

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Liaison meeting between Milton Parish, FCC Environment (FCC) and the Environment Agency (EA)**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm at The Bowls Pavilion, Coles Road, Milton**

**Present:**

**SCDC Environmental Services:** Emma Knight (Chair)

**FCC Environmental Services:** Keith Lamb, David Denton, Jamie Lister, Roisin Bennett

**Environment Agency (EA):** Sarah Hartley, Louise Greenwood

**Cambridgeshire County Council:** Maurice Leeke

**Milton Parish Council:** Jane Coston

**MAQWP:** Anna Bradnam, Hazel Smith, Kay White, Gordon Downie, Suzy Webster

**Milton residents:** Lorraine Doig, Sonia Mair, David Webster, Dominic Reber.

**1. Introduction to the meeting**

Welcome to all participants and thanks for attending

Apologies from Infinis - hope they will accept the invitation to a future meeting

Reminder that this is a closed meeting for invited delegates only

**Objectives**

- Raise awareness of the impact of the smell from the Milton Landfill site on Milton village residents
- Open a dialogue between parties & agree the path to a satisfactory resolution

**2. Introduction from attendees**

All attendees stated their name, role and reason for attending the meeting

**3. Impact statement from affected residents**

Statements were delivered by 2 affected residents, who are also members of the Milton Air Quality Working Party (MAQWP), describing how the smell from the Milton landfill site has negatively affected their quality of life both inside and outside their respective homes and diminished their ability to enjoy time in their gardens

**4. FCC statement & questions**

The current FCC management team took over Milton landfill site in August 2014.

- Understood there was an issue
- Agreed an action plan to ensure permit requirements are met on-going
- Believes the site has improved considerably since August 2014
- Developed a webpage, on which it will publish the annual plan, to include:
  - o Engineering works
  - o Leachate & gas well drilling
  - o A monthly update on everything

FCC had provided written responses in advance of the meeting to a number of questions posed by the MAQWP. The questions and answers were circulated to all attendees for information. FCC expanded on their written responses during the meeting, answered a number of additional questions posed by affected residents and agreed to maintain an open line of communication with the Milton Parish Council and affected residents, via the MAQWP, and with the EA.

## 5. EA statement & questions

EA confirmed that it has increased its presence both on site and in the local area since the issue was raised in August 2014 and is continually monitoring the Action Plan. Any substantiated odour that can be traced back to a failing on the site is recorded and investigated.

EA can't give a timescale for improvement, but confirmed that there has been a reduction in the number of substantiated odours since August 2014.

### Reporting and reacting to odours

Time lag from noticing an odour issue to FCC / EA attendance at the site is often too long for them to be able to substantiate the odour and identify the cause

Procedure: affected residents call the EA hotline, who inform the local EA office, who inform FCC. Outside office hours EA operates a stand-by rota and can require FCC to attend if the incident is serious (ie. > 5 calls in 1 hour). Calls must be logged with the EA for FCC to take action but there can be a time lag as a result.

- **Action: residents must call the EA hotline as soon as an odour is detected**

## 6. Affected residents further questions

Affected residents were given the opportunity to ask further questions of both FCC and the EA if there was anything that they felt had not already been covered during the meeting and responses were provided

## 7. Summary & conclusion

FCC agreed to quarterly meetings in the short term, with the hope of progress to 6-monthly as the situation improves

The MAQWP will meet several times between now and the next liaison meeting.  
DD was invited to attend

Attendees were reminded that this was a closed meeting, with the purpose of building a positive working relationship between the parties

## 8. Date of next meeting

June 2015 – final date & venue to be confirmed

FCC proposed to allow members of the liaison meeting group to visit the landfill site before the meeting. The Group decided that they would make their own way there, and FCC asked that they be informed of numbers beforehand for Health & Safety reasons.

- **Action: AB will inform FCC of the number of attendees**