

Bubbenhall Landfill/Quarry Liaison Committee

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

Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 6:00pm.

Present: John Green, Smiths Concrete
Ann Earley, FCC Environment
Tom Evans, 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 Maria Norman Clerk to Weston under Wetherley Parish Council.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting on 6th January 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3. **Matters Arising**
The Chair welcomed Tom Evans attending in the absence of Matthew Williams, Representative from Warwickshire County Council.
4. **Operational Update – Smiths Concrete**

John Green presented the following report:

Over the last 5 months mineral from Wolston fields has been coming into site and has been processed.

The last 30,000m³ of clay subsoil from Toll Bar road improvement scheme is due to come off site August / September. Most of this can now be diverted to infill part of Wolston Fields site.

The badly pot holed access road from the bend to beyond the wheel wash is due to be re-surfaced weekend Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th July.

Stage D infill has been completed and restoration is continuing to replace the soils and grass in the area this summer.

Stage F is now the final area to be filled and brought back to original ground level.

Earthworks are also continuing this summer to remove the soil bunds alongside the Leamington Road and return this area back to farm land.

Cllr Haynes queried the large amount of dust that had appeared recently. Neither John Green nor Ann Earley were aware of this. However, they asked that if anything like this was seen again it should be reported immediately so they could take appropriate action.

5. **Operational Update – FCC Environment**

Ann Earley gave the following report:

Please see colour coded plan.

Since our last meeting, more capping has taken place which is coloured green on the plan. We have now completed the whole of the flank facing the wood. We are currently tipping in the area with the pink boundary. The pink hatched area will be completed in October/November time depending on waste inputs. The red lined area below will then be completed and should be at finished height by May/June of 2016. In March of 2016 the area coloured yellow will be engineered to accept waste and at the same time we will be putting a permanent cap on the pink area. Hopefully the yellow area will give us a further 18 months tipping void taking our activities

in to 2017. The area shaded blue is the next potential tipping area but the plans for this have not yet been formalised.

6. Environment Agency Update

Steve Fowler sent the following report:

Smiths Concrete

Tipping in stage F (by Bubbenhall Woods), which is the last stage of landfilling at the site. Stage D (between the public footpath and Pagets Lane) has been completed and topsoil is being applied prior to seeding.

An application has been submitted to the EA to surrender the old inert landfill permit on the Weston Lane side of the site.

WRG, Bubbenhall

The dredgings site is now operating on the old compost pad with material being dried out by turning it with a machine bucket. Three bays have been created using concrete bollards/sections and all liquids are drained to the existing collection sump on the edge of the pad before being tankered off-site. The initial batch of dredgings has recently been assessed and passed as suitable for deposit at the WRG landfill.

Extensive capping has taken place on the central section of the landfill and gas/leachate wells are being re-connected or re-drilled as appropriate. Further sections of plastic liner have been installed on the upper flanks of cells 18 & 19 to prevent erosion and aid the collection of surface water/rainwater. Construction reports for the capping works are due to be submitted to the EA for assessment and approval by our technical specialist.

Cells 10a & 13 have been stripped back for overtipping with waste (these are on the south east side of the landfill). There had been some recent issues with the availability of material to cover the deposited wastes but this has been resolved and a new contract for substantial quantities of cover material has been established.

WCC update.

There was no specific report from WCC. However, Tom Evans stated WCC had received no complaints. He had visited the mud on A445 and was pleased to note that the situation had improved.

Cllr Harrison observed that despite expecting odours from the dredging she had been pleasantly surprised that there had been none.

7. Parish Councils' observations

Cllr Haynes raised the problem of the overgrown hedges on Pagets Lane. John Green confirmed that Smiths Concrete keep their hedges trimmed as much as possible. However, the area of concern in close to A445 and the owner of the land will need to be identified and contacted.

8. AOB

None

9. Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 6:00pm.