



Present:

Purton Parish Council

Mike Bell, Chairman (MB)
Tony Price (TP)
Ron Harris (RH)

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay (JL)
Dean Thomas (DT)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Ed Dodd, Waste Operations Manager (ED)
Simon Allen, Landfill Operations Manager (SA)
Brian Fitzpatrick, Site Manager (BF)
Bob Tapp, Recycling Area Manager (BT)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes, group communications officer (MH)

Apologies:

Richard Pagett, Purton Ps and Qs

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| 1. | <p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p><u>Trespassing - Parkgate Farm</u> MH confirmed that an article had been provided to Purton magazine and this was published in the October edition. JL to provide MH with the contact details for the dog warden. BF to contact the dog warden if trespassing continues.</p> <p><u>Complaints and compliments</u> BT reported that in the past year a total of 30 complaints and 55 compliments had been received across all 11 HRCs and this figure was too low to express as a meaningful percentage.</p> | JL / MH / BF |
| 2. | <p>Parkgate Farm progress report</p> <p>BF reported that construction of the next hazardous waste cell was complete and waste is being accepted into the cell. BF reported that the construction of the concrete pad for compost operations is complete and compost would be produced from 9 January 2012. JL queried what would happen to liquid run-off from the pad and BF advised that this will be collected in underground storage tanks and taken off site to licensed treatment facilities.</p> <p>JL queried the route that vehicles will take to bring compost to the site and BF confirmed that this would be via the A419 and</p> | |

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| 3. | <p>Planning applications</p> <p>ED advised that the current planning permission allowed for 25,000 tonnes of compost and 12,000 tonnes of tyre shredding to take place. ED advised that the tyre shredding will no longer take place and that Hills intend to make a planning application to increase the capacity of composting to accommodate the anticipated increase in green waste tonnages following the harmonisation of waste services by Wiltshire Council. The anticipated tonnage for such an application would be 50K tonnes per annum.</p> <p>In response to a question from JL, ED confirmed that all green waste collections in Wiltshire would be processed at Parkgate Farm but that Hills would continue to consider outlets in the south of the County</p> <p>ED advised that Parkgate Farm could be used in the future as a potential treatment facility / plant to service the North Wiltshire area. JL confirmed that Parkgate Farm had been identified as a strategic waste site in the Waste Site Allocation Development Plan.</p> <p>ED outlined that in addition to an increase in green waste tonnages, Hills are still reviewing a potential access the site from Lower Pavenhill. Whether the two issues could be part of a single planning application or separate, is at this stage undecided. ED stated that it was not Hills intention to increase tonnages overall for the site beyond the existing permissions. How this could be achieved would require dialogue with planning experts and the planning authority.</p> <p>In response to a statement by MB that the Braydon crossroads would be an issue ED confirmed that this would need to be considered as part of any application.</p> <p>JL enquired if waste could be brought to the site by rail and ED replied that the high cost of a rail siding would be prohibitive.</p> <p>JL confirmed she had received a letter from Cherhill Parish Council outlining objections to Hills Lower Compton planning application a copy of which she passed onto Purton Parish Council for information. ED updated the committee on the details of the planning application and confirmed that the committee would be kept updated on developments.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Recycling update</p> <p>BT reported that tonnages into HRCs had dropped.</p> <p>In response to a query as to how the new cardboard and plastics household collection was affecting tonnages into HRCs BT confirmed that plastics were still being accepted for the time</p> | |

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| | <p>being and that it is anticipated that rigid plastic would be collected at HRCs from April 2012.</p> <p>JL enquired whether Hills would consider a facility to remove furniture items from materials deposited at HRCs. ED stated that the current contract with Wiltshire did not allow for this, but that there were a number of other charities and organisations that accepted such items and it was up to the public to make use of these services.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Purton Parish Plan</u> MB advised that Purton was in the process of developing a parish plan and stated that input from Hills would be much appreciated. JL to provide MH with relevant contact details.</p> <p><u>Chapel Farm</u> MB enquired when this facility would close and ED advised that the proposed date was 2016. ED advised that Hills had been given an opportunity to provide comment on the housing development at Tadpole Farm in relation to traffic movements and access. ED confirmed that Hills is not involved in the Tadpole housing development and that the company is only a neighbour and tenant of Swindon Borough Council.</p> <p><u>Additional meetings</u> In response to a request from Richard Pagett the committee declined to increase the frequency of meetings however agreed that extra meetings would be called if considered necessary to consider planning applications.</p> <p><u>Amendment to minutes</u> Richard Pagett sent in a written request to amend the minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2010 to record his apology which had been omitted. Agreed to make this amendment.</p> <p><u>Landfill Community Funding</u> TP thanked Hills for the funding via Community First which funded the renovations to the village hall kitchen area. TP advised that further funding was required for renovations to the toilet facilities.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Next meeting It was agreed that all future meetings would be held at the Purton Village Hall and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 June at 4pm.</p> | |

