

Agenda 10(2)

Report by Eve Jones on EfW Incinerator

The £195million EfW Incinerator was officially opened on the 14th June by HRH Duke of Gloucester. Hartlebury Parish Council was represented by the Chair, Sheridan Tranter and another Councillor. Representatives from HZI (the company contracted to build it) and various other professional persons involved were present. Also present were Councillors representing both counties and past and present council employees.

It proved to be an interesting morning where a Councillor commented that 'it had to go somewhere' and that it was 'good that it had been sunk into the ground as the chimney was lower!' Sadly, this was not correct on either point.

It was good to talk to a representative of HZI who was very informative. There is no pre-sorting at the Hartlebury EfW Incinerator. However, we were told that other incinerators this company is involved with in the UK do have this facility. Part of a chassis of a car had caused a problem when it had to be retrieved some weeks previously.

There was a putrid smell and seagulls flying overhead on that day. When this was questioned the problem was put down to the hot weather.

There is obviously a need for the CLG to continue for the sake of the welfare of the residents and I hope and trust that the District Councillor will now support those knowledgeable residents willing to give their time to do this.

Eve Jones