



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held at Purton Village Hall on 16 June 2022 at 16.00.

**PRESENT**

**Wiltshire Council**

Jacqui Lay (JL)  
Cllr Bob Jones (BJ) & Cricklade Town Council

**Purton Parish Council**

Cllr Geoff Greenaway (GG)

**Hills Waste Solutions Limited**

Simon Allen (SA)  
David Byatt (DB)

**The Hills Group Limited**

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
<b>Apologies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None received</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved</li> </ul>	
<b>Parkgate Farm landfill operations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB reported that :               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14,000 tonnes of material had been received in the last 6 months</li> <li>2,700 tonnes of leachate had been removed from the site (105 loads)</li> <li>23,000 tonnes of clay had been removed from site</li> </ul> </li> <li>SA stated that clay extraction will resume on 20 June, but unable to confirm exact tonnages to be removed as material is not sourced solely from Hills. SA confirmed that loads are 20 tonnes per vehicle.</li> <li>JL to share details of the online link to track road closures</li> <li>SA and DB requested that reports of vehicles on contravention of road restrictions are made directly to site management so that these can be addressed</li> <li>BJ reported that vehicles from Windsor are parking up in Cricklade. SA to address the matter with the company.</li> </ul>	J Lay
<b>Composting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB reported that 17,093 tonnes of material had been received and 8,240 tonnes was exported from the site. Compost leachate removed from site was 2,799 tonnes (107 loads)</li> <li>DB stated that the majority of the vehicles transporting green waste come through Chelworth and the material from Gloucestershire comes through Cricklade.</li> <li>BJ reported complaints of vehicles speeding through Chelworth and asked if tachographs can be checked. SA to speak to the contractors.</li> <li>SA advised that compost is now being sold in bags again</li> </ul>	Hills
<b>Planning applications</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar Farm on Purton landfill – SA advised that this is being fronted by a private company and not Hills. Hills does support the application as we believe it to be a good use of the closed landfill area. The planning application has been submitted.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SA advised that the planning permissions for both landfill sites expire in 2024 and planning applications are being submitted to extend the date to 2042. SA confirmed that there will be no increase in tonnages or vehicle movements sought and the planning application will be to extend the permission only.</li> </ul>	
<b>Recycling update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SA advised that 1,562 tonnes of material had been received at Purton HRC since January 2022.</li> <li>SA advised that monitoring of vehicle numbers had restarted and circa 8,000 vehicles visit the site each month. SA to advise on how this compares to pre-COVID figures</li> <li>SA confirmed that site users are being checked to ensure they are Wiltshire residents</li> <li>SA advised that a customer satisfaction survey had been undertaken at HRCs and results are awaited. BJ stated that staff at the Purton HRC are excellent and SA advised that two compliments had been received about the staff there.</li> <li>JL asked where textiles collected at kerbside go. SA advised that these were generally found to be low-quality material and this is sent to energy from waste facility or the MBT plant. SA advised that good quality items should be taken to a household recycling centre.</li> <li>GG stated that there is confusion regarding plastics recycling and what items can or cannot be recycled. SA advised that is being discussed with Wiltshire Council and also the requirements of the Environment Act will bring more consistency to materials collected, also that separate food waste collection is likely to go ahead at some point in the future.</li> <li>GG asked what percentage of recycling is rejected. SA gave rough estimate of 17% rejection rate which he stated is too high and is influenced by what residents put in their bins.. SA stated that we estimate that circa 10% improvement could be achieved by a change in behaviour on items placed in wrong bins</li> <li>GG stated that as black plastic was not able to be recycled in Wiltshire, could a separate bin be placed at HRC to collect this material for disposal and help stop people placing it in recycling bins. SA advised that we review all possible recycling / disposal options with Wiltshire Council on a regular basis and can raise this with them.</li> </ul>	Hills
<b>Any other business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SA shared details of a third party trailer which caught fire on site and confirmed the vehicle is now permanently removed from site . MH confirmed that advice note had been emailed to the liaison committee when the incident occurred.</li> <li>BJ enquired about community funding – MH to provide details</li> <li>BJ requested if a site tour could be conducted for members of the Area Board. SA confirmed this can be arranged, details to be provided by BJ to SA and DB.</li> </ul>	Hills B Jones
<b>Next meeting</b>	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 December at 16.00.	