

KING'S CLIFFE LOCAL LIAISON GROUP

LANDFILL LIAISON GROUP MEETING

25 NOVEMBER 2003

PRESENT:

Phil Watson
Sue Broomhead
Charles Cox
Fiona Cowan
Dave Wilkinson
Priscilla Padley
Wilfred Court
Michael Day
Hilary Blunt
Palden Dorje

Martin Ward
Jody Burnett

REPRESENTING:

Northamptonshire County Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Duddington Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Collyweston Parish Council
Northamptonshire County Councillor
King's Cliffe Parish Council
King's Cliffe Parish Council
Clerk – King's Cliff Parish Council
East Northamptonshire Council
(Environmental Health)
Environment Agency
Environment Agency

1. Apologies

Easton on the Hill Parish Council
Jane Norton Duddington Parish Council

2. <u>Minutes of Meeting 22 October 2003</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>Page 3 (Pararaph 2.6)</p>	
<p>2.1 White line markings and road surfacing work. It was identified at the last meeting that there may be a sum of money available for this work.</p>	
<p>Page 4 (third paragraph from bottom)</p>	
<p>2.2 It was highlighted that the previous minutes should have read "Environmental Health are seeking a meeting to deal with complaints received regarding Odour and Dust" and not Noise and Dust as stated.</p>	
<p>Page 5 (last paragraph)</p>	
<p>2.3 Previous Minutes should also have read that there is a problem with lorries cutting through "the Drove", not the Drive as stated.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters Arising</u></p>	
<p>3.1 Road Signs - Issue of signs was raised as to date non have been erected at the Wansford turn on the A47. Phil Watson advised that he would chase up this matter with the Highways Agency to find current situation.</p>	PW
<p>3.2 Queuing Lorries – It was identified that this is a police issue. Discussion was had as to whether or not the lorries are committing an offence by queuing on the road. The conclusion was that it probably was not an offence, but there is still concern over safety. Phil Watson will speak to Highways for their advice.</p>	PW
<p>3.3 Litter Fences – Jody Burnett confirmed that Wastego are to erect litter fences within the current boundary to try and reduce the amount of litter being blown onto neighbouring land and generally to control wind blown litter. Wastego have implemented the use of litter pickers to collect litter blown off the site. These litter pickers are also using extended poles to reach litter within the trees. Michael Day confirmed that he had been up to the site and had seen the litter pickers in operation. There are currently 15 litter pickers actively engaged.</p>	
<p>3.4 Phil Watson explained that Wastego are about to start on the 2nd landfill cell, which will commence at a low level and therefore there is less potential for windblown material.</p>	
<p>3.5 There is also potential for a change in the type of waste</p>	

<p>going into the site as the nearby Thornough Landfill site prepares to start taking waste. Further details on this will be given under item 4 on the agenda.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p>
<p>3.6 Dust- Wastego have now engaged a company called Dustscan to carry out Dust Pollution Analysis. Jody Burnett passed round a letter received from Dustscan that identified what they are proposing to do on the site.</p>	
<p>3.7 Exact details of what the dust will be tested for is still to be agreed with the Environment Agency but it was thought that asbestos and heavy metals would be included.</p>	<p>EA</p>
<p>3.8 It was explained that it is not the best time of year to carry out the dust collection and analysis due to the damp conditions. Palden Dorje explained that it will be a continual process of collection and thereafter testing for particles which can effect Human Respiratory.</p>	
<p>3.9 Concern was raised that dust is more of a problem in summer. This is being addressed by damping down the site. The group agreed that the amounts of dust had reduced, but further work is needed.</p>	
<p>3.10 Question was raised as to whether PC Howard will be consulted with regard to monitoring the site? It was explained by the Agency that it is not necessary or normal to consult. It is however important that there is good communication between Wastego and PC Howards as they are such close neighbours. Also monitoring should take place around the site including close to Howards premises and the roadside cottages.</p>	
<p>3.11 Concern was raised as to how tamper proof the dust collection equipment is, and how dust will be collected. Environmental Health and the Environment Agency outlined various collection schemes in operation elsewhere, however specifics proposed for this site are not currently known.</p>	
<p>3.12 Water- A Water hydrant located at this side of the road is being used for filling up the road sweepers . This was expressed as a concern, as this filling generally takes place on a blind hill. There are also concerns that water is being spilled onto the road and during cold weather this could result in water freezing on the highway. Questions were raised as to why water was being taken from this area.</p>	
<p>3.13 A query brought up at the October meeting asking whether flooding had occurred on site was now thought to possibly relate to this matter of excess water from the filling of water hydrants.</p>	

	<u>Action</u>
3.14 Phil Watson will speak to Debbie Strong regarding the highway safety issues from the filling of the sweepers using the Water Hydrant.	PW
3.15 Wastego's alternatives for water supplies on site were explained, these included having Water Lagoons on site, upgrading the mains supply to the site (Anglian Water,) and also the possibility of an extraction licence to bore down to the water table (Environment Agency).	
3.16 Groundwater Pollution Monitoring - The Environment Agency identified that Leachate, surface water, and ground water are all analysed by an independent company who report back to the Agency with their findings.	
3.17 It was highlighted by Fiona Cowan that a third party had expressed concern that boreholes on the site were blocked. The Environment Agency identified that if this was the case then it would be reported back to them via the independent monitoring company. Boreholes can become blocked but usually only after a long time period.	
3.18 Maintenance- An assessment needs to be made of the requirements for road maintenance improvement works. Phil Watson to speak to Highways on this. It was requested that Debbie Strong be asked to attend the next meeting of the Group.	PW
3.19 Fires – If a fire starts the Environment Agency are informed. Fires are dealt with immediately, made easier now by the site having its own fire engine that can hold a large amount of water, and pump it from the site storage lagoons.	
3.20 Concern was still highlighted as to there being no explanation to the previous fires, and led to the question of whether this was a 'hotload' or 'arson'. Jody Burnett explained that any 'hotloads' entering the site should be quarantined and therefore not tipped, and the paperwork accompanying special waste is monitored by an Environment Agency colleague.	PW
3.21 It was explained that there is now a site Chemist (Chris Stubbington) located at King's Cliffe checking the loads which are entering the site. Martin Ward highlighted that he is aware that specific loads have been turned away from the site.	
3.22 The Environment Agency confirmed that it has the power to deal with unauthorised deposits if this did occur.	
3.23 Jody Burnett informed that the Group that as the Permit/Licence Inspector he undertakes spot checks on the	

<p>site. This is normally carried out 7 or 8 times per quarter, but additional visits are made if complaints are received. All visits are undertaken without prior knowledge.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p>
<p>3.24 Concern over fumes from the fires was raised. Palden Dorje, Martin Ward and Jody Burnett identified that when there is a fire all departments are contacted and if there was a risk, local residents would be informed by the Emergency Services. Information on emergency contact numbers were requested so that residents were aware of who to contact. Phil Watson confirmed that Wastego have an Emergency Plan which is being reviewed and updated. Cliff Thurlow has agreed to provide a copy of this.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>3.25 The Group representatives identified that they feel happier that they are aware that provisions are in place for monitoring the site and that emergency plans are in place.</p>	
<p>3.26 Escro Account- Martin Ward explained that this account has been set up as a fund to deal with any pollution issues. The Environment Agency uses standard formulas to work out the appropriate fund. This fund is set up when a licence is set up.</p>	
<p>3.27 Money cannot be removed from this fund, and it can be accessed by the Environment Agency in an emergency.</p>	
<p>3.28 Martin Ward confirmed that if there was any serious pollution incident the Environment Agency can step in and deal with any problems and re-coup the money.</p>	
<p>3.29 Road Cleaning – Temporary signs are wanted along the road to warn traffic of the danger of road cleaning. Phil Watson confirmed he has already raised this with Cliff Thurlow and he agreed he would look into this. Phil Watson will write to Wastego to confirm that this is required.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>3.30 Breach of Conditions – Phil Watson has spoken to Cliff Thurlow with regard to the Breach of Planning Condition Notices. The Company have provided some information, although more details are required.</p>	
<p>3.31 Floodlighting – On site flood lighting has been raised as a concern as a distraction to drivers. Phil Watson confirmed that floodlighting has to be agreed. There is a health and safety issue for on-site employees, which means that some floodlighting may be required.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Update on Discussions with Wastego</u></p>	
<p>4.1 Phil Watson informed the group that a meeting had taken place between The Environment Agency, Environmental</p>	

	<u>Action</u>
<p>Health, Wastego (Cliff Thurlow) and Northamptonshire County Council on 24 November 2003 to discuss issues raised in the October Meeting. An update on most issues has been included in previous paragraphs. Phil Watson went through other matters and information received from Wastego.</p>	
<p>4.2 Security- issues surrounding the security arrangements at the site were raised as the site was broken into on Saturday 22.11.2003 Computers were stolen from the site, which raised questions as to whether important data was also lost or not.</p>	
<p>4.3 The site currently has 24 hr security guard, 1.9 metre fencing surrounding the perimeter and locked gates.</p>	
<p>4.4 Noise- A company (Sharps-Redmoor) has been employed to monitor noise levels on site, and monitoring is due to start next week. Phil Watson will request monitoring data.</p>	
<p>4.5 Badgers- A further badger survey was undertaken and this Information has been requested.</p>	PW
<p>4.6 Landscaping- Planting has appeared on some of the bunds. This is thought to be temporary whilst operations are taking place. It is thought that this has been asked for by Howards Farms in order to potentially reduce dust and noise. The species used are not appropriate for permanent planting but they will have to be removed when the bund is removed and the soils used in restoration works.</p>	
<p>4.7 Future Liaison Group Meetings – Reference was made to the letter sent by King's Cliffe Parish Council to the County Council and the other Parishes, which confirmed that they intend to enter into discussions direct with Wastego. King's Cliffe feel that they must be talking to Wastego to protect the interests of their parishioners. Phil Watson confirmed the County Council's commitment to facilitating the current group, but it is likely that the Council will be invited to this new meeting. Palden Dorje informed the group that Environmental Health don't feel they can attend two meetings due to resources, and would therefore attend meetings where Wastego would be present.</p>	
<p>4.8 Wastego have employed a Public Relations person (Jon Rose from Optimus) to deal with issues surrounding the site. Perhaps this person can attend the current meeting as a representative of Wastego? Phil Watson will ask if this is possible.</p>	

4.9	Opinions were expressed that the group would like Wastego to come back to the group and not just to talk to King's Cliffe Parish.	<u>Action</u> PW
4.10	<u>Thornaugh Landfill Site</u> – Wastego are two weeks away from commencing operations at this site and are intending to divert the non-hazardous wastes to Thornaugh, thus making King's Cliffe a hazardous waste only site and end the co-disposal earlier than they are required to. The Berry Skip recycling business will also be moved to Thornaugh if planning permission is obtained. This should help reduce traffic to King's Cliffe and assist with wind blown litter problems. A substantial quantity of clay was taken from King's Cliffe to Thornaugh. Whether or not more will be moved in the future will depend on whether the clay at Thornaugh is suitable for on site engineering. Phil Watson confirmed that planning permission exists to remove clay and the County Council would be monitoring this.	
4.11	It was agreed that meetings should move towards 6 monthly meetings, with a pre list of questions which need addressing submitted so relevant issues can be addressed. Fiona Cowan agreed to co-ordinate questions, which can then be taken to Wastego and fed back.	
5.	<u>Environment Agency update and response to questions</u> The Agency considered that its issues had already been addressed in the earlier agenda items.	FC
6.	<u>County Council update and response to questions</u> Phil Watson confirmed that he has already updated on Breach of Condition and on talks with Cliff Thurlow.	
7.	<u>Local Community Issues not already covered</u>	
7.1	Double Glazing – Westhay Cottages would like double glazing paid for by Wastego to reduce the amount of noise and dust entering the property. Phil Watson will raise this with Wastego.	
7.2	Speed Limit – a 30 mph speed limit would be liked between the site and A47. Phil Watson to ask the Highway Authority for comments on this.	PW
7.3	Red Glow – it was established that a red glow which had been seen a few weeks ago was a fire but not at Wastego's site instead it was at Bullimore's quarry and landfill. Wastego had to direct the fire brigade to the correct site.	PW
7.4	Kerbing – Loose kerbing in front of Howards entrance was	

<p>raised. It was suggested that this be reported to Clarence and Hilary Blunt agreed to do this.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p>
<p>7.5 A discussion took place on kerbing of the road from the site to the A47 to reduce the amount of overridng onto the verges and spray onto the adjacent protected , nature conservation, land. The group was split on this issue as kerbs are potentially dangerous on a narrow road. Phil Watson will raise the matter with the Highway Authority.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Palden Dorje asked about the measures for relaying information from the meeting to the parishioners, as the amounts of phone calls and correspondence received regarding the site have increased. Newsletters are sent out with the information but if further questions are put to the parish Council the individuals are advised to refer back to the Environmental Health, Environment Agency or Northamptonshire County Council.</p>	<p>PW</p>
<p>9. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Although a decision to move to 6 monthly meetings was agreed, it was felt that an earlier meeting to resolve the issue of who would be attending the meeting was needed. Next meeting has been scheduled for 2 pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2004 at King's Cliffe Memorial Hall.</p>	