

**NOTES ON THE MEETING HELD AT LITTLE WENLOCK VILLAGE HALL WITH UK
COAL AND OBJECTORS TO PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY
AT 5.30 p.m. ON MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2010.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Professor Patrick Pietroni, (Interim Chair of the Community Liaison Committee) who chaired the meeting.

Craig Ball – Planning Manager, UK Coal.

Trevor Parkin – Technical Director, Entec UK.

Mark Weston – British Horse Society

Ian Ross – Solicitor, T&W Council.

Jaswant Sidhu – T&W Council Rights of Way Officer.

T&W Councillor Tracy Hope

Jan Mees-Robinson (also representing M. Brown, British Driving Society, D. Martin, H. Perkins, D. Blasczyk, E. Thomas & S.A. Robinson)

Pam King

Barbara Preece.

Councillor Professor Patrick Pietroni welcomed everyone present and stated that an awful amount of work had gone on since the last meeting. He thanked everyone involved.

He stated that there was now an updated map of the temporary closures and that it showed the changes made since the last meeting. He stated that further discussion could take place if required.

Trevor Parkin explained the plan to those present:

1. Upgrade FP 37 to a bridleway.
2. Restricted Byway 51 to have turning loop with an internal radius of 12.5m (14m at centreline) and situated at a point where the ground has a gradient of 1:12.
3. The restoration footpath from RB36 to the northern end of New Works Wood and the restoration bridleway from this point through New Works Wood to RB51 to be upgraded to Restricted Byway from RBY 51 to allow horses and carriages to ride/drive through the site and connect to New Works and Huntington Lanes..

2 issues:

1. Temporary closure whilst the mine was in operation.
2. The final restoration plan has not yet been finalised and therefore other issues can be brought up and discussed before the final restoration is agreed.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the issues that had been previously raised by the objectors and the revised PRoW proposals put forward by UK Coal with the aim of confirming the withdrawal of the outstanding objections via the securing of the S25 agreement..

The question of future housing on the site was raised by Pam King, but whilst it was not an issue directly relevant to the meeting it was explained by Mark Weston that the routes are dedicated as RoW's and therefore cannot be wiped out unless a stopping or closing order was applied for.

Ian Ross stated that the agreement would be sealed on behalf of the Council and that they had tried to keep it simple and effective so that it would be in place at the end of the 44 month agreement.

Letters withdrawing all of the the objections were handed to UK Coal by Jan Mees-Robinson for review and Barbara Preece made a minor amendment to her letter to confirm her intent to withdraw her objection. Pam King also handed over a new letter to confirm that she had also withdrawn her objection to the temporary closure orders.

Jan Mees-Robinson was thanked by Councillor Professor Patrick Pietroni for all the hard efforts she had made to put the right Bridleways and Footpaths within the parish.

Craig Ball thanked everyone and stated that a lot of hard work had gone into the proposals and that everyone would benefit.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.