of the application. Some responses are still being sought from some statutory consultees. AT informed the committee that Stoke St. Micheal Parish Council had objected based on meetings held with residents. There was a feeling from residents that they had been rushed and did not have enough time respond. RA informed AT that she had been informed of this and an extension

was given. ND informed objections can be received at any time during the application process. BD informed the committee that the primary reason for the submission was to allow for any further surveys / works required would be able to be completed in 2024. If the application was put back it would prolong the process into 2025 and beyond.

BD advised that a litter pick was being carried out in between the 18th – 22nd March 2024. This was organised by John Wainwright & Co. Ltd and coordinated with other Mendip Quarry Producers to tackle some of the areas outside the quarries that are litter hotspots. AT informed the committee that Stoke St Micheal was doing a litter pick during the coming weekend.

Sustainability

The business is continuing to look at maximizing where possible the use of recycling within the Asphalt plant. Natural gas, white diesel and kilowatts are being focused / monitored to reduce usage where possible. No further update on Solar projects other than to say it is still something that we are keen to explore, details are still being discussed prior to any applications being submitted.

4. Complaints and concerns

BD - Complaints have been received following the public consultation where Noise, Odour and blasting was raised as concerns. Actions: Audits of noise conducted on site and two contract machines were found to have the incorrect reversing safety audio devices fitted, these were replaced. Odour assessments take place daily and no odour detected at site boundary. Blasting agreed to monitor at property concerned, there have been no breaches of our planning conditions.

BD advised that should anyone have any concerns / complaints to please contact the quarry so that we can look into it and investigate ... if we don't know about it, we can't do anything about it.

5. Parish Matters / Residents Matters

Cranmore - Nil to report.

Stoke St Michael – **AT** updated committee regarding use of boulders/rocks to prevent vehicle access onto a grass area within Moons Hill estate in the village. **BD** advised that John Wainwright & Co. Ltd could supply and transport rocks but would recommend someone approves/selects rocks prior to transporting to confirm they are the correct size/shape. **AT** advised that she is still awaiting information regarding structural calculations for the 12ft bridge at the Lychgate, once this information is gathered a request will take place to the Futures Foundation. **AT** has already had communication with John Wainwright & Co. Ltd regarding the matter. **AT** enquired if John Wainwright & Co. Ltd have any knowledge or advise on structural calculations, **BD** did not have any current information, however stated he would enquire internally to see if any advice can be offered.

Doultling – Nil to report.

7. Somerset County Council Matters

Nil to report.

8. Any Other Business

PH Requested that John Wainwright & Co. Ltd provide information from a meeting earlier this year regarding vehicle movements. BD advised that he chase up internally and ensure relevant personnel contacted PH.

BD advised that John Wainwright & Co. Ltd had through the futures foundation supported Stokefest with a donation, The Shepton Show, Frome Cricket Club, as well as contributing toward the purchase of a defibrillator.

9. Date and Venue of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at JW's boardroom on **Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 3pm**

Signed.....Dated

Proposed Agenda for meeting on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 3pm

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Matters arising, to include:

3. Quarry Matters / Sustainability

4. Complaints and concerns

5. Parish /Residents Matters.

6. Somerset County Council Matters

7. Any Other Business

10. Date & venue of next meeting