

National Coal Board:
Staffordshire Area:
CHATTERLEY/WHITFIELD COLLIERY:

Minutes of Production Control Meeting held in the
 Committee Room on Thursday, 15.1.70.

PRESENT:

Mr. P. Smallman	-	General Manager,
Mr. W. G. Irwin	-	Deputy Manager,
Mr. R. J. Ford	-	Undermanager,
Mr. F. Wilde	-	"
Mr. C. Corke	-	Mechanical Engineer,
Mr. J. Drummond	-	Deputy " "
Mr. A. Wood	-	Asst. " "
Mr. M. Hibbert	-	" " "
Mr. G. Buckroyd	-	Electrical Engineer,
Mr. J. Young	-	Deputy " "
Mr. C. Ball	-	" " "
Mr. H. Dunn	-	Materials Officer,
Mr. E. Robinson	-	Overman,
Mr. A. Leeming	-	Senior Planner,
Mr. S. Gallimore	-	Production Control Clerk,
Mr. F. J. Willott	-	Asst. " " "

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The meeting commenced with the Deputy Manager in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 8th January, 1970, were agreed to be a true record.

The statistics for the week ending 10.1.70 were presented and discussed. The saleable output at 8,117 tons was 1,983 tons below the forecast. The vend between expected pithead and saleable output was 94.3%.

Comparison of Forecasted Outputs with Actuals (Saleable):
W/Ended: 10th January, 1970.

District:	Operational Forecast Tons:	Actual Tons:	Variance Tons:
No.1.North Holly Lane	3,400	1,965	- 1,435
No.5.South Moss	3,600	3,236	- 364
No.5.North Moss	2,800	2,735	- 65
Developments:	300	181	- 119
	10,100	8,117	- 1,983

The Face O.M.S. at 176.1 cwts. was 2.6 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 107/9d. and cost per ton at 12/3d. were respectively 3/4d. and 2d. below the forecast. The total colliery O.M.S. at 39.3 cwts. was 3.1 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 88/3d. and cost per ton at 44/11d. were 2/8d. below and 2/-d. above the forecasts.

OUTPUT:

No.1.N.Holly Lane - Operational Plan: 3,400 tons

1200 tons would be dropped due to the following: broken roof conditions, chocking over powered supports, dirt flushing over chocks.

No.5.South Moss - Operational Plan: 3600 tons

1000 tons would be dropped due to the following: bad ground at fault, electrical trouble, machine off pans.

No.5.North Moss - Operational Plan: 2800 tons

This would be achieved.

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The Operational Forecast for the week commencing 19.1.70 is as follows:-

District:	Saleable Output:
No.1.North Holly Lane	3,400
No.5.South Moss	3,600
No.5.North Moss	2,800
Developments:	300
	10,100

MANPOWER:

The number of men on books at 1,027 was 2 less than the previous week. Changes were as follows:

<u>Face:</u>	
Left	- 1
<u>Net Change:</u>	- 1
<u>Elsewhere:</u>	
Left	- 1
Engaged	+ 2
<u>Net Change:</u>	+ 1
<u>Surface:</u>	
Left	- 1
<u>Net Change:</u>	- 1
<u>TOTAL CHANGE:</u>	- 1

MATERIALS:

Spending at £1,987 was £7,299 below the forecast. Included in the spending was 300ft. of belting (£607), 10 lengths chain (£234) for the Banbury Development. 187 Dowty props had been returned and a credit of £3,536 had been received.

NO.1.N.HOLLY LANE:

It was reported that 16 bases had been installed on the powered supports and this would be continued over the week-end.

NO.5.SOUTH MOSS:

18 line pans had been salvaged out of the carving and stacked on the bottom level. Spill plates for the stage loader were being made in the Fitting Shop and would be put on at the week-end. Clutch plates on the main level haulage were suspect and arrangements were made to change these Thursday night. The rope in the top heading required extending and would be done on Saturday morning.

NO.5.NORTH MOSS:

Routine inspection and servicing would take place at the week-end.

SALVAGE:

A supply of rails and fish plates were urgently required for the Bullhurst Dip and Mr. Dunn would put this in hand.

Difficulties were being experienced in salvaging parts of the T.B.80 in No.4.South Moss, due to convergence in the Dip.

DEVELOPMENTS:

A separate meeting had been held to discuss the development programme.

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GENERAL:

The return roller at the bottom of the Cockshead Dip was reported suspect and would be attended to this week-end.

In order to accommodate the new Bullhurst manriding system, it would be necessary to relay the rails, top and bottom, 150 yards of the dip and a start would be made on the top 150 yards on Monday.

In view of the transportation of supplies onto No.12.Landing, it was suggested that the switch-panel be re-located to provide better access and Mr. Buckroyd said that this would be organised.

SURFACE:

The brake linings on the Hesketh Winder would be changed on Sunday morning. Repairs caused by frost damage to the Yard and Whitfield Lane would be carried out at the week-end.

The Chairman thanked the officials for attending and closed the meeting.

Minutes of Production Control Meeting held in the
Committee Room on Thursday, 26th February 1970.

PRESENT: Mr. P. Smallman - General Manager,
Mr. W. G. Irwin - Deputy Manager,
Mr. R. J. Ford - Undermanager,
Mr. C. Corke - Mechanical Engineer,
Mr. J. Drummond - Deputy " "
Mr. M. Hibbert - Asst. " "
Mr. A. Wood - " " "
Mr. G. Buckroyd - Electrical Engineer,
Mr. C. Ball - Deputy " "
Mr. H. Dunn - Materials Officer,
Mr. A. Leeming - Senior Planner,
Mr. S. Gallimore - Production Control Clerk,
Mr. F. J. Willott - Asst. " " "

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The meeting commenced with the Deputy Manager in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting held in the Committee Room on Thursday, 19th February, 1970, were agreed to be a true record.

The statistics for the week ending 21st February, 1970, were presented and discussed. The saleable output at 4,782 tons was 5,118 tons below the forecast. The vend between expected pithead and saleable output was 76.3%.

District:	Operational Forecast Tons:	Actual Tons:	Variance Tons:
No.1.North Holly Lane	3,400	1,454	- 1,946
No.5.South Moss	3,600	1,850	- 1,750
No.5.North Moss	2,800	1,306	- 1,494
Developments:	100	172	+ 72
	9,900	4,782	- 5,118

The Face O.M.S. at 98.1 cwts. was 85.2 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 110/11d. and Cost per Ton at 22/7d. were respectively -/4d. and 10/7d. above the forecasts. The total colliery O.M.S. at 20.4 cwts. was 21.3 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 91/5d. and cost per ton at 89/10d. were 4/2d. below and 46/4d. above the forecasts.

OUTPUT:

No.1.N.Holly Lane - Forecast: 3400 tons

A shortfall of 1200 tons was due to fast chocks, box-holing and a water breakdown on the machine.

No.5.S.Moss - Forecast: 3600 tons

A shortfall of 900 tons was due to grading the conveyor and changing the top gear.

No.5.N.Moss - Forecast: 2800 tons

A shortfall of 1400 tons was due to convergence in the top level, restricting ventilation.

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The operational plan for the week commencing 2nd March, 1970, is as follows:

District:	Saleable Output Tons:
No.1.North Holly Lane	3,400
No.1.South Holly Lane	3,000
No.1.South Banbury Developments:	4,000
	100
	10,500

MANPOWER:

The number of men on books at 1,027 was 1 less than the previous week. Changes were as follows:-

FACE:

Engaged	+ 1
Transferred to surface	- 1
<u>Net Change:</u>	<u>Nil</u>

ELSEWHERE:

Left	- 2
<u>Net Change:</u>	<u>- 2</u>

SURFACE:

Transferred from face	+ 1
<u>Net Change:</u>	<u>+ 1</u>
<u>TOTAL CHANGE:</u>	<u>- 1</u>

MATERIALS:

Spending at £8,836 was £2,114 above the forecast. Included in the spending were the following:

60 Dowty Props	£. 863) H/Lane:
12 Bonsor Ram Valves	62	
20 Groetschel Bars	248	
20 Troughs & Spacers	472) Banbury:
3 Megger Testers	79	
C/V. Belt	627	
Water treatment ingredients	265	
Oils and Greases	354	
240 Sleepers for B/Hurst Manrider	627	
	240	

No.1.N.HOLLY LANE:

Adverse geological conditions were greatly hindering production. Servicing of the machine and chock maintenance would be carried out at the week-end.

NO.5.SOUTH MOSS:

It was reported that the top gear required changing and this would be done at the week-end.

NO.5.NORTH MOSS:

In view of the face finishing production at the week-end, Mr. Ford said salvaging would commence immediately and suggested that an area underground be kept as a compound to receive salvage material, which would be held in readiness for re-use.

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National Coal Board
Staffordshire Area:

Minutes of Production Control Meeting held in the
Committee Room on Thursday, 11th June, 1970.

PRESENT: Mr. P. Smallman - General Manager,
Mr. W. G. Irwin - Deputy Manager,
Mr. R. J. Ford - Undermanager,
Mr. C. Corke - Mechanical Engineer,
Mr. J. Drummond - Deputy " "
Mr. A. Wood - Asst. " "
Mr. M. Hibbert - " " "
Mr. G. Buckroyd - Electrical Engineer,
Mr. J. Young - Deputy " "
Mr. C. Ball - " " "
Mr. H. Green - Surface Superintendent,
Mr. H. Dunn - Materials Officer,
Mr. R. Whitehurst - Face Manager,
Mr. S. Collinson - " "
Mr. N. Barnsley - Overman,
Mr. D. Stubbs - "
Mr. A. Jones - Head Roadman,
Mr. E. Sellars - Mining Engineering Trainee,
Mr. S. Gallimore - Production Control Clerk,
Mr. J. Willott - Asst. " " "

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The meeting commenced with the Deputy Manager in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 4th June, 1970, were agreed to be a true record. The statistics for the week ending 6th June, 1970, were presented and discussed. The saleable output at 7,029 tons was 1,471 tons below the forecast. The vend between expected pithead and saleable output was 86.4%.

Comparison of Forecasted Outputs with Actuals (Saleable):
W/Ended: 6th June, 1970.

District:	Operational Forecast:	Saleable:	Variance:
No.2.N.Holly Lane	2,650	1,734	- 916
No.1.South Holly Lane	2,650	1,133	- 1,517
No.1.South Banbury	3,000	4,048	+ 1,048
No.5.South Moss	Out of Phase	114	+ 114
Developments:	200	-	- 200
	8,500	7,029	- 1,471

OUTPUT:

No.2.N.Holly Lane - Operational Forecast: 1,800 tons

No.1.South Banbury - Operational Forecast: 2,200 tons

} These will be achieved.

No.1.South Holly Lane - Operational Forecast: 1,800 tons

There would be a shortfall of 950 tons due to the following:
Changing picks on the machine, machine losing oil, broken haulage chain,
new gear on bunker scraper and absenteeism.

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The operational forecast for the week commencing 29th June, 1970, is as follows:-

District:	Saleable Tons:
No.2.N.Holly Lane	1,820
No.1.S.Holly Lane	1,680
No.1.South Banbury	3,060
Developments:	140
	<u>6,700</u>

MANPOWER:

The number of men on books at 975 was 4 less than the previous week. Changes were as follows:-

Face:

Left - 2
Net Change: - 2

Elsewhere:

Transferred from surface + 6
Net Change: + 6

Surface:

Left - 2
 Transferred to Elsewhere - 6
Net Change: - 8
Total Change: - 4

MATERIALS:

Spending at £1,648 was £2,923 below the forecast. It was estimated that saving on the quarter would be approximately £18,000.

GENERAL:

It was arranged to beat-up during the holidays on the Bullhurst Crut and the dinting machine was ready for this job.

A lengthy discussion on the manriding installation took place.

The manriding trollies for the Bullhurst Dip should arrive at the colliery at the week-end and these would be installed over the holiday period.

Mr. Ford stressed that during the holidays all precautions for ventilation would be taken and notices would be posted where necessary.

Six rolls of brattice were to be made available in the pit bottom for emergencies.

At a separate meeting, arrangements would be made to install a new D.E.C.M.T. on the bottom section of the Banbury face to improve large coal percentage.

The Chairman thanked the officials for attending and closed the meeting.

Minutes of Production Control Meeting held in the
Committee Room on Thursday, 16th July 1970.

PRESENT:

Mr. P. Smallman	-	General Manager,
Mr. R. J. Ford	-	Undermanager,
Mr. C. Corke	-	Mechanical Engineer,
Mr. J. Drummond	-	Deputy " "
Mr. C. Ball	-	Deputy Electrical Engineer,
Mr. J. Young	-	" " "
Mr. H. Dunn	-	Materials Officer,
Mr. E. Robinson	-	Overman,
Mr. N. Barnsley	-	"
Mr. D. Stubbs	-	"
Mr. G. Wareham	-	"
Mr. R. Hill	-	"
Mr. S. Gallimore	-	Production Control Clerk,
Mr. F. J. Willott	-	Asst. " " "

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The meeting commenced with Mr. Ford in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July, 1970, were agreed to be a true record.

The statistics for the week-ending 11th July, 1970, were presented and discussed. The saleable output at 6,260 tons was 2,740 tons below the forecast. The vend between expected output and saleable was 77.5%.

Comparison of Forecasted Outputs with Actuals (Saleable):

W/Ended: 11th July, 1970.

District:	Operational Forecast:	Saleable:	Variance:
No.2.N.Holly Lane	2,520	2,691	+ 171
No.1.S.Holly Lane	2,240	1,590	- 650
No.1.South Banbury	4,080	1,782	- 2,298
Developments:	160	197	+ 37
	9,000	6,260	- 2,740

The Face O.M.S. at 134.5 cwts. was 36.2 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 108/1d. and cost per ton at 17/4d. were 3d. below and 3/10d. above the forecasts. The total colliery O.M.S. at 27.2 cwts. was 11.6 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 90/9d. and cost per ton at 66/7d. were 1/4d. below and 19/1d. above the forecasts.

OUTPUT:

No.2.N.Holly Lane - Operational Forecast: 2,520 tons

There would be a shortfall of 170 tons due to extra timbering, grading A.F.C. and following dirt.

No.1.S.Holly Lane - Operational Forecast: 2,240 tons

This would be achieved.

No.1.S.Banbury - Operational Forecast: 4,080 tons

There would be a shortfall of 200 tons due to Cockshead Dip belt breakdown, broken level belt and the Loco off at the Loader End.

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The operational forecast for the week commencing 20th July, 1970, is as follows:-

District:	Saleable Tons:
No.2.N.Holly Lane	2,520
No.1.S.Holly Lane	2,240
No.1.S.Banbury	4,080
Developments:	160
	9,000

MANPOWER:

The number of men on books at 963 showed no change from the previous week.

MATERIALS:

Spending at £4,094 was £2,080 below the forecast. Included in the spending were 250 yards haulage chain (£448) and 7 lengths Parsons chain (£132).

GENERAL:

A new rope was to be put on the No.11.Pikrose during the week-end.

It was decided that the new 4" pipe range, which was replacing the 2" range, would be continued over the week-end.

Mr. Ford requested the Engineers to contact other collieries with a view to obtaining a high pressure valve for the pump range.

It was agreed to clean up outbye from the loader end.

Mr. Dunn was asked to supply lime for whitewashing in the pit.

A discussion took place on the Crossing in the new Banbury development. It was agreed that this should be laid in over the week-end.

Rowe and Co. would continue ripping down the Banbury main dip to a point where the junction would be made for No.1.North Banbury Main Gate.

Maximew and Co. had been detailed to carry on chocking and girdering at the bunker landing during Saturday and Sunday.

SALVAGE:

Magry and Co. would salvage rings and struts from the Bullhurst.

Mr. Dunn said that panels and transformers cables etc. would be salvaged from the North Moss during next week.

The Chairman thanked the officials for attending and closed the meeting.

Minutes of Production Control Meeting held in the
Committee Room on Thursday, 27th August 1970.

PRESENT: Mr. P. Smallman - General Manager,
Mr. W. G. Irwin - Deputy Manager,
Mr. R. J. Ford - Undermanager,
Mr. C. Corke - Mechanical Engineer,
Mr. J. Drummond - Deputy " "
Mr. G. Buckroyd - Electrical Engineer,
Mr. J. Young - Deputy " "
Mr. J. Walleth - Asst. " "
Mr. H. Dunn - Materials Controller,
Mr. R. Whitehurst - Face Manager,
Mr. S. Collinson - " "
Mr. F. Archer - " "
Mr. R. Hill - Overman,
Mr. G. Wareham - " "
Mr. E. Robinson - " "
Mr. S. Gallimore - Production Control Clerk,
Mr. J. Willott - Asst. " " "

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The meeting commenced with Mr. Ford in the chair.

The statistics for the week ending 22nd August, 1970, were presented and discussed. The saleable output at 7,536 tons was 1,464 tons below the forecast. The vend between expected pithead and saleable output was 83.9%.

Comparison of Forecasted Outputs with Actuals (Saleable):
W/Ended: 22nd August, 1970.

District:	Operational Forecast:	Saleable:	Variance:
No.2.North Holly Lane	2,520	2,392	+ 372
No.1.South Holly Lane	2,240	1,578	- 662
No.1.South Banbury	4,080	2,794	- 1,286
Developments:	160	272	+ 112
	9,000	7,536	

The Face O.M.S. at 135.9 cwts. was 17.9 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 110/3d. and cost per ton at 16/3d. were 1/3d. and 2/1d. above the forecasts. The total colliery O.M.S. at 32.8 cwts. was 6.2 cwts. below the forecast. The E.M.S. at 95/8d. and cost per ton at 58/5d. were 3/7d. and 11/1d. above the forecasts.

OUTPUT:

No.2.N.Holly Lane - Operational Forecast: 1,820 tons

This will be achieved.

No.1.S.Holly Lane - Operational Forecast: 1,680 tons

There would be a shortfall of 300 tons due to grading the conveyor, water in pummel end, difficulty with chocks, preparing to change the machine and absenteeism.

No.1.S.Banbury - Operational Forecast: 3,060 tons

There would be a shortfall of 1,500 tons due to fault preparation, damaged shearer cable and absenteeism.

MANPOWER:

The number of men on books at 957 was 3 less than the previous week.

MATERIALS:

Spending at £6,296 was £674 above the forecast. -- Included in the spending was 250 yards of Type 7 Cutting Cable (£1,090).

GENERAL:

Mr. Ford outlined the main jobs during the holidays, as follows:

- (1) Banbury top head new advanced heading to be made.
- (2) Tandem belt to be installed in the North Banbury top gate.
- (3) Shortening of main crut belt.

Details of the advanced heading on the South Banbury had been discussed in detail at another meeting.

It was stated that at least 15 yards of space must be available to install this belt. At the present time, ten yards are completed and Maximew and Co. will work this week-end, if necessary. In the meantime, arrangements have been made to install the belt gear while crutting is taking place, the gear to be moved into position when crutting is completed.

Mr. Robinson requested that the belt be in sequence and this was agreed.

Details of the shortening of the main crut belt were discussed and the main work on the move-out could not start until the Banbury advanced heading had been made.

Mr. Ford asked what the prospects were of building the loop under the present belt and Mr. Drummond said that he would be able to make a start of this.

The electric supply was discussed and agreed to all the above jobs.

The bridge at Rowe's was to be completed during the week-end.

The transformer house at the Hardmine should be completed by the week-end and it was also arranged to build the Joy Loader in the Hardmine.

The Assistant Electrical Engineer said that 100 yards of H.T. cable would be needed and it was agreed to get this on the job.

SALVAGE:

Mr. Hill gave the present position of salvage as follows:

1100 yards of H.T. cable were uncoupled and ready to be transported out. Also, there was a large amount of 2" and 4" pipes to come out. This would complete the salvaging on the main level.

Details of items returned to Plant Pool were given.

Mr. Corke stated that work would be done on the winding engine during the holiday but this would not delay manriding.

The Hesketh winding engine was to be tested on the Tuesday of the holiday week. The compressed air would be off on the night shift.

Vulcanising the Cockshead belt was to be done on Thursday of the holiday week but it must be ensured that the Banbury advanced heading was complete before this was commenced.

Mr. Wareham said that the Hauser dinting machine had been dismantled and delivered to No.11.

A discussion on the progress of the new manriding engine at the top of the Banbury back dip took place.

The Chairman thanked the officials for attending and closed the meeting.

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