



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held at Purton Village Hall on 5 December 2019.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council

Ray Thomas (RT)

Cricklade Town Council

Chris Hodgson (CH)

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay (JL)

Braydon Parish

Emma Brook (EB)

Debbie Goodman (DG)

The Environment Agency

No attendee (apology received)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Simon Allen (SA)

Henry Newbery (HN)

David Byatt (DB)

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Agency - An EA representative will only attend if there is an issue to discuss regarding the regulation of the site or amenity issues 	
Minutes of previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved 	
Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BF reported that 17,305 tonnes of material had been received into the landfill since the last meeting. BF advised that tonnages are below expectations and could be as a result of a slight decline in the construction / demolition industries. Members confirmed that no complaints had been raised by local residents in relation to the site. 	
Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BF reported that 17,664 tonnes of green waste had been received on site since the last meeting and 6,632 tonnes had left the site as compost. BF advised that the HGVs transporting green waste would generally come through Chelworth Industrial estate and some through Cricklade. BF advised that 9,366 tonnes of contaminated water / leachate had also been removed from the site for further treatment at specialist facilities. Whilst this is an ongoing process and leachate production is cyclical, the particularly wet weather had seen an increase in tonnage. SA advised that some of the leachate is sent to Chapel Farm to be treated at Hills leachate treatment plant, and the rest is sent to other contractors. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA advised that a contract had been signed with Cotswold District Council (CDC) to receive 10,000 tonnes per year of green waste. CH enquired about vehicle routing and SA advised that the contract is with CDC and they were responsible for the vehicles or contractors delivering the material to Hills site. JL suggested CH speak to CDC to enquire about a possible routeing plan. SA confirmed that the increased tonnage is within Hills planning permission for 50,000 tonnes per year. 	
Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA advised that the planning permission for the landfill site expires in 2024 and it is the company's intention to submit planning application to extend the date CH enquired about any potential planning application being made for the track that ran across the back of the site as a possible alternative transport route. SA confirmed that Hills had looked into this option a while back but that it was not viable in terms of cost and was not pursued. SA advised that Hills have a lease agreement with Network Rail until 2038 CH questioned the 'green credentials' of transporting green waste through a town like Cricklade. JL explained that delays in granting planning permission at Lower Compton had resulted in this situation. 	
Recycling update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HN advised that on average 400 tonnes of material is brought to Purton HRC each month of which 15%-16% is not suitable for recycling or energy from waste and has to be landfilled. HN confirmed that Hills is in discussion with Wiltshire Council about increasing reuse on site. However, there are no plans for a 'swop-shop' type operation at the HRC due to space and resource restrictions. EB reported witnessing site employees allowing members of public to place recyclable items into waste containers. HN advised that this was unusual as staff are incentivised according to the recycling rate and they do what they can on site to assist, but the issue is down to educating members of the public about reuse and recycling. EB asked if identification was always checked when public attended the site, and HN confirmed that checks are done periodically using a 'checking and advising' method as opposed to Swindon BC that does not allow use of their site without proof of ID. JL advised that the biggest issue is a van and trailer as they are not permitted without a permit. HN explained that site staff will always check any van that is marked as a commercial vehicle as we are required to enforce the Council's policy. 	
Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JL reported that Wiltshire Council is being lobbied to offer separate food waste collections JL advised that Wiltshire Council has adopted a 'Climate Emergency' and appointed a working task group. JL highlighted a local company that is using plastics to create a fuel and HN confirmed that Hills had sent a trial load of material to the plant. 	HILLS
Next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 June 2020 at the Purton Village Hall at 16.00	