



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held on Microsoft Teams on 17 June 2021 at 16.00.

**PRESENT**

**Wiltshire Council**

Jacqui Lay (JL)

Amy Williams, Waste Officer (AW)

**Purton Parish Council**

Cllr Matthew Knowles (MK)

**Hills Waste Solutions Limited**

Simon Allen (SA)

David Byatt (DB)

**The Hills Group Limited**

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
<b>Apologies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Bob Jones, Neil Martin (Environment Agency), Cricklade Town Council</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved</li> </ul>	
<b>Parkgate Farm landfill operations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SA reported that over the previous 12 months circa 32,000 tonnes of material had been received into the site and that Cell 6 was now operational</li> <li>Members confirmed that no complaints had been raised by local residents in relation to the site.</li> <li>Cllr Knowles enquired as the types of waste that can be tipped on site, SA confirmed that the site has an Environmental Permit issued by the Environment Agency which specifies the waste that can be accepted and any mitigation measures to be used to reduce any environmental impacts. The Environment Agency can issue enforcement if the permit is not complied with.</li> </ul>	
<b>Composting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB reported that circa 38,000 tonnes of material had been received and 14,000 tonnes was exported from the site.</li> <li>DB stated that no complaints regarding odours had been received from the site and reminded members of the process in place for any such complaints, and that the sooner they are reported to site the quicker they can be investigated. Complaints can also be made to the Environment Agency, however these take some time to reach the site making it difficult to establish any potential source.</li> <li>JL confirmed that Hills respond quickly to any complaints.</li> <li>SA advised that garden waste can be in bins for up to two weeks before being brought to site at Lower Compton for transfer to Parkgate Farm and explained that procedures are in place to undertake this transfer as soon as possible to reduce odours. In addition, trailers are sheeted to suppress odours during transport.</li> </ul>	
<b>Planning applications</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SA advised that the planning permissions for both landfill sites expire in 2024 and it is the company's intention to submit planning applications to extend the date</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SA gave details on a proposal for a solar farm on a section of the restored landfill at Purton. Leaflets with further information would be distributed in the local area (1km around the site).</li> <li>• SA confirmed that Hills continues to be responsible for monitoring the restored landfill area and a CQA plan has been submitted to the Environment Agency.</li> <li>• JL enquired about any community benefit from the scheme and commented that solar farms do change the impression of the landscape.</li> </ul>	
<b>Recycling update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SA advised that the online booking system remained in place</li> <li>• SA advised that volumes of material was circa 85% of usual tonnages.</li> <li>• SA stated that the feedback has been positive on the booking systems in place, Cllr Knowles echoed this and complimented the site on its efficiency and friendly staff.</li> <li>• SA reported that overall the public had responded well to the restrictions in place (due to COVID-19) and that it had been easier to limit visits to the site from residents outside of Wiltshire due to the booking system.</li> <li>• SA advised that it was not down to Hills as to whether the booking system would remain in place as the decision rests with Wiltshire Council.</li> </ul>	
<b>Any other business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visit to be arranged for Cllr Knowles and others from Purton Parish Council, Cricklade Town Council and members of the Area Board if interested.</li> </ul>	Hayes / Byatt
<b>Next meeting</b>	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 December 2021 at 16.00.	