

Purton Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at Purton Village Hall on 7 December 2017.

PRESENT

Purton Parish Council No attendees (apology received)

Cricklade Town Council Chris Hodgson (CH)

Wiltshire Council Jacqui Lay (JL)

Braydon Parish No attendees

The Environment Agency

No attendee (apology received)

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Brian Fitzpatrick (BF) Simon Allen (SA) Henry Newbery (HN)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

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Apologies	
Apologies received from : Neil Martin (Env. Agency), Monique Hayes (Hills) and Cllr Ray Thomas.	
SA stated that as a matter of policy that the Env Agency would only attend meetings going forward if they were responding to a material non-compliance or were taking action against a substantiated public complaint.	
1. Minutes of the previous meeting	
 Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were taken as correct and approved. 	
• AH reported that Hills had made contact with the Wroughton Safety Centre, but after investigation that it was not felt to be the right forum for the company's cycle safe programme.	
2. Meeting chairperson	
In the absence of Geoff Greenaway JL acted as the chairperson.	
3. Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
 BF advised that cell 3 had now been capped and tipping had commenced in cell 4 and that tonnages of 27,000 had been tipped in the financial year to date. SA reminded the meeting that the site permit now allowed hazardous and asbestos waste to be tipped into the same cell. 	
 JL raised concerns about the muddy conditions of the local roads. BF advised that the internal roads within the site and along Mopes Lane were regularly swept by a commercial road sweeper and the problem was more likely related 	

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 BF reported on green waste tonnages to the site of 22,000 tonnes since beginning of the financial year. 	
5. Planning applications	
 SA advised that the appeal decision on the Lower Compton Planning application in favour of Hills was being challenged in the High Court by the Wiltshire Waste Alliance. As a result the planning application to make the composting operations at Parkgate Farm permanent and to increase the site composting throughput to 50,000 tonnes per year remained on hold. Details of the Parkgate Farm application were discussed and SA confirmed the current permitted volumes at the site. SA explained that the current volumes treated at the site were significantly below that permitted and as a result vehicle movements were at a corresponding reduced activity. SA advised that the proposal to develop a second site access road via Ridgeway would no longer be pursued by the company and that option to trigger the lease break on the rail bridge had not been activated. 	
6. Recycling operations update	
 A report on Wiltshire's waste and recycling contract (Quarter 2, Jul-Sep 2017) was circulated. HN advised that from 2 October the management of the 9 council owned HRC sites had transferred to FCC. HN updated the meeting on the handover procedure of the sites to FCC and confirmed that Hills retained management of the two Honeyball (Calne) and Purton HRCs. HN advised that new machinery will be installed at the Purton HRC in advance of the new contract commencing on 1st August 2018. Any work required at the site will be scheduled for days the site is closed to minimise disruption to the public. CH asked if the change in HRC opening hours and introduction of trader permits had seen a rise in fly tipping in the county. JL advised that the Council were investigating the matter and looking at a cost impact of the new controls. 	
7. Any other business	
 BF thanked JL for providing the company with advance details of proposed road closures and diversions in the area as this helped with planning routes and allowed the company to pass details on to customers ahead of closures. CH thanked Hills for the provision of aggregate material to resurface the Fairview Fields carpark. AH advised that the company had made a donation of £500 towards the Purton and District Age Concern minibus fund and also provided free treatment of green waste generated from clearing Dance Common. CH advised that Cricklade Town Council would be undertaking traffic surveys in the coming weeks looking at vehicle numbers and speed checks. JL enquired about a pipe that was discharging from the paddock off Mopes Lane into the roadside ditch. BF confirmed that this was surface water drainage. 	
8. Date of next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 June 2018 at 16:00.	HILLS