

Mortimer Quarry Liaison Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 5 September 2019
held at the Mortimer Quarry office.

Present:

Hampshire County Council Mineral Planning Officer
Pinelands Park Residents
Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council
Englefield Estate
Hills Quarry Products Ltd

Dave Smith [DS]
Jim Burgin [JB]
Roger Gardiner [RG]
Richard Edwards [RE]
Andrew J. Liddle [AL]

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Dave Smith [DS]
Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan [RV]
Jonathan Bray [JB]
Cllr Roger Gardiner [RG]
Jim Burgin [JB]
Edward Crookes [EC]
Richard Edwards [RE]
Andrew J. Liddle [AL]
Monique Hayes [MH]

1. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**
Minutes approved.
2. **Apologies:**
Apologies received from Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan and Edward Crookes
3. **Site Development Report:** (*plan attached*)

AL - the development continued to progress as planned, with the excavation working in a southern direction from Phase 1A, working within 200m either side of the ground conveyor in Phase 1, but will be pushing south into Phase 2 as soon as practicable, once the ground conveyor has been extended. This is behind the original programme due to slightly more gravel in Phase 1A than originally indicated. The plan for the next quarter is to excavate the mineral from Phase 1A (east of the conveyor), then Phase 1B and then extend the conveyor to allow Phase 2A to be excavated to the south.

Phase 1B will have to be lifted using dumpers to move it closer to the screener operating at the end of the ground conveyor, as the run distance for the loading shovel is prohibitive.

AL - equipment has also been on site since the last meeting to carry out the destructive search on part of Phase 2 while the stump removal process was ongoing.

RE - Work has been carried out during Jun/Jul to remove the remaining tree stumps from Phase 1 and 2, which has been chipped onsite and then transported off to produce energy.

AL - We still have a water issue, the terrace gravels around the area are only fed by rainfall pretty much, which has been very low for the year, especially since April. This gives us a few problems due to the high silt content within the gravel deposits, but the plant is maintaining quality of the washed products.

AL - Sales volumes of aggregate have been reasonable, especially now the bagging operation is running.

[DS] - The site continues to be monitored 3 - 4 times per year by HCC - no issues were raised.

4. **Programme:**

AL - the Earthmoving equipment will be brought back to site in Oct 2019, to dig the mineral remaining in Phase 1B, extending the bund to the east along the side of the powerlines to the limit of Phase 1B.

Once this mineral has been processed, we will push south into the lower section of Phase 2A to excavate this area and then retreat back north of the forestry track. This will allow the southern section to be restored as quickly as possible and the intention would be to use the area as an experiment to get the ground conditions correct and the planting scheme to be established for the remaining site.

RE - noted that the intention will be to move to different species of tree, giving more variety throughout the managed woodland.

5. AOB:

RG - asked if there had been any problems on site?

AL - we have had a submersible pump stolen from the lagoon in Ramptons Lane and the light stolen from the main gate earlier in the year, but nothing else since.

RE - there was a fire in the woodland to the south of the quarry area, possibly by individuals deciding to have a BBQ, which had to be attended by the Fire service.

RG - asked how recruitment of apprentices was going?

AL - we are continuing to engage with local schools, but the responses have been poor. We will be organising site visits Sep/Oct with some of the local schools, to try and get the message across.

RG - suggesting trying to make contact with BCoT Basingstoke College of Technology - Anthony Bravo

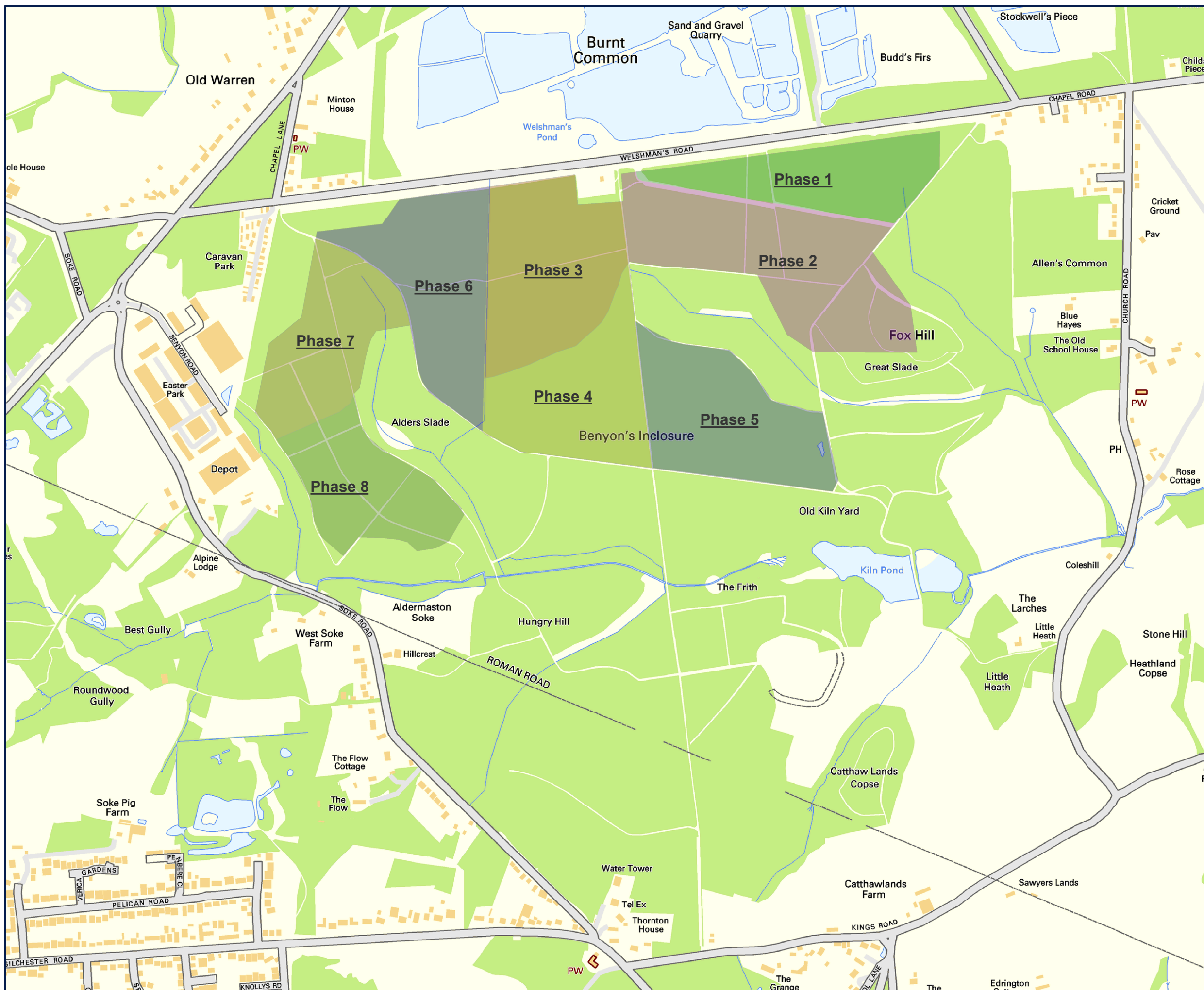
JB - asked if a plan could be circulated showing the extent of the quarry site in relation to the rest of the woodland area, as this would give the residents of Pinelands Park a better understanding of the works involved.

AL - agreed to get the plan sorted and make contact with JB to discuss.


6. Date of next meeting:

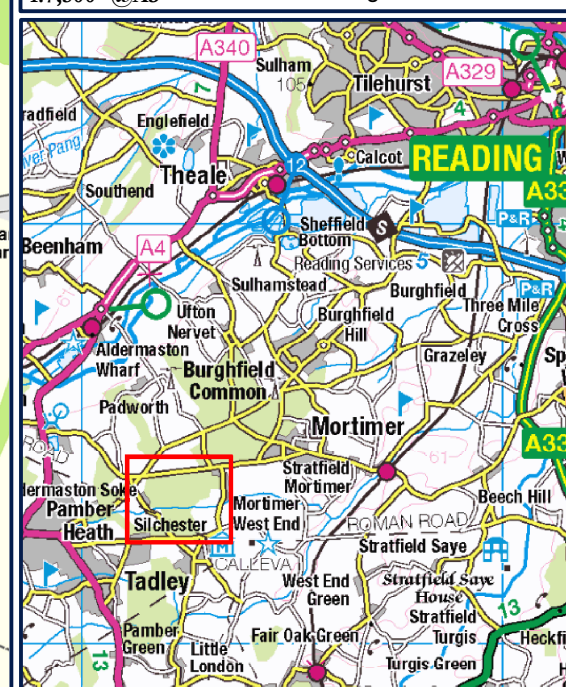
It was agreed to hold off on arranging the next meeting, with a view of possibly holding one in the spring 2020. If the members of the committee consider a meeting is required to discuss any issues, then if any member makes contact with A. Liddle he will then arrange it.

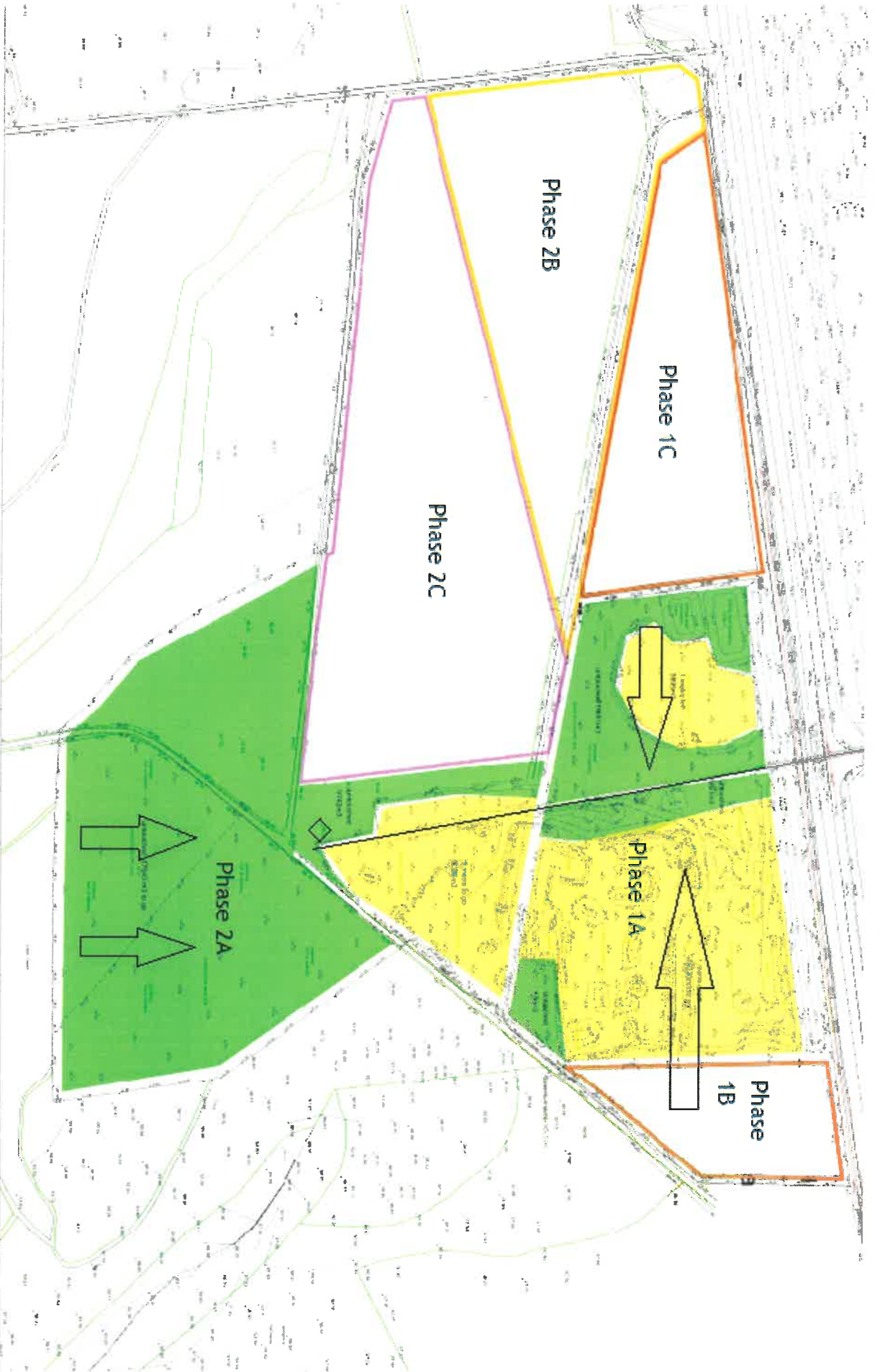
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