



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016

1. Present: Cllrs Beilby, Green, Owers. Clerk in attendance.
2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Hawes
3. Declarations of Interest: None
4. Review of Planning Applications:

CB/16/04588/MW Eastern Way quarries: As this is a major application, it was agreed that this application should be discussed by the full Parish Council. The committee had attended the public exhibition and made the following observations:

- The night-time operation at Munday's Hill and noise levels outside of site. AI have said that noise is very low as screening is in an enclosed building. This will need to be monitored.
- Restoration is to be to agricultural land and conservation areas. There is no mention of the restoration of footpaths, specifically FP2. Allowance is made for the creation of Checkley Wood village and further building in Munday's Hill by AWE.
- Re-opening of Sandhouse Link Path: A 10m "stand-off" must be maintained from Woburn Road. This could permit the re-opening of the path.
- Inception of Webbs Way not mentioned, although was discussed with AI.
- Restoration time scale is not mentioned. Extraction is estimated to be 14 years.
- Environment Statement Vol. 1 (ES1) paragraph 7.2.5 does not mention Kings and Bakers Woods SSSI as lying within 3 Km of the site. The National Nature Reserve (NNR) is mentioned
- ES1 paragraph 7.2.38 Receptors: the Sandhouse Link Path is noted as only having a moderate impact by the application. It was considered that this impact is severe as the path is now closed

No mention is made about Great Crested Newts (GCN) that migrate from the site to ponds outside the site. It is known that GCN travel to Phillips Pond and the pond next to the church from an easterly direction. They could migrate from the site within the application.

- ES2 does not list all the species present within the site. For instance, Red Kites are not mentioned, although they may not breed within it, they do quarter it. Red kites are a schedule 1 bird and, therefore, must not be disturbed, injured or killed. There may be other species present, but not listed.

- It was felt the ES lacks an understanding of the area, its environment, its biodiversity, its ecology and the way it and the surrounding areas are used by local residents
- 5. Update on previous planning applications
CB/16/04228/FULL 4 Evans Yard It was mentioned that this property is in the conservation area, but agreed that this did not alter the committees previous recommendation .
- 6. Other Planning Matters None
- 7. Environmental Matters None
- 8. Matters arising from previous meeting
- 9. Any Other Business P3 Dick Denton Walk to take place o 30th October.

Meeting closed at 12.30

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