

MEETING MINUTES

POLLINGTON NOISE AND DUST MEETING

Email @ pollingtonndc@gmail.com

Date: 27th July 2023

Time: 1900

Meeting called to order by: John Jagger (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE (COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES/COMMITTEE MEMBERS)

Cllr Caroline Fox (Ward Councillor) John Jagger (Chairman) Steve Thorpe (Committee Member) Mark Whittaker (Committee Member) Stuart Oldfield (Committee Member) Stuart Sefton (Committee Member) Tom Lee (Committee Member) Judith Smith (Committee Member) Andrew Dalton (Clerk) Terry Cook (H&H Celcon) Paul Avison (Kelkay) Alison Hedley (Kelkay) along with local Pollington residents.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE ROLES

Terry Cook (H&H Celcon)

Production Manager

Paul Avison (Kelkay)

Site Manager

Alison Hedley (Kelkay)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Jagger (Chairman) Steve Thorpe (Committee Member) Mark Whittaker (Committee Member) Stuart Oldfield (Committee Member) Stuart Sefton (Committee Member), Judith Smith (Committee Member) Tom Lee (Committee Member) Andrew Dalton (Clerk)

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks
2. Committee Members Update
3. Company Representative Introductions
4. Update on Mitigation Efforts & Residents' Concerns
5. Balk Lane Enquires
6. Middleton Quarry Update

7. Venue for Next Meeting
8. Any Other Business

Minutes

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks

- Chairman thanked all company representatives and residents for taking the time to attend the Pollington Noise and Dust committee meeting and re-conveyed the purpose of these meetings is to establish positive open dialogue and engagement with our resident business owners/representatives on matters relating to village residents

2. New Committee Members

Chairman extended invitation for any residents to become members of the committee, with Judith Smith, Stuart Oldfield, Stuart Sefton and Tom Slee kindly volunteering to join. No objections were raised, thus new members were welcomed to the committee.

3. Company Representative Introductions

Paul Avison (Site Manager – Kelkay)

Alison Hedley (Kelkay)

Terry Cook (Production Manager- H&H Celcon)

Apologies received from John Lawless (Marshalls / CPM) and Steve Brown (Esken Biomass, formerly Stobart Biomass)

4. Update on Mitigation Efforts & Residents' Concerns

Paul Avison on behalf of Kelkay

- Own road sweeper in operation 12 hours a day (6am-6pm)
 - External 3rd party Go-Plant fleet services commissioned to perform dust mitigation efforts on-site every Friday
 - Dust-Buster utilized
 - Sprinkler systems ramped up
 - Adapted DAF army vehicle used as 'Water Dowser' and deployed as needed
 - Reversing audible alarms now reduced
 - Dialogue/consultation with residents undertaken to reduce / target on-site lighting.
 - Dust mainly from aggregates and transport.
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- Residents conveyed thanks and acknowledgement that a reduction in audible reversing siren noise was now evident.
 - Resident member suggested it may also be worth reviewing ambient lighting on site, in regards to (colour temperature/bulb rotation)
 - Resident suggestion that utilization of Fog/Mist cannons be considered as a further dust mitigation technique. The idea is that micro-droplets come into contact with dust, both materials merge and fall down, removing the dust from the air.

Terry Cook on behalf of H&H Celcon

- Lighting review undertaken with pictures taken from various residential locations along with consultation with local resident member to reduce visible lighting. Specifically :-
 - Two lights already adjusted down 90°
 - External contractors due on-site to undertake a further review of all lighting with the aim to re-position (where possible) in areas causing concern
 - Lighting taken off top of the 'sand silo'
- Night shift reduction from four shifts to two shifts (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)
- Own road sweeper in operation every day and deployed as and when needed
- Currently reviewing opportunity to remove certain reversing lights from vehicles, (H&S of employees to be considered)
- Dust/Particles external survey recently undertaken; results confirm operating well within limit. Copy of survey to be shared with committee.
- Dust contained in 'sand silos'; transport responsible for most of the dust concerns

Residents expressed thanks to representatives for the positive actions taken to date.

- Resident member remarked that lighting from Celcon's car entrance was of concern, with visibility impaired particularly during bad weather – due to road area occasionally being water-logged. Celcon representative to review area of concern and revert.
- Resident member commented on noise from 'Autoclaves'. Representative suggested this could be from the safety valve (steam blow-off)
- Resident suggestion that utilization of Fog/Mist Cannons be considered as a further dust mitigation technique. The idea is that micro-droplets come into contact with dust, both materials merge and fall down, removing the dust from the air.

Marshall's (CPM) Email Response (unable to attend in person due to urgent business needs)

Noise

- Certain areas of the site - we do not start-up or have mobile plant driving until 7.30am
- All hoppers have been lined with Kingspan to reduce noise emissions, when the bucket driver is tipping into them
- Permanent noise monitor
- Portable noise monitor
- Product stacked up around site to act as a barrier.
- Trees line the boundary to act as a barrier (Also at the request of neighbours we cut back trees)
- Noise monitoring assessments undertaken bi-annually
- Roller shutter doors shut where possible.

Dust

- Sprinkler System around site. On an automatic timer every 15 minutes or we can override manually i.e., not to use when it's raining, or have them on an increased schedule.
- Hard standing roadways across site
- Water Bowser goes around site as and when needed

- New pump fitted on the lagoon
- Wheel wash for all exiting vehicles
- Conveyor covers
- New sweeper
- Dust monitoring assessments bi-annually

Legally obliged to monitor things like noise and dust, which we are audited on once or twice a year and can confirm we are well below all legal obligations.

Marshalls have spent £1.3m on dust, noise, and some local requests in the past 4 years. We log all complaints we receive and have had some welcoming conversations with neighbours with our actions including reducing any noise on the border's early morning as well as over 10k spend on landscaping of trees etc at neighbours' requests.

Regular visits from the Council over the 6 years I have been with the company to ensure we are compliant with our operating permit, which includes noise and dust emissions.

Traffic Speed through Highfield / Pollington Camp

- Resident member expressed continued concern about the speed, particularly from HGV's and local employees through Highfield/Pollington Camp.
 - Vehicles often exceed the 30mph limit, and particularly with HGV's, this causes vibrations inside of the houses.
 - Speeding prevalent during the peak start, changing and end of shifts.
 - Road surfaces adversely impacted and deteriorating.
 - Surface water issues further compounded when speed limits not adhered to.
 - Highways Agency engagement in place, to review road-conditions, however any remedial works carried out will be severely compromised while this activity continues.
- Residents' suggestion – Internal campaign within companies to reinforce to both employees and external suppliers, the importance of respecting our local resident communities and adhering to the speed restrictions, thus enabling residents to enjoy their homes without discomfort.
- Residents' suggestion – Campaign to initiate a 'speed monitoring group' with use of handheld speed recording equipment and image capture with evidence recorded and supplied to local companies for appropriate follow-up.

5. Balk Lane Enquires

- Cllr Fox confirmed that Balk Lane is a private lane as confirmed by Highways and enquires should be made with local occupiers
- Resident member suggested that Balk Lane is defined as a Green Lane, and ownership is likely to be held between Marshalls (CPM) and Petch Farm

6. Middleton Quarry Update

- Pollington Action Group committee member confirmed that East Riding Planning has confirmed that an EIA screening (Environmental Impact Assessment) must be undertaken for the site in lieu of any development.
- It was also confirmed that the adjacent recreational land owned by Pollington Parish Council would remain in PPC ownership.

- Parish Council Chairman confirmed that a public residents meeting, probably held in the village hall with the owners of the quarry, is likely to be held around September time or beyond to understand their development proposals.

7. Venue/Date for Next Meeting

Kelkay representatives have very kindly offered to host the next meeting on their premises, and combine this with a site tour (capacity restrictions for site tour due to H&S) The proposed date is **Thursday 31st August at 6PM**
Further details will be communicated via the Pollington Village website <https://www.pollingtonvillage.co.uk/> and a Facebook post under the Pollington News and Events group closer to the time.

8. Any Other Business

Memorial Garden Tribute

- Cllr Fox thanked Kelkay representatives for their contribution and support with the Pollington Airfield Memorial Garden.
 - Cllr floated the idea of having some form of tribute and perhaps a fundraising activity. Cllr Fox will approach companies directly to discuss further.
- Cllr Fox conveyed there are presently only 3 members on the memorial committee, and it would be great to have more.

Overgrown Trees – Heck and Pollington Lane

- Following concerns raised about the overgrown trees on Heck and Pollington Lane during the last meeting, it was confirmed these had now been cut back and the issue resolved.

Chairman re-iterated the committee's sincere appreciation to company representatives for their time and engagement and restated the importance for all parties to work together to seek mutually agreeable solutions, Chairman also conveyed thanks to all residents for their time, valuable input, and support.

Action items

- Further enquires for Balk Lane to understand responsibility / ownership
- Follow-up with local business representatives on 'Traffic Speed Awareness' campaign.
- Follow-up on 'Speed Monitoring Group' creation and next steps.
- Copy of dust survey undertaken for H&H Celcon to be circulated to committee members.
- Kelkay- Ambient lighting review and any further opportunities to minimize visibility from residential areas.
- Celcon - Review of lighting and reversing lights to assess any further opportunities to optimize/reduce visibility from residential areas.
- Celcon – Review of car park entrance lighting and surface water concerns
- Venue location and further details of next meeting to be communicated via Pollington Village website and Facebook News and Events group post.

We have now established a generic email address for any queries or suggestions from residents or company representatives related to 'Noise and Dust' committee activities.

Please kindly use the following email for any correspondence:-

pollingtonndc@gmail.com

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