

Hills Community Liaison Committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Compton Bassett Village Hall on 27th September 2007.

PRESENT

Wiltshire County Council

Mari Webster (Planning)
Councillor Nancy Bryant

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Councillor Serena Henly
Councillor Fran Creasey

Calne Town Council & Without Parish Council

Councillor Colin Viner
Councillor Shauna Bodman

Cherhill Parish Council

Councillor David Grafton

FOCAS

Michael Ransom

CPRE

Anne Henshaw

Hills Group

Steve Burns Contracts Manager
Pete Andrew Waste Disposal Manager
Cliff Carter Recycling Promotions Manager
Andrew Liddle Aggregates

Apologies received

Jo Freyther (Planning), Gemma Gurney (Residents Representative, Lower Compton) Cllr Peter Szczesiak Compton Bassett Parish Council

PREVIOUS MINUTES UPDATE 22nd Jan 07

Pete Andrew confirmed the triangular piece of land identified for landscaping will be planted with trees etc this autumn.

Pete also reported on the Low Lane application, which received approval on 19th June 2007. A timetable regarding earthworks is being prepared and works will now probably commence in the spring due to the winter wet weather. Members will be informed accordingly with a commencement date. Footpath division expected mid 2008.

Cllr Grafton raised issue with a recent letter from the County Council regarding the footpath division application; it appears the wording referred to a 'Loss Lane'. Can this be followed up to ensure application is completed correctly? Pete requested Mari to follow up and report back. Members will be communicated with as soon as possible with clarification on the diverted footpath. (*Please see attached note to minutes*)

Feedback on Sustrans meeting was good and all points covered, it was well attended by the public with questions on waste plus a visit to a waste site.

LANDFILL UPDATE

Pete Andrew reported that the engineering work to complete restoration on previously filled areas was underway with earthworks being carried out to prepare Cell 17, this will enable completion of cell 16 next year. Provided the weather holds the programme is planned for a 10-week completion. This work includes the placement of an engineered clay cap on areas of the site at final waste level. We have installed 24 gas extraction wells in these areas which are connected into the power generation plant. We aim to carry out significant additional restoration works as part of reprofiling the quarry. This will result in a noticeable improvement to the visual appearance of the site.

Management of the site continues to improve and the introductions of new operational procedures were assisting the site to improve standards.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding odour complaints allegedly coming from the Waste Management Facility in recent months. Pete Andrew expressed concerns as to the symptoms presented to the Hills team in that the odours were not necessarily symptomatic to the present operations being carried out on the site. However Pete confirmed the company wish to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency with all concerned and will provide a statement to the Liaison group with a commitment to assist in bringing the matter to an agreeable conclusion.

Pete requested members to provide dates and times to enable monitoring of the computer weather system in place to help with any investigation. It was also stated that September was the season for odours from a number of sources due to still air during warm days and cold nights. Also suppressors on site have been active as a control mechanism.

(Please see attached letter from Pete Andrew)

Cllr Bryant requested assurance on the availability (manned) regarding the 'Out of Hours' contact number as this was raised by the members as insufficient on a number of occasions. It was important to resolve the odour issue to ensure we build on the good relationship between the parties. Pete Andrew confirmed this would be resolved with immediate effect. *(Please see attached letter for number and our procedure)*. The contact number will also be made available via the Church newsletter.

COMPOSTING UPDATE

Pete reported all green material from the 10 Household Recycling Centres (11,000 tonnes) and Kerbside collections (13,000 tonnes) was composted and that we were screening compost to 3 different sizes for various sports applications as well as topsoil enhancement and improvement. Any over sized material is being fed back through the system or used on the landfill for restoration, so reducing the need for soils. The operation has again been awarded PAS 100 status.

Members requested regular information such as the award is made available for the local newsletters, as this would help community relations etc. Cliff Carter to ensure any news articles to be sent for inclusion. Magazine deadline was the 18th of the month and would be a welcome addition to the publication.

AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE UPDATE

Andrew Liddle reported little change in the operations since reported last meeting. Cllr Creasey raised the issue regarding the 'Orange light' emitting from across the site (Viridor) as previously reported at the last meeting. As this was resolved swiftly the last time can Andrew investigate again and have the beacon extinguished.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Steve Burns reported on the progress regarding waste arising in that we successfully passed the 500,000 tonnes of non-landfill material, this was

supported by figures presented in the Annual Service Review and quarterly report to the County Council. Waste arisings trend continues to go down.

Steve presented a document to the members with a full explanation of the recycling data, please see attached to the minutes

OTHER ISSUES

Speed was again raised by Cllr Colin Viner regarding haulage vehicles passing through Calne, as no details were presented Pete Andrew commented we would remind users of our site to consider the local community when passing through.

Members again expressed their concerns regarding the MOD and lack of information/communication regarding the wooded area and NAAFI compound. Steve Burns did report that the refurbishment of the NAAFI had taken place but again appears not to be in use unfortunately.

Steve Burns updated the group on the progress regarding an additional HRC sited in Marlborough (Salisbury Road Industrial estate), land has been identified and planning will be submitted.

Michael Ransom requested Postcode information on the Hills website be updated as the existing postcode directed vehicle users to the village via in-car satellite navigational equipment. Cliff will investigate. Michael expressed concern as to the re-occurrence of the reversing buzzer noise coming from the company's vehicles, can this be investigated and reported back to the committee. Pete Andrew to follow up.

Pete went on to explain that Viridor are undertaking a large project involving earth moving equipment to lay pipe work for the restoration of their site, this may be the source of noise.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 13th March 2008 in the Compton Bassett Village Hall.