

Bubbenhall Landfill/Quarry Liaison Committee

Minutes of the Bubbenhall Landfill/Quarry Liaison Committee held at Smiths Concrete site office on:

Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 6:00pm.

Present: John Green, Smiths Concrete
Ann Earley, FCC Environment
Matthew Williams, Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Steve Haynes, Bubbenhall Parish Council (Chair)
Cllr Wendy Harrison, Bubbenhall Parish Council
Cllr Win Nwachkwu, Bubbenhall Parish Council
Jane Fleming, Clerk to Bubbenhall Parish Council

1. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Steve Fowler, Environment Agency and Chairman, Weston under Wetherley Parish Council.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting on 7th July 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3. **Matters Arising**
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4. **Operational Update – Smiths Concrete**

John Green presented the following report:

Since the last meeting on 7th July 2015 material has been coming in steadily from Wolston for processing. We have in the last 12 months brought in 150,000 tonnes which is the annual tonnage we hoped for.

Cllr Haynes queried the capacity and life expectancy. Capacity = 288000 Tonnes, life expectancy 6 years.

No clay has come off the Toll bar since the bridge supports failed in August. Remedial works are on-going and the remainder of the clay from the roundabout cutting should be going into Wolston possibly March / April this year.

Bubbenhall site access road has been resurfaced from the corner of the weighbridge and we are now in conjunction with FCC looking at surfacing the remainder of the road from the main gate to the corner.

Tippling of inert soils is continuing in Glebe Farm final stage F restoration.

We have been tidying the trees alongside Leamington Road cutting out the weaker ones to allow more room for the others to grow.

This spring / summer we hope to complete more restoration back to agricultural land alongside Leamington Road going towards Weston Lane.

5. **Operational Update – FCC Environment**

Ann Earley gave the following report:

Plan attached

Not a lot has changed in operational terms for us. We are still reprofiling the back of the site (marked with pink stripes on the plan) but have carried out the next phase of capping on the flank that faces

the footpath next to the wood. As previously explained, we are now moving our tipping area back across the site and in towards the middle.

The areas on the plan marked in blue and pink have now been seeded so should be well grassed overcome the spring.

We will be building a new cell in the next few months (marked yellow on the plan) and when we start to fill this in the summer, the area marked with pink stripes will have its final cap placed and that will be the end of waste operations in the over tip plan. There are some areas on the southern side of the site that we have not re-profiled but these will be addressed at a later date and will consist only of soils.

Men causing trouble has always been an issue but recently the storms that have been given mens names have indeed caused problems. We have had a lot of rain and high winds. The rain makes it difficult to keep the internal roads in a good condition and the wind blows litter everywhere. So, for the last month or so we have employed litter pickers on a daily basis to clear the litter and prevent it from leaving site.

The mud created by so much rain on clay roads did cause a problem earlier in the year on external roads close to site but with Smiths we have made some significant improvements to the entrance road and to the wheel wash and this together with extra road sweepers has minimised the impact on the A445. Further improvements to the entrance road are planned for the spring.

Environmental Impact

We continue to monitor the site and report to the Agency any environmental issues. No new issues have occurred since the last meeting. I hope that leaves room for Steve to make comment.

6. Environment Agency Update

Steve Fowler sent the following report:

Smiths Concrete

Last section of stage G is now almost complete. Tipping continues in stage F, the final stage on site. No operational issues.

The site suffered a power outage before Christmas but generators were hired to allow the site to continue operating. This affected the site's wheel wash but interim measures were put in place.

FCC

A number of shallow pin wells are due to be installed around the northern end of the site (older cells), which will hopefully help to locate where gas migration is occurring. This information will be used to target gas extraction within the landfill. The Environment Agency is currently assessing the construction proposals.

Extensive clay capping works took place in 2015 and further capping will take place in 2016.

Over tipping taking place in cells 10a and 13. The levels of cover and stockpiles of cover material have improved.

On the morning of the 6/9/15 there was a localised fire in previously deposited wastes in cell 10a. The fire was noticed at 0715 hours, the fire service was on site at 0745 hours and the fire was out by 1030 hours that day. Investigations were carried out but a cause was not identified.

A new tipping cell is due to be constructed in early 2016 and will be in the void at the front of cells 18 & 19. A site meeting will be held on the 7/1/16 to discuss the engineering works.

A review of the site's leachate levels was submitted just before Christmas and this is currently being assessed by the Environment Agency.

WCC update.

Matthew Williams gave the following report:

WCC undertake six monthly monitoring visits to both the Smiths Concrete and FCC operations.

The Smiths Concrete operations were last monitored on 17th December 2015. Around 150,000 tonnes of sand and gravel will have been imported to the site from Wolston Fields Farm for

processing and onward distribution during 2015 - which the target figure originally envisaged. Land filling and restoration of the Glebe Farm extraction area has progressed well in 2015. The area adjacent to Pagets Lane is now top soiled and grass seeded which is becoming well established. The remaining void will largely be used to deposit silt washed from imported sand and gravel during processing so infilling and restoration of this area will run in parallel with operation of the Wolston Fields Farm site (5-6 years approx).

The FCC operation was last monitored on 12th August 2015. At this time land filling/over tipping was taking place at the eastern end of the site. The visit took place on a reasonably windy day and litter was noted to be an issue around the periphery of the site. It was requested that FCC keep on top of litter picking. Some restoration had been undertaken adjacent to the wood and into the central area of the site and had been grass seeded, which was beginning to establish. It is understood that tipping/land filling operations will move towards the western end of the site (nearer to the plant site/weighbridges) during 2016.

Some resurfacing of the access road has been undertaken (from the bend to weighbridge) which is a positive improvement. Resurfacing of the remainder of the access road is proposed which is supported. Both operators have been reminded of the need to ensure the cleanliness of vehicles leaving the site in order to avoid the problems of mud on the public highway experienced last winter.

Finally, the County Council is currently working on a replacement Minerals Plan and has been out to consultation of a 'Preferred Option and Policies' document over the last couple of months. The consultation period has now formally closed and we will be working through and considering the observations/comments received over the coming months. We are currently aiming to complete/adopt the replacement Minerals Plan sometime in 2017.

Parish Councils' observations

- i. Draft Warwickshire Minerals Plan
Cllr Haynes advised that Bubbenhall Parish Council had responded to the draft Minerals Plan.
- ii. Joint Neighbourhood Plan.
Cllr Haynes mentioned that Bubbenhall, Stoneleigh & Ashow and Baginton Parish Councils are working together to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. He advised that there will be a consultation in the near future.
- iii. Litter on the A445
Cllr Haynes advised Ann Earley (FCC) that during December a Bubbenhall PC councillor had followed a high sided vehicle travelling from the Weston Lane site towards Leamington Spa. A number of cardboard items had been coming from the back of the vehicle which was travelling in excess of the 50 mph speed limit. A photo had been taken of the back of the vehicle identifying the number plate. It was agreed that Cllr Haynes would provide FCC with the details which could then be followed up. Ann Earley asked that any information concerning lorries to and from the site be passed to her as soon as possible.
- iv. HGVs passing through the village
Cllr Haynes mentioned that HGV lorries are still coming through the village and are being logged. It has been noticed that some vehicles are travelling via Watery Lane en route to Weston Lane site. Cllr Haynes asked Smiths Concrete and FCC to ensure that vehicles visiting their site do not use that route which is unsuitable for HGVs.

7. AOB

Cllr Harrison asked if the Woodland had changed hands yet. John Green advised that there were some final issues to be sorted.

8. Date of next meeting Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 6:00pm.