



**Purton Liaison Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at Purton Village Hall on 2 June 2016.

**PRESENT**

**Purton Parish Council**

Tony Price (TP)

**Cricklade Town Council**

Chris Hodgson (CH)

**Wiltshire Council**

Jacqui Lay (JL)

**Braydon Parish**

No attendees

**The Environment Agency**

No attendee

**Hills Waste Solutions Limited**

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF)

Henry Newbery (HN)

**The Hills Group Limited**

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
<b>Apologies</b>	
Apologies received from : Geoff Greenaway, Simon Allen, Neil Martin, Dean Thomas.	
<b>1. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were taken as correct and approved.</li> </ul>	
<b>1.1 Election of new chairperson</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MH advised that correspondence had been received from Purton Parish Council advising that Cllr Greenaway would no longer be attending the liaison committee meetings. It was agreed that election of a replacement chairperson would be undertaken at the next meeting. <i>Note: Since the meeting, Purton Parish council has advised that Councillor Chris Mason will attend future meetings.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>2. Parkgate Farm landfill operations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BF confirmed that the asbestos waste will be tipped into hazardous cell 3 following confirmation from the Environment Agency that this can be progressed. Non hazardous cell 4 will be capped at the end of August/ beginning September and Hazardous cell 4 will be constructed in tandem.</li> <li>CH enquired how a landfill cell was constructed and BF gave a brief outline of this. It was agreed that CH would visit the site to gain a better understanding and would liaise with BF as to the date and time of the visit.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Composting</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BF reported that no odour complaints had been received in relation to the composting activities since the last meeting.</li> <li>• HN reported that volumes of garden waste received for processing were 5,500 tonnes lower than for the same period last year. JL confirmed that take up of the kerbside collection service for households had been good.</li> <li>• HN confirmed that garden waste from the south of the county was taken to Newbourne Farm for processing and not to Parkgate Farm.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Planning applications</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BF advised that the planning application to make the composting operations permanent and to increase the site composting throughput to 50,000 tonnes per year remained on hold pending the outcome of the appeal in relation to Lower Compton Planning application.</li> <li>• HN advised that the date for the appeal in relation to Lower Compton Planning application has been set for 6 September 2016.</li> <li>• MH advised that Hills will be considering further planning applications to extend the undeveloped areas of Mopes Lane for open storage use.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Recycling operations update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report on Wiltshire's waste and recycling contract was circulated.</li> <li>• HN reported that Purton HRC remains a busy site. Hills is monitoring visitor numbers which show that the same number of people visit the site, but now over fewer days following the cut in HRC opening hours. Results of the flexible earlier opening hours will be monitored and fed back to Wiltshire Council to analyse if this had improved queuing at sites.</li> <li>• JL enquired about the situation of non-Wiltshire council tax payers using the Purton HRC site and HN confirmed that there is no reciprocal arrangement with Swindon BC on this and such practice was not allowed. The matter was discussed.</li> <li>• HN stated that overall recycling figures are below what had been expected for the year to date and the shortfall is due to the drop in garden waste and sweeper waste tonnage. However there has been an increase in both plastic and cardboard for recycling.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Any other business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly tipping – JL reported that whilst there had been an increase in fly tipping in the area, the report back from Wiltshire Council officers is that the waste is of a commercial type and they have concluded that increase in fly tipping is not as a result of the change in HRC hours.</li> <li>• HN stated that Wiltshire Council officers have been visiting HRCs where waste has been fly tipped on days when the sites are closed. The matter was discussed.</li> </ul>	
<b>10. Date of next meeting</b>	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1 December 2016 at 16:00.	HILLS