

**MINUTES OF THE KETTON LIAISON COMMITTEE**  
**HELD AT**  
**HANSON CEMENT KETTON WORKS ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

<b>Present</b>	<b>T Fox</b>	<b>Hanson Cement</b>
	<b>R Kelly</b>	<b>Tinwell Parish Council</b>
	<b>A McGilvray</b>	<b>Ketton Parish Council</b>
	<b>M Warrington</b>	<b>Ketton Parish Council</b>
	<b>G Pullan</b>	<b>Rutland County Council</b>
	<b>G Conde</b>	<b>Rutland County Council</b>
	<b>K Burton</b>	<b>Environment Agency</b>
	<b>C Daly</b>	<b>Hanson Cement</b>
	<b>T Mitchell</b>	<b>Hanson Cement</b>

**1.0    APOLOGES FOR ABSENCE**

S Jones (Hanson), T Charge ( KPC), D Brown (TPC),

**2.0    ACTION POINTS/MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

All agreed. Action points completed.

**3.0    MATTERS ARISING**

None

**4.0    UPDATE**

**Health & Safety**

No further LTI's since January. Discussion ensued regarding an ageing work force & GC suggested that it would be useful to include health advice on flexibility & joint care in annual health checks.

**Operations**

Planned shutdown in May included tower clean down, the September shutdown will continue with this and critical engineering work. January 2018 shutdown will see the installation of Kiln 8 bag filter and new Cemprotech grates on cooler, a 13 million investment in total. Discussions ensued regarding emission levels and TF is to send RK and KPC emissions data and CD will include Quarry

compliance regarding dust levels, Plume emissions info to be forwarded later in year.

**Action TF/CD**

Priorities on site remain Safety Conversations, Guarding & Isolation, Structural Surveys and Electrical Surveys HV/LV, Lifting Equipment/Pressure systems, Vehicle/Pedestrian Management, Housekeeping

**Capex and Investment** – Continues with large investment projects within the plant. Extra expenditure will be necessary due to the Empingham Road Diversion being turned down. GC expressed his disappointment and commented that historic objections from a small group of residents and their opinions tainted and ambushed any plans and proposals going forward and that local councillors had a responsibility to local residents and to Hanson as the biggest local employer in Rutland to act with impartiality and to focus on the bigger picture and getting the message out into the community. Hanson to look at getting more in-depth information out into the local community.

**Action SJ**

**Personnel** – Numerous internal changes within the Plant and several external recruits. Applicants for mechanical apprenticeships are currently attending assessments/interviews with a view to start at the beginning of September.

**CIP Programme** – CIP continues throughout the site

**Sales/Production** – Business remains good despite Brexit uncertainty, Hinckley Point volumes are now starting to come through. Ribblesdale plant has a new Gas Scrubber being installed and Padeswood has a new Vertical Mill with new rail export and new Silos progressing. Clinker volume has been down due to extended shutdown and chemistry issues. Lower cement volumes in coming weeks due to repair work on Cement Mill 9 gearbox will be supported by Ribblesdale and Padeswood

**Charity;** Hanson continues to support local Charities, Schools and Events. Hanson hopes to confirm the date of their Open Day in 2018 very soon. The refurbishment of the old canteen into a Visitor Centre will be completed in 2018.

**Environmental;**

No CO Trips so far this year, complaints continue to be low. The installation of the Bag Filters next year will put an end to any CO Trips occurring.

Alternative Fuel usage is slowly increasing and we are achieving replacement rates of between 60 – 70%

## **Quarry & Estates;**

Quarry LTI's – 4272 days since the last LTI in December 2005

**Drilling and Blasting** – 77 blasts YTD with contact from 8 residents for 13 different events, this is representative of 16% of Quarry operations

Minerals – Inspection with NCC Dan Szymanski on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, 62 inspected from 121 conditions, all were compliant with regard to condition precedents

Landfill Closure Plan is ongoing, work was delayed during February due to heavy rain, earthworks has now resumed.

**QA Targets** – A new weekly format for quality between Lab/Quarry/Kiln Clinker was introduced in April, this allows a higher focus on DMA in the finished product. All minerals are monitored via CBA. Core drilling for 38 points has been completed, the analysis will assist with future blending and identify where the higher SO3 and alkalis will need stripping out.

**Empingham Road Diversion** – Hanson has received confirmation that leave to bring a Judicial Review has been granted following the refusal of the application on geometric aspects of the two junctions. Discussion ensued regarding the refusal and the positive role that the local parish councillors can play going forward.

**Ecology/Biodiversity** – Ketton Quarry has been selected again as one of the UK sites in the Quarry Life Award, Ketton finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in 2016 but were awarded the funding for a PhD thesis on the basis of their outstanding scientific approach. Specific monitoring of Bats has been targeted on the newly constructed hedgerows to trend numbers/frequencies/species of those using these for navigation to various feeding grounds. The male Whitethroat has been recorded singing during April/May within 200m of the new hedgerows. Badgers are being monitored extensively to support an application for the EPSL to move one family to a new sett. Hanson recently entered into a project with Rutland Water to identify a suitable nesting site for Ospreys a male adopted the nest within 7 days and has since attracted a female. It is hoped they will return to the nest next year. Sandmartins have also been nesting in the sandstone quarry face.

GC commented that a large amount of cutting back had taken place in New Wood by the landowner (not Hanson owned), he felt that less than 10% of the trees removed were diseased and he was concerned that wildlife was not being considered enough. CD confirmed that before Hanson undertakes any landscape changes we undertake a 6 month survey of all flora and fauna and that we are very selective of all felling and we undertake a long process before any work is carried out and that all movement of animals is done strictly under licence. The area

referred to has been approved within the 2002 Planning Permission to allow access for Quarry vehicles through Ketton Gorse and also the alignment of the diversion route for Empingham Rd. GC expressed concern that all the good work carried out by Hanson is being ruined by not so thorough neighbouring landowners as can be viewed in the New Wood felling works as part of the Normanton Park Estate.

## **5.0 Environment Agency**

The EA has issued the new environmental permit that updates the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive. This will involve the next 2 years of monitoring the progress of improvements detailed in the new permit. A meeting was held 2 weeks ago to discuss recently report incidents going forward the focus will be on reducing emissions and housekeeping. A review of the Landfill ground water data and trigger levels will take place at the next planned meeting in September.

## **6.0 Rutland County Council**

GP commented that he was hopeful that the Judicial Review would be successful as another refusal would incur high costs and a lot of work for Rutland County Council as well as Hanson. The Council has received an application from a developer for 35 dwellings on the Crescent in Ketton.

GC reiterated the negativity from a certain small group of local objectors continued to blight any plans/proposals that Hanson submit and fail to see any of the positive elements that the Company does within the community. He also commented that Barrowden Parish Council would be interested in joining the Committee.

## **7.0 Ketton Parish Council**

Further to Tim Charge's meeting with SJ and CD earlier in June and suggestions made during the meeting, TC has now instigated a regular agenda item on the KPC agenda to allow councillors to raise questions/discussion items that they would like to be raised at the Hanson Liaison meeting. Subsequently these items were discussed as tabled questions from ISS001 to ISS006, all six questions were afforded the necessary time for review and a full response given from Hanson. AM asked what are the Quarry intentions regarding mineral extraction, CD confirmed that Quarrying would go to a depth of 55m AOD where the limestones conform to the quality targets. This also included an exchange with regard to those objections and comments that are not representative of the local community and driven by a personal agenda connected to a more narrow view. Pigeon control is currently being undertaken by local firm Fen Tiger. AM confirmed the KSC building is going well and completion is expected by August.

**8.0     Tinwell Parish Council**

No Issues.

**9.0     Any Other Business**

Next meeting is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Main Visitor Room at 10.30am