

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Notes of meeting with CESL on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs G. Page (chair), N. Clark, F. Disney, R. Grindey, S. Millington; Residents: Mr. R. Ducksbury, Mr. J. Owen, Mr. D Billington, Ms. J Cutler, Mr. J. Bolton; CESL: Mr. A. Kirby (Managing Director), Mr. L. Craighead (Contracts and Ops. Manager); Cllr Bob Adams (SKDC & LCC).

Apologies for absence: Cllr R. Wrigley, Mrs. S. Mortimer (Parish Clerk), Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC).

1. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns raised in November / December 2017 over the condition of Crabtree Road outside the quarry entrance. These had been raised with CESL, the quarry operators, who had offered to attend a meeting to discuss matters.
2. **Condition of Crabtree Road:** Mr Craighead explained that Lincs. County Council (LCC) inspected the site regularly and that all recent reports had stated that planning conditions were being met. He offered some printed copies of the reports and said that they were available online as well. At the time of complaints in Nov/Dec 2017 the police also conducted a braking test on the road outside the gates and reported verbally that the surface was satisfactory. Several residents said that they felt that the road had been dangerous at the time of complaints and Mr. Billington showed a video that he had taken of the road at the time. There was a lengthy discussion on the subject without total agreement, but it was accepted that other road users than CESL contributed to deposits on the road; in particular waste tankers and farm traffic. Mr. Craighead added that CESL had gritted the road outside the quarry during the recent icy spell.

In response to enquiries about road sweeping Mr Craighead said that the sweeper was used as necessary. This was a minimum of three times a week. Surprise was expressed by people who had never seen the sweeper and Mr Craighead said that it often went out very early in the morning.

Cllr Millington asked about the wheel wash and the time between washing and vehicle departure. Mr Craighead said that the wheel wash is cleaned out weekly and that vehicles must wait for weighing and documentation after washing and before

leaving the site. It was suggested that a longer wait might lead to less water on the road.

A possible reason why the road was bad in Nov/Dec was that a contractor from the Colsterworth Road tip had been using the Crabtree Road exit at the time. This has now been stopped.

3. **Stones dropped on roads:** Several residents complained of vehicles dropping stones, particularly near the Crabtree/ Colsterworth Rd crossroads. Mr Craighead agreed to take note of this.
4. **Parking on verges in Crabtree Road:** Cllr Page complained about damage to verges caused by vehicles parking, particularly near the crossroads and further North on Crabtree Road. Mr Craighead said that these were not CESL vehicles.
5. **Drainage grips on Crabtree Road:** Mr Craighead said that the grips had been cut by CESL in agreement with LCC. They were renewals of old grips and had succeeded in removing the standing water from the road. Cllr Page agreed that grips were necessary, and had helped with drainage, but that the Parish Council did not think that the new ones were satisfactory in size or spacing, However the PC would raise the matter with LCC Highways.
6. **Other topics:** In answer to questions Mr Craighead said that at the present rate of usage the quarry would be exhausted in 2-3 years. The land would then be back-filled and landscaped, there was no prospect of its use as a disposal site. Cllr Adams confirmed this.

The chairman thanked the representatives of CESL and residents for attending the meeting. The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.