



## Hills Community Liaison Committee Chapel Farm

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Blunsdon Village Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### PRESENT

#### **Blunsdon St Andrew Parish Council**

Councillor Stuart Boyd  
Councillor Michael Compton

#### **Swindon Borough Council for Blunsdon**

Councillor Doreen Dart

#### **Hills Waste Solutions Ltd**

Steve Burns Waste Operations Manager  
Ed Dodd Disposal Team Manager  
Cliff carter Recycling Promotions Manager

### Apologies

#### ***Introduction***

The meeting was opened with the introduction from Steve Burns explaining his new role following the recent changes in the Management team for Waste Solutions Ltd.

#### **LANDFILL UPDATE**

Ed Dodd provided a summary regarding the operations and improvements at Chapel Farm since the last meeting. The site continues to play a significant part in managing the waste generated from the Swindon local area.

A recent improvement to the site is the development of a new skip sorting facility with the separation of commercial and industrial waste material.

Ed followed up on the recent 'Odour Compliant' summarising the process for capping etc and explaining the build up of methane gas pressure which is then drawn off periodically. There has been improvement to the infrastructure which in turn is also managed more effectively.

Ed reminded the meeting of the company's ability to deal with such complaints and that any complaints received, needed to provide date, time and post code of the complainant to enable investigation and cross

reference with the company's weather system. There has been an occasion when the prevailing wind has proved that an odour was not emitted from the Chapel Farm Site.

Ed reassured the members that he travels the A419 daily and checks for any problems that may arise. The 'hotline' number for any issues raised was provided to the members (07789690735) a copy of the company's procedure is attached to these minutes.

A programme of works will be implemented in the spring, a copy of the works will be available.

### **RECYCLING**

Steve Burns explained the 'Targets' environment around the recycling activity, and our contract with the Wiltshire County Council. The materials picked up from the kerbside was due to the weight and value of material, however the Household Recycling Centres did manage the rest of the waste and materials available for recycling, our Centre's are recycling on average 70%. Cllr Boyd asked if Chapel Farm would have such a centre, Steve explained due to the locality it was unlikely.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

A discussion took place regarding the 'Highway improvements' and its impact on the site and local area. Confirmation was provided on who is responsible for clearing litter etc, we maintain the road up to the site and a schedule is in place for keeping the area free from litter.

Cllr Compton raised the issue regarding a letter received via our property division which was somewhat threatening in its contents towards local residents who gain access from the rear of their properties onto Hills land adjacent. Ed expressed the company's apologies for the letter and would forward the information onto our property section to note.

### **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to meet up on a 6 monthly period, dates for availability to Cliff Carter soonest, week commencing August 25<sup>th</sup> or September 1<sup>st</sup>