

TRYSULL & SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2015 AT THE PAVILION,
TRYSULL TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SEISDON QUARRY**

PRESENT :	Mr. Neil Compson	Parish Council Chairman
	Mr. Alec Smith	Parish Councillor
	Mr. John Tonkinson	Parish Councillor
	Mr. Steve Harrison	Parish Councillor
	Mr. Vince Merrick	Parish Councillor
	Mrs. Tess Clarke	Parish Councillor
	Mr. Richard Simonds	Parish Councillor
	Cllr. Brian Edwards	County Councillor
	Cllr. Bob McCardle	District Councillor
	Mr. Mike Grundy	County Council Planning, Policy & Development Control Manager
	Mrs. Julie Castree-Denton	Council Council Planning Team Leader - Development Control
	Mr. Simon Hawe	County Council Highways Authority Senior Engineer
	Mr. Adam Collinge	Agent for the Applicant JPE Holdings Limited
	Mr. Steve Birch	Applicant JPE Holdings Limited
	Members of the public	List attached
APOLOGIES :	Mr. Paul Compson	Parish Council Vice Chairman
	Mr. Mike Kelly	Parish Councillor

The Chairman welcomed residents to this public meeting which has been held to discuss Planning Application ref. SS.15/13/627M, an application to consolidate the previous planning permissions for Seisdon Quarry, allowing for the continued winning and working of the remaining sand and gravel mineral reserve and import of restoration materials, enabling the restoration of Seisdon Quarry by 31st December 2018.

Introduction of the Proposal

Mrs. Julie Castree-Denton reported that the previous application to vary time scales was withdrawn when this new consolidating application was received. Letters have been sent to 253 residents, a press and site notice has been posted and the M.P. has been notified.

The application is for 690,000 tonnes of mineral to be exported from the site and 200,000 tonnes of material imported to restore the site. 72 movements per full working day, 36 in and 36 out. 15 movements a day are proposed through Seisdon village. There are no vehicle restrictions on existing permission for the site. There is a revised restoration scheme by JPE for agriculture, a lake and nature conservation.

Mr. Harper spoke to Mr. Collinge and suggested that 490,000 tonnes of minerals be exported over two years with the 200,000 tonnes that is left on site being used for restoration. Mr. Harper stated that the site would facilitate growth over two years without imported material.

Mr. Collinge replied stating that 690,000 tonnes accounts for the majority of existing virgin material with some from re-profiling. He stated that there are no restoration soils on the site and 200,000 tonnes of inert soil forming material needs to be imported to provide for agriculture but there will be some areas where soil will not be brought in.

Highway Issues with Simon Hawe

Mr. Hawe reported that the planning application that has been submitted by JPE has to be considered with due regard to access, visibility, impact, safety, accidents and national guidance. Mr. Bishop stated that residents do not want HGV's travelling through the village and Cllr. Smith stated that residents are very concerned about highway safety and he asked Mr. Hawe what he will do to assist us in keeping our village safe.

Cllr. Tonkinson stated that quarry lorries are travelling through the village on Saturday mornings, which has previously not been the case, and quarry lorries are travelling along axle limit roads. Cllr. Harrison informed Mr. Birch that he had met a JPE lorry driving dangerously on an axle limit road. Mr. Birch stated that all vehicles have trackers and if he has the time and location he is able to find out where a vehicle has been.

A resident asked whether the bridges in the Parish are strengthened, particularly the bridge on Ebstree Road, and this was answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Collinge stated that there is no restriction on weight limits on Fox Road and Ebstree Road and in theory vehicles are able to travel through Seisdon. The planning application states there will be 15 movements per day through the village which is no more than 20% of the total vehicle movements. Mr. Collinge stated that 2/3rds of vehicles travelling through the village are not related to JPE. Mr. Hawe stated there is nothing they can do to stop vehicles on roads without weight restrictions.

Mrs. Castree-Denton reminded residents that there are no current restrictions to control vehicle movements and this planning application will bring some control to this situation.

Mr. Hingley Smith read out an e-mail from Sarah Alves, County Council Infrastructure Development and Improvement Senior Engineer which is included in the Planning Application. Mrs. Alves has since left the County Council. This e-mail expresses major highway concerns about a proposed uplift of HGV's from an average of 55 per day to a maximum of 110 two-way HGV's per day in/out of the site. Mrs. Alves set out several recommendations/conditions in her e-mail and one such item states a routing agreement is required ' a banned left turn from the quarry down Ebstree Road towards Seisdon Village and then down Fox Road would need to be enforced. HGV's wishing to go west would have to turn right out of the Quarry site to then utilise Ebstree Road and then Langley Road. Mr. Hawe responded and stated this e-mail referred to an earlier submission from JPE for a larger number of vehicles and since then the County Council has negotiated with JPE and the number of lorry movements have been lessened.

The question was asked whether Mr. Hawe's report would be available before it went before the Planning Committee. Mr. Hawes replied stating the Highway Report will be available to read on the County Council web site a week before it goes before Committee.

Restoration by Mike Grundy and Julie Castree-Denton

Mr. Hughes asked whether JPE would be in breach of the planning permission if the site is not restored and Mr. Elston asked why enforcement action has not been taken with regard to the previous planning permission and a breach of conditions. These questions were not clearly answered.

Mrs. Castree-Denton later stated that if this Planning Application is refused the County Council would have to take enforcement action to get the site restored. The site has to be restored as the hole cannot be left and if the Applicant appeals this then it could take longer than 2018. To restore

the site vehicles will have to travel to the site and there may be no restriction on the number of lorries.

Mr. Grundy stated that as part of the submission the County Council have allowed for a minimum of six monthly monitoring and review of progress at the site to ensure restoration is completed by December 2018.

A question was put forward regarding a financial bond from JPE for the restoration of the site should this not be completed. Mr. Grundy stated that members of the Mineral Product Association were protected by a restoration bond and JPE is a member of this organisation.

Mr. Grundy stated that a balance is needed for restoration of the site by 2018 and that some traffic is inevitable to achieve the restoration of the site.

Mr. Birch was asked whether he would assure the meeting that the quarry will be restored by 2018, and Mr. Birch made this assurance and stated Seisdon Quarry would be restored by 2018 or earlier. Extraction of in-situ material will cease by the end of June 2018. It was pointed out that the final area to be restored will not be green.

Other Issues and Questions

A liaison Committee will be formed with representatives from the residents together with members of the Parish Council to be able to see the progress on the site. A liaison Committee will have a clear Constitution and membership.

This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting and interested residents were invited to attend.

Mr. Collinge stated that provision has been made for two fields off Church Lane for the community, either for the Parish or District Council to take on. It appeared from comments from the floor that this was not what residents wanted.

There were no further question and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Meeting ended 8.30 p.m.

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