



Minutes of the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre liaison committee meeting held on 22nd March 2018

Present

Wiltshire Council

Martin Litherland (ML)
John Carter (JC)
Cllr D Jenkins

Westbury Town Council

No representative

Heywood Parish Council

Councillor Francis Morland (FM)

Environment Agency

Jim Wilkinson (JW)

Arla Foods

No representative

Hills Waste Solutions

Paul Scriven (PS)
Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
Ed Dodd	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
3. Update on site operations	
<p>Site Operations</p> <p>PS confirmed that further small fires had occurred at the site since the last meeting. The onsite fire suppression system and Hills staff, extinguished these. There was no damage sustained to property or equipment and no staff were harmed.</p> <p>CAR reports have been issued to Hills by the Environment Agency to which Hills are providing a response. Jim Wilkinson stated that as this is an ongoing investigation, the EA is not able to discuss it any further and awaits the response being provided by Hills. Amendments have been made to the site Fire Prevention Plan as part of the ongoing work.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins stated that the recurring fires were causing concern amongst local people who were questioning the credibility of the operator.</p> <p>PS stated that the cause of the fires is still, in some cases, believed to be from the incorrect waste type being placed in bins by householders but some of the fires may have been caused through overheating of waste in the bio-drying hall, which has then ignited. Cllr Morland questioned how effective the fire prevention system was to deal with fires. PS responded that the in-built system coped extremely well, but that comments and photographs posted on social media sites by firefighters who attend fire events were misleading and contained comments with significant inaccuracies which did not help the public perception of how the site was being run.</p>	

<p>MH reported that a meeting had been requested by Hills with the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, this was supported by both Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency, to discuss operational improvements that may be considered and how to deal with this inappropriate social media coverage, but DWFRS had not been able to accommodate this request.</p> <p>The issue was discussed at length.</p> <p>PS reported that the replacement of the bio-filter material had been completed.</p> <p>PS reported that a planned 5 day shutdown had taken place in February and that all scheduled maintenance work had been completed. The next shutdown is scheduled for November.</p> <p>Environmental Compliance</p> <p>PS confirmed that no complaints regarding flies had been received at the site since the last meeting. Hills have once again employed a consultant entomologist to assist in fly monitoring during the warmer months and through to October.</p>	
4. Planning applications	
<p><u>Northacre RRC</u> PS advised that there are no current planning applications in regard to NRRC.</p> <p><u>ATT / Northacre Renewable Energy</u> PS advised that a date had been agreed for a pre-application meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the Environmental Permit.</p>	
5. Any other business	
<p>Cllr Morland advised the meeting of the meeting taking place on 27 March at which the Northacre Renewable Energy proposals would be discussed. This was noted.</p>	
6. Next meeting	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26 July 2018.</p>	<p>ALL</p>