



BROMSBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

7.00pm on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at Bromsberrow Village Hall

1. Present:

Cllr Brian Lewis (Chairman), Cllr John Stephens, Cllr David Hunter, Cllr Robin Launder, Cllr Philip Burford and Cllr Roxanne Shayle. Also present: David Mills (Clerk), Cllr Gill Moseley (Gloucestershire County Council) and four members of the public attended
Apologies: Cllr Graham Warren

2. Declaration of interests - None received

3. Minutes of meeting 27th September 2022 – Approved

Matters Arising:

1. Quarry ROMP update provided by Councillor Robin Launder:

CURRENT SITUATION

We reviewed the latest information regarding this recent application by way of an initial periodic review of existing mineral permissions. As the relevant Parish Council for the Quarry, we had submitted comprehensive comments. We noted one further comment being entered on 13/10/2022 from the Environmental Agency; we have reviewed the EA letter and agree with its contents and concerns. We noted that the published Internal Target Date/Determination Deadline of 15 October 2022 has passed, but are not aware of any decision.

EXISTING PERMISSIONS

We confirmed our concern as to the Applicant's proposal that the existing conditions of the historic permissions be cancelled; the existing conditions are few, are simple and are clear, but there is every doubt as to whether any of them have been complied with. We presume that the first task of a periodic review of mineral permissions is to assess compliance with existing Permissions. We would object to the removal/cancellation of any conditions where compliance to date is in doubt.

PROPOSED INFILL

We confirmed that we are not opposed to the concept of permission to continue to win further sand and to infill with inert materials (over an impermeable layer to protect the water reserves below the site) and to make good with topsoil and plantings upon completion.

NEW GATEWAY : BUND

We confirm our appreciation of the proposed new entrance and of a positive approach re bunds.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We confirmed our concern that a variety of activities are being carried out beyond the existing Conditions which each have the Condition 'The development to be restricted to the winning of sand only', plus, we understand that a Certificate of lawful Use (DF861/U)C allows purchase and sale of Imported primary aggregates, with conditions.

We ask the Review to look carefully at each activity not expressly Permitted on site as to whether is permitted now and going forward.

We are concerned that activities other than those expressly permitted will be inimical to the proposed operations.

OPERATING STANDARDS

We expressed concern that there is no simple Condition to operate to the best regulatory standards in force at the time activity is to take place. We welcome many of the Applicant's proposals as to Conditions, but do not consider these to be comprehensive.

PROPOSAL INCONSISTENCIES

We remain concerned as to inconsistencies. These were set out in our detailed response. We would draw particular attention to: the wheelwash provision disappearing midway through the proposed stages; ditto vehicle turning and queuing space; and to an apparent, simultaneous, assumption that the pit will not flood due to the free draining nature of the sand and that no leachate can reach the water table because an impermeable layer will be installed before inert materials are deposited.

SCALE OF ACTIVITIES

We confirm that the scale of activities is unclear. We gleaned and calculated what we could from documents submitted to the ROMP and the scale of proposed activity is a major escalation. The impact is, we considered, best expressed in terms of the volume of (heavy) vehicle movements, each of which also generates the noise/dust/particulates that affect the residents. We ask that the ROMP clarify the volume and the impact therefrom. We have asked for a strict limit on daily movements of HGV's.

EXCESS WINNINGS.

Having noted above that the existing Permissions may not have been complied with, we again wish to draw the attention of the Review to the impact of this on future activity levels (as proposed). If topsoil from past excavations was to have been stored on site, but is not so stored, then extra vehicle movements occurred in the past and will occur in the future to import any 'missing' topsoil. If sand has been won and/or will be won at a depth lower than Permitted, by digging at an angle steeper than permitted. We affirm our submission that the volume of any future permitted activity of sand extraction should be reduced accordingly to compensate for any such past excess dig for excess topsoil movements.

A PLEA FOR MITIGATION OF IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY

Our Parish is, apart from the quarry, residential in nature. Several houses are just meters from the site. Noise, dust, heavy vehicle movements are current impacts. We are concerned as to the potential for odour or other nuisance from inert infill. We would appreciate an attitude of anticipating, preventing, mitigation as to impacts on the community generally.

Full details of the 22/0031/FDROMP can be found at:

<https://planning.gloucestershire.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RDX8X5HN01600>

Action: Send the above update to the GCC Planning and await developments from Gloucestershire CC Planning.

2. Albright Lane flooding issues await further developments from GCC Highways.

4. Planning:

- a. [P1140/22/FUL](#) Grove Cottage, Beach Lane, Bromsberrow Heath, Ledbury.
Erection of outbuilding to form accessible gym. No action.
 - b. Footpath diversion in Bromsberrow on Footpath PROW reference GBR6- Bromesberrow Footpath
6. An application by Mr Will Windsor Clive to GCC in July 2019 has not progressed to date with no determination. Action: Parish to ask GCC for progress on this issue.

5. Highways and Road Safety:

After consideration of the reports provided with the Agenda and the presentations from the School Head Mrs Laura Hankins supported by the Head of Governors Miss Melanie Orgree on the many issues surrounding the road safety outside the School.

The Council concluded on the following core objectives:

1. To improve the visibility of the Bromesberrow St Marys CofE School along Albright Lane to road users to raise awareness of its presence and the road safety issues and dangers. Actions:

- a. Request from GCC Highways through Cllr. Gill Mosely
 1. Signs to be painted on the road approaching the school.
 2. School warning flashing lights immediately before the school

3. 20mph enforceable limit to be placed on the road before and after the school.
4. Keep clear zig-zag hatching immediately outside the school entrance.
- b. School and Councillors to consider other advisory methods and tactics outlined in the CARS (Community Approaches to Road Safety) Toolkit to improve awareness of the road safety by the school at all times.

2. To change behaviour of vehicle users along the road to and from the school to drive carefully and reduce speed to a 20mph limit. Actions:

- a. Council approved the use of the MVAS on the posts by the school over the winter months with the display switched on and speed limit threshold set to 20mph. Speeds above this limit request road users to SLOW DOWN. Review at the next meeting
- b. GCC Speedwatch: Bid for a traffic survey, MVAS sign and wheelie bin posters before the January 2023 deadline.

3. Improve the quality and availability of the parking arrangements outside the school. Actions:

- a. Cllr Brian Lewis to approach the landowners of the land adjacent to the war memorial to improve the quantity and quality of parking for the school and the community.
- b. The issues of dangerous trees along Albright Lane and approaching the school were discussed.
Action: Write to the Owner CPW Sargent Lintridge Farm Bromesberrow Heath HR8 1PB

6. Community Emergency Plan:

Community Emergency Plan document updated and to be released for December 2022 with a review in 12 months.

7. Parish council business

- a. Progress with Banking arrangements ongoing. Santander have proved unreliable. Actions:
 1. Chair to apply and enable for full access to Unity Bank for the Clerk.
 2. Clerk to transfer funds and all transactions from Santander to Unity Bank accounts.
- b. Accounts revised layout were discussed including 3year budget projection. Council approval a 1% increase in the 2023/24 precept subject to confirmation at the January meeting.
- c. Payments approved:
 1. Remembrance Day - Smithsound for PA system - £60
 2. Remembrance Day - British Legion for Wreaths - £80
 3. Microsoft 365 annual licence - £59.99
 4. Royal mail registered Post - £7.15
 5. Clerk salary £560.73 plus PAYE £140.20
- d. Website updating ongoing with longer term developments include domain name change and Councillor Parish Council named email addresses.
- e. Correspondence and notifications of activities and resources from GCC, FoDDC, GAPTC, GRRC and other bodies have been circulated by email to Councillors for information.

8. Public participation – no comments

9. Date of next meeting

24th January 2023

Proposed meetings dates for 2023:

28th March 2023

23rd May 2023

25th July 2023

26th September 2023

28th November 2023

Signed:.....

Date:.....24/1/23.....