



Minutes of the Barton Court liaison committee meeting held at The Dundas Arms, Kintbury, on 29 March 2023.

Present

Kintbury Parish Council

Cllr Richard Smalley (RS)

West Berkshire Council

Elize Kinderman - Team Leader, Minerals and Waste (EK)

Cllr James Cole (JC)

Environment Agency

No representative

Barton Court Estate

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Garry Johnson (GJ)

The Hills Group

Monique Hayes

1.	Apologies	
	None received	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted	
3.	New committee member	
	RS was introduced as the new representative from Kintbury Parish Council. GJ gave a brief overview of the history of the site.	
3.	Update on site activities	
	<u>Aftercare</u> GJ advised that the site is in aftercare for a period of five years which commenced on 27 November 2019 and ends in November 2024. . GJ advised that aftercare covers planting, hedges, weed control and the last update was sent to West Berks planning officer in September 2022. EK enquired about the wildflower planting, GJ confirmed this was undertaken a few years ago in consultation with Berkshire Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire Wildlife Trusts (BBOWT). EK and GJ, together with representative from BBWOT are to meet on site in the summer to check on wildflower progress. RS asked who owned the Barton Court Estate and if they were aware of the aftercare plans. GJ advised that obligations in terms of monitoring remain with Hills as specified in the Environmental Permit.	

	<p>RS explained that a local Ramblers Association is looking to get footpaths on the land opened as the previous owner of the land allowed access but these are not permissive paths. EK advised that there were no permissive paths identified on the aftercare plan.</p> <p>EK advised that part of the process of discharging the planning conditions in the aftercare plan, would be to undertake a site visit. The landowners should be aware of the planning conditions but they do not need to be involved as the responsibility rests with Hills to get the conditions discharged.</p> <p>GJ advised that Hills will make contact with the owners to advise that discharge of planning conditions is being sought.</p> <p>EK enquired if there had been any drainage issues. GJ advised that no such issues had been experienced as BC1 perimeter ditches and fishing pond are natural drainage and the land is slightly dome formed to allow for run off.</p> <p>EK requested a site visit during the summer months to check on the wildflower meadows and if there is any other potential work that may be required in the lead up to the end of the aftercare period. GJ agreed.</p> <p><u>Monitoring</u></p> <p>GJ advised that raised levels of chloride had been detected in the off-site borehole adjacent to the Kintbury Road (BC1) however these still remained within the permitted levels. GJ confirmed that all monitoring results are reported to the Environment Agency and it is not believed to be coming from the landfill. GJ advised that a consultant is to be appointed to investigate the issue further.</p> <p>GJ advised that historical CO2 issues on BC2 are now under control and Hills are in the process of agreeing a gas management plan with the EA.</p> <p>GJ advised that it is Hills intention to surrender the Environmental Permit but is dependant on the consultants findings and any such an application would need to include evidence of satisfactory historic monitoring data and agreement with the Environment Agency (EA).</p> <p>JC asked if the boreholes are near any footpaths and if this was a risk. GJ advised that there is no landfill gas as it is an inert landfill. The only risk would be a walker stumbling over a monitoring point.</p>	
5.	Any other business	
	There was no other business.	
6.	Next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held following the site visit in the summer 2023 – exact date to be advised.	