

Mortimer Quarry Liaison Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th April 2022
held at the Mortimer Quarry office.

Present:

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

Dave Smith [DS]
Jim Burgin [JB]
Nick Robinson [NR]
Kevin Cross [KC]
Richard Edwards [RE]
Andrew J. Liddle [AL]

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Dave Smith [DS]
Cllr Rhydian Vaughan [RV]
Kevin Cross [KC]
Cllr Nick Robinson [NR]
Jim Burgin [JB]
Edward Crookes [EC]
Richard Edwards [RE]
Andrew J. Liddle [AL]
Monique Hayes [MH]

1. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**
Minutes approved from September 2019.
2. **Apologies:**
Apologies received from Cllr Rhydian Vaughan, Edward Crookes, David Smith.
3. **Site Development Report: (plan attached)**

AL - firstly a warm welcome to everyone returning after what has been a difficult and trying couple of years, a brief overview of the operation was given to new members of the liaison group following their elections, with an open invitation for a site visit should they wish to see the operation in more detail at any time.

AL - the development has continued to progress, despite the challenges over the last couple of years. Production has been limited, which has slowed the progression of the quarry to the west, and we are still operating in Phase 1a and 2a.

AL - ecological investigation had started last year, but there were insufficient suitable days of capture and relocation to get the whole of Phases 1c, 2b and 2c cleared of reptiles before the weather turned and they started to hibernate. The search was paused, and they ecologist are due back in May to recommence.

AL - Water is still an ongoing issues, the terrace gravels around the area are only fed by rainfall pretty much, which has been very low for. 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 nuisance issues have been raised. The timescale for importation of materials to the bagging plant has been extended to match the mineral extraction.

4. **Programme:**

AL - the extraction of mineral will now continue to the west, once reptile capture is completed. The southern part of Phase 2a has been exhausted and we are looking to restore this area in Autumn/winter this year 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.

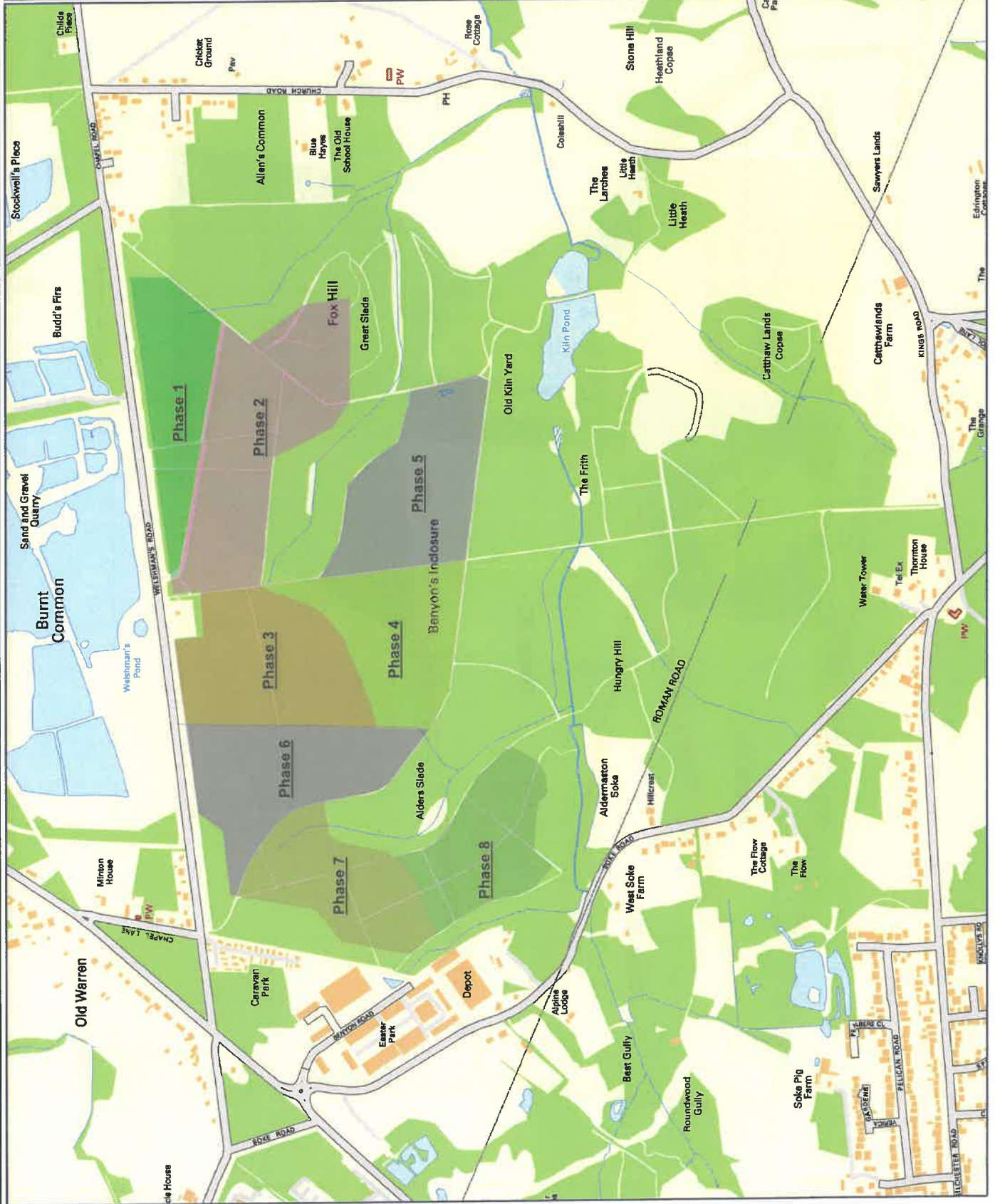
5. AOB:

No issues raised at the time

6. Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to look at the date of the next meeting to be Wednesday 21st September 2022 - 15:00.

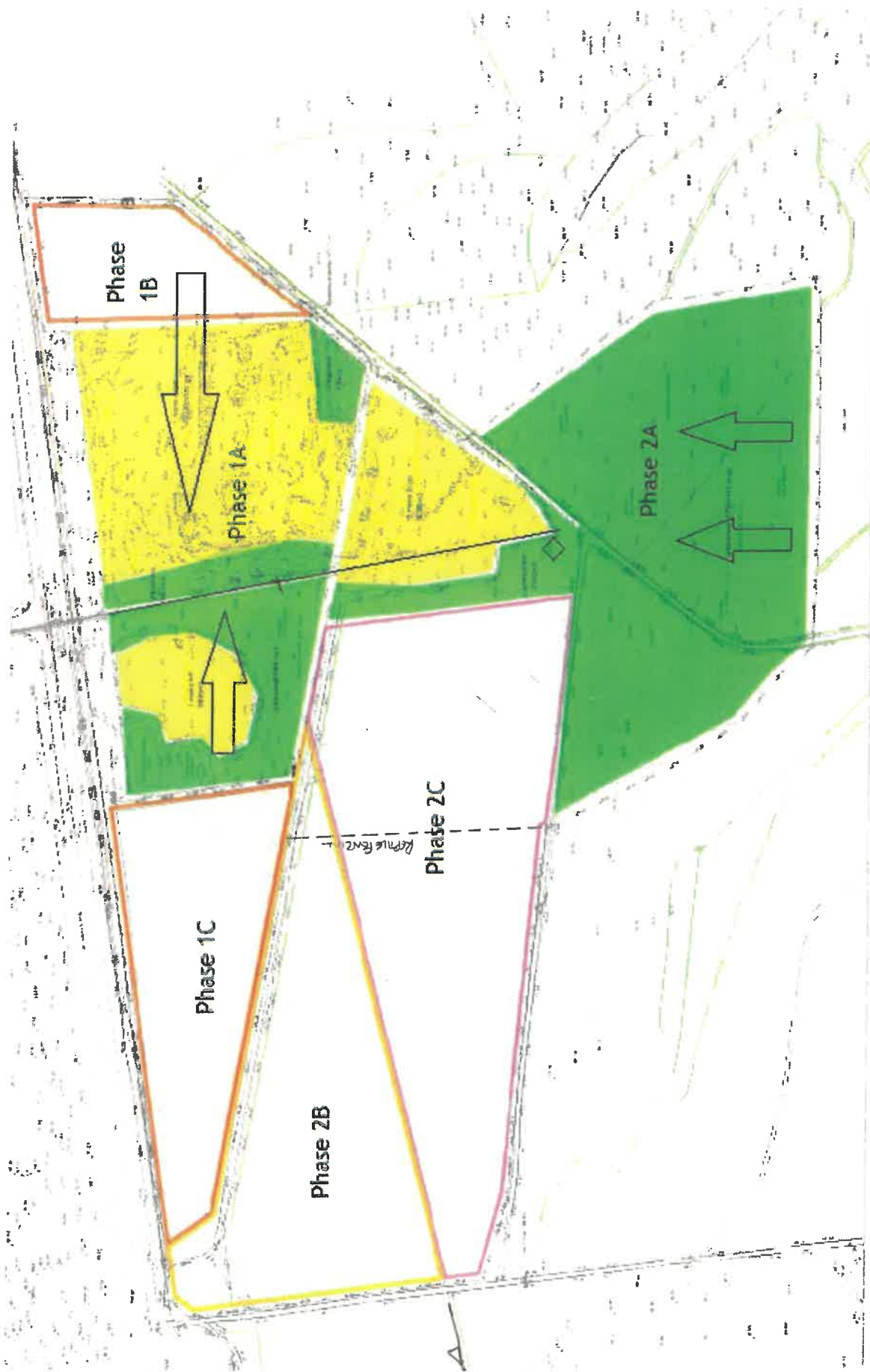
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