

Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 29 January 2014

Present: Cllrs Sheila Fleming (Chairman), Hilary Bowman, Wilf Fenten, Avril Palmer,

Clerk: Mr I Fleming

In attendance: Mr M Lambert, Mr J Hollister, Lafarge/Tarmac.
Ten members of the public.

Item 1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. Pattinson Cllr Middleton, Cllr Millman **Resolved that;** all absences be accepted

Item 2. Code of Conduct and disclosable pecuniary interests

2.1. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda items and their nature

Councillors were reminded to declare items as/if they arise during the meeting. The Chairman outlined the rules and statute governing the declarations of interest and reminded councillors that they should have regard to whether any person or persons acting reasonably and in full possession of the facts would consider that a disclosable pecuniary interest existed for a councillor on a particular matter.

2-2. To receive, consider, decide and record members' requests for dispensations

None received. All councillors present have extant dispensations granted by the Council to discuss and vote on quarry matters.

Item 3. Public Participation.

The Chairman welcomed representatives of Lafarge/Tarmac and all members of the public present and reminded them that this was a meeting of the parish council and not a public meeting although councillors would very much like to hear the views of those residents present on the two planning applications before the council.

During public participation the following issues were raised:

- there was a risk that the proposed railhead would be used to bring material in to the quarries especially when time came for the restoration of Arcow quarry site. It was stated that there was no intention to use the railhead for this purpose.
- the number of wagon movements detailed in the application for the proposed railhead was questioned. It was stated that whilst there would be an increase in movements between the two quarries the number of movements beyond Helwith Bridge would not increase.
- reference was made to a further application not yet received for the discontinuance of processing material at Arcow quarry and the transfer of all material processing to Dry Rigg. The Chairman advised the meeting that only matters directly relating to the two applications on the agenda could be considered and discussed.
- there was much concern about the generation of dust from a range of both current and proposed activities in and around the quarries. The applications referred to the need to implement dust suppression measures, but these were not specified. There was presently no dust monitoring taking place.
- questions were raised about the impact of the proposals on the restoration plan for Arcow quarry. It was explained that the application to vary planning conditions for the operation of Arcow dealt with this matter. It would be necessary to defer the restoration of that part of the site to be used for the railhead until the end of operations at Dry Rigg. However, certain compensatory measures were proposed including the creation of a GCN reserve.
- consideration of the impact of the works proposed on certain drainage culverts was needed. A survey was required to identify drainage patterns and how these might be impacted by the proposals.

- passing places on the minor, unadopted road leading to Arcow quarry and the Foredale community would be an advantage to help mitigate the impact of the increase in wagon movements on other vehicles and walkers using the road.
- there would be a need to address problems of wagons turning right from the minor road on to Austwick road as this turn was tight. Also it would be sensible to impose a speed restriction on wagons travelling on the minor road.

Item 4. Planning Matters

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their views and the calm and constructive way in which they had been presented. She also thanked Lafarge/tarmac representatives for their responses to questions and directed that as both planning applications before the Council were directly linked that they would be considered together by councillors.

During discussion councillors made the following observations:

- there were two important considerations
 1. impact of the proposals on parish residents
 2. impact of the proposals on the immediate and wider environment

on balance it was believed that the impact of the proposals in both considerations would not be so extreme as to merit outright objection to the applications. However, there was need for a number of enforceable conditions in any approval that might be granted by YDNPA planning Committee. These must include:

1. dust arising from processing of material at both Arcow and Dry Rigg quarries, transshipment of material and the loading of rail freight wagons must be monitored, reported to YDNPA and appropriate suppression measures implemented
2. effective dust suppression measures on all activities must be devised and the parish council consulted on the extent and effectiveness of these measures
3. a speed restriction must be imposed on the minor, unadopted road leading to Arcow and the Foredale community. The provision of additional passing places should be investigated
4. adequate provision must be made to protect walkers from wagons using the minor, unadopted road. This was especially important as the road was part of a proposed walking route to be developed under the provisions of the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership
5. there must be an enforceable agreement between YDNPA and the quarry owners on the continued maintenance and cleaning of the minor, unadopted road
6. an extensive wild life area must be created to compensate for the habitat lost to the development and the deferment of restoration.
7. There should be no train movements or loading of rail wagons outside normal working hours
8. all drainage within the curtilage of Arcow quarry must be surveyed and appropriate measures implemented to mitigate all risk of flooding arising from the proposed development. A suitable monitoring scheme should be implemented to ensure that drainage is and remains effective.

A motion was placed before the Council that, subject to the eight conditions specified above, this Council recommends that both applications C/44/101D and C/44/101E be granted by YDNPA planning committee.

Resolved that: the motion above be carried three in favour, one abstention

Item 5. To confirm the date of the next monthly meeting scheduled for Monday 10 February 2014

Duly confirmed. To be held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.25.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....