

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting minutes of Waddington Parish Council and United Utilities Tuesday 6th October 2020, 7.30pm via Zoom

1. Attendance

Present:

Waddington Parish Councillors: Doug Parker, John Hilton, Roy Edmondson, Liz Haworth, Gil Fisher, Roy Hampson, and Darren Taylor to be appointed as Cllr at the next WPC meeting.

RVBC Councillor: Bob Buller

United Utilities: Chris Tighe Third Party Customer Co-ordinator, Tom Rimmer Environmental Planner, Owen Newton Principal Civil Engineer.

In attendance taking minutes: Carol Baird (Clerk to the Parish Council)

2. Presentation by United Utilities

UU gave a detailed slideshow on the latest HARP update. Questions were answered during the presentation and these are summarised below:

Quarry Spoil Questions

Q - Gill Fisher – If a deal is not struck with the quarry for taking the spoil, what will happen?

A - The spoil would have to be placed on the land locally and blended into the landscape. This would be difficult as the area is one of AONB. The landowners involved would also have to be in agreement.

Q – Darren Taylor – Are the figures of vehicles shown on the slides presuming that the quarry will take the spoil or not?

A – The figures are based on the presumption that the quarry would take the spoil. If this does not happen then the figures would have to be re-visited.

Traffic Management Questions

Q – Liz Haworth – The numbers on the slide of 150 vehicles coming through the village is very high. What measures are in place for traffic management?

Q – John Hilton – raised specific concerns about the road between West Bradford and Waddington especially near the Three Millstones Pub and the houses opposite it – there is no room there for widening the road.

A – There will be a comprehensive traffic management programme in place. There is a test happening again next week (14th October) of a 20 tonne HGV going through the route driven by LCC and Highways to check out the pinch points of the route.

John Haslewoods Presentation relating to the building of a new road/ by-pass

Q Doug Parker – wanted UU to look at the presentation by JH relating to the project.

A – UU staff have looked at the presentation and gave their initial feedback - which is that they are going to try to make the existing LCC Highways routes work rather than building new roads. A big influence in the decision is the cost of the overall works as there is a limit to the budget. The planning process will ultimately determine the way forward.

Q Bob Buller – There is a substantial new road being built at Newton – could one be considered for Clitheroe?

A – UU staff said this was because of the disposal of the spoil from the tunnel being used to make the new road in the Newton area.

Q Liz Haworth – Have all the UU staff driven the routes proposed?

A – UU staff have driven the routes proposed and are working very hard with LCC Highways to make a workable solution.

Q Darren Taylor – How are the contractors going to be monitored? – will they be independently monitored? – to make sure they are not exceeding what has been agreed? What are the key performance indicators in place?

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A – UU staff don't have the detail yet and agreed it is important to have some performance indicators in place. The contractor will be tied into the planning restrictions eg timings and limits on traffic volumes and movements. It happens on other projects and has to be demonstrated that vehicles are using the routes specified and in the numbers agreed.

Q – Roy Edmondson – there are lots of issues with the bridges on the routes proposed needing strengthening. Are there plans to talk with LCC about a new road? There are issues already with large vehicles coming through the village. Roy mentioned about the recent accident in the village with a vehicle crashing in to a house wall by the Higher Buck. Roy hopes that a new road could be built to avoid the bridges and stop large vehicles going past the school.

A – LCC has to provide the HARP project with information relating to highways and the structural capacity involving the bridges.

Q – Liz Haworth – asked about the noise impact on the village. There are currently noise sensors on Cross Lane but as John Hilton pointed out these in no way are representative of what they affect the noise and vibrations will have on the village of Waddington.

A – UU are looking into provision for what noise reduction measures can be put in place.

Summary

UU stated that HARP is still a work in progress and is still at the consultation process. The planning process will begin in April 2021. UU are proposing to look at the scope for community enhancements eg for new pavements en route to the schools and other such improvements which would benefit the local community.

Chris Tighe stressed that UU are working very closely with LCC Highways throughout every part of the HARP. Chris is looking to address the points made in JH's presentation and other feedback received from the local area and will arrange another meeting with WPC before Christmas via zoom to be able to give another update.

Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chris Tighe agreed to send Carol Baird a copy of the slide presentation to accompany the minutes of the meeting.