



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 16 March at 18.00.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak (PS)

Calne Without Parish Council

Doug Price (DP)

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

Calne Town Council

Robert MacNaughton (RM)

Wiltshire Council

Jo Emery (JE)

Cllr Tom Rounds (TR)

Cllr Tony Trotman (TT)

Environment Agency

Alister Wintle (AW)

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Monique Hayes (MH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Peter Barnett, Charles Rees, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney	
2. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes approvedSB gave a brief updated on the strike action and praised support received from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police	
3. Update on planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Freeth Farm – SB advised that a copy of the planning conditions had been received and that Hills is considering its position in relation to these and cost implicationsRM enquired what the conditions are, SB stated these related to covering the conveyor and moving extraction area away from certain residential dwellings	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
SA gave a brief update as follows: <u>Complaints / compliments</u> December 2021 – none	

<p>January 2022 - 1x lighting on the landfill on after operational hours – lighting repositioned and timer altered February 2022 – none March 2022 – none to date</p> <p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The filling of cell 26c started 8/2/22 (the cell was constructed during the summer of '21) • Tipping was swapped from C26b in order to place waste in C26c to stabilise the northern clay wall that was constructed, due to pressure from groundwater behind it (which is currently being managed by the use of automatic pumps behind the clay wall). • Regrading works are being undertaken on C26b, to allow for the placing of the regulation layer prior to capping on areas that are up to final level. It is anticipated that this area will receive a cap and have additional gas wells installed during the summer of '22. • Following the recent 3 back-to-back storms, repair work is required to the litter netting and litter pickers have been employed both on and of site where required. • Wheel wash is working. SB explained that the wheel wash is a planning condition and that sometimes in very weather it results in a watered down material being spread further. • Operations have continued as normal through the Covid pandemic. Measures are being employed on site and continue to do so, with one member of site staff being tested positive for the virus. Initially tonnages reduced with a decline in commercial waste, but levels have returned to normal. • Plasterboard – continues to be exported to a third party reprocessor • Skip Sorting – ongoing with the removal of hardcore, wood and metals. The screening of sorted waste is also being undertaken to remove fine prior to landfilling waste. • Street Sweepings – Export to a third party reprocessor in Bournemouth is ongoing and tonnages exported are being varied dependant on tonnages on site. <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TT stated that it does not appear the street sweeper is being used as much as before at Lower Compton area – SB to investigate and report back. • RM noted that there was a large amount of litter against the litter fencing at the back of the site / Low Lane area in Nov/Dec. SB stated that the litter fencing is there to catch the windblown litter and the situation should have improved following litter picking after the strong winds and the priority is to collect outside of the boundary. 	
<p>5. Garden waste and woodchipping update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood C-grade wood continues to be exported to reprocessors, with tonnages being accepted into site being reduced due to current issues with wood reprocessing in the country and shredded A-grade wood is being shredded and sent to a customer in south Wales • Garden waste – stock levels have been maintained throughout winter, with regular transfers taking place to Parkgate Farm 	
<p>6. Aggregate and concrete operations update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that no quarrying operations are taking place at the site currently • SB advised that concrete operations are running normally 	
<p>7. Transport</p>	
<p><u>Traffic Management Plan</u> An update was provided with 4 reports since the last meeting:</p>	

<p>One in Dec 2021 – this was withdrawn as vehicle was collecting material from a farm in Compton Bassett village after delivery to Lower Compton site. PS advised that the parish council had made contact with the contractor who has undertaken to access via the other end of the village in future.</p> <p>One in Jan 2022 – upheld and driver issued with six week ban</p> <p>One in Feb 2022 – upheld and driver issued with six week ban</p> <p>One in March 2022 – will be investigated, however the CTMP was temporarily suspended during industrial action so no action planned.</p>	
<p>8. Any other business</p>	
<p><u>Wessex Water plant / HGV movements</u> TT noted that there had been additional HGV movements to the sewerage and asked if that could have had an affect on the efficiency of the road sweeper (see above). SB explained that Hills has no control over the vehicles visiting the sewerage plant, but that the road sweeper should pick up the debris on the road. SB explained that the wheel wash at Lower Compton is a planning condition and that sometimes in very wet weather it can result in a watered down material being spread further.</p> <p>SB shared details of a new gate which has been installed at the entrance to the track leading to the Wessex Water plant from the mini roundabout at Lower Compton following complaints of anti-social behaviour from residents. Committee members were advised to continue to report any antisocial activities in this area, including the NAAFI and woodland, directly to the Police via 111, or if deemed an emergency on 999, and members requested to also report to Hills so that issues can be followed up.</p> <p><u>Lighting at Sands Farm MRF</u> SB confirmed that Hills' Facilities Manager has arranged contractor to fit sensors on the lights on the back end of the building which should help to reduce permanent visibility of lights from residential buildings. SB advised that on checking with Hills' insurers, they require that the other lighting around the building remains permanently on during the night.</p> <p><u>Sustrans cycle route / Sustainable Calne</u> MH gave details of an email received from a Sustainable Calne representative regarding maintenance of the Sustrans cycle route behind Hills's site. Agreed that this will be referred to RM to take up with the correspondent. TT asked if the Sustrans route goes across Hills land and SB advised that part of it does, with some on the land owned by Viridor. SB to investigate and liaise with RM.</p> <p><u>Height of restored landfill</u> PS enquired about the final height of the restored landfill section along left hand side of the road leading to Compton Bassett village as it appeared higher than the original land form. SB explained that restoration is initially done at 20% overfill and that over the next 4/5 years it will reduce significantly as it settles, and then more gradually over extended period of time. SB undertook to ask the landfill manager and engineer to look at the survey drawings to ensure the height is correct as planned.</p> <p><u>Site visit</u> SB asked for reminder to be extended to S Pearce- Kearney on offer of a site visit</p>	
<p>9. Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting is scheduled for 28 June 2022 at 18:00</p>	<p>ALL</p>