

**Minutes of a meeting of the Buckland Liaison Group (“BLG”)
held at Hanson offices, Tapwood Quarry
9.30am on Friday 9th January 2015**

Present: Graham Tucker, Hanson Manager, Tapwood Quarry and Park Pit – **Host**
Duncan Ferns, Buckland Estate
Simon Elson, Principal Environmental Enhancement Officer, SCC
Nigel Husband, Chairman, Buckland Parish Council - **Chair**
Tim Westwell, Betchworth & Buckland Society
Sheena Boyce, Clerk to Buckland Parish Council – **Clerk**

Apologies: Dave Norminton, Hanson UK
Helyn Clack, Surrey County Councillor for Dorking Rural;
Stephen Jenkins, SCC Case Officer

1. Welcome

NH welcomed everyone, noted apologies and invited progress reports for each action that had been recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2014.

2. Progress Updates

- (i) **Park Pit Outfall** - *DN to apply appropriate pressure to ensure a timely response from the EA is obtained by Hanson’s consultants and, in the absence of a reply to submit a LDCA no later than Monday 15th December 2014. DN to submit a planning application for the outfall.*

SE advised that SJ and DN had now received confirmation that the Shagbrook is no longer classified as a main river and confirmed this classification removes the requirement to apply to the Environment Agency (“EA”) to obtain a Land Drainage Consent Application. The Shagbrook, as a local watercourse, is now a responsibility of SCC and consultation will now be with the relevant SCC appointed consultants.

Action agreed: SE to liaise with SJ and DN to ensure relevant paperwork is submitted to satisfy the planning and waterways teams as quickly as possible to minimise any further delay;

- (ii) **Revised Restoration for Tapwood:** *DN to formally submit the tabled plan (updated to reflect a small number of amendments agreed during the meeting) together with a request to extend the timeline for completing the restoration of Tapwood to allow for the need to wait for the water level to reach equilibrium before finalising the profiles of the water edge ledges.*

SE advised that SJ had yet to receive a submission.

Action agreed: SE to liaise with SJ and DN to encourage progress.

3. Opportunity for representatives to provide further input or feedback

GT reaffirmed previous advice that the sand stockpiled in Park Pit is likely to be sufficient to support sales at current levels through to the end of the financial year (31 March 2015). GT reported that interim restoration earthworks and demolition within in Tapwood Quarry have been completed and that a further short period of working, that will need dry ground conditions, has yet to be scheduled.

DF, (on behalf of Dungates Farm Ltd), expressed frustration at the length of time that has elapsed since the Estate’s application to retain four structures had been submitted to SCC. SE acknowledged that it did appear to be taking a long time to register the application and agreed to follow up with SJ to establish exactly what is hold up registration of the application. **Action SJ.**

SE reported that Natural England had announced an intention to commence a process that could lead to two areas of SSSI on Reigate Heath being denotified. DF confirmed that notice had recently been served on Buckland Estates to advise that the area of Wet Alder is one of the two areas of SSSI under review. It was noted that one of the key performance indicators for the Natural England Board relates to EU target that requires an improvement in the status of the SSSIs and that has to be met by 2020.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Action: SKB to liaise with SJ/SE and to await evidence of progress being made prior to circulating potential dates for the next meeting. The meeting closed at 10.30 a.m.

cc. Rod Shaw and Chris Robertson, MVDC.