



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held via Teams on 18 October 2023 at 18.00.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

No representative

Calne Without Parish Council

Cllr Doug Price

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton (DG)

Calne Town Council

Robert MacNaughton (RM)

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

No representative

Wiltshire Council

No representative

Environment Agency

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Karen Hodder (KH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Cllr Tony Trotman	
2. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes approved.	
3. Update on planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No further update at the moment. Looking at the potential to install solar panels at Lower Compton and Sands Farm on land that is underutilised.	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	
SB gave a brief update as follows: <u>Complaints/Compliments (since last meeting):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 complaint under investigation since last meeting in June. <u>Landfill:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Earthworks – best time to get this completed is in November.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipping waste into 26d early in 2024. • Now using stone rather than tyre belts for drainage blankets. • Permanent capping of 26b. Capping of 26c allows us to erect semi-permanent litter netting. Litter picking undertaken on site by agency staff. <p><u>Concrete Pad:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transfer Station building is currently being mainly used for the storage of DMR, for sorting at Sands Farm MRF. • Higher than expected downtime at the DMR at Sands Farm. • Storage for persistent organic pollutants (pops). For example, a standard 3 piece becomes hazardous when it leaves your home, it doesn't biodegrade in landfill and must be incinerated. • Pops from HRC and bulky kerbside is sent to Quedgeley for incineration. • Gloucestershire incinerators accept this material. • Shredding trial due to start in the next few weeks. 	
5. Garden waste and wood chipping update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green waste – No change to operations, with regular transfers taking place to PGF. • Green waste to Parkgate Farm, slightly higher levels due to the amount of garden waste. 	
6. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete operations running normally. • Sand washing plant remains mothballed until the outcome of the Freeth appeal have been considered. 	
6. Recycling update	
<p><u>Sands Farm DMR</u> SB confirmed there are continuing issues with the high levels of contamination within the comingled recyclate material collected from the kerbside and the impact this had on the performance of the DMR plant and operating downtime.</p> <p>SB highlighted contamination rates had previously been as high as 20% but had recently fallen to around 12% as the collection crews were now rejecting highly contaminated loads and following a recycling awareness campaign run by the Council.</p>	
7. Transport	
<p>No further update.</p>	
8. Any other business	
<p><u>Sustrans Route 403</u> Could this be widened by the parish council?</p> <p>Road signs on Spitfire Road have now been removed but they are being replaced with something else.</p> <p>Sainsburys have now removed their recycling facility as this is too expensive.</p>	

9. Date of next meeting	
Date to be confirmed – approx. Aril 2024.	ALL

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