

Minutes of Barton Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday 27th April 2006 at 7.30pm in Barton Institute.

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Present: Alasdair Thorogood- Chairman, Kate Proudfoot (clerk), Cllr P Glithro Cllr B Burrell-Corey, Cllr G Hunter, Cllr B Sargent, Cllr A McFadzean, County Councillor M Heseltine (arrived 7.50pm) Cllr C Dawson (arrived 8.15pm)
Also present was Frank Jones –Residents Association Middleton Tyas plus 6 members of the electorate.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Mr Frank Jones from Middleton Tyas Residents Association and thanked him for coming along to explain in more detail the Middleton Lodge Quarry project.

Mr Jones explains how Middleton Tyas Residents Association came into being over a village issue so that they had a corporate body of residents who could then petition RDC over issues that concerned the residents.

He then went on to explain that Middleton Lodge is a beautiful Grade 2 listed building that is in need of work.¹

The plans for the work to be done in the gardens & the stable block and the quarry garden have **not** being linked to the quarry project by the family.

The work to be carried out in the quarry is to extract rock over a 25 year period from 30ft down which will be crushed and loaded onto conveyor belts which will go under the road. This 20-25 year plan in which the aggregate will be removed will lead to the area where the water feature eventually is to be sited.

The effects this work will have on Middleton Tyas will be vast as there will be blasting (though only in the winter months) & its associated noise, the crushing of the stone & the noise of the conveyor belt followed by a second crushing of the stone, all this leads to dust noise & traffic concerns. This is not a small harmless activity in any way.

Mr Jones explained that James Allison himself does not own the mineral rights & there are no concerns on the proposed development of the Lodges grounds etc and there is no link at this moment between this work and the quarry works.

Middleton Tyas had sent a request for a Scoping report to RDC in August & received a reply with the Scoping Opinion which sets forth the Council's opinion & which aspects need to be checked—full scale planning is now being prepared by the quarry owners (Sherburn stone etc).

Once the planning is in we have 16 weeks to appeal & put objections in.

There is obviously large-scale opposition to the quarry in Middleton Tyas and it was noted that the aggregate would be stockpiled in the quarry.

When asked Mr Jones replied that he thought that they were at least 6 companies in the this aggregate business – all appear to be related to the Allison's, & it is important that this linkage is somehow established.

The question was also raised that if permission is refused for the quarry what will happen to the business – i.e. what effects on local jobs in the quarry etc; the answer to that is not known.

Next to speak was Sarah Dickinson who lives at North Road Farm very near to the quarry. She voiced her concerns over the dust and the long-term effect it could have on her family especially their 2 small children, as the 25-year project is long term. Also the quarrying will change the landscape dramatically and possibly the watercourse & the 2 streams could become silted up as a result of the dust produced, which even now before any expansion of quarry work is a cause for concern. With regards to the dust issue Yorkshire Water & English Heritage have been approached for their views (as will be a dusty visitor site!) the 20-30 micron dust particles will travel a fair distance anything any smaller that knows how far it will go. A question was raised as to whether the dust was dampened down as legally required and as to whether the dust would affect streams etc as where does the run-off go? These issues have been raised in front of Yorkshire water & the Environment Agency.

The issue of traffic was raised and it was brought to our attention that the expansion will lead to 20 thousand lorry movements per year – thus posing a danger the school in Middleton Tyas as they have problems with parking as it is. Also Barton is the relief road if problems on A1 & now we have an issue with the amount of traffic & speed of it through the village- added concern.

Mr Stephenson (Kiln Head Cottage) pointed out that though the quarry is not now visible when James Allison went to their property he admitted that for the first 5 years a mound would hide the quarry from their view but after that it could not be shielded.

Mr Jones explained that the information he had given was a broad overview of the situation and that the stone to be quarried was widespread and that NYCC had stated in a letter dated Feb 06 Scoping Opinion that the quarry was not a 'Preferred Area'. The Council view is that is a bank of aggregate over 10-15 years & any amount over that cannot be quarried.

Mr Jones explained that Middleton Tyas would like Barton if they so see the need to set up a Residents Association to work in tandem with them to oppose the plans. He went on to explain the process involved in setting one up soon as time is against us. he also suggested that the Parish Council write to Rachel Pillar explaining our concerns and asking to become Statutory Consultees so we are kept informed of the situation. County Councillor M Heseltine explained that the consultation process was a time to get the points of view and also to note that it is extremely important to get our facts right and work closely with Rachel Pillar of Minerals & Waste Planning as each aspect has a different office such as Environment, traffic etc.

Councillor Glithro asked if any members of the public would be interested in forming a Residents Association & 3 people responded...Sarah Dickinson, Mr J Stephenson & J Walker.

The chairman suggested that himself & Sarah should liase over the next couple of days to produce & distribute a flyer explaining the situation to the residents 7 asking for support.

The chairman gave his thanks to Mr Jones who then left the meeting.

The chairman then asked if there was any other business and the issue of traffic through the village was raised where upon the chairman explained the efforts of the Parish Council in addressing this.

County Councillor Heseltine suggested that the Parish Council ask the speed issue & the use of Matrix boards be put to the Community Safety Partnership Agenda.

At 9.10pm the Chairman thanks everyone for attending and the meeting is closed.

1 Addendum please note that this was incorrectly minuted and that Mr Jones had not stated that Middleton Lodge was in need of repair.

Minutes approved Chairman.....
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