

**NOTES OF THE  
BOBBINGWORTH FORMER LANDFILL SITE  
LOCAL LIAISON GROUP  
Held on site  
3.00pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

**Present:** Cllr W Breare-Hall, Environment Portfolio Holder (Chair) (WBH)  
 Colin Thompson, Moreton Bobbingworth & the Lavers PC (CT)  
 Susan Stranders, Drainage Manager, Neighbourhoods (SS)  
 Abigail Oldham, Country care, Neighbourhoods (AO)

**Notes:** Susan Stranders

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Qasim Durrani, Cllr T. Boyce	
2.	<b>Draft Notes of the last meeting 17 April 2014</b> Agreed	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b> None	
4.	<p><b>Budget</b>            Costs so far this year still within budget. Due to very wet weather the water in the site has risen and caused some problems with the dynamics between ground and surface water discharge. Some additional mitigation measures are required, but Veolia intend to use as much recycled material as possible to keep costs down. It is currently anticipated that other costs linked to pumps/plant and construction can be met from existing budget.</p> <p>A quote from a pest control company for rabbit control was prohibitive, and would stretch the existing budget. Veolia to be asked what the impact of significant rabbit population would potentially have on the engineering solutions on site before further quotes obtained and other options are considered.</p>	<p>SS</p>
5.	<p><b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>            No major issues. The high level of dissolved methane may have been an auspicious result. However, as a precautionary measure sampling has been increased and an additional air sparger has been installed.</p> <p>Reed bed looks good. One area was sparse so some redistribution was carried out. Ammonia from some sampling points is slightly higher than expected but hopefully this will reduce as flushing increases and levels in the site come down.</p> <p>Pumps have been working at maximum capacity to assist in lowering the water levels in the site.</p> <p><b>Landscape &amp; Maintenance</b>            The southern ditch has still not been cleared. SS to arrange works asap. The area around the finger post is to be backfilled when Veolia carry out the additional wet land work. AO reminded SS about the access gate at the car park end of the site.</p> <p>Costings need to be confirmed and provision of type of gate should not compromise the safety/access of the site.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>SS</p>

	<p>Grass cut required across site, including in between the trees. This needs to be done asap to prevent weeds from seeding. Further attack on Goats Rue is required. The elm tree is very stressed. Veolia to cost up installing a watering line. Every effort will be made to increase level of watering to the tree. Paths to be regularly sprayed to maximise weed control and keep clear. The area around the QEII plaque needs weeding.</p> <p>Volunteers have carried out further mulching and pond work, in addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County care had a very successful 'Moth Night' - 16 species were observed on a bad night so further species expected to be identified in better weather;</li> <li>• A guided walk from Magda Laver to the site is planned;</li> <li>• No plans for additional planting. AO considers sufficient on site. Donated apple trees (native to Essex) have been planted along the line of the parish boundary;</li> <li>• Second slow worm hibernaculum is yet to be inhabited. No owls have been spotted on site to date. Two species of bat, skylarks and buzzards seen.</li> </ul> <p>CT volunteered to make bat boxes and install on site. He found a dead badger and registered the badger sett with Harlow, so the sett is now listed.</p> <p><b>Rabbit Control</b> Veolia to confirm risks to site from identified significant rabbit populations. The existing volunteer ferreting does not appear to be controlling the level on site.</p> <p><b>6. Any Other Business</b> CT asked about the plant/tree labelling he requested at the last meeting. AO explained other sites need to take priority. CT to explore doing this himself.</p> <p><b>7. Next Meeting</b> March 2015 – Civic Offices – TBA</p>	<p>CT</p> <p>SS</p> <p>WBH-SS</p>
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