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DRAFT Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Waddington Parish Council to discuss HARP Tuesday, 22nd Dec. 7.30pm via zoom.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cllr Doug Parker, Cllr Liz Haworth, Cllr Roy Edmondson, Cllr Roy Hampson, Cllr Darren Taylor, Cllr Gil Fisher, Cllr Chris Sullivan in attendance Cllr Bob Buller RVBC, Carol Baird, Clerk, John Haslewood member of the public.

2. This HARP meeting in context – Gill Fisher shared an update on HARP meetings to date

This presentation document is available as an appendix to these minutes. It outlined each of the meetings with UU and the timescales of how the dates of the proposed planning applications have been moved forward. It outlined the information given at each meeting from UU. It raised the effect the pandemic has had in the process. It demonstrated how at each stage WPC have publicised the minutes of each meeting on the website, on the village Parish Council noticeboard and on social media. It raised several questions for WPC to ask UU at the public meeting. There are several issues relating to vehicle sizes and volume of traffic and a need for more information on the trial road run conducted by UU.

3. Latest update from UU to date

CB shared the latest email update from UU which arrived just before the meeting. UU have agreed to a public meeting on Monday 11th January 21. UU stated that using existing road networks for the traffic is still a preference. This seems contradictory to the latest communications which had inferred that building a new temporary road was the preferred route. Cllrs agreed that there appears to be discrepancies in the communication from UU.

4. Minutes of the WPC meeting from 14th Dec and the WPC/HARP meeting 19th November

4.1 It was decided to delay the discussion of the 14th Dec minutes until the next WPC meeting on Monday 4th January due to the time constraints of this meeting.

4.2 The WPC/HARP meeting minutes on 19th November were discussed, amended and approved. These will now be circulated on the website and in noticeboards.

5. Procedural issues – Cllr Darren Taylor

5.1 Telephone for the Clerk discussion. It was proposed that the clerk should have a mobile phone provided with a sim card for WPC calls rather than using the clerks personal mobile. Alternatively, the clerks land line could be re-connected and used solely for WPC. The calls could then be charged to WPC.

Action - The clerk asked for this decision be delayed until the WPC meeting on 4th January to have time to further explore the implications.

6. Discussion and agreement on the Flyer – side one HARP/side two co-vid support in the village.

6.1 The content of the flyer was discussed and amended and agreed.

Action – DT to print the flyer as agreed at the meeting and distribute to the village. Several Cllrs volunteered to help with the distribution if needed. The flyer will ask villagers to sign up to a HARP contact list which will update them regularly on HARP issues. It will also be used to publicise the public meeting with UU on Monday 11th January 21.

7. Identifying improvements for the Parish – Cllr Darren Taylor

DT led a discussion on what questions WPC should ask UU at the public meeting. It was decided that Cllrs should each work on questions in time for the next WPC meeting on 4th January. These can then be discussed and collated in time for the public UU meeting the week after on Monday 11th January.

8. Communication between UU/LCC/RVBC and WPC

Communication channels were discussed as WPC felt they were not being communicated to in the best way from LCC and RVBC. DT commented that the agencies are not taking advantage of local knowledge. An example of

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this was the West Bradford road closure. It was decided to elect a spokesperson for WPC on the HARP project to liaise with UU, LCC and RVBC.

Action – Cllr DT was unanimously elected to be the lead spokesperson for WPC on the HARP project and will liaise with the key agencies. CB offered to find out if MP Nigel Evans still has an open surgery for the public and report back to Cllrs.

9. The Virtual Public meeting on 11th January 2021

It was agreed that this meeting should be publicised on the flyer to villagers, and also be run by UU.

Action – WPC Cllrs to prepare questions to put forward for collation at the next WPC meeting on 4th January 21.

10. WPC Agenda and Minutes

It was re-affirmed that WPC Agendas, Minutes and meetings should be available at all times for the general public to access. They will be continued to be publicised on the WPC noticeboard, website, social media and also via the new WPC information circulation list being compiled by Cllr DT. It was also agreed that the minutes should be more concise and consist of the proposal to the meeting, and the decision reached rather than outlining in full the discussion which took place.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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