



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 27 May 2015 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)
Peter Barnett (PB)

Calne Without Parish Council

Charlie Oram (CO)

Calne Town Council

Robert McNaughton (RM)

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

Wiltshire Council

No attendees

Environment Agency (EA)

Sue Everett (SE)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Steve Burns, Divisional director (SB)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes, Group communications officer (MH)

	Action
1. Apologies received	
Apologies received from Cllr Crisp and Kate Morley.	
2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. PB advised that neither he nor PS had received notification of the change of meeting date from 14 January which resulted in no representation from Compton Bassett Parish Council at the meeting of 18 February and requested that the minutes reflect this. 	Hills
3. Planning applications	
<p><u>Lower Compton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB stated that Hills had been informed that the application would now be heard at the June strategic planning committee. SB explained that if permission was not granted, the site would continue to operate utilising existing planning permission for 75,000 tonnes of material and associated vehicles, and as a depot for the company's collection vehicle fleet. <p>The matter was discussed.</p> <p><u>Parkgate Farm</u></p> <p>SB advised that the planning application in relation to Parkgate Farm, Purton, is likely to be heard at the July strategic planning committee.</p>	

<p>In response to a question from CO, SB confirmed that whilst the majority of composting activity takes place at Parkgate Farm, permission exists for 15,000 tonnes of garden waste to be processed at Lower Compton and this material is used in landfill restoration works.</p>	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that earthmoving works had commenced to construct Cell 23 which should take approximately 14 weeks to complete depending on weather conditions, following which tipping into that new cell will commence. • SB advised that Cell 22 would be capped after Cell 23 begins tipping – anticipated September 2015. • SB confirmed that tonnages into landfill are decreasing and it is likely that Hills will apply for an extension to the planning permission. • SB advised that tyre bales were being used to construct the base layer for landfill cells and that Hills no longer used virgin aggregate for this purpose. • In response to a complaint from PB, SB advised that complaints had been received on 3 March following high winds which caused litter to escape the netting on the landfill tipping face and become caught in perimeter fencing. SB explained that high winds, as recently experienced, caused operational issues resulting in a buildup of litter in the nets which resulted in plastic and lighter materials to blow over the top of the net. SB reported that on that particular day, a load of reject plastic material from Porte Marsh had been sent to the landfill. SB confirmed that in future this type of material will be baled first to avoid it blowing away and will not be delivered on days when high winds are forecast. • SE from the EA confirmed that there had been exceptional winds on the day in question and that the situation experienced was not normal practice for Hills and therefore the EA was not concerned. • The operations of other waste management companies in the area and the monitoring of these sites by the Environment Agency was discussed. 	
5. Compost and wood chipping update	
<p><u>Woodchipping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that there were no issues to report with wood chipping and that the volumes of stockpiled unchipped and chipped wood was reducing in line with seasonal demand from Europe. 	
6. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB reported that overall waste arisings are 1.5% higher than last year and 6.3% above the 2012/13 figure. Year to date figures on the Wiltshire Council contract year showed total waste arising of 257,663 tonnes, of which 136,513 was non-land filled (through a combination of recycling, composting, timber, soils and hardcore), 46,142 tonnes and 53,557 tonnes were diverted from landfill for energy recovery via Lakeside EfW and Northacre RRC respectively, leaving 21,000 tonnes which was landfilled. • PS enquired if garden waste volumes would drop when the new charges came into force. SB advised that Hills anticipated that volumes of garden waste taken to HRCs would increase and in addition significantly more residents had signed up to the chargeable scheme than had been anticipated. • SB gave details on the new HRC opening times that come into effect on 13 July and confirmed that opening hours are from 10am – 4pm. SB advised that Honeyball HRC will close on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Devizes HRC would 	

<p>close on Thursdays and Fridays, and all HRCs would be open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that the number of public bring sites had reduced to 15 and this number was expected to reduce again following Sainsbury's decision to take in house all the recycling • The state of the recycling market was discussed in particular the significantly reduced prices being achieved for recycle materials. • DG enquired what will happen at Porte Marsh and SB advised that subject to planning permission being granted for the extension at Lower Compton, the operations at Porte Marsh would move to Lower Compton. • SB advised the committee that Hills has purchased the premises the company occupies at Porte Marsh • SB advised that portion of the Porte Marsh premises was occupied by The Repair Academy and that there is a possibility that a shop would be opened for sale of goods repaired there 	
<p>7. Aggregates and concrete operations update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB confirmed that concrete sales to Lyneham were continuing and sand sales were good, there were no operational or business issues to report. 	
<p>9. Any other business</p>	
<p><u>Road signage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS reported that 2 vehicles over the weight limit had reached Compton Bassett village after missing relevant signage at entrance to Hills and enquired if Hills could increase the signage. SB agreed to look into this • PB advised that signage advising drivers of weigh restrictions through Compton Bassett village was also insufficient. SB advised that Hills had advised the Highways Agency of this and had requested additional signage be installed. <p><u>Pest control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that additional spraying for flies was being undertaken at the site <p><u>Naafi buildings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN advised that there is a likelihood that the buildings would be demolished some time later this year as the condition of the building on site had deteriorated further <p><u>Wiltshire Council tender outcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that the results of the tender are expected to be announced on 16 June 	
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of the next meeting 24 June at 6.00pm. The agenda for the meeting will cover the results of the Wiltshire Council tender and outcome of the planning application only. 	<p>HILLS</p>