



HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014

Attendees: Cllr Jean Teesdale (JT) - Chair
 Gurbaksh Badhan (GB) - BCC
 Richard Jenkins (RJ) - BCC
 Chas Farmer (CF) - Resident
 Lorna Parkin (LP) – Marlow Bottom Parish Council
 Geoff Edwards (GE) – Resident
 Malcolm Blanksby (MB) - Resident
 Hedley Luxton (HL) - Booker Common & Woods Protection Society
 Jenny France (JF) – Resident and Gt Marlow Parish Council
 Julian Smith (JS) - Wycombe District Council
 Charlie Trousdell (CT) – Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (CRL)
 Alan Bulpin (AB) – FCC Environment
 Bev Birthwright (BB) - BCC

Apologies: Harrie Cooke
 Matt Rice - EA
 Neil Martin - EA

	Actions
1. Introductions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT informed the Committee that MR from the EA had originally intended to attend today's meeting but due to the current flooding situation was now unable to attend. • JT informed the Committee that BB would be retiring from BCC at the end of February and introduced Alison Derrick who would be taking over as the Administrator for this Committee. Alison's contact details were: aderrick@bcc.gov.uk telephone: 01296 383482. • JT passed on the thanks of the Committee to BB. 	
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15 October 2013)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correct email address and telephone number for the EA incident hotline is: Incident_communication_service@environment-agency.gov.uk Report an incident on 0800 80 70 60 (Freephone, 24 hour service) • Item 4, page 3: The maximum dimensions of the building should read 62 x 39 x 11.85m 	

<p>3. Current High Heavens Site Update (CT/GB)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of 2013, Countrystyle had taken over management of High Heavens Biowaste bulking facility. The site is used for bulking of food and green waste. The food waste is bulked and transferred to an anaerobic digestion plant operated by Agrivert. • CT confirmed that an odour management plan had been agreed with the EA. • The former site treatment site (bays) have been cleaned and sterilised. Countrystyle are in negotiation with the EA for the transfer of the Permit to them. 	
<p>Questions and Answers</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF asked if Countrystyle would be dismantling the buildings. GB said that the forward plan for the compost site was under consideration by BCC. When it is clear the direction things are heading and if there are any impacts on the site this would be communicated to the Committee members. • HL asked if the kitchen waste collection was considered viable and that he personally composted most of his kitchen waste. JT said that there were approximately 220,000 households in the area and not everyone home composted. MB said that the food waste collection reduced the risk of aromas in the house and maggots in the general waste bin in hot weather. • JT said that there had been reports of the bin men throwing the food waste bins. JT asked that if any members of the public saw this happening it should be reported to the District Council. JS said that this should be done on the same day where possible as the District Waste team would be able to determine which rounds people were responsible and deal with it. Contact details for the joint client team (Wycombe and Chiltern) are provided below: waste team on 01494 586 550 or wasteteam@chiltern.gov.uk • GE asked if methane gas was still monitored and extracted from the old landfill site. GB confirmed that the methane was still extracted and converted but the production of the gas was in decline. 	
<p>4. EA Update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As mentioned at the start of the meeting, no representative from the EA was able to attend the meeting due to the current flooding emergency. 	
<p>5. EfW Project and pre-works for the High Heavens Waste Transfer Station (BCC/AB)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ground works for the EfW at Greatmoor (Calvert) have started. The wet weather has been a challenge over the past two months but the project is on schedule for completion in 2016. These building works can be viewed via a web-cam at the following link: http://fccenvironment.reachtimelapse.co.uk/greatmoor/ie8.php • AB informed the Group that there was one pre-commencement Planning Condition which had not been discharged as yet (Construction Code of Practice – relating to measures to manage contaminated land and breach of the clay cap). • Until this Condition is discharged it is not possible to start work on the tree clearance to enable the road improvement works to start. If the discharge 	

<p>of this Condition is agreed by both the EA and BCC Planners then work would be able to start this coming weekend (22/23rd February), if not it was hoped to do it the following weekend (1/2 March 2014).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCC Waste team have prepared a leaflet for distribution to the HWRC customers explaining the proposals and giving directions to the nearest alternative sites. • The bird nesting season runs from March to September. If the works head into the birds nesting season there would be need for an Ecologist on site to check each tree for any nesting birds, bats etc. before each tree is felled. • GB confirmed that the Committee would be kept updated on the progress of this work. • AB informed the Committee that all the other pre-commencement planning conditions had been signed off. • With regards the design of the WTS, it is intended to move the lagoon to save taking down some trees and that Ash trees have been taken out of the re-planting scheme due to Ash die back disease. Alternative trees will be planted instead of Ash trees. • The removal of the trees and building of the road would therefore take place in either March or September. This would be subject to receipt of the EA and the Planners' agreement to the discharge of the Condition. The building of the WTS itself likely to take place during the summer if possible (approx. 5 month build time) 	
<p>5. Questions and Answers</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HL commented that the speed limit on the road had been reduced to 40mph from 50mph. The residents in the area would have liked a reduction to 30mph. • GB discussed that the changes to the junction should help to improve the situation. RJ said that the speed limit and access will have been considered by the Highways Authority as part of the planning application. • JF said that she understood that speed limit reviews have been cancelled. JT suggested a community speedwatch programme could be set up. This has been successful in other areas. Alternatively, speeding motorists should be reported to the police. • 	
<p>6. AOB</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LP asked for an update on income received for the recycling. • GB discussed that in relation to income from the HWRCs there was a share mechanism with FCC and any savings were off set against the contract costs, this helped to reduce the cost of the service. So far as the District collections were concerned, SERCO takes all the income, Verdant share with the Districts and AVDC have their own service and retain the income. • There was general discussion about material values and GB stated risks are carried by various councils and suppliers e.g. material value changes similar to stocks and shares. Things to monitor are trends in costs waste streams e.g. green waste, wood etc. against prices/value of other waste streams e.g. glass, paper, metals over the length of contracts. CT stated material values are very much traded as global commodities. JT asked if the Committee would be interested in visiting a recycling centre to see how the recycling was dealt with. All agreed this would be interesting there was brief discussion on appropriate sites but not concluded. 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LP asked whether consideration had been given to having the large waste containers in the streets as in Europe. JT discussed that District Councils always looking at ways to improve things. CT mentioned an area this had been implemented there was a lot of local opposition.• HL referred to an unmade-up lay-by in Horns Lane (near M40), where fly tipping of fridges, old tyres etc was taking place. It was also being used as overnight parking for lorries. GB/RJ stated they would speak to HL outside the meeting to get full details.• JF said that her blue bin was damaged on delivery. JT advised she would take it back to Wycombe officers and in future email the District Council joint client team at Chiltern (details provided earlier under point 3).• LP said that papers had been spilled from the bins when being loaded on to the vehicles and although some effort had been made to clear it up there was still a large amount left. JS advised that when this kind of thing was seen a complaint should be made to the waste team at the Council on the same day (details provided earlier under point 3). <p>7. Date and time of the next meeting:
2.00 pm on Tuesday 15 April 2014 in the High Heavens Meeting Room.
(Pre-meet with the Chair from 1.00)</p> | |
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