

**NORTH PARK QUARRY COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE  
BLETCHINGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**P R E S E N T**

Cllr Marian Myland (MM)	Tandridge District Council (TDC) (Chair)
Mike Hurley (MH)	Sibelco UK
Keith Harrod (KH)	Sibelco UK
Nick Horsley (NH)	Sibelco UK
John Hiley (JH)	Sibelco UK
Alan Stones (AS)	SCC CPA
John Phillips (JP)	TDC Planning Dept.
David Martin (DM)	Bletchingley Parish Council (BPC)
Ian Tawse (IT)	Godstone Parish Council (GPC)
Felicity Gresser (FG)	Godstone Village Association (GVA)
Simon Terry (ST)	Quarry Observation Group (QOG)
Ralph Jones (RJ)	QOG
Mark Stubberfield (MS)	QOG
Liz Stubberfield (LS)	QOG
Ed Muller (EM)	Bletchingley Historical and Conservation Society
Kim Wantling (KW)	Secretary

**15/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Action**

Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor T Elias, Cllr Gill Black (TDC), Len Lelliot (GVA), Ann Butler (BPC) and Angela and David Balfour (QOG) all of whom had sent replacements.

**16/09 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009

2.1 These were approved and signed by the Chair. The Secretary handed out the signed copies of the Terms of Reference to all parties.

2.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**17/09 REPORT OF THE DUST SUB-COMMITTEE**

KH reported that there had been 3 Dust Sub-Committee meetings since the last Community Liaison Committee Meeting. The next is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, then it is hoped to schedule them in line with the Community Liaison Committee Meetings. Control systems are now in place and working well. Previous technical problems have been overcome. The spray system has been extended into the quarry area with mobile units and it is Sibelco's intentions to increase the number of sprays in use in the quarry area. There is less quarry floor open since a large area to the west of the process plant has been covered with clay overburden and the team appears to be working well to control any dust implications arising from the workings. There have been no reported complaints over the last 2 months, but it was acknowledged that there have been no high winds during that time. FG

enquired about the dust levels at the Orpheus Centre and the monitoring system at that location. It was requested that both the absolute and effective area coverage are included in the Dust Plan. The “sticky pad” at the Orpheus Centre is working but composition of the particles collected needs to be analysed to find out what percentage of particles is as a result of the quarry workings. FG also enquired as to whether an appropriate format was available for the residents to use as a Village Dust Log to record weather conditions and dust problems. This would assist with identifying which issues were as a result of the quarry workings as opposed to other causes such as farm fields etc. AS stated that he had offered a sample form provided by the County Council’s dust consultant before on a couple of occasions. Following a discussion it was agreed that AS would forward the sample to KW for full circulation and that the GVA would then submit a proposal for the form to a further Dust Sub-Committee meeting for approval. RJ expressed his pleasure at the way the Dust Sub Committee were working and the pro-active approach of the Sibelco staff. This was confirmed by other members around the table.

AS/  
KW  
GVA

## **18/09 QUARRY OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

MH presented slides to show the work being undertaken to mitigate the dust issues arising from the quarry workings (e.g. static sprays, mobile sprays, new tree planting). Clay overburden had been placed to cover some of the open quarry floor as an interim measure before final restoration. Archaeology excavations have been undertaken on about ½ hectare of land permitted for extraction to the north-east of Place Farm. All site studies are now complete and reports of findings will be prepared by the archaeological contractor in due course. KH reported that the quarry workings were continuing and that the quarry was down around 5% on its overall planned tonnage.

## **19/09 PLANNING UPDATE**

**i. Plant site planning scheme** – NH stated that the planning fee issue was still unresolved. Sibelco had taken legal advice and had asked the Council for justification for the fee request. However, Sibelco had submitted a fee, without prejudice so that the determination of the submitted planning schemes under the plant site consent could now go ahead to consultation. AS confirmed that government regulations in relation to planning fees are not as clear as would be hoped but Surrey County Council’s view is that for the determination of schemes a fee is payable. This is not in line with Sibelco’s, many other mineral operators and some Council’s interpretation. The determination of the schemes will be made by the planning committee. NH confirmed that the planning application details had not changed since the last circulation of information.

**ii. North Park Lane/Haul Route barriers** – KH reported that there had been slight changes made to the angle of the barriers and the addition of reflective strips following comments received. It was noted that some quarry vehicles still appeared to be exiting onto the A25 in the wrong direction. Sibelco confirmed that transport companies and drivers were given route details and were warned and if necessary banned from the site if these routes were not adhered to. JH requested that where possible, full details of a vehicle’s registration number, time, date and route taken be reported to Sibelco as early as possible so that the matter can be dealt with.

**iii. County Council Monitoring Reports** – AS confirmed that the County Council officers had recently visited the site and that the initial indication was that there are no issues of concern. AS and Sibelco are not yet in receipt of the written report. FG enquired as to whether the Dust Plans for the Power Screen were the same as for dust schemes attached to other site permissions. AS said that the County Council had taken advice from its consultant Dr Pullen who had confirmed that, in relation to dust, given the scale of the proposal and the information already submitted the Power Screen application could go ahead on its own before the formal of the Dust Plan submitted for determination. The final approved Dust Plan would encompass all issues and be a “living and improving” scheme as time goes on.

**iv. Bridleways 148 and 142** – The applications for diversions of Bridleways 148 and 142 had been submitted to Surrey County Council. Slides showing the diverted routes were shown. No comments had been received by Sibelco UK as yet. RJ raised concerns that the proposed route close to Place Farm would be used by motorbikes. MH commented that while this was a police issue, a recently reported occurrence had been dealt with swiftly by Sibelco informing the police who were able to apprehend the individuals concerned and confiscate the motorbikes. MH had spoken to the Surrey Rights of Way officer about placing restrictions to deter motorbikes but has been informed that no type of physical restriction will be acceptable on a public right of way. There was also concern about the security for the adjoining residents and the type of fencing to be used on the diverted routes. MH assured RJ that Sibelco would consult with the residents about the fencing at the construction phase to ensure that appropriate fencing is put in place.

#### **20/09 NORTH PARK QUARRY RESTORATION UPDATE**

MH showed more slides showing the various stages of planned phasing and progressive restoration at North Park Quarry. As very little has been stripped over the last year, there is little restoration work required as a result. The slides showed the proposed restoration up to the end of 2012. It was commented that some of the unrestored slopes had become areas of diversity of wildlife and it was hoped that this would be able to be retained in some form. KH confirmed that it was not expected that any major changes would be made to these areas in the next few years, although the water pipes will be slightly relocated over the next few months.

#### **21/09 NORTH PARK QUARRY EXTENSION UPDATE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> exhibition held in July had been well received by those attending and many had taken advantage of the bus trips to North Park Quarry. All comments made had been taken on board. In relation to concerns over sand haulage from the proposed extension to the process plant site, Sibelco had decided that a covered conveyor belt system was the most appropriate. Plans detailing the proposed route were shown, including the access route, which would be a track about 4m wide with passing spaces, generally adjacent to the covered conveyor. Any noise from the conveyor would be very minor, the conveyor would be regularly checked and maintained and would not be evident against background noise, in particular from the M23 and M25. The application for the quarry extension was likely to be submitted in late October. It was felt that it would be appropriate for an additional Community Liaison Committee meeting be called to discuss the application once it had been submitted. MH noted that the fundamentals of the planning application were the

same as those presented at the July exhibition and all comments received during the consultation period would be dealt with through Surrey County Council. The new Dust Plan would encompass all existing and future areas of development and it is not envisaged that the principles would be very different from the currently submitted scheme. A slide of the proposed phasing for the extension area was shown. The site would be fully screened on 3 sides, with the northern side being left unscreened due to the lack of proximity to any properties in this direction and an already established woodland screen. Further slides showing the progressive proposed restoration of the extension site were shown, with tree planting on the slopes and species rich grazing in the base of the restoration. The plant and trees species mix would be agreed with the consultation of experts and would seek to compliment existing blocks of ancient semi natural woodland.

Concern was expressed about the timescales relating to the overlap of workings between the two sites and suggested that these timescales be documented. MH said that the planning application would show and describe the necessary overlap periods and the consequential effects on the timing of extraction in the west part of the current quarry.

ST thanked Sibelco for a well presented exhibition and tours in July. RJ and FG also expressed their thanks on behalf of other members who had attended and were not present at the meeting and for recent consultation with residents.

## **22/09 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

**i. Complaints register review** – JH briefed the members on the 4 reported complaints received between the 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. These had all been successfully acted on immediately by Sibelco.

**ii. Management System Audit Update** – MH reported there was nothing to report as no audit had taken place since the last Community Liaison Committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**iii. Noise & Hydrology Results** – MH produced a slide showing the results. Samples of water from the lagoons are being taken and are still showing compliance with the required levels. FG enquired as to whether it would be possible to include the ground water level results at future meetings. MH confirmed that this would be acted on.

MH

## **23/09 COMMUNICATION and COMMUNITY MATTERS/NEWS**

MH had nothing to report. The exhibition in July had already been reported on. For the interest of members, NH noted that the Company would be holding an Open Day at its King's Lynn operation in 2010, when the site will have been in operation for 150 years. All members were welcome to attend. In order to see conveyors in operation, it would be necessary to make a visit to one of the Company's quarries in Cheshire, although these conveyors are not covered. A visit could be planned by Sibelco if requested. St Catherine's School had made enquiries about school visits to the quarry and this was welcomed and actively encouraged. MH will await contact from the school. Contacts at the other local schools would be forwarded to Sibelco by IT and MM respectively for Godstone and Nutfield.

IT/MM

**24/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**25/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre – **provisional**  
date in order to discuss the application for North Park Quarry extension.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.