

**Minutes of the Leighton-Linslade and Heath & Reach Sandpit Steering Group
Meeting
12 July 2022**

Present in person/remotely: Cllr T Morris (LLTC), Cllr V Harvey (LLTC), Cllr S Owen (LLTC), Jerry Smith (CBC Minerals and Waste), L Toland, K Hannaford-Hill (Aggregate)

Note taker: Mellony Jahn

Member of Public – 5 members of Billington Parish Council: Helen Thompson, Ian Stoner-Redfern, Lorraine Mawer, Don Brewin and Jason Ogelman.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jon Balaam (Greensand Trust) and David Peachey (CBC).

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and approved.

A question was raised regarding the proposed development of Grovebury Quarry extension to provide a yacht clubhouse and whether this would include a visitor centre and be funded from S106 money. It was confirmed this was development was still a way off and any possible development at Tiddenfoot would not be affected by this.

3. Grovebury Quarry Update

It was confirmed that the permitted reserves were not exhausted at the quarry and an extension of time would be needed until the end of July 2026 with an additional 12 months for final restoration. A request was made for Councillors to be able to access the Restoration Plan so all proposed details could be assessed. This further delay had been caused by market forces and lost time during covid but the members of the public attending the meeting were concerned that further delays could occur.

Concerns were voiced regarding effects on the green infrastructure with the proposed extension to the site and how this would impact on the green space in the town. The distance from the nearest settlement and the possible further delay was a major concern for the residents and the impact these changes would have on them.

The consultation with AI planned for 13th September would be the opportunity for key stakeholders to be involved and state their concerns. The Group agreed that the members of the public from Billington should be invited to the next meeting

with colleagues from CBC to discuss green space issues in the area and how the extension in time and size would impact on this.

Councillor Owen put forward a motion to review the current restoration plan with Councillor involvement.

RECOMMENDATION to Grounds and Environmental Services that councillors review the green infrastructure plan and how this would fit in with the current restoration plan for Grovebury Quarry.

4. Ledburn Quarry

The enhanced preapplication request would be submitted to the Environment Agency this week. A variation to the existing permit would be needed. A meeting would be set up with representatives from Cemex, EA and Jon Balaam to discuss options and that any processes consider bio-diversity and appropriate landfill.

5. Current Mineral Application - Bryant's Lane and Reach Lane

Longstanding application, extraction and processing plants. The S106 legal agreement was close to finalisation.

A question was raised to ask if Heath and Reach Parish Council/community groups had been consulted on this application as the volume of traffic would increase. Jerry Smith to look into this.

6. Any Other Business - none

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 19 September 10.00 am.