



Hills Community Liaison Committee - Chapel Farm

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Blunsdon Village Hall on Thursday 16 September 2010

PRESENT

Blunsdon St Andrew Parish Council

Councillor Stuart Boyd
Councillor Michael Compton

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Ed Dodd, Disposal Team Manager
Simon Allen, Site Manager

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes, Communications Officer

Apologies

Councillor Doreen Dart, Swindon Borough Council
Jon Woodcock, Environment Agency

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and there were no outstanding actions. Ed Dodd introduced Simon Allen, the new site manager at chapel Farm Monique Hayes was requested to send relevant Hills' staff contact details to all committee members Cllr Boyd thanked Hills for the donation of compost and gravel to create a garden at the entrance to Blunsdon 	MH
MATTERS ARISING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors Compton and Boyd raised concerns over vehicles exceeding the speed limit through Blunsdon and advised that this was not specifically Hills' vehicles but other vehicles using the site. Ed Dodd confirmed that the company followed a disciplinary procedure for Hills drivers found to be speeding. Simon Allen agreed to place signage within the site to remind all drivers using the site of the speed restrictions Ed Dodd to refer the matter to Hills' Compliance Manager 	SA ED



SITE OPERATIONS AND RECYCLING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Dodd advised that tipping into Cell 21a will end in the next few weeks with capping taking place next summer when Cell 22 is engineered. • Ed Dodd advised that engineering work on Cell 21b is complete. • Ed Dodd reported that the mechanical skip sorting area is achieving a recycling rate of 81%. • Ed Dodd advised that recycled wood is chipped and sent to Germany for use as fuel until a UK market can be found • Ed Dodd advised that due to the dry summer months the volume of landfill gas had dropped resulting in only four of the five gas extraction engines being in operation • Ed Dodd confirmed that over the past six months no complaints had been received regarding the site 	
LITTER	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors Compton and Boyd reported an increase in litter on verges but stated that this was not necessarily from Hills' operations • Ed Dodd confirmed that litter on access roads to the site was cleared regularly and any problems should be reported to the site manager 	
NEXT MEETING	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 March at 6.00pm in the Blunsdon Village Hall.	ALL