



Purton Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at The Bowls Pavilion, Village Centre on 5 December 2013.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council

Ron Harris (RH)
Geoff Greenaway (GG)
Tony Price (TP)

Cricklade Town Council

Mark Clarke (MC)

Braydon Parish

Emma Brook

Wiltshire Council

Dean Thomas (DT)
Jacqui Lay (JL)

The Environment Agency

Neil Martin

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF)
Bob Tapp (BT)
Andrea Pellegram (AP)
Simon Allen (SA)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

	Action
Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies received from Monique Hayes and Cliff Carter and Ray Thomas 	
1. Minutes of the previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were taken as correct. 	
2. Election of Chairperson	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff Greenaway was nominated and unanimously elected chairperson <p>MC introduced himself to the meeting and explained he was attending in his capacity as representative of the chair of Cricklade Town Council.</p>	
3. Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BF reported on landfill tonnages at the site and updated the meeting on cell construction and restoration of closed cells. JL asked Hills if the company had any idea when the site would be closed. SA stated that the site was permitted to landfill 100,000 tonnes of waste per annum but that the increase in landfill tax and economic downturn had significantly reduced volumes into the site and therefore extended the site's operational life. 	

4. Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BF reported on the green waste tonnages being processed at the site and confirmed that the operations were certified to PAS 100 industry organic standard. • EB and JL raised the issue of odour believed to be from the compost operations at the site. BF confirmed that the company had an odour management plan and that any complaints should be reported to the company as soon as possible in order to investigate. BF stated that since the last meeting in June there had been 12 complaints received and that following investigation 5 had been not attributable to the site due to wind direction. • JL stated that she had personally been handed 5 complaints that she had passed directly to the Environment Agency. BF requested that in the future JL provide copies of any complaints to the company in order they can investigated. • BF offered to the attendees copies of odour survey forms used by the company to circulate to residents to record odour issues. BF to email copy to JL. • EB was offered a site tour to see the compost operations and understand the management of the site. EB to see if other members of Braydon Parish council wish to attend. • EB asked about the route of compost lorries to the site and whether they should be passing through Braydon. SA to check the route of lorries. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SA</p>
5. Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP stated that Hills had submitted a planning application on 24 June to change tonnages currently permitted for tyre shredding to increase compost tonnages up to 50,000 tonnes per annum at Parkgate Farm. Since then the company had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate on grounds of non-determination by the Wiltshire Council. • AP stated that a planning application had also been submitted to make the HRC at Purton a permanent site. • AP advised that both planning applications had been submitted to enable the company to continue to provide recycling services to the residents of Wiltshire and meet its obligations under its contract with the Council. • AP confirmed as previously advised that the proposals for the installation of a second access to the site would not be progressed at present due to not being able to reach agreement with Railtrack on the bridge crossing. • AH confirmed that Flogas remained a tenant of the bottling plant and that due to the site's suis generis planning permission the company would be looking to re-let as a gas bottling operation whether Flogas remained in occupation or not. 	
7. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT reported that the recycling rate for the last quarter at Purton HRC was 80% • BT advised that to deter non-Wiltshire residents from using the site that visitors to the HRC may be asked to show identification showing their home address. BT confirmed that businesses including self-employed handymen or builders were not permitted use HRCs as this was classed as commercial waste. BT stated that staff at all sites would turn away non-residents and businesses unless there was a threat or risk of violence against the staff member. • BT gave details of a WRAP supported wood recycling trail undertaken at Lower Compton for small businesses. 	
9. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Swindon Biomass plant</u> – JL asked for Hills views on the proposed plant. SA confirmed that the company had no involvement in the development. • <u>Road closures-</u> JL highlighted the proposed closures to undertake road maintenance works. SA confirmed that the company was aware of the closures and would use the approved diversion routes within weight limits. AP 	

<p>stated that the company was signed up to the independent Well Driven scheme and that residents should report any issues with Hills vehicles using the Well Driven phoneline 0800 225533.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Missed deliveries</u> – BJT stated that missed deliveries for household waste or kerbside recycling should be reported to Wiltshire Council. 	
10. Date of next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 June 2014 at 4pm.	HILLS