

TARMAC ROADSTONE HOLDINGS
Cliffe Hill Granite Company

Meeting held at Cliffe Hill Offices on the 14th March, 1978.

PRESENT :

I. W. Pearson
G. Brown
J. M. Pitts
A. H. Milner
N. Fox

Estates Department
John German Ralph Pay
Shakespeare, McTurk & Graham

1. GENERAL

The meeting was called to discuss the proposals for the possible tipping of overburden on approximately 60 acres of land forming part of Horsepool Grange held under an annual agricultural tenancy by A. H. Milner. The proposals would be, subject to planning permission being granted, for the land to be temporarily taken out of Mr. Milner's tenancy and used for dumping of overburden with a final reclamation of the whole area using the original top soil. If the proposals are successful there is a possibility that approximately 10 acres of the 60 acres being discussed would be available for arable cropping. However, it is to be assumed that 60 acres would initially be required, and if this 10 acres were available then an annual arrangement could be made with regard to the farming of this.

2. Having briefly outlined the proposals, Mr. Milner then had his case put forward by Mr. Fox. Mr. Milner's proposals would be to maintain the existing enterprises at their present level of production. In order that this can be done, it would be necessary for improvements to be carried out to the farm buildings at Horsepool Grange. This would basically allow for longer periods of housing and greater storage of grass products allowing feed to be stored at the centre of the milk production unit.

Mr. Milner would prefer that the Company expend capital on the buildings rather than a cash payment direct to him. They pointed out that they thought this would be beneficial to Tarmac as the Company would be able to obtain grant on the capital cost, and would probably be able to offset the expenditure against tax.

3. J. M. Pitts then said that he understood that a scheme had already been drawn up by Mr. Milner that had already had the Ministry of Agriculture's approval for inclusion under the Farm and Horticulture Development Scheme. It seems sensible at this stage that rather than the Company preparing a completely new scheme for farm capital improvements that if money was going to be spent by the Company it would be sensible to put it into a scheme which already had the Ministry of Agriculture's approval.

The proposals which Mr. Milner has had approved on present costings would mean a total gross capital expenditure on buildings alone of £28,000 which, after various grants would be reduced to £17,579. In addition to this, Mr. Milner will have to spend a further gross of £25,000 on excavations, hardcoreing, concreting, walling, drainage, etc.

Mr. Pitts then went through the various points which had been raised by Mr. Fox as subjects of discussion so that provisional heads of term could be agreed should the land be taken by Tarmac. These were :-