

STOKE ORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL

held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 in Tredington Village Hall

Present - Cllr P Holliday, Cllr R Chatham, Cllr A Troughton, Cllr S Darnell, Cllr C Flowers, Borough Cllr A Keyte, County Cllr G Shurmer. PCSO Wren, B Stansfield (Cory) N Green (EA) L Wall (Village Agent) and 8 Parishioners

1. Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of the last APM on 5th May 2009 were signed as a true record
2. Matters Arising – There were no Matters Arising
3. Chairman's Report – See attached Report
4. Police Report – Local policing issues – PCSO Bill Wren advised PC Sarah Sceats sends her apologies. Then read the attached report
5. Cory Ltd Report – Ben Stansfield from Cory advised of Corys activities over the last year. The access into the landfill site had been repaired by TBC but Cory are conscious that there are new pot holes and will repair.

In terms of landfill site, they have finished tipping at cell near Elmstone Hardwick and a new cell is now in use closer into the site. Clay is removed during the construction of the next cell and used to cap the completed cell, this will then be further covered with soils, seeded and restored.

Cory have been 'Green waste' composting at the site for a number of years, since last year Cory have introduced new odour control system. The compost material is used on site. They have also gained planning permission from GCC for household food waste collections. TBC waste collection vehicles come to the site with collected household food wastes this is then loaded into a container which leaves for the Forest of Dean for in-vessel composting.

Cory's landfill is producing some 2.4 megawatts of renewable electricity – 1 x megawatts will supply electricity for approximately 1000 homes.

Cory expect to soon have signed the legal agreement for the in vessel composting facility at The Park and will have 3 years to implement the decision. There is an existing application at The Park site which is currently 'on hold' for mechanical and biological treatment and anaerobic digestion.

The Residual Waste project is currently taking place. The Council seek to elect a contractor for 25 years for the kerb side waste it is a lengthy process. 4 companys are still involved which will probably be reduced to 2 at the end of the year.

Cllr Holliday noted at the Cory Liaison Meeting that all/most food wastes recently taken to the site for transfer to the Forest of Dean in vessel composting facility were contained in compost bags.

6. Environment Agency Report – Nick Green advised that the Environment Agency (EA) regulate Cory and Grundon and permit both sites with emission figures that should be adhered to.

Wingmoor Waste Forum Group is aware that Stoke Orchard don't always attend the meetings but do attend the Liason Group.

The number of complaints regarding odour has fallen throughout the last quarter but people are still reporting so the EA are aware. There are 15 volunteers around Stoke Orchard/Bishops Cleeve/Elmstone Hardwick who submit forms regarding odours and what odours they are experiencing

Another issue is Birds at the Landfills, they are not local birds and all landfill sites have them. The numbers need controlling.

There is a current Grundon Planning application the EA are not involved but will be consulted by GCC.

Gundon have employed consultant to monitor dust.

There are no emissions from the site that harm and reports show that they are both operating legally. Litter has been reported onsite mainly supermarket carrier bags.

A question was raised regarding the CRE site and problems. Nick Green answered they will routinely monitor although that has not been done since the site closed down. Whatever planning is planned, the potential developer needs to address alongside TBC.

7. Village Agent Report – Lesley Wall advised she is available to let people know about things from benefit checks to electric blanket safety checks. She was also holding a coffee morning which would advertise in the ‘Sevensiders’
8. Governors Report from Tredington School – See Attached Report
Cllr Chatham added it was one of a few schools who maintain the correct budget which is extremely difficult.
9. County Councillors Report – See Attached Report
10. Borough Councillors Report – Cllr Keyte reported he had been keen to pursue the CRE application along with others (including County Cllr Shurmer). Year after year the CRE site was still there and believed that things needed to change. This time the committee report, and the likely change of government (making it more likely that communities would be listened to), all worked towards an approval of the application. Government guidelines had also changed which meant that the application would not be referred to the Government Office. The ‘minded to permit’ agreement was likely to change to a simple ‘permit’. After so long Cllr Keyte said that he was delighted to be able to report his.

Cllr Holliday reported how precise and determined Cllr Keyte was at the planning meeting and wished to thank him and County Cllr Shurmer for all of their input and effort in helping with the CRE application.

The new recycling scheme was hopefully going well with good response from householders.

TBC had a new team/management who seem very approachable and work well together.

11. Public Participation – Parishioner commented it was refreshing to see the different layers of government working together.

Parishioner pleased ‘no turning’ signs had been replaced

Clarification was needed about what was meant by ‘half hearted’ in the Chairmans report. Chairman commented that he meant that piecemeal development was not seen to be viable.

12. Any other APM business – There was no other APM business