



Purton Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at Millennium Hall, Purton on 6 December 2012.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council

Mike Bell
Tony Price

Cricklade Town Council

John Harmer

Wiltshire Council

Dean Thomas

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF)
Cliff Carter (CC)
Simon Allen (SA)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes

	Action
1. Apologies received	
Apologies received from Ed Dodd, Andrea Pellegram, Richard Pagett, Ron Harris, Jacqui Lay	
2. Previous minutes update/ matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved.SA confirmed that drivers had been advised to refrain from parking outside the village shop when taking their breaks.Tony Price queried if there had been any issue with excess water at Parkgate Farm composting site due to the heavy rains. SA and BF confirmed that infrastructure was in place on site to deal with excess water and no problems had been experienced. <p>SA advised that Hills will look into placing a water treatment plant on the site and this would assist in reducing the number of tankers having to visit the site to remove water in rainy seasons.</p> <p>John Harmer expressed concern that release of treated water could cause flooding. SA confirmed that water can only be released into a sewer thereby avoiding the risk of any flooding.</p>	
3. Parkgate Farm update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BF reported that there had been a slight increase in tonnages into the site during November but volumes remained below permitted levels.Mike Bell queried if reduced tonnages would result in Hills extending the site licence. SA advised that it was not a consideration at this time.	

4. Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA reported that the site is fully operational and was producing compost SA reported that the compost produced on the site had also achieved PAS100 certification Mike Bell queried the size of the vehicles that bring the green waste to site and what route they take. SA advised that the vehicles are articulated lorries and they would travel from Lower Compton along the A4, then up the A419 through Cricklade on to Purton. 	
5. Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA reported that Hills is still investigating the feasibility of installing a second access to Parkgate Farm. SA advised that Hills would be looking to submit a planning application to increase compost tonnages at Parkgate Farm. This will be in place of activating tyre shredding permission. John Harmer questioned if the fuel savings gained from having a second access to the site would impact on the decision to install a second access. SA advised that a number of issues and costs would need to be considered. John Harmer queried if any incentives were offered to companies to encourage them to find alternate routes for large vehicles. SA advised there were no such incentives available. 	
7. Recycling operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC reported that the first 6 months of the year had shown good results for recycling. CC reported that participation in the plastic bottle and cardboard collection scheme was good and as per national trends had led to an increase demand for additional black boxes. CC advised that Purton HRC maintains a recycling rate of above 80% CC advised that signage was being installed at HRCs to remind users that the sites are for the use of Wiltshire residents only and this is particularly significant for Purton as Swindon residents will be turned away. 	
9. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Bell reported that the Ridgeway Farm and Tadpole Lane developments had both received planning permission Hills advised that committee members would be offered an opportunity to tour the new MBT plant in the new year – email would be sent with details 	
10. Date of next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 June at 4pm.	HILLS