

Pendock Environmental Liaison Group

Minutes of Meeting

held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016, at 5.30 pm
at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall

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| Present: | Tom Wells (Chairman) | Worcestershire County Council Councillor |
| | Bronwen Behan | Malvern Hills District Councillor |
| | Brendan Keegan | Environment Agency |
| | Edward Philipson-Stow | Pendock Estates |
| | John Humphreys | Pendock Parish Council |
| | Sally Rush | Representative of Public |
| | Mark Bishop | Worcestershire County Council |
| | Joshua Scholes | Worcestershire County Council |

County Councillor Tom Wells took the chair at 5.30 p.m. and declared the meeting open.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Weavers.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chairman asked if there were any comments on the draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2015 and circulated before the meeting. There were none and the draft was adopted as a true record of that meeting, *nem con*.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Report from Neighbouring Residents

4.1 General

Mrs Rush reported that the performance of the site since the last meeting had been 'pretty good'. There had been one occasion on 11th January when an odour had been noticeable and she thought that it might have emanated from the processing of Christmas trees.

5. Pendock Environmental Report

Mr Philipson-Stow being absent, discussion of this item was delayed. [see below]

6. Regulatory Authorities' Update

6.a Worcestershire County Council

Mr Bishop said that a meeting had been held on site on 17th November 2015. Planting appeared to be going satisfactorily and the windrows were at the correct height. A small odour was noticeable.

On 25th February an unannounced meeting visit was made at 2.15 pm and it was noticed that there were mud on the highway and no wheel washing equipment at the site. The windrows were not set apart at the recommended distance.

Mr Bishop said that he would liaise with Mr Philipson-Stow with respect to the wheel washing equipment. He understood that there could be a desire on the part of Mr Philipson-Stow not to keep such equipment permanently at site but it was nevertheless necessary that the equipment be available if needed.

There had been no complaints to WCC since the last meeting.

[Mr Philipson-Stow joined the meeting and apologised for his absence.]

Mr Philipson-Stow was asked about the anemometer and whether planning permission was required. He replied that he had been informed that no planning permission was required and that he was prepared to consider the cost of £500 - £550 for the purchase of such a machine if it would be of assistance to those with an interest in the running of the site. He was in negotiations with a French company. If such a machine were installed, he would see if it was possible to publish the output through his website.

6.b Environment Agency

Mr Keegan said that, as already stated, there had been one complaints of odour on since the last meeting but he had been unable to identify the source. In this respect the presence of a windsock or anemometer would be helpful.

Mr Philipson-Stow suggested that if the material becomes anaerobic or is not turned it may form a cap and when this cap is removed odour can be released.

7. Parish Councils' Report

7.a Pendock Parish Council

Mr Humphreys advised the meeting that his Council had not received any complaints in respect of the site.

In response to an enquiry, Mr Philipson-Stow confirmed that PAS 100 had been achieved but that he did not have planning permission to sell directly from the site.

7.b Eldersfield Parish Council

Mrs Rush indicated that she had no comments to make on behalf of the Council.

5. Pendock Environmental Report: continued

Mr Philipson-Stow reported that he had achieved the PAS 100 accreditation in mid-February.

Throughput last year had been 8,340 MT and he had received 207 MT in January. All material was used on the farm adjacent to the site.

He noted that a gap was recommended at the base of windrows and that his were touching; he ascribed those to the efforts of a new member of staff who had misunderstood his instructions. The matter will be rectified within the next few days.

8. Date of Next Meeting

After discussion it was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 20th July at 5.30 p.m. at a site to be chosen by the Secretary. [It is Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.]

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.43 p.m.

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25.10.15

Previous Meetings

| <u>Meeting</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Venue</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 31 st May 2012 | 10.00 a.m. | |
| 2 | 10 th July 2012 | 5.00 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 3 | 20 th September 2012 | 5.00 p.m. | Berrow & Pendock Hall |
| 4 | 8 th November 2012 | 5.00 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 5 | 7 th March 2013 | 5.00 p.m. | Berrow & Pendock Hall |
| 6 | 19 th June 2013 | 5.00 p.m. | Berrow & Pendock Hall |
| 7 | 12 th September 2013 | 6.30 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 8 | 4 th November 2013 | 6.30 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 9 | 17 th March 2014 | 7.00 p.m. | Berrow & Pendock Hall |
| 10 | 10 th July 2014 | 6.00 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 11 | 13 th November 2014 | 6.00 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 12 | 5 th March 2015 | 5.30 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 13 | 9 th July 2015 | 5.30 p.m. | Eldersfield Lawn School |
| 14 | 21 st October 2015 | 5.30 p.m. | Berrow & Pendock Hall |
| 15 | 2 nd March 2016 | 5.30 p.m. | Berrow & Pendock Hall |