

# CEMEX Wickwar Liaison Group

December 4th, 2019. Charfield Village Hall

Present

Mark Rosher	Charfield PC
John O'Neill	SGC
Pat Trull	SGC and Wickwar PC
Angie Carroll	Wickwar PC
Fen Marshall	Tortworth
Neil Higgs	SGC
Andlyn White	CEMEX
David Goodman	CEMEX
Frank Hogg	CEMEX
Shaun Denny	CEMEX
Ian Southcott	CEMEX

## 1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Simon Ford and Paula Evans.

## 2. Notes of the meeting held on July 16th, 2019.

These were accepted as a true record.

## 3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the agenda.

## 4. CEMEX Report.

- a) **Operations.** FH reported that aggregate sales were steady. Landfill activity was a bit erratic and the weather had not helped. Activity should pick up from today with a large job due to begin. Asphalt sales were poor. JO'N noted that activity was low but with new housing projects commencing soon, there should be improvement. Restoration of the final slope had been completed and it was beginning to 'green up.'
- b) **Complaints and Response.** There had been no complaints recorded but FH did note that a spillage of stone on the highway outside the quarry had occurred yesterday. This resulted in

a number of calls to the quarry. Some clearing up by hand was carried out as the road sweeper had left site. It returned later in the afternoon to complete the clear up. FM asked if signs indicating stone on the road could be deployed in such a circumstance – DG and FH to investigate.

The Charfield resident who had been complaining about a source of noise had attended the PC meeting in October and had also come to the open days. SGC and the company had been engaging with this gentleman for some considerable time. It was clear that the quarry was not the source and the complainant was now attributing the disturbance to wind turbines although he was alone in the observation of any problem.

- c) **Compliance.** FH reported that there were only three occasions left out of the 60 for the calendar year. A Churchend resident had complained that the company was not complying with its operational requirements but failed to specify in what way.
- d) **Throughput Reporting.** This had been reported to SGC to the authority's satisfaction.
- e) **Biodiversity.** A Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) had been prepared and would be worked through over the coming months. At Quartzite cattle had caused some damage to the artificial sett. The site was now in after-care. JO'N asked if a visit to site could be arranged.
- f) **Southwood Farm.** FH reported that an interpretation board with oak frame was being prepared. A structural survey of the building had been undertaken – it is thought to date back to ca. 1700 – but the company had no plans for the site at present.

## 5. **Planning Update.**

SD explained that the application was virtually complete and was currently with Tortworth Estate for comment – it was a joint application between the Estate and the company. The Non-Technical Summary was yet to be written and final drawings of the tunnel were awaited. SD hoped to be able to submit the application to SGC before Christmas or, failing that, during January. The construction process for the tunnel was outlined as was the need to retain the rural nature of the lane. NH hoped that SF would attend the next meeting. JO'N suggested that it might go to committee in March or April.

DG noted that one resident had raised the issue of compensation should there be property damage due to blasting. DG was confident that there would be no such damage but was happy to organise a base-line structural survey.

SD reported that paper copies of the application would be provided for the four PCs including Tortworth Meeting.

DG asked if there was any feedback from the open days. IMS reported that ca. 300 people had attended and that generally the response was positive. All the details were on the website.

A discussion noting how engagement and communication had significantly improved over the last ten years or more as issues had been addressed and understanding improved followed. NH noted that acrimony had long gone.

SD noted that he would be preparing various applications relating to ancillary operations in order that their end dates would all coincide. This was however not pressing at this time.

**6. Community Projects.**

The applications for support for the PA system and luncheon club had still not been received. AW apologised and explained that the process had resulted in unfortunate delay but everything was now in the system and payment would be forthcoming shortly.

JO'N asked about the Friends of St James Church. An application had been made but no response had been received. AW would progress.

**7. Any Other Business.**

There were no other matters raised.

**8. Date of the Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting would be agreed and would relate to the progress of the submission of the application and the subsequent consultation.