**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 7th November 2019 commencing 7pm at Great Bavington URC Church meeting room**

**Those Present:** P Acton (Chairman), C Hogg, J Spearman, R Taylor, C Miller (Clerk), eight members of the public

**2019/46 Apologies for Absence**

P Ramsden

**2019/47 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2019/48 Co-Option Vacancy**

One person had shown interest in the vacancy and would attend the next meeting February 2020.

**2019/49 Meeting with Cemex regarding proposed northerly extension of Divethill Quarry**

Cemex is a leading global producer of cement and related products with 3,500 employees in the UK and 60 to 65 quarries. There is a small amount of remaining reserve in the current working area at Divethill, areas in the main void had been restored and improvement works had been actioned on the bridleway which requires further drainage works. Area of agricultural grass had largely been restored, and public rights of way would be reinstated. Whin grassland is in decline with areas to be enhanced. The next area to be quarried is the Northern extension which would be closer to Great Bavington, with plans for a South Easterly extension, however there is an area with botanical interest which had been excluded from proposals. Minerals would be extracted through blasting, loaded into dump trucks and transported for crushing, and the restoration scheme for the existing site would not change. Cemex intend to make a full planning application with a Section 73 application to seek to vary conditions on the existing consent. An Environmental Impact Assessment had been undertaken which would look at landscape, ecology, water, dust, heritage etc and be submitted with the planning application, and a need had been identified to vary conditions in relation to noise, with six properties affected with an increase in noise levels at two areas required. Effectively the continuous noise would move further away from all properties, and height of bund at south east corner had been raised to mitigate noise. Crushing is permitted between the hours of 7am to 7pm. There is the potential southern element and realistically not a great deal for further northern extension. There had been concern for dust, however there are bowsers on site to keep them damp, but on dry, windy days problems can occur. Dust levels are not monitored but the plant complies with regulations. Parishioner said on blasting days the dust is horrendous. Cemex said employees are screened and the effects of dust generated where most acute does not cause health issues, and the type of additional monitoring would be sticky pads, however they will not give a good indication of volume or source. The quarry is always considerate with their blasting procedures but inevitably it will cause noise and dust generation at times. Background assessment work has been carried out to determine what further planning permission can be sought, and the Parish Council would be informed when planning application had been registered at County Hall. Cemex personnel then left the meeting.

Parishioner’s opinion being Cemex monitor noise on an hourly average, however this system does not produce a realistic record.

**2019/50 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 8th August 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th August 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**2019/51 Matters arising from meeting held 8th August 2019**

* Further to report of overhanging trees on unmarked road to B6342, County Council Tree Officer had stated as the trees are growing on private land and encroaching the highway, this would fall within the remit of the local highway inspector to investigate with details being passed to relevant County Council Officer.

**2019/52 Ray Wind Farm Fund Update**

Nothing to report.

**2019/53 Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

**2019/54 Finance**

**2019/54/01 To discuss/authorise grants to the following**:

Sport Tynedale – no grant to be given

Great North Air Ambulance – it was resolved to grant £100

Tynedale Hospice – it was resolved to grant £100

St Aidan’s Thockrington – to be deferred until next meeting.

Community Action Northumberland – no grant to be given

Northumberland age UK – no grant to be given

Citizens Advice Northumberland – no grant to be given

**The following payments were authorised:**

Great Bavington United Reformed Church – hire of hall - £100

Robin Watson Sign and Design - £408.00

Marcus Byron Graphic Design - £780.00

Jo Scott Heritage planning & interpretation - £450.00

**2019/54/02 To approve precept 2020-202**01

P Acton proposed retaining the precept at £1600, R Taylor seconded, all in agreement.

**2019/55 Planning**

**2019/55/01 Planning Applications received**

No planning applications has been received.

**2019/55/02 Approval of Planning Application received:**

* 19/02258/VARYCO: Land North of Steel Rigg Cottage – Variation of condition 2 to 18/01998/FUL in order to change the external material colours

**2019/56 Noise Complaint, Divet Hill Quarry**

Parishioner had made a complaint regarding wagon movements out of permitted hours, however Cemex had undertaken an investigation and refuted the allegation.

**2019/57 Renewal of Great Bavington interpretation panel**

Panel had been erected and thanks was given to Nicola Bell for her assistance with this and also her services as a Parish Councillor.

**2019/58 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Definitive Map Modification Order**

Public Footpath No 16 and Public Bridleway NO 15 temporary diversion order for quarry had been passed.

Further Modification map for Byway NO’s 28 and 29 had been received.

**2019/59 Review of Standing Orders**

In order to permit on-line banking the Parish Council Standing Orders required the following addition:

* + 1. If thought appropriate by the Council, payment for certain items may be made by BACS or CHAPS methods provided that the instructions for each payment are signed, or otherwise evidenced, by two authorised bank signatories and are retained and any payments are reported to the Council as made. The approval of the use of BACS or CHAPS shall be renewed by resolution of the Council at least every two years.
    2. If thought appropriate by the Clerk payment for certain items may be made by internet banking transfer provided evidence is retained and any payments are reported to the Council as made.

P Acton proposed and J Spearman seconded amending the Standing Orders, all in agreement.

**2019/60 Any other Business**

Problems with mud being trailed onto the Thockrington corner from B6342 due to soil/waste being tipped onto land where a wood was felled 18 months ago. Clerk to contact County Council.

**2019/61 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th February 2020 commencing 7pm in Great Bavington URC Church meeting room.

The meeting closed at

Claire Miller

Parish Clerk