



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Unstone Parish Council  
held at Moorland View, Apperknowle on Thursday 18 September  
2025**

**PRESENT** Councillors Hopkinson (in the Chair), Dale, Hubbard,  
Land, Lilleyman, Rogers and Smith

**IN ATTENDANCE** E Smith (Parish Clerk) and M Brown (Caretaker)  
4 members of the public

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- 221/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr Booth, Dalby and Perkins
- 222/25 VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
No variations to the order of business
- 223/25 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest
- 224/25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**  
No confidential matters
- 225/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
A member spoke about the definition of cutting a hedge as Council only cut 1 side but the hedge has 3 sides.  
A member of the public stated there is no stop sign on the junction of New Road and High Street.  
A member of the public stated that Eckington Road junction had not been cut back.
- 226/25 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 17 JULY 2025**  
**RESOLVED** approved the Full Council meeting minutes, Chair signed the minutes.
- 227/25 POLICE REPORT**  
July 2025  
9 x Violent crime against a person  
1 x Theft  
1 x Criminal Damage  
1 x Public order  
1 x Vehicle crime  
August 2025  
1 x Violent crime against a person  
2 x Criminal Damage  
1 x Public Order  
**RESOLVED** noted.
- 228/25 DCC AND NEDDC REPORT – Cllr Dale report**  
**Local Plan** – 250 people attended the meetings in Unstone and Dronfield. There were 500 responses to the Issues and Options consultation. Next stage will be a preferred site consultation in February 2026 the locations will be more specific. June/July 2026 the draft Local Plan will be consulted on ready for sending into the inspector in November 2026.  
**Burns Rise** – Cllr Dale attended the planning appeal meeting on 31 July. Appellant has asked for legal costs which has held up the decision.

**Local Government Reform** – All Councils are rushing to put proposals in by November. They will be putting in a North and South division. Government will make a decision by Spring 2027. Parish Councils will continue on a 4 year term. Seat boundaries will not be carried out until after the election so for the first term will use current boundaries and add an extra Councillor there will be 70-90 Councillors in the Northern division.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**229/25 CHAIRS REPORT**

Children's trip and OAP trips had lovely weather. Meeting with Peak Resort was held at the Horse and Jockey Public House.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**230/25 DALC NEWSLETTER**

Clerk circulated the August 2025 newsletter.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**231/25 DCC CYCLE PATH**

Clerk reported there was no further updates on the cycle path.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**232/25 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE DATA COLLECTED**

**RESOLVED** noted.

**233/25 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE ADDITIONAL LOCATION**

Derbyshire County Council Officer stated that a speed indicator device in this area could not be achieved due to the lighting columns not being good enough to hold the speed indicator devices. DCC Officer also looked at the speeds along this section of road using their new speed data base and average speeds are 19mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, which is the speed at which most motorists are travelling is 25mph and therefore they do think it would be a waste of money having one there as it would be rarely triggered.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**234/25 HS2 REMOVAL OF SAFEGUARDING DIRECTIONS**

**RESOLVED** noted.

**235/25 DCC - ILLEGAL 15MPH SIGNAGE WEST HANDLEY**

Derbyshire County Council stated that the speed had not changed in this area. The signs had been changed illegally, and this would be reported to the Police and get them changed back. There is no legal 15mph limit.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**236/25 CHARITIES REPORTS**

Cllr Rogers - Henry Fanshaw Charity has held no meetings.

Cllr Smith - Dronfield Relief in Need has held no meetings.  
Cllr Hubbard - Staveley Parochial Charity has held no meetings.  
Cllr Hubbard - Woodthorpe Relief in Need Charity has held no meetings.

**237/25**

## **CARETAKERS REPORT**

### **Community Hall –**

1. PAT testing completed with no issues to report.
2. ASI intruder system 6 monthly test carried out – no issues.
3. Chubb fire alarm/emergency lighting 6 monthly test carried out – 2 failed emergency lights and a further 3 needing replacement due to no longer meeting building regulations. Quotation from our electrician to discuss at the meeting.
4. Small repair to door seal and weather strip on main fire escape in the hall.
5. Yew tree canine society have left after a good number of years, due to dwindling support for their club.
6. Control of a fairly large wasp nest at the hall.

### **Warden/Grounds**

1. Routine checks on all bins, dog, bins, grit bins, bus stops and benches etc around the parish.
2. Routine play area inspections and litter picks.
3. Routine maintenance to flower/shrub beds.
4. Routine weed control around the parish.
5. Routine Grass cutting strimming etc.
6. Routine maintenance to UPC responsible footpaths.
7. Several cases of fly tipping reported to NEDDC.
8. In the last few days one of our benches has vanished from Main Road Unstone, along with the litter bin.
9. Fencing at Whittington Lane was installed in July 2025.
10. Bench on Crow Lane has been painted.
11. Repair to benches at Summerley and Hundall
12. Removal of minor graffiti from Whittington Lane play area
13. Removal of branches obstructing the view from the bus stop on Unstone Green.
14. Removal of overhanging branches at St John's Play Area.
15. SID unit was moved to Main Rd/Sheffield Rd Unstone in July. It will be moved to Unstone Junior school at the end of this month.
16. The notice board at West Handley has now been re-sited to its original position, after works to the nearby barn have been completed.
17. Letters were issued to the residents parking their vehicles on the grass at Unstone Green, they have now found alternative parking.

**RESOLVED** noted report. Approved quotation for lighting for the replacement of 5 lights. Approved a budget of £1600 for a new floor cleaner.

- 238/25 PAYMENT LIST FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025**  
RFO circulated the payment list for August and September 2025 totalling £5,257.67 and £9,437.14.  
**RESOLVED** approved the payment list circulated (Appendix 1)
- 239/25 BANK RECONCILIATION FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2025**  
RFO circulated the bank reconciliation for July and August 2025  
**RESOLVED** approved the bank reconciliation circulated (Appendix 2)
- 240/25 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/25**  
RFO circulated the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2024/25.  
**RESOLVED** no comments.
- 241/25 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2025/26**  
**RESOLVED** approved Clerk to obtain quotations from companies on the Internal Audit Forum for Derbyshire.
- 242/25 INSURANCE RENEWAL QUOTATON OCTOBER 2025**  
**RESOLVED** approved quotation £1,658.26 with Zurich Municipal. (3-year deal)
- 243/25 LAND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY HALL**  
Clerk has received no further correspondence since meeting with NEDDC.  
**RESOLVED** noted.
- 244/25 CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 29 NOVEMBER 2025**  
13 stalls maximum to be offered. Clerk has already received 6 applications for stalls. Council will have a stall for tombola (Councillors to man and provide prizes). Chair will provide pulled pork sandwiches and hot refreshments from kitchen. Santas grotto on stage, Chair will source a Santa, an Elf will be required.  
**RESOLVED** noted.
- 245/25 NEDDC FIRE DOOR INSPECTIONS**  
**RESOLVED** Clerk to contact fire door contractor to look at current fire doors within the hall.
- 246/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
25/00668/FL – Change of use from agricultural land to dog exercise field at Land to the rear of Highcliffe to Little Well, High Street, Apperknowle  
**RESOLVED** no comments.

25/00694/FL – Part retrospective application for formation of manege at Land East of Unstone House and Railway Line, Whittington Lane, Unstone

**RESOLVED** no comments.

25/00725/FL – Change of use from an unused car park to a residential plot to accommodate a 4-bedroom dormer bungalow at Land to the East of 27 Barrack Road, Apperknowle

**RESOLVED** no comments.

**247/25 PLANNING DECISIONS**

25/00262/FL – Retrospective application for the change of use from agricultural barn to equine with erection of lean-et extension and additional hard standing and change of use of the land for keeping horses (Amended Title) (Additional plan) at Land East of Unstone House and Railway Line, Whittington Lane, Unstone – **Conditionally approved 9 July 2025**

**RESOLVED** noted.

**248/25 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

APP/R1038/D/25/3369308 – Rosings, Hundall (25/00223/FLH) appeal is dismissed.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**249/25 PLANNING MATTERS AFTER THE AGENDA WAS CIRCULATED**

No further planning applications circulated.

**250/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** approved 16 October 2025 at 7pm.

**251/25 ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE OCTOBER 2025 AGENDA**

No further agenda items.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed .....

Chairperson

Date 16 October 2025

## Appendix 1

### August 2025 Cheque Requests

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vat Rec</u>	<u>Total</u>
D/D	British Gas	Electric Bill 21/04 to 22/06/2025 - CCTV	£22.44	£2.73	£25.17
D/D	YU Energy	Electric Bill 01/06 to 30/06/2025	£56.97	£2.85	£59.82
S/O	Wish Computers	Web site management	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
S/O	Blueflame	Annual Service Plan (Feb 25 to Jan 26)	£34.17	£6.83	£41.00
D/D	NEDDC	Trade Waste Collections	£48.69	£0.00	£48.69
D/D	O2	CCTV at Whittington Lane	£18.70	£3.74	£22.44
D/D	Unity Trust	Fuel	£188.26	£37.06	£225.32
D/D	Nest	Pension Contributions July 2025	£136.11	£0.00	£136.11
D/D	Waterplus	Water Charges	£21.15	£0.00	£21.15
D/D	Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£8.70	£0.00	£8.70
	Maxfields Executive Coach				
BACS	Travel	Coach Hire	£1,775.00	£0.00	£1,775.00
BACS	Chubb Fire & Security	Fire Alarm Service	£231.84	£46.37	£278.21
BACS	Sky Mobile	SIM Card - West Handley	£46.67	£9.33	£56.00
BACS	DB Property Maintenance	V Mesh Fencing - Whittington Lane	£1,550.00	£0.00	£1,550.00
BACS	Miscellaneous	Payroll July 2025	£3,628.59	£0.00	£3,628.59
BACS	HMRC	Payroll July 2025	£1,525.94	£0.00	£1,525.94
		<b>August 2025 Payments Total</b>	<b><u>£9,328.23</u></b>	<b><u>£108.91</u></b>	<b><u>£9,437.14</u></b>

**September****2025****Cheque Requests**

	<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Vat Rec</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
D/D	British Gas	Electric Bill 22/06 to 26/07/2025 - CCTV	£29.22	£1.46	£30.68
D/D	YU Energy	Electric Bill 01/07 to 31/07/2025	£52.59	£2.63	£55.22
S/O	Wish Computers	Web site management	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
D/D	Elis UK	Cleaning Hall	-£151.34	£0.00	-£151.34
S/O	Blueflame	Annual Service Plan (Feb 25 to Jan 26)	£34.17	£6.83	£41.00
D/D	NEDDC	Trade Waste Collections	£48.69	£0.00	£48.69
D/D	O2	CCTV at Whittington Lane	£18.70	£3.74	£22.44
D/D	Unity Trust	Fuel and Subscription	£207.41	£40.89	£248.30
D/D	Nest	Pension Contributions August 2025	£136.11	£0.00	£136.11
D/D	Waterplus	Water Charges	£24.64	£0.00	£24.64
D/D	Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£9.45	£0.00	£9.45
BACS	Viking Direct	Stationery	£27.40	£5.48	£32.88
BACS	ED Steel	Screen Wash	£3.29	£0.66	£3.95
BACS	Sky Mobile	SIM Card - West Handley	£13.33	£2.67	£16.00
BACS	Sky Mobile	SIM Card - West Handley	£13.33	£2.67	£16.00
BACS	Miscellaneous	Payroll August 2025	£3,331.74	£0.00	£3,331.74
BACS	HMRC	Payroll August 2025	£1,356.91	£0.00	£1,356.91
		<b>September 2025 Payments Total</b>	<b><u>£5,190.64</u></b>	<b><u>£67.03</u></b>	<b><u>£5,257.67</u></b>

## Appendix 2

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	OPENING BALANCE	£ 30,688.07		
	PLUS INCOME SHEET	£ 52,160.03		
		£ 82,848.10		
	PLUS UNPRESENTED PAYMENTS	CHQS £0.00		
		£ 82,848.10		
	MINUS EXPENDITURE	£ 33,365.10	UNITY	£ 3,721.88
		<u>£ 49,483.00</u>	SAVINGS	<u>£ 45,761.12</u>
				<u>£ 49,483.00</u>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	OPENING BALANCE	£ 30,688.07		
	PLUS INCOME SHEET	£ 53,134.03		
		£ 83,822.10		
	PLUS UNPRESENTED PAYMENTS	CHQS £0.00		
		£ 83,822.10		
	MINUS EXPENDITURE	£ 42,861.14	UNITY	£ 10,199.84
		<u>£ 40,960.96</u>	SAVINGS	<u>£ 30,761.12</u>
				<u>£ 40,960.96</u>