

## **LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 at John Wainwright Boardroom, Stoke St Michael – 15.00**

**Present:**

Barry Clarke (BC)	SCC Councillor
Ben Dormer (BD)	J Wainwright Operations Director
Nick Dunn (ND)	J Wainwright (L&MM)
Rowena Kinsman (RK)	Stoke St Michael resident
Ann Crowcombe (AC)	Cranmore Parish Council
Alan Townsend	Rep. Coleford Parish Council
Darren Portch	J Wainwright Quarry Manager

#### **Apologies:**

Phillip Ham (PH)	SCC Councillor and Chairperson
Matt Bishop (MB)	J Wainwright SHE Manager
Chloe Hart (CH)	J Wainwright Sustainability Manager
Amanda Taylor (AT)	Stoke St Michael Parish Council
Simon Collins (SC)	Stoke St Michael Parish Council
Ruth Amundson (RA)	Somerset Council Minerals & Waste

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

#### **Actions update from the previous meeting:**

**Action:** AT: Can the quarries provide bins to assist with litter management around sites?

MB: Wainwright & Morris and Perry are looking at the possibility of designing a bin together, which is the correct height for HGVs to use without leaving cab hopefully this. Wainwright already provide welfare and toilet facilities.

**Action:** Tim May / Darren Moore – check speeding at Longcross where drains have fallen and provide data.

**Action:** MB – Emergency plan - parish village / town councils are being encouraged to put an emergency plan in place. MB to provide further detail on Wainwright's risk management to SPC and advise ref. space for safety (SESC) possible use?)

### **3. A) Quarry Matters**

Ben Dormer introduced Darren Portch, Moons Hill Quarry Manager to the committee, he gave the following update since the last committee meeting.

Employee numbers remain at similar levels to before around (150 employees). We do have two additional Apprentices that have been taken on from the local area that started in September. Operationally we continue to focus on Stoke Quarry extracting in a north westerly direction. We have noticed a slowdown in the market over the previous months which has led to competitive pricing within the industry. Investment from the business continues, with the purchase of a new Face Excavator that gives the business & process better fuel efficiencies.

Also there has been trials with electric equipment on site in the Asphalt part of the business with the possible future investment.

There will be ongoing Ash Die back works around the Moons Hill Complex, works scheduled in November on Burgess Hill, Stoke St Michael this will require a road closure. Specialist contractors have been source to carry out these works & will give notification to residents nearer the time.

The Business has made a number of donations via our 'Futures Foundation' scheme since the last meeting. Some of these include

**Stoke St Michael Playing Fields**  
**Shepton Mallet Community Fridge**  
**Shepton Mallet Carnival**  
**Somerset Council Bishop Henderson Primary School**  
**Avon & Somerset Serah & Rescue**  
**Stoke St Michael Forest School**  
**Dagaroo Café Coleford**  
**Stoke St Michael Duck Race**

### **3 B) Sustainability**

Chole Hart provided a summary in her absence to the committee.

The 24/25 Sustainability Report will be released by the end of 2025.

Staff turnover has impacted carbon emissions per tonne of product particularly at Avonmouth Asphalt with higher gas per tonne usage. Thus, have invested in training with operators attended our OEM supplier HQ in Europe with the focus on mixing efficiently and reducing gas use during the production process.

Recycled content has increased across our products. Subject to the product will dictate how much recycling is possible, some limitations are due to the product other limitations are from our processing plant. We continue to try to increase wherever possible.

Using recycled Asphalt reduces the need for new aggregates which is the right thing to do and helps by extending our quarry reserve which is critical at present with the slow

development of the planning process. It also means less bitumen is required, helping cut emissions.

We have carried out trials of two electric shovels, overall, these trials went well, but further improvements in the options available are needed before any investment.

### **3. C) Planning**

#### Quarry Extension Planning Update

ND: Planning application was submitted at the end of 2023 –

An objection and request for further information was requested from Natural England, Wainwright response to this was made at the end of Aug 25 & we are awaiting feedback from this.

Wainwright hopes to be at planning committee as soon as practicable. Ideally within the first quarter of 2026.

The extension still has objections from parish councils and residents.

#### Solar Planning Update:

Solar Plans – we have listened to your feedback & sought independent advice. We are now looking at including battery storage alongside the solar project, if planning & financials allow.

A decision is expected this autumn or winter internally, with installation possible next spring or summer.

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### **4. Complaints and concerns**

#### Quarry Complaints:

Noise - 01/05/2025 – Resident Complaint of very noisy beepers at the quarry (some crow like & higher pitched) also vehicle horns being sounded from before 6am.

Response given to resident by Matt Bishop after investigation on 07/05/2025.

The beeper noisy was down to a piece of machinery we had on trial without a white noise beeper – this machine was immediately parked up until a white noise beeper could be fitted.

Horn being sounded prior to 6am – Our Transport & weighbridge teams have contacted our contract & third-party hauliers to communicate this concern & are continually policing this issue. Any hauliers found to be ignoring these actions will not be allowed back on our site.

No other complaints received.

#### Transport complaints:

Nothing to report

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## **5. Parish Matters / Residents Matters**

Nill to report – discussed above.

## **6. Somerset County Council Matters**

Nill to report – discussed above.

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## **7. Any Other Business**

Darren Moore Wainwright Transport Manager – Attended meetings regarding Beacon Crossroads & will attend 'Safer Routes for HGV'S' Forum in October at the Council Chambers – This will discuss routing, resurfacing, traffic management, signage & ditching management.

AC – Is there any update on the Litter Bins for hauliers at the Quarry (see previous action for MB) & that we should include hauliers to be part of the MQP Litter pick on next campaign

AT – Enquired about extra support for litter picking around the time of our spring litter pick.

BC - advised that works will be commencing on the bridge in Stoke St Michael in Nov 25. With the road reopening once complete. BD advised that all HGV deliveries from the site are always routed around the village, we do not use it as a through route.

All agreed that John Wainwright should be more visual & highlight the contributions they make to the local community and beyond.

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## **Date and Venue of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at JW's boardroom on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 3pm.**

Signed.....Dated  
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**Proposed Agenda for meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 3pm**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting

**Matters arising, to include:**

3. Quarry Matters
4. Sustainability
5. Planning
6. Complaints and concerns
7. Parish /Residents Matters.
8. Somerset County Council Matters
9. Any Other Business
8. Date & venue of next meeting