

**John Pointon and Sons Ltd Liaison Group Meeting
5.00 pm Friday 22nd January 2010 at
Cheddleton Community Centre**

The following members were present:

Chair: Charlotte Atkins MP

Councillors: Cllr J Tunna - Cheddleton Parish Council
Cllr J Smith - Cheddleton Parish Council

Environment Agency: David Lowe

Pointons: Barney Williams
Martin Dale

Animal Health Peter Long

Representing Residents : Patricia Duffy
David Hallen
Dena Corden Le Petit

Apologies Cllr J Arnold - Cheddleton Parish Council
Cllr M Bowen - District Council
Martin Pointon
Carl Pointon
Chris Aston
Kevin Bellfield
Antony Shore – Animal Health/ Public Safety

1. Welcome

Charlotte Atkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Issues raised prior to commencement of meeting

At the start of the meeting Barney Williams introduced Martin Dale to the group as John Pointon and Son's new Operations Manager. Each member of the group then introduced themselves to Martin.

3. Update from the Environment Agency

David Lowe provided a summary of all complaints received since the last meeting. There have been 4 complaints recorded since the last meeting, of which 3 were unsubstantiated.

Cllr Smith raised the issue that he had made a complaint on the 20th January and the intensity was described as 3 ½ out of 5. Barney Williams responded by saying that a full investigation had taken place on site and there had been no clearly defined root cause. He did go on to say that in the event of a future serious odour complaint, then a postcard would be issued to affected residents explaining the reasons for the odour release and the corrective actions.

Ongoing Company actions are as follows :-

- John Pointon and Sons now have an Action Tracker Report that progresses all issues raised as a result of E.A. site visits and permit improvement conditions
- Six weekly meetings are continuing between the Environment Agency and site management have been planned to review progress in reducing odour issues and complaints

Dave Lowe stated that the Company continued to operate with a very positive attitude and that any actions were being dealt with promptly.

4. Update from John Pointon and Sons Ltd.

Barney Williams informed the group that the section 106 for the Energy Resource Park had been agreed in principle but were now awaiting clarification on various deeds relating to the sites. Demolition of Beresford's garage would commence during April 2010 in preparation for the new access road and Community Recreation Facility.

Barney Williams informed the group that John Pointon and Sons would be submitting a revised planning application for the Energy Resource Park. The reason for the amendment is to allow for a Regional Anaerobic Digestion (AD) processing facility which will create renewable energy from new and existing food waste that the company collect. The process will enable the company to become self sufficient with regard to their energy requirements in the long term. The AD facility will replace the previously planned Biodiesel plant and subsequently represents a reduced environmental impact.

John Pointon and Sons continue with their plans to build a biobed odour abatement system which will service the Category 1 cooker building, the MBM tunnel and the water treatment plant. Timescale for completion is Summer 2010.

Barney Williams informed the group that a community bulletin had been distributed to the local neighbourhood in October 2009 and feedback had been very good.

5. Update from Staffordshire County Council - Animal Health Team

- a) The team carried out two inspections relating to the operation of the plant. No significant non-compliances resulted from this inspection.
- b) The Team received two complaints relating to the transportation of animal by products in the area. One event was identified as being the responsibility of John Pointon and Sons. Investigation of the matter resulted in no further action being taken. See (4) for action relating to the second complaint.
- c) The County Council has commenced a criminal prosecution of a haulage operator and driver for a large spillage of animal by products in the Cannock / Stafford area. This case has now been committed to Stafford Crown for trial.

- d) The Team is investigating another haulage operator concerning a large spillage of animal by products on the A520 in Stone/ Rough Close on Saturday the 12th of September 2009. The operator/driver has been formally interviewed about the spillage, as well as operating an overloaded vehicle. Additional enquiries are ongoing and a report is being compiled. Spillage was notified by John Pointon & Sons who attended the location and cleared the spillage.
- e) John Pointon and Sons continue to support the community in the effective clean up of any animal by products spilt in the area.

The Team continues to have a cooperative and productive working relationship with the business at all levels. A formal "Primary Authority Agreement", underwritten by the Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO) and Staffs CC and JPS are currently considering.

6. Update from Animal Health

Peter Long also stated that there had been no significant events or outbreaks since the last meeting. Furthermore there were no issues with John Pointon and Sons operation over the period since the last meeting.

Peter Long discussed the reason outbreak of Equine Anaemia which occurred in Swindon, Wiltshire. John Pointon and Sons provided transport for the operation and the service was carried out very professionally.

Any other business

- Martin Dale stated that the meeting had been very useful for him and he looked forward to being involved in future meetings.

7. Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held at Cheddleton Community Hall on 14th May 2010 at 5.00pm