

**John Pointon and Sons Ltd Liaison Group Meeting
5.00pm Friday 22 March 2019**

The following members were present:

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| Chair | Karen Bradley (Member of Parliament) |
| Environment Agency | Steve Thomason – EPR Installations Team Leader |
| Councillors: | CLlr Harold Jennings - Cheddleton Parish Council CLlr Mike Bowen- SMDC District Council |
| John Pointon and Sons: | Barney Williams - Technical Director Charlotte Wood - Minutes |
| Animal Health: | See apologies |
| Representing Residents: | Joe Smith |
| Staffordshire County Council: | See apologies |
| Apologies: | Stephanie Young (Trading Standards – Animal Health) Patricia Duffy Jack Brereton (Member of Parliament) John Tunna |

Welcome

Karen Bradley (KB) our Member of Parliament welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Updates:

Environment Agency

Steve Thomason (ST) stated that since the last meeting in September 2018, there had been 23 odour reports, mostly coming from the north of the site. ST explained that no issues on the site had been identified and that some of these reports coincided with reported issues such as a raw material HGV which was sat in a traffic build up and agricultural land spreading odours.

ST reported that there had been one Schedule 5 notifications from the company since the last meeting which was due to a Thermal Oxidiser tripping out.

ST stated that the Company have taken action and are working through their agreed proactive tracker to ensure that potential odour complaints are mitigated wherever possible.

Barney Williams (BW) explained that there has been one instance of another company's vehicle parking in the layby on Cheadle Road which could be confused as an odour from John Pointon and Sons.

BW stated that although there are further improvements needed, those such as air locks for the doors are a significant cost for the site and may have an impact on the flow of the traffic within the site, which would have serious Health and Safety implications. BW added that there is a potential alternative option which he would update on at the next meeting.

John Pointon and Sons

BW explained that the roof repairs are still ongoing and that the work will be carried out over a sustained period. Only limited parts of the roof will be worked on at any given time, meaning that there should be no increase in odour. BW confirmed that if there was to be an increase for any reason, a leaflet drop would be carried out and residents informed. BW added that all roofs in the factory are now less than 10 years old.

BW explained that there is an air odour monitoring survey planned for spring.

BW stated that works are being done to prepare for the summer months, such as turning the bio beds, some of which have already been completed.

BW added that since the last meeting, the 2million watt engine gas generator has been installed and turned on, which has resulted in providing 90% of the electricity used at the factory. BW added that this is a significant saving for the company.

BW explained that a trial for a new odour treatment within the factory was unfortunately a failure, however at the time of the trial, the equipment which could be used for the trailers was not available and BW is therefore hopeful that this will be a success when trialled.

BW explained that the company has been asked to be involved in establishing guidance notes for a rendering and slaughtering best practice document, which will bring better standards to these areas.

BW explained that there had been two spillages; one of these was on the roundabout at Basford Bridge Lane which involved farm waste from a trailer and a tractor; the other spillage happened outside Moorville Hall on Leek Road which was another rendering company's vehicle. Pointon's onsite emergency spillage team were utilised and the residues were cleaned up.

BW stated that the cooker processes will be revalidated which will lower the temperature by up to 20 degrees, meaning that there will be less vapour and therefore less odour.

BW explained that it has been agreed that affordable houses will be built on Mill Lane and a deal has been made with Affordable Housing for the houses to be handed over to them when they are completed. There will be a new road down to the houses and the School House will be converted at the same time.

BW stated that there had been a major training visit from the Animal and Plant Health Agency on 21/3/19 which had gone very well. BW explained that there were 15 officers on site who were there for a mock run through in the event that there was a disease outbreak. BW explained that events like this are very beneficial, as it keeps the factory at a very high standard. BW added that they seemed to be very impressed with the systems and procedures that were in place.

Joe Smith (JS) stated that the landscaping is in its first true season and is more than satisfactory. JS added that the maintenance costs had been reduced.

ST explained that Ian Dakin, who is a Cheddleton resident and Safety and Environmental Consultant, was looking to join the group. KB asked if there were any objections to this to which there were none.

Animal Health

KB asked if there was any update from Animal Health and BW explained that apart from the training day which had been discussed, there was nothing further on the horizon.

Trading Standards

KB asked if there was an update from trading standards. BW explained that Stephanie Young was unfortunately very unwell. All parties at the meeting expressed their sincere condolences which are to be passed on to Stephanie.

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N/A

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the meetings would take place every 6 months.

Next meeting to be held at the John Pointon and Sons Recreation Centre on **Friday 4 October 2019 at 5 pm.**