

MEETING MINUTES

POLLINGTON NOISE AND DUST MEETING

Date: 29th June 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) Sue Jackson (Committee Member) Ema Baxter (Committee Member) Mark Whittaker (Committee Member) Andrew Dalton (Clerk) Simon Parkin (Marshalls/CPM) Terry Cook (H&H Celcon) Rachel Danby (Kelkay) Alison (Kelkay) along with local Pollington residents.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE ROLES

Simon Parkin (Marshalls / CPM)

HSE Adviser

(Deputizing in the absence of John Lawless who will attend future meetings, subject to availability)

Terry Cook (H&H Celcon)

Production Manager

Rachel Danby (Kelkay)

Head of Health, Safety and Environmental

Alison (Kelkay)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Jagger (Chairman) Steve Thorpe (Committee Member) Ema Baxter (Committee Member) Mark Whittaker (Committee Member) Sue Jackson (Committee Member) Andrew Dalton (Clerk)

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks
2. Vote for Chairman
3. Vote for Clerk
4. Discussion Items
5. Vote of Thanks

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks

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

2. Vote for Chairman

Cllr Fox outlined the procedure to elect a chairman for the committee with John Jagger proposed, and all those in attendance asked to confirm acceptance/refusal through a show of hands.

3. Vote for Clerk

Cllr Fox outlined the procedure to elect a clerk for the committee with Andrew Dalton proposed, and all those in attendance asked to confirm acceptance/refusal through a show of hands.

4. Discussion Items

- Chairman expressed thanks to company representatives and residents for attending the meeting and conveyed the purpose of these discussions is to work in partnership, by respecting and understanding the needs of the businesses vs those of our residents and seeking mutually acceptable solutions to any concerns.

Dust mitigation efforts

- Representatives confirmed that Water Bowsers are in regular use/used as often as necessary to maintain/contain dust as much as possible
 - Dust suppression sprinklers utilized
 - Dust sweepers employed on some sites
 - Additional measures such as a 'Wheel Wash' also in place.
 - Dust and particulate monitoring working to a strict set of rules and guidelines, with external 3rd party dust level analysis, confirming operating within parameters.
- It was commented by residents that the poor condition of Balk Lane also contributes to the dust coverage and enquires should be made as to the ownership to understand if anything can be done to improve the surface which would bring improvements.
 - Resident members conveyed that every effort should be made to ensure that "what is produced on site, remains on site"

- It was remarked by residents that 'Sprinkler Suppression' systems were historically utilized more often at Marshalls/CPM than is presently being witnessed.
- Query raised by residents that as Marshalls CPM is an older site, were mitigation efforts more challenging. Marshalls/CPM representative advised that £1M had already been spent on road maintenance and a 'Wheel Wash' for all exiting vehicles, however incoming vehicles, which unfortunately can't be controlled, also contribute to the dust concern.
- All representatives expressed a strong desire to do all possible to alleviate residents' concerns and offered their commitment to ongoing dialogue including an invitation for a 'residents delegation' to visit the sites for a tour and be shown mitigation measures in place to control dust and noise.

Flood lighting

It was commented that wide area floodlighting at H&H Celcon is clearly visible from residential properties, and while there is appreciation for the needs to ensure Health & Safety for employees, could a more targeted lower level lighting system be considered to reduce the visibility from residential areas.

H&H Celcon representative suggested that a visit to the site be undertaken by resident representatives to identify the specific area of concern and review possible solutions.

HGV Reversing Alarms (Beepers)

It was noted that HGV reversing sirens can often be heard throughout the night, due to 24/7 operations in place at H&H Celcon and Kelkay.

Representatives from Kelkay confirmed that 'reversing beeper' audible levels had been reduced during night shift operations, supported with blue lights and that only a very small night shift operation was currently being utilized.

Wind Turbine

Noise generated from the wind turbine situated on the H&H Celcon site was raised, with acknowledgment that regrettably, options to reduce this are limited.

Noise mitigation efforts

- Residents commented that output demand is increasing, likely due to the heightened building activities seen across the country but conveyed that re-enforcement of all possible noise mitigation techniques should be utilized.
- Company representatives conveyed that effort such as the following and those already stated above are in place:-
 - High stock levels maintained, acting as a noise buffer .
 - Trees, shrubs & foliage helping to reduce decibels
- Suggestion was made by residents to understand if government funding could be sought by company representatives to aid further tree planting etc.

Overgrown Trees – Heck and Pollington lane

- Cllr Fox advised all attendees that complaints had been received, pertaining to overgrown trees/branches on Heck and Pollington lane, causing vehicles (particularly HGV's) to navigate a more central position on the road. Cllr Fox suggested that responsibility for maintenance would be determined by the land occupied by the trees. Further enquires are to be made.

The Pollington Airfield Memorial Garden

Cllr Fox conveyed her sincere thanks to representatives from Kelkay for their support in helping to maintain The Pollington Airfield Memorial Garden. Residents also expressed their thanks.

Middleton Quarry – Proposals

- Committee members conveyed that residents had recently been made aware of a proposal by a private company to re-open Middleton Quarry on Heck and Pollington lane. The understanding is that the owners would remove what remaining sand and gravel there is and refill with waste. It is also understood the owners propose to remove the contaminated waste that was dumped there in 2009, of which the previous owners ended up going to prison.
- Committee members advised that consultation with local authorities, such as Yorkshire Water, East Riding Council and the Environmental Agency had been conducted, Official East Riding Planning Portal Application is detailed below for reference:-
- [11/02135/STPLF | Remediation of existing disused quarry by means of excavating and removal of materials off site for appropriate disposal | Middleton Quarry Heck And Pollington Lane Pollington East Riding Of Yorkshire](#)
- It was expressed that should this proposal proceed, considerations such as, but not limited to the following should be studied :-
 - Added pressure on local businesses as it relates to noise and dust with expected additional activity within the vicinity.
 - Additional traffic activity on Heck and Pollington lane
 - Consideration of the potential removal of contaminated waste in vicinity
- Cllr Fox confirmed that a number of objection letters had already been received by East Riding County Council planning office and herself in anticipation of an actual planning application being submitted. All objection letters will be re-considered for planning comments at the time of any submitted application

Road surfaces around Pollington village area

- Remarked that general road surface conditions around the Pollington Highfield area had been recorded/photographed and sent to East Riding Council Highways for remedial repairs consideration, but no response to date. Further follow-up required

5. Vote of Thanks

- 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 and Date of Next Meeting

- Cllr Fox will endeavor to establish the owner of Balk Lane
- Cllr Fox to confirm where responsibility lies to maintain overhanging tress on Pollington and Heck lane.
- Site visit to be arranged for local companies to understand mitigation measures
- Company representatives will provide an update at next meeting on any actions/updates as a result of meeting discussions.
- Date of next meeting Thursday 27th July @7pm – Pollington Parish Rooms (Details will be added to 'Pollington News and Events' Facebook page and Pollington Village website.)

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