



Purton Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at The Village Hall on 3 December 2015.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council

Geoff Greenaway (GG)

Tony Price (TP)

Cricklade Town Council

Chris Hodgson (CH)

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay (JL)

Braydon Parish

Chris Herbert

The Environment Agency

No attendee

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Simon Allen (SA)

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF)

Henry Newbery (HN)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

	Action
Apologies	
Apologies received from Neil Martin, Dean Thomas. Emma Brookes and Monique Hayes. For the benefit of CH the attendees introduced themselves to the meeting.	
1. Minutes of the previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were taken as correct and approved.	
2. Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BF reported that volumes of hazardous and non-hazardous materials landfilled at the site were within permitted levels.SA explained that currently the site operated 2 cells for the two separate waste types, but that following confirmation from the Environment Agency that once the current non-hazardous waste cell had been filled and capped both waste types would be tipped in a single hazardous waste cell.BF stated that two traffic complaints had been received since the last meeting and confirmed that the hauliers in question had been contacted and advised of the correct HGV route to the site. SA tabled to the meeting a draft drivers sheet to be issued with all quotes and issued at the weighbridge detailing the correct route, avoiding weight restrictions, to and from the site. SA asked committee members to remind residents to take the registration number of any HGV in breach of local road restrictions and report these to the site weighbridge, who would check if the vehicles were on route to or from the site.	

3. Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BF reported that volumes of green waste on site were low due to the time of year. BF reported that following the introduction of the paid for green waste collection service there had been no real change in volumes received at the HRCs. JL stated that the take up of the kerbside collection service had been very good with up to 80,000 households signing up. • SA confirmed that Hills had been awarded the Wiltshire Council composting contract under the retender of waste services from July 2017. • BF reported two odour complaints had been received during the year: on 16 April and 15 June. BF stated that both complaints had been investigated and whilst the April complaint could not definitely be contributed to the compost site, the wind direction was consistent with the site being a possible source. BF explained the actions taken on site if following investigation a valid complaint was received • BF and SA explained how green waste was collected and delivered to the Lower Compton transfer station and then bulk loaded, to reduce vehicle movements, before being transferred to the site. 	
5. Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA confirmed that the planning application to make the composting operations permanent and to increase the site composting throughput to 50,000 tonnes pa would be resubmitted when the outcome of the Lower Compton Planning appeal was known. 	
7. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on Wiltshire's waste and recycling contract was circulated. • HN stated that since the introduction of the changed HRC opening hours that waste volume tonnages received had reduced on average by 20%, but that visitor numbers had increased. HN stated that whilst there had been a modest increase in volumes collected at kerbside this did not make up for the overall volume reduction of waste arising. • HN stated that resident checks of HRC visitors were being increased to stop non-Wiltshire Council tax payers from using HRCs and that a number of initiatives supported with the council were being run to tackle trade waste abuse. The matter was discussed. • HN stated that the provision of two HRCs had been included within Lot 1 of the waste collection and service contract tender awarded to Hills. HN confirmed that the Purton and Lower Compton (Honeyball) were the two HRCs to be provided by Hills. HN confirmed that the council were due to decide on the contract to manage the other 9 HRCs on 19 January 2016. 	
8. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Bottling LPG plant – AH confirmed that works had completed to infill the fire water lagoon and demolish the old bottling plant. AH stated that two new tenants had been found to occupy the office/warehouse and reinstated open storage yard. AH stated that Hills were also looking to accommodate Flogas elsewhere on the site. • Fly tipping – HN stated that there had been a few isolated cases of fly tipping in the locality, but explained that it was not part of the services Hills provided to the council to deal with the clear up of fly tipping. HN reminded the meeting that they should advise residents to report all fly tipping direct to Wiltshire Council's Street Scene team. 	

10. Date of next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2 June 2016 at 4pm.	HILLS