



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 26 January 2010.

PRESENT

Wiltshire Council

Mari Webster, Mineral & Waste Planning
Councillor Christine Crisp, Member Calne Rural

Cherhill Parish Council

Councillor David Evans

Friends of Compton and Surrounds (FOCAS)

Michael Ransom

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Councillor Peter Barnett
Councillor Serena Henly

Local Resident

Jennifer Holmes

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Waste Operations Manager

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, Company Secretary

	Action
1. Apologies received	
Cllr Shauna Bodman; Cllr Alan Hill; Monique Hayes; Anne Henshaw	
2. Previous minutes update	
Mari Webster confirmed that she had discussed the footpath fencing issue with Hills.	
3. Compost odours / Dust from woodchip	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Steve Burns confirmed that there had been 1 complaint received since the last meeting and commented that seasonal factors and low volumes of green waste reduced odour issues. <p>Jennifer Holmes stated that she experienced regular issues with compost odours, approx once a month, and wished to register a complaint. Steve Burns reminded the Committee that complaints should be registered through the resident phone line published on</p>	

<p>the company's website and that all complaints wherever possible were resolved as quickly as possible. Steve Burns stated in instances of odour complaint odorisers could be reconfigured.</p> <p>Hills to provide Jennifer Holmes with details of the resident's phone line by email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Burns confirmed that there were no issues to report on woodchipping. • Steve Burns stated that health and safety officers from Wiltshire Council had inspected both compost and woodchipping operations and were happy with the procedures in place to control odour and dust levels. 	Hills
4. Restoration Works	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Burns reported that cell 18 was nearing completion with capping and restoration to follow. Steve Burns stated that Cell 18 would be completed earlier than originally expected due to increased tipping arising from operational issues at the Chapel Farm site. 	
5. Landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Burns confirmed that two options for the next operational cell were being considered, either: cell 19 & 20 on the site plan; or area around lagoon 6 and the land occupied by the sand plant. Earthworks will be carried by Jones Bros Limited. • Low Lane Footpath – The Committee discussed the state of the footpath surface with committee members reporting concerns about its condition. Steve Burns stated that as far as he was aware Hills had discharged all planning conditions in connection with the footpath diversion. <p>Cherhill Parish Council to confirm Parish boundaries in which footpath runs and maintenance obligations (Outstanding action from last meeting).</p> <p>Mari Webster to discuss the footpath condition with the local Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer and report back to the Committee. It was noted that Cherhill and Compton Bassett Parish Councils offered to accompany any council visit to inspect the footpath.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Hours Extension – It was noted that the planning application to alter opening hours had been approved by Wiltshire Council. 	Cherhill MW
6. Composting update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to comments in item 3 above Steve Burns stated that the layout of the compost operation windrows were to be changed 	

<p>to improve aeration. Reconfiguration and arrangement of deodorisers would also take place.</p> <p>Steve Burns also brought to the attention of the Committee the consultation being conducted by Wiltshire Council on waste collection services and the proposal to introduce a charge structure for green waste collection.</p>	
<p>7. Concrete and Aggregates update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Burns stated that Hills Quarry Products had no issues to report on aggregate or concrete operations. • Steve Burns and Mari Webster to enquire whether Aggregate Industries would be prepared to attend the Hills liaison meeting to avoid duplication of meetings. 	SB/ MW
<p>8. Recycling</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Burns presented his recycling report and stated that 3rd quarter figures showed a reduction in municipal waste and volumes of recyclate and green waste on the same period in 2008/9 and 2007/8. Steve Burns stated that whilst tonnage volumes into HRCS were down, performance was up with an average 74% being diverted from landfill. <p>Steve Burns confirmed that due to the trend in reducing volumes of waste that the 2010/11 diversion rate would show no growth in volume from the current year target.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New HRCs – Steve Burns confirmed that a new HRC had been opened in Warminster since the last meeting and construction of a HRC at Marlborough was due to commence in April and open in July. • Lakeside – Steve Burns stated that the final commissioning of the Lakeside plant was due to commence and once at capacity should result in a reduction in LGV movements to the site. • Steve Burns updated the Committee on the MBT project and other local waste initiatives. • Mari Webster asked if Hills would be able to supply the recently completed Tidworth Academy with waste wood for its biomass boiler. Steve Burns to discuss with Wiltshire Council Waste Team. 	SB
<p>9. Other community issues / Any other business</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seagulls on site – In response to a question from the Committee on the apparent increase in seagulls on site Steve Burns stated that this may be due to draining of water from old quarry site outside of the control area and that flares continued to be used to disrupt flocks within the control area. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigid plastic – In response to a question from the Committee asking whether recycling of rigid plastic would be reintroduced Steve Burns stated that two prospective waste handlers had been identified for consideration by Wiltshire Council, but that any decision would only be taken once the EA's investigation into Worldwide Bio-recyclables had concluded. • Solstice Park - Steve Burns outlined that Hills was proposing to submit a planning application to Wiltshire Council for a new transfer station located at Solstice Park to service the Lakeside contract with municipal waste from Salisbury. • Truck start times – Jennifer Holmes stated that on occasions she believed that truck engines were being started before 6am. Steve Burns stated that operations from the site were not licensed to commence prior to 6.00am and that he would investigate and take appropriate action as this was not acceptable. Steve Burns again referred the Committee to the resident reporting phonenumber to register complaints. • Security - Steve Burns outlined the plans to upgrade security and arrangements with the local police force to reduce incidents of trespass and criminal damage in and around the site. Recent press coverage on the matter was distributed to the Committee. 	SB
11. Date of next meeting	
Tuesday, 20 th April 2010 at 7pm	