

**Minutes of a meeting of the Liaison Group
held at Buckland Estate Office, Lawrence Lane
2.30pm on Tuesday 28th July 2016**

Present: Buckland Estate (**Host**) - Duncan Ferns;
Hanson UK - Dave Norminton;
SCC - Simon Elson, Principal Environmental Enhancement Officer (**Chair**);
Buckland Parish Council: Tim Westwell and Sheena Boyce (**Secretary**).

Apologies: Buckland Estate – Dominic Sanders
Hanson UK - Andy Duncan and Chris Rowlands;
SCC – Stephen Jenkins, Deputy Planning Development Manager.

1. Welcome

SE welcomed everyone to this inaugural meeting, and provided attendees an opportunity to raise any matters not covered by the agenda.

DF took the opportunity to explain that Dominic Sanders, (who had hoped to attend the meeting in whole or part), had recently become more estate based and is now Managing Director of Dungates Farms Ltd, a change that will allow his father, Adrian Sanders to reduce his estate commitments.

2. Updates

Presentation to Annual Parish Meeting

SE commended DF for the open approach adopted for the Estate's update to the village's annual meeting (20th April) that had, in his view been well received, and that the opportunity to take part in a follow up walk around Park Pit (8th May) had been welcomed. SE took the opportunity to share with the group the discovery, during the walk, of a pollarded field maple with a girth measurement sufficient for it to be recorded as an ancient/veteran tree.

Park Pit – Earthworks, Planting and General Site Clearance

In the absence of CR, DN advised that he had not received any detailed brief to share with the group. All present agreed that the priority at Park Pit is to reach a point at which it can be moved into aftercare as soon as possible.

A number of outstanding items had been observed during the recent village walk around the pit including outstanding earthworks in the vicinity of the outfall pipe and a need for further work in the beach area. SE queried the presence of concrete and pipework in the area "earmarked for a potential café" but shown as "an area of grass" on the restoration plans and the presence of residual industrial infrastructure and debris around the site.

SE's proposal for an on-site "snagging meeting" to be arranged to help progress this objective was supported. **Action:** SE to circulate potential dates (July) to Hanson UK and Buckland Estates.

With the water level now having reached the designed 52.5m, all noted that this allows aquatic planting to proceed. SE commented that whilst, during the walk, some reed planting had been done that the reeds had already incurred some damage and that further species (as listed on the approved plans) need to be planted. SE went on to suggest that as it is now quite late in the season to be planting aquatic species that it would be better, in his view, for Hanson to seek SCC approval for a Spring 2017 planting. **Action:** SE/DN to raise during on-site meeting.

Park Pit – Retained buildings & outfall

DF advised the current position is unchanged from that outlined to the village at the Annual Parish Meeting and during the walk i.e. the Estate is keen to consider ways to open Park Pit, in a managed and economically viable way, to the public, especially given this could present a practical means to tackle ongoing “trespass related issues” at the site.

SE, having queried with DF when the Estate would be in a position to confirm compliance with the conditions attached to the approval to retain four structures at Park Pit and recommended Buckland Estates contact SJ at SCC to seek permission for any proposed variations at the earliest opportunity. **Action:** DF.

DF confirmed that DS will be very much involved in taking forward any ideas and acknowledged that any proposed initiatives will need to be approved as further amendments to the approved Restoration Plans. SE advised that whilst SCC will, until the end of the 5-year aftercare period, remain the Planning Authority to whom any applications will need to be submitted, that it is important for any pre-application discussion to also involve Mole Valley District Council (“MVDC”). **Action:** DF

Tapwood Quarry – Stability Proposals

DN expressed his hope that that consultants GWP would shortly conclude their evaluations and submit their recommendation to Hanson UK by the end of July. SE encouraged DN to ensure Hanson UK submit details of the stability proposals as soon as possible to SJ at Surrey County Council (“SCC”) to enable SJ to confirm what approvals will be required prior to work commencing and reminded DN that SCC can be expected to involve their own independent consultants to review the submission. **Action:** DN to liaise with Hanson UK colleagues to obtain sufficient information to be able to “quickly” submit outline details to SJ at SCC.

SE reminded DN of the need to consider whether Natural England might have any concerns relating to the importation of material specified in any stability proposals.

Date for next meeting

The Group agreed that rather than set a date that individual members should consider requesting a further meeting as soon as information becomes available to share with the group. **Action: All**

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

cc. Jack Straw, MVDC.