



Lower Compton and Sands Farm Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held via Teams on 26 June 2024 at 18.00.

PRESENT

John Lewis (JL)

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

Jo Emery

Environment Agency

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Karen Hodder (KH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
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.	
4. Landfill operations and restoration works update	

<p>SB gave a brief update as follows</p> <p><u>Landfill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the recent fire at Lower Compton On Tuesday 11 June the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service handed back control to Hills Waste Solutions employees', who continued to apply inert material to the affected area. The Environment Agency attended the Lower Compton landfill site on Wednesday 12 June and were satisfied with all actions taken and allowed site staff to fully open the site. May '23 - 1 x odour complaint relating to landfill activities investigated but unsubstantiated to site operations. <p>No personal injury or damage to property has resulted from the incident. The cause of the fire has not been established.</p> <p>Can understand there are fires but from a local community perspective there is lot of acrid smoke on the Monday. The residents are fed up as it is the third fire since 2022.</p> <p>There is a lot of traffic on Lower Compton not securing their loads properly. Blue plastic waste is shredded on our pathway and surgical gloves.</p> <p>Steve said he would pick this up with Simon Allen and Neil Pollard to ensure that the bins do not leak.</p> <p>The amount of plastic coming out of the back of the trucks at Beckhampton roundabout – enforcement is needed.</p> <p>Jo would check the current actions on the cleaning of the A350 and A4 roads.</p> <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 MRF 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 safely and must be incinerated. Pops from HRC and bulky kerbside is sent to Quedgeley for incineration. <p>Shredding trial due to start in the next few weeks. This will aim to shred bulky waste from HRCs and kerbside collections and make it suitable for the landfill diversion contracts.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>SB</p>
<p>5. Garden waste and wood chipping update</p>	
<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. 	
<p>6. Aggregate and concrete operations update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update on operational plans for Freeth Farm. Currently not meeting the demand for soft sand from within Wiltshire. 	
<p>7. Recycling update</p>	
<p><u>Sands Farm DMR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an improvement in the level of contaminated material. Currently at 8% - previously this has been as high as 20%. Collection crews were now rejecting highly contaminated loads and following a recycling awareness campaign run by Wiltshire Council. 	

8. Transport	
No further update.	
9. 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>Sainsbury's have now removed their recycling facility as this is too expensive. SB explained that Hills were not able to provide alternative facilities to those previously provided by Sainsbury's/Pal recycling.</p>	
10. Date of next meeting	
Date to be confirmed – approx.. December 2024.	ALL

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