

Last Tuesday members of the Parish Council and Rayne Village representatives met with Ingrebourne Valley (The site operator) and Essex County Council at the first liaison meeting about the gravel extraction.

An update on how the site is progressing was given

- work on phase 1 of the excavation is happening, with the overburden being removed to expose the mineral ready for extraction, once the wash plant has been installed
- Its hoped that the wash plant will be in place by September, with the first lorry leaving the site with gravel in October/November. These timelines can of course change, due to matters beyond the contractors control, but this is what is hoped.
- Stock piles of land have already been seeded along the south boundary, so hopefully these will soon look like green hills rather than the brown mud ones they are now.
- Other planting and screening has happened and the Eastern Meadow is being made with planting and seeding occurring in the Autumn.
- The hours of work of the site are 7am -7pm (But often 6pm) Mon - Fri and 7am -1pm on Saturdays.
- The site operates on a white noise policy.
- Planning is approved with a only a couple of discharge conditions left to approve and these are mainly to do with restoration.
- All ecology, dust, noise conditions have been met.
- The site has dust sensors on it, although extraction will mostly be done under wet conditions to minimise the dust.
- The site has a weighbridge and a wheel wash onsite, so there should be very little mud on the road approaches.
- The operation of the site is contracted to be worked over 12 years and that count down started when Ingrebourne Valley first entered the site.

Ingrebourne Valley are running a very slick and professional operation but they also know that on occasions there will be some issues in the local community. Things like dust, muddy roads, noise or a lorry travelling through the village. In these cases they would like to hear from residents as soon as possible.

**Details on how to contact the site directly will be made available soon or you can contact the Parish Council who will be able to get your complaint to the right people quickly. It is important to the running of the site that this happens rather than commenting on social media, as this will not rectify any of the issues quickly.**

There has been some archeological finds and I have asked if it would be possible to have these finds returned to the village for a day so an exhibition can be held, for villagers see what was found. It is hoped that this can happen in the next few months. Further archeological digs will happen before each phase is started.

Leaflets about the archeological finds and about the quarry are available from the parish council at the CIP or available to view on the parish council website.

As a group we were then shown around site. Photos of the tour are attached.

The next meeting of liaison committee was pencilled in for Tuesday 4th October.



Looking in a south westerly direction towards phase 1 and 2 of the extraction and the road entrance. The lighter colour soil on the left, is where the overburden has been removed exposing the mineral ready for extraction. The triangular mud hill and the long sausage mud hill, are the screenings that have been seeded and will be covered in grass once grown.

Site offices and the road that lorries will drive around the site to load up



Another bund, this time on the easterly side next to the Eastern Meadow

View in a north easterly direction, towards Pods Lane and the Eastern Meadow that is being prepared for planting

