

NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the update meeting held on 26th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Newton Village Hall
From United Utilities

PRESENT: - Cllr M Beattie (Chairman), Cllr B Dixon, Cllr R Whitaker, Cllr R Thornber, Cllr J Bennett
Cllr R Elms
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)

Cllr J Whitney, Cllr S Bennett, Cllr K Harper, Mrs R Carr – Bowland Forest (HD) PC
Cllr J Lawson, Cllr V Wood – Slaidburn PC
Cllr E Leeming, Mrs W Leeming – Bowland Forest (LD) PC
Mr A Johnson (Duchy)
Mr and Mrs R Parker (Residents)

Owen Newton, Gemma Parkinson, James Corran and Dave Watson from United Utilities gave an update on the proposed works to the Haweswater Aqueduct.

Ground Investigations are underway. Costain have been engaged as the tunnelling contractor should plans be feasible.

The tunnel will go from Newton to Wray some 16.5km and will have no safety access points. The work is estimated to take 6 years commencing 2023. A hard surface road is being proposed to take traffic to/from the access site at Gamble Hole Farm crossing Dunsop Road, installing a bridge over the river Hodder and joining the road at Hallgate Hill so that traffic can bypass Newton Village. Traffic will then continue over Waddington Fell to Waddington and West Bradford. It is estimated that at peak times there will be up to 13 wagons per hour passing to and from the site. This will only occur during working daylight hours. Tunnelling will be a 24 hour operation. UU to advise parishes when there are to be large wagons coming through so that residents can be informed.

They are currently looking for options to dispose of the spoil. Possibilities include Waddington Fell Quarry and spreading on land at Gamble Hole. Any area found will be included on planning applications. Mrs Leeming raised the issue of waste disposal certificates being required for landowners should their property be used.

When the tunnel is completed the current building at Craggs will be secured and inspected every 10 years

Planning application is expected to be submitted in early 2021.

UU have been asked to confirm that residents who currently receive their water supply from a spring at Gamble Hole Farm will have no disruption to their supply and should this occur that water will be provided. UU confirmed.

The tunnel under Waddington Fell is 5km. Work will take 3 years to complete and will be taking place at the same time to the Newton Site. This will have an overflow to the river Hodder.

The Cross Lane to Waddington Tunnel will have an overflow to Bashall Brook.
More information can be found at www.unitedutilities.com/harp

Any complaints or questions are to be sent to Chris Tighe

UU have planned an open event for residents on Wednesday 11th March in Newton Village Hall. This will be publicised via social media, press releases and mailshots

Update closed 8.20pm