



**MINUTES OF THE PURTON LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
ON 14 JANUARY 2010**

Present:

Purton Parish Council

Mike Bell, Chairman
Ron Harris
Tony Price

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay

Environment Agency

Chris Young

Braydon Parish Meeting

Tricia Portch

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Ed Dodd, Disposal Team Manager
Brian Fitzpatrick, Site Manager
Cliff Carter, Recycling Team Manager

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson, Company Secretary

Apologies:

Richard Pagett
Mari Webster
Monique Hayes

1	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.</p> <p><u>Open Day</u> Ed Dodd stated that requests from resident groups or individuals for site tours should be directed to himself and would be accommodated as best as possible subject to sufficient notice.</p> <p><u>Emergency Planning Exercise</u> The organisation around setting up the event was discussed by those present. Ed Dodd stated that the event had been organised by the Wiltshire Emergency Planning Office and B.P. It transpires that Hills were expected to inform PPC, though Hills had not been informed of this responsibility. In the future Hills will liaise with the PPC, but the next exercise is not expected to take place for a number of years.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Green Waste</u> Cliff Carter stated that the Parish Council's green waste could be recycled at the HRC and he would confirm this in writing to the Parish Council.</p> <p>In response to a question from the committee Cliff Carter confirmed that this service also extended to green waste from closed church yards, but not open cemeteries. Cliff Carter to contact Parish Council to discuss requirements for green waste collection from closed church yards.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>CC</p>
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<p>2</p>	<p>Parkgate Farm Hazardous Waste Landfill</p> <p>Brian Fitzpatrick updated the meeting on operations and stated that tonnages into Purton landfill remained low compared to permitted levels. Ed Dodd explained that this was mainly due to the lack of property development, but also that developers were looking to reduce landfill costs by remediating contaminated land on site. Ed Dodd stated that with the Government's planned step increase in landfill tax to £72 per tonne the option to landfill would increasingly become less financially attractive.</p> <p>In response to a question from the committee Ed Dodd stated that the life of the site was subject to planning approval and that any extension would be subject to normal planning consultations and regulations.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Tyre and Composting planning application</p> <p>Ed Dodd stated that there were as yet no clear time scales for the development of the site, though the access is required to be constructed and would be done so in due course..</p> <p>The future use of the site within the Council's Local Waste Plan and its suitability for waste treatment technologies was discussed.</p> <p>Ed Dodd stated that the committee would be kept informed and act as a forum to discuss any future plans or proposals for the site.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Recycling Operations report and HRC report</p> <p>The report circulated to those present prior to the meeting and covering the period July - September 09 was taken as read.</p> <p>Cliff Carter updated the meeting on the current period and stated overall waste tonnages continue to reduce across the County. Purton HRC recycling rates remained high and on average were between 80-85% placing it regularly in the top 3 sites.</p> <p>Kerbside collection of cardboard was discussed and Cliff Carter stated that a trial was being run in Salisbury after which the Council would then consider the roll-out across all regions of the County.</p> <p>Ed Dodd stated that the Council and Hills were still trying to identify a suitable processor to enable the reintroduction of rigid plastic collection at HRCs.</p> <p>Waste into HRCs was discussed and Cliff Carter stated that once waste had been deposited it could not be resold or made available to the public, but that Hills with approval from the Council worked with a number of local charities who recovered specific items for repair (e.g. cycles).</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Environmental Agency (the "EA")</p> <p>Chris Young introduced himself and outlined his role and that of the EA in monitoring the operations and the permits attached to the site.</p> <p>Ed Dodd gave an overview of the procedures and borehole testing undertaken by Hills to meet its EA reporting obligations and ensure compliance.</p>	



	<p>In response to a question from the committee Ed Dodd stated that the last environmental breach occurred in 2004 due to a temporary odour from the site.</p> <p>Chris Young confirmed at present that there were no areas of major concern or breaches of environment regulations to report.</p>	
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Landfill Community Tax Fund</u> Tony Price thanked Hills for the grant of £26,302 via Community First for improvements to the Purton Village Centre and reported that works had commenced.</p> <p><u>Trade Waste</u> Cliff Carter explained that HRCs could not receive trade waste and that an established procedure was in place for staff to deal with and to report individuals believed to be abusing the system to Wiltshire Council. Ed Dodd stated that it was therefore not possible to accommodate Mr Pagett's suggestion.</p> <p><u>Area Board Meeting</u> Jacqui Lay explained that a Council Area Board was due to be held covering the Purton area and the main agenda item related to youth services and facilities. Jacqui Lay to write to Ed Dodd about sponsorship opportunities for funding youth activity programmes.</p>	JL
9	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 June 2010 at 4pm in the BP Offices at Mopes Lane, Purton.</p>	ALL