

Agenda Item 11

Incinerator/Wienerberger/Biffa CLG & Trading Estate

Wienerberger/Biffa CLG meeting held 23rd March at Wienerberger Wesley Works; please refer to copy of minute's issues 30-03-2016 attached.

The following is of note: **Gas found in borehole 16** which prompted an investigation by the EA, a full reason has not been given for the readings found or the type of gas found.

Concern raised by Mr R.Kirby regarding the railing along the public footpath, the issue is whose responsibility are they? Location near Mr Kirby's home in station road, it is most probably Highways. *Railing: Ray Kirby asked about the railings along the public footway adjacent to Station House which he suggested had been damaged by brickworks traffic. Peter Holden commented that this had previously been reported to Worcestershire Highways Department who had apparently accepted responsibility for maintenance. This needs to be chased up with WCC by the Parish (comment from CLG minutes 23-03-2016)*

Sound levels:- from the brick works, complaint by resident Mark Hibberd Field house Walton Road (*Ex Cllr Harrop's home*) It was found the brickworks sound level was higher than they should have been (6db above normal levels at Mark's home, 26db on the site), copy of report attached (*Sound Survey Report 2015 Waresley*). The brickworks are currently fitting new baffles to lower the sound levels to the correct level.

Overall the Wienerberger/Biffa CLG is very well run allowing residents to partake fully, Mark Hibberd is not on the membership of the CLG, he was allowed to present the findings and they also took him on a tour of the affected area within the Brickworks after the meeting, the CLG is very well run and they are willing to listen to any concerns.

The above sound levels readings will be of use when dealing with other produces of sound from the Trading Estate, e.g. the incinerator cooling turbines which are a lot larger compared to the brickworks and will create more base level vibration which will convert to higher sound levels when it reacts with other structures for example windows and walls.

Stephanie Palmer is taking over the CLG from John Standford at Wienerberger she is willing to let Councillors have a tour of the facility to increase our awareness of what they do, which I would like us to take them up on this offer.

Lighting Issues on the trading Estate, it has been noted that the light levels on the trading Estate has increased drastically over the past months.

I have managed to get documentation from WRS regards the lighting levels permitted; this was due to visiting a resident of Elmley Lovett who had concerns over the lighting on the incinerator in January, I was given paper versions by WRS and I have now attached the pdf versions. Please note the level in any rural area after 11pm is only 1 lux, therefore I should think Planning Enforcement or WRS should be able to get the lighting on the trading estate adjusted to reduce the amount of glow that is currently affecting the area. This becomes even more pronounced during air conversion. The concern is that they have changed over from Argon/sodium lighting to LED lighting which can be ten times brighter.

I have included some photos to help; the problem with photo's shown in day light is that you will be observing detail with the cone cells in your eyes as opposed to the rod cells used at night!! Which means you will not get a proper representation as regards the true effects of the light on night vision.

I can understand Caro's concern over the lights being used on the opposite side of the A449 on the southern turning onto the A449 refer to picture [001 P1180209-15-03-2016--20-31-09-Farm Building-re-email from Caro A449](#)

##(As a matter of personal interest the notion of red light is a fallacy, night time pigmentation is actually blue green, refer to

<http://www.livephysics.com/physical-constants/optics-pc/wavelength-colors/>)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rod_cell night vision

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cone_cell three types of cells used in day time vision.