

LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at John Wainwright Boardroom, Stoke St Michael – 15.00

Present:	Phillip Ham (PH)	SCC Councilor and Chairperson
	Barry Clarke (BC)	SCC Councilor
	Rowena Kinsman (RK)	Stoke St Michael resident
	Ann Crowcombe (AC)	Cranmore Parish Council
	Amanda Taylor (AT)	Stoke St Michael Parish Council
	Ruth Amundson (RA)	Somerset Council Minerals & Waste
	Tom Longland (TL)	J Wainwright Chief Executive Officer
	Mark McCluskey (MM)	J Wainwright Assistant Quarry Manager
	Matt Bishop (MB)	J Wainwright SHE Manager
	Ben Dormer (BD)	J Wainwright Operations Director

Apologies:

Darren Portch	J Wainwright Quarry Manager
Alan Townsend	Rep. Coleford Parish Council
Simon Collins (SC)	Stoke St Michael Parish Council

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record from the previous meeting held on the 17th of September 2025.

3. Actions update from the previous meeting:

Action: John Wainwrights are currently designing a litter 'throw bin' for driver litter - **MB**

4. (A) Quarry Matters

Mark McCluskey, Moons Hill Assistant Quarry Manager gave the following update since the last committee meeting:

- Employee numbers have increased to **160** employees.
- Operationally we continue to focus development on Stoke Quarry in a south westerly direction & Moons Hill Quarry in the Yellow Marsh Farm area.
- The market remains steady for the Quarry & Asphalt business.
- Viafix has entered a period and are double shifting to meet demand for their cold lay product.
- Investments by the business continue with the purchase of a new loading shovel (£362k) that gives operations significantly improved fuel efficiency.
- Ash die back works around the Moons Hill complex was completed in November 25 on Burgess Hill, Stoke St Michael.

Donations made via the John Wainwright & Co Ltd 'Futures Foundation' since the last meeting are:

- **£20,000** **Stoke St Michael pedestrian bridge.**
- **£742** **Holcombe junior Football Club**
- **£190** **Frome Rotary Santa Float (wet weather equipment)**
- **£252** **Frome Blue House**
- **£502** **Velindra NHS trust**
- **£5000** **Frome Jubilee Scout Group Hut**
- **£900** **Castle Cary Under 15 Rugby club**
- **£500** **Round House Boxing Club Shepton Mallet**
- **£400** **Bishop Henderson School Science Week**
- **£500** **The Blue House Frome Fundraiser**

4 (B) Sustainability

- The 2024/2025 Sustainability Report was released, and each member of the Committee received a copy for their reading.
- The volume of recycled asphalt into mixes has reached an all-time high for the business, where addition rates have doubled since the same time last year.
- With planning approved at Long Cross for a solar farm, this will provide the Quarry with 1.9mw of its electricity requirement and so take pressure off the national grid network.

4. (C) Planning

Quarry Extension Planning Update

- On the 19th of February 2026, planning permission was granted for Stoke Quarry extension.
- This new planning approval increases an additional 18 million tonnes of reserve.
- The reserve secures approximately 27 years of extraction based on current outputs.

Solar Planning Update:

Approval of planning for a solar panel install in a field in the Long Cross area has enabled John Wainwright & Co Ltd to initiate the placement of enough solar panels to provide approximately 40% of required electricity supply to the Quarry, including battery storage that allows the company to benefit when operating the asphalt plant out of normal daytime hours.

5. Complaints and concerns

Quarry Complaints:

- **22/9/25 – Muddy road at Quarry entrance** – The main road crossing point was identified as being muddy and silted. This was correct and the complainant received a car wash payment by John Wainwright. Action by the Quarry was to no longer wash the road, but dry sweep.
- **1/10/25 – Noise from Stoke Quarry** – The complainant identified a rock breaking at 0630hrs as a cause for disturbance. The Quarry promptly stopped the breaking, investigated and found to be works on a top level of the Quarry. This task has been adjusted until later in the mornings.
- **28/11/25 – Noise and smell at Burgess Hill** – Local resident complained of noise from quarry machinery (pounding sound) at 0600hrs each day, and a smell of asphalt. The Quarry found no cause for the asphalt smell but did identify the cause of the pounding. The operation method of the machinery concerned was adjusted to prevent the noise from occurring.

No other complaints received.

6. Transport complaints:

HGV vehicle speeds checked at Waterlip and of the instances checked it appears that the John Wainwright & Co Ltd drivers are generally compliant.

7. Parish Matters / Residents Matters

Resident Matters – Amanda Taylor relayed the message that residents at Stoke St Michael were grateful for the support/donation from the 'Futures Foundation' for the pedestrian bridge in the centre of the village.

Resident Matters – Alan Townsend sent a thank you from Coleford for organising/supporting the traffic control to enable the litter pick to take place in the coming weeks.

Resident Matters – Cranmore, nothing to raise.

8. Somerset County Council Matters

Three local enforcement officers in the process of recruitment to ensure compliance in the Somerset region for environmental matters

The minerals team have recruited two additional staff members to strengthen their department & enable more visibility in and around Somerset.

Minerals plan from 2015 is to be reviewed and updated

9. Any Other Business

AT – Enquired about extra support for litter picking around the time of our spring litter pick. John Wainwright & Co Ltd are supplying traffic management services for a Coleford litter pick on Saturday 21st March.

All agreed that John Wainwright should be more visual & highlight the contributions they make to the local community and beyond.

Date and Venue of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1500hrs in the Somerset Earth Science Centre on the **30th September 2026**.

Signed.....Dated

Agenda for meeting on 30th September in the Science Centre at 3pm

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting**
- 3. Matters arising, to include:**
 - i. Quarry Matters**
 - ii. Sustainability**
 - iii. Planning**
- 4. Complaints and concerns**
- 5. Parish /Residents Matters.**
- 6. Somerset County Council Matters**
- 7. Any Other Business**
- 8. Date & venue of next meeting**