

MEETING NOTES:

MEETING SUBJECT: CWaC / Parish Council (PC) / Tarmac / Cheshire Wildlife Trust(CWT) / Mid Cheshire Bridleway / Residents – Meeting to communicate the developments at Tarmac Crown Farm and allow other parties input. The meeting is organised by Tarmac to formally communicate development and up and coming works within the Crown Farm operation.

MEETING NUMBER: 8 (New Tarmac Format)

DATE: 25th May 2023

ATTENDEES:

Tarmac:	Steve Williams(SW), Tom Farmer(TF), Gary Prophet
CWaC:	Hazel Honeysett (HH), Cllr T Lush(TL)
Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council:	Fiona Goodier (FG), Derek Wheeler (DW)
Cheshire Wildlife Trust:	Kevin Feeney (KF), Heather Tawnier(HT)
Residents:	Chris Ball (CB)
Mid Cheshire Bridleway:	No Attendees
Highways:	No Attendees

Apologies: Neil Beards, Cllr Tom Cooper, Jerry Gibbs, Adele Mayer, Andy Hawes, Nicola Gibson, John Casey, Henrietta Grice,

Circulation: SW to circulate to Tarmac, CWT, PC, CWaC, Liaison Committee, and include Power-Point Presentation.

Henrietta Grice to circulate to Crabtree Green residents and include Power-Point Presentation

NOTES:

ACTION:

Attendance:

- As per the attendees and apologies, both Henrietta and John were unable to attend and Chris Ball stood into represent the Crabtree Court residents. Jerry Gibbs is happy to be invited but will only attend if there is anything highways related.

Declaration of interests:

- None

Site Tour:

- The site tour covered all site operations including the dredging of Delamere Lake and all attendees found the tour interesting and informative.

Review and receive update on previous meeting notes:

- Previous minutes were confirmed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

Presentation:

- SW presented the 'Crown Farm Liaison Meeting '25th May 2023' and the presentation will be circulated with the Notes and should be read in conjunction with the meeting notes.

Quarry Managers report: (Also see Power Point Presentation)

- Output for 2022 – 530,000t (budget was 532,000t)

- Projected output for 2023 – 520,000t
- Remaining life estimated at approx. 5 years at present outputs
- Dredger working well extracting mineral from Delamere Lake
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust partnership going well on both the Nature Reserve land and the Educational visits where there are another 14 schools scheduled to attend in 2023.
- The installation of the double yellow lines along Stoneyford Lane has improved the parking situation without totally eliminating it.
- Ongoing litter picks along Stoneyford Lane as a good will gesture.
- Still looking into the circular walking route around the site but the two main obstacles of funding and suitable parking arrangements would need to be resolved.
- Capital investment for mains power into the site to remove the diesel powered generators in line with the companies carbon reduction and sustainability policy. Hopefully Q2 connection but Scottish Power dependent.
- £11,000 funding donation from the Tarmac Landfill Community Fund towards the Kelsall Wellbeing Hub which is a fantastic project.

Strategic Planning Managers report (Neil Beards and feedback to the meeting by Steve Williams)

- Compliance with conditions attached to the mineral planning permission for the site is ongoing – Dust, Noise, HGV movements, Hydro, Habitat Management etc.
- The scheme of monitoring groundwater and surface water features for the site has been updated with the installation of replacement and new monitoring points.
- The suction dredger has been operational since March '22 and this is allowing the full extraction and winning of consented reserves under the water table (Delamere Lake). The abstraction license has been varied with various new conditions attached to the licence.
- A planning condition audit was undertaken with Capita, acting for Cheshire West and Chester Council on 11th May.
- The extension planning application to extend the size and depth of the Delamere lake now that dredging has commenced and also to extend dry sand extraction at Crabtree Green within the current site boundary was submitted in January 2023 following public consultation in November 2022. Cheshire West and Chester Council are currently consulting on this and discussions have been held with them and with Natural England. We are awaiting the views of the Environment Agency. It is hoped that the planning application might be presented before planning committee towards the end of the year.

Cheshire Wildlife Association Report:

- Over the past 6 months staff and volunteers have been working to maintain and improve the habitats around the nature reserve.
- Creating glades throughout the woodland between the meres and coppicing hazel in the mature woodland to allow more light to reach the woodland floor.
- Planting hawthorn and blackthorn scrub amongst the gorse and broom to increase scrub cover for small mammals and provide early nectar sources for pollinators.
- School visits - since the last update - 2 spring bookings, 4 booked for June and July so far
- Activities for school groups - Den building and nature scavenger hunt, returning materials when finished. Pond dipping. Nature Walk. Meadow sweeping (summer)

Environmental Health Report:

- Refer to Power Point Presentation.

Planning Officers Report:

- Lighting on site outside Operational hours has been brought up during the planning consultation. A lighting assessment is being undertaken as part of the process.
- The noise generated by the road sweeper and the sounding of vehicles horns has been brought to the attention of the Local Planning Authority.
- As per strategic planning section, several consultee responses received and still awaiting on others as part of the planning application process.

Parish council Reports:

- Nothing of concern to report from the Parish Council.
FG to be forwarded a copy of the Archaeology report from 2022.
Not Tarmac related - Some challenges with the developer for the Earlsbrook Housing Development on the old Marley Tiles factory site where the main contractor has gone into administration.

Residents Reports (Crabtree Green only):

- Comments fed into meeting from CB.
 - Still issues of parking on the verges along Stoneyford Lane
 - Quarry development progress at the Crabtree Eastern end of site.
 - Very occasion HGV's arriving early and parking on Stoneyford Lane.

AOB

- SW advised that he would like to see more attendees to attend on a regular basis as the absentee rate is high for this meeting.
- A suitable re-location of dust monitoring point CF3B is being looked into as it is very close to the exposure mineral operating area. Maybe look into locating by the newly re-opened 'Lounge' on Chester Road although it would be difficult to get accurate sampling due to the road and traffic travelling along Chester Road.
- SW mentioned again that the Tarmac Landfill Community Fund is still available for qualifying projects and the application process documents will be circulated with the minutes and presentation.
- As Cllr Cooper was unavailable for the liaison meeting a site visit is to be arranged with Cllr Cooper.

NEXT MEETING:**DATE: 23rd November 23****TIME: 2-00pm****VENUE: Tarmac Office**