



Purton Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at The Village Hall on 5 June 2014.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council

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

Cricklade Town Council

John Coole (JC)

Braydon Parish

Debbie Goodman (DG)

Wiltshire Council

Dean Thomas (DT)
Jacqui Lay (JL)

The Environment Agency

Neil Martin

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF)
Henry Newbery (HN)
Ed Dodd (ED)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

	Action
Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies received from Monique Hayes, Simon Allen and Mark Clarke.	
1. Minutes of the previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were taken as correct.	
2. Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BF reported that there were no operational issues at the site and that landfill volumes remained below permitted levels. <p>There were no questions from the committee.</p>	
4. Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BF reported on the green waste tonnages being processed at the site and stated that volumes were high due to the time of year and recent weather conditions.BF explained about the operational issues experienced on site earlier in the year due to the excessively wet weather. BF stated that this had resulted in an increase in leachate tankered offsite to Chapel Farm. ED confirmed that despite the plans for Chapel Farm landfill to close that the site's leachate treatment facility would remain operational. ED stated that there were other options for leachate treatment offsite, but a facility at Parkgate may be	

<p>considered in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL stated that she was aware of two odour complaints and asked if there had been any others. • BF stated that he was only aware of the two complaints referred to by JL and reminded the committee the importance of reporting any issues as soon as possible to allow proper investigation of the potential source. • NM stated that the EA had received two complaints so far this year direct from residents, with 2 further complaints passed via the County Councillor. • ED gave details of procedures to mitigate against odour arising from both the transport of bulked compost from Lower Compton and whilst treating material on site. The matter was discussed. • Following a question from JL, NM confirmed that the EA did not regulate odour from the local sewage works and that if this site was identified as a potential source of odour then this would normally be investigated by the environmental health department within the local authority. 	
<p>5. Planning applications</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED confirmed that the planning application submitted on 24 June 2013 had gone to appeal for non-determination and that the Planning Inspectorate had visited the site earlier in the week. Hills to advise committee members when the outcome of the appeal is known. The application was discussed. GG and JC both stated that their respective Parish Council's had a preference for an alternative site entrance being established for the compost operations. The matter was discussed. • ED confirmed that the application to make the HRC permanent had been approved. The committee asked what would happen to the HRC if Hills were not successful in retaining the Wiltshire contract. ED stated that should this arise it would be subject to negotiation with the new contractor. ED stated that as it was now in the public domain that Wiltshire had delayed the tender process and extended the current contract for an additional year until August 2017. 	<p>HILLS</p>
<p>7. Recycling operations update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HN reported that the recycling rate at Purton HRC for 2013/14 was 78% and for the period since 80%. The lack of public recycling centres in Swindon and problems created since the council introduced charging for green waste collection was discussed. HN confirmed that checks were carried out by staff on site if visitors to the site were not believed to be local residents. • HN stated that the main change in service had been the decision by the Council to close mini recycling sites. HN explained that this was due to the success of the kerbside service and pointed to the figures in the report showing the decline in volumes collected via the bring site scheme. • HN gave details of the initiative with Devizes Textiles to support Wiltshire Air-ambulance with £25 for every tonne of clothing donated through Wiltshire HRCs and the kerbside collection service. AH to provide JL with details to circulate in the Parish magazine. • HN was asked to explain the reject rates at Porte Marsh and confirmed that this related to lower quality and contaminated plastics collected from kerbside and that the company was exploring options to process this as fuel for energy from waste plants. • TP asked about obtaining replacement kerbside boxes and lids. Hills to provide contact details for residents to order replacements. 	<p>AH</p> <p>HILLS</p>
<p>9. Any other business</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lorry routes</u> – BF and ED confirmed that Hills had a “three strikes and out” policy for drivers that contravened site rules or used lorry routes to the site through Purton village. BF stated that residents should phone the weighbridge (01793 773410) with the registration number of any lorry travelling through the village they believed to be visiting the site and Hills would take appropriate action. 	

<p>GG requested that JL confirm whether Wiltshire refuse lorries had permission to travel through the village if not servicing the village. GG raised concern with lorry delivery routes to and from the Homes development at Battlewell. AH to ask Homes division to contact GG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Intouch</u> – JL and JC requested respectively that copies be sent to Purton and Cricklade library. • <u>British Legion</u> - RH thanked Hills for their continued support of the Purton branch of the British Legion and sponsorship of the horticultural show later in the year. 	<p>JL AH AH</p>
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 December 2014 at 4pm.</p>	<p>HILLS</p>