

CEMEX Southam Liaison Group

October 30th, 2012.

Present

Len Gale	Chair
Bob Stevens	WCC
David Fry	Maraton PC
Howard Collerson	Stockton PC
Bill Ratcliffe	Princethorpe PC
Steve Kittendorf	SDC/Stockton PC
Ian Briggs	Long Itchington PC
Victor Shepherd	Southam TC
Juan Maury	CEMEX
Martin Lithgo	CEMEX
Marco Murillo	CEMEX
Ian Southcott	CEMEX

1. Election of Chair.

LG noted that the constitution required the annual election of a chair for the group. BS proposed, HC seconded and LG was re-elected unanimously.

2. Introductions.

VS explained that he was substituting for Jason Ward. IB was the new chair of Long Itchington PC, having taken over from David Cobley. He would hope to be able to attend future meetings but the early start may be problematical.

3. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Matthew Williams (WCC Planning), John Appleton (WCC), Chris Spencer (SDC), Mike Gaffney (STC), David Knee (Princethorpe PC) and Jeremy Wright MP.

4. Notes of the last meeting.

Notes of the meeting held on March 27th, 2012 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record once the attendance list had been amended to show the presence of David Knee from Princethorpe PC.

5. Matters Arising.

IMS had spoken to MW about traffic surveys as raised by LG at the last meeting. MW had confirmed that none had yet been undertaken. LG asked that this matter be a separate agenda item for future meetings.

6. Operational Update.

JM noted that since the resumption of production after a longer than anticipated shutdown at Rugby, clay supply had been consistently around the 40,000 tonnes per month mark. He foresaw no major changes to current operations this year. In April or May 2013 soil stripping should commence on the Spiers Farm extension area once the pre-commencement conditions had been discharged. MW had supplied IMS with a summary of the status of these conditions. Those relating to noise, dust, tree planting and the detailed restoration had been discharged. The county's archaeologist had indicated her satisfaction with the condition relating to archaeology and thus this could now be discharged as well. The EA are happy with the condition relating to water management but the Canal and River Trust have concerns about the potential impact on water levels in the Stockton reservoir; these concerns were being addressed. The other condition was the requirement to produce an Ecological Protection Plan. The county ecologist was happy with the submission subject to assurances that the great crested newt population was protected. The company would erect a newt fence to achieve this and thus the condition could be discharged.

ML added that all neighbours would be informed of the stripping programme closer to the time. He also noted that no material had been land-filled this year. 80% was recycled and 20% used in agriculture. The landfill cell would nevertheless be retained as a precaution.

7. Griffins Farm

MP was introduced as the Project manager for Griffins Farm. He reported that preliminary discussions with WCC were underway. The scheme was now quite different from that originally planned in that the tunnel would be smaller and the material transported by conveyor. It was hoped that an application would be ready for submission before the end of the year although the issue of great crested newts may result in a delay. This approach would require a new access off the A426. The smaller tunnel would mean no road closure and the use of a conveyor was more sustainable than vehicles. The conveyor would be covered and fed by dumpers at the Griffins Farm end in an operation exactly as carried out now. Top soil stripped from Griffins would be

conserved in bunds. MW had supplied information on the locations of the two new speed cameras which were to be installed in December.

The timetable for the development was unspecified but was still some years off. Planning and preparation was being undertaken now due to the time it takes for such things to come to fruition and the company's desire to be in a position to commence the project when required.

HC asked about the nature of the new entrance. It would be more than simply a farm entrance to comply with highway safety; nevertheless, it was only required to take large vehicles on a very occasional basis and a small number of cars on a daily basis – not dissimilar to Laurel Farm.

8. Southam Demolition Project Update.

MM confirmed that the project had been completed. The one silo that had been left due to nesting peregrines had been removed. Only two small buildings remained.

9. Parkfield Road/Southam Project Update.

MM confirmed that this project had also been completed. Parkfield Road was being restored and the water reaching its natural level. Capping of the Southam cell had also been completed.

10. Stockton to Southam Cycle Route.

HC reported there had been no real progress for over a year. This hadn't been helped by WCC staff supporting the project being made redundant and the financial climate meaning that funding would be even more difficult to secure. He was anxious that the route be agreed and be protected should there be developments such as housing at the Southam end and, indeed, the Griffins Farm development.

11. Community Projects.

A grant of £10,000 had been provided to FROLIC (Friends of Long Itchington Church) and £5,000 to the church in Marton – both from the Rugby Group Benevolent Fund (RGBF). Long Itchington cricket club had also made an approach to the RGBF.

The dropped kerb remained to be done. WCC had indicated that they could do this but it would take some time to rise to the top of the list. CEMEX could appoint a WCC approved contractor and pay for the work and this would be the quickest way of effecting this requirement.

VS asked if the Battle of Southam re-enactment scheduled for August 2013 might qualify. IMS asked him to submit a request.

12. Any Other Business.

BS asked about piles of mud opposite his house. These were the result of improving access to the dust monitor.

SK noted that there were still a small number of solar lights near the scene of the fatality. ML reported that they had discussed with the police and the latter had visited the family.

13. Date of the Next Meeting.

LG would liaise with IMS to establish a date.