

Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council
Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle
On Thursday 21st April 2016.

- Present:** Cllrs S. Hopkinson ; M. Lilleyman; R. Smith; and V. Tebbs:
In attendance: A P Jones (Clerk); E Smith (RFO); County Councillor J Hill and 9 members of the public;
169/15 Cllrs J Elliott; K. Fisher, K. Perkins and T. Rogers and Caretaker M. Brown gave apologies for absence.
- 170/15 There were no variations to the order of business.
171/15 There were no declarations of interest.
172/15 a) The Police Liaison Officer Report had sent a report that the fly-tipper on Morton Lane had been identified and is being dealt with by the Environment Agency/police.
172/15 b) There was no District Councillors Report
172/15 c) County Councillor Janet Hill reported that Derbyshire County Council is opposing the government proposal that all schools become Academies on grounds of the £3m cost of converting and loss of accountability; St Mary's Infant and Unstone Junior schools are federating; Substantial numbers of jobs are expected to be created at Markham Moor.
- 173/15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th March 2016 had been circulated. It was approved that subject to correcting the numbering they be signed by the Chair.
173/15 .1 Matters Arising – Comments made in response to Planning Application 16/00292/FL were not material considerations and therefore could not be considered by Planning Control.
- 174/15 There were no confidential items.
175/15 There were no Chair's announcements.
176/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence.
176/15 .1 Two Casual Vacancies are still awaiting to be filled by co-option
176/15 .2 As noted at the March meeting the Public Meeting about the closure of Dronfield Police Station had not been well attended. Natascha Engel's office is considering holding another meeting.
176/15 .3 The Clerk urged Councillors and Members of the Public to complete the DCC consultation about proposals to stop subsidised bus routes. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportchanges. The Clerk will write on behalf of the Parish Council.
176/15 .4 The Clerk had circulated an email from a Member of the Public on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Group covering Cheetham Ave, Sylvia Road, Alice Way, Roberts Close and part of Sheffield Road. They are asking for financial support of £140 from the Parish Council for 'No Cold Calling' signage. The Clerk advised that this could not be decided at the April meeting as it had not been received in time to go on the Agenda but would be on the May agenda for a decision. Cllr Richard Smith was advised he had to declare an interest as his own property is affected by the decision.
- 177/15 Items raised by Councillors.
177/15 .1 There was no further information on the Peak Resort development.
177/15 .2 Fly-tipping – covered at 172/15a) above.
- 178/15 Parish Facilities - Caretaker's report of work done. (FHM Hall matters reported under CHMC minutes)
178/15 .1 Routine park inspections and litter picks carried out.
178/15 .2 Routine checks on bus stops, bins and dog waste bins around the parish carried out.
178/15 .3 Routine grass cutting and strimming on all parish grounds carried out.
178/15 .4 Repair to broken seat at Summerley carried out.
178/15 .5 Placed 4 more dog fouling signs around the parish
178/15 .6 Repairs to damaged dog signs at Whittington park
178/15 .7 Removal of dangerous mesh and repainting of football nets at Brierley park (Raised on annual playground report)
178/15 .8 Rounded sharp edges under slide at Whittington park (Raised on annual playground inspection report.)

- 178/15 .9 Replace damaged wooden heads removed from rocking horse at St John's play area.
- 178/15 .10 Ordered parts needed for multi-unit at Brierley play area to try and restrict movement of log beam – awaiting delivery (Raised on annual playground inspection report)
- 178/15 .11 A resident of Hardhurst Rd, has raised concerns over children climbing to the top of a very tall conifer tree situated in Whittington park, with risk of serious injury if they fall. She has reported it to NEDDC. We are awaiting their advice.
- 179/15 It was noted that DALC circulars up to no. 7 of 2016 and other relevant correspondence had been circulated. Copies are available from the Clerk.
- 180/15 Parish Facilities – RFO's report.
- 180/15 .1 The RFO's report had been circulated and was approved.
- 180/15 .2 Cheque/BACs request for April a total of £4,868.93 was unanimously approved along with current income sheet and bank reconciliation.
- 180/15 .3 The Annual Governance Statement was read out by the Clerk and unanimously approved and signed.
- 180/15 .4 The Accounting Statement was unanimously approved and signed.
- 181/15 .1 To Consider Planning Applications/ Appeals
- a) 16/00286/FL Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new log cabin with change of use for usage as a holiday let. Summerley Hall Fruit Farm Summerley Lower Road Apperknowle. There were no concerns, it will be an improvement.
- 181/15 .2 To note Planning Decisions:
- a) NED16/00139/FLH Demolition of existing detached garage and carport and construction of a new detached garage with covered canopy area and attached garden store (Revised Scheme of 15/00855/FLH) at Siscar Croft Crow Lane Unstone Dronfield for Mr And Mrs Wright. Conditionally Approved. Noted.
- 182/15 Public Participation
- 182/15 .1 In answer to a previous question from the public Well Dressing does not require planning permission as it is a temporary structure. It would be possible to arrange for UPC Public Liability insurance to cover the event. County Councillor Janet Hill invited a member of the public to submit an application to her direct for funds to cover the cost of plants for the Well Dressing.
- 182/15 .2 In answer to a previous question from the public, DUWC largely provides advice and support on benefits to individuals who are unable to work due to long term illness and disability. Their purpose and the way they operate does not put them in a position to organise groups of able bodied volunteer workers for community projects.
- 182/15 .3 A member of the public asked if emptying dog waste bins could be added to the Caretaker's duties to save the cost of NEDDC emptying them. Councillors considered that the work was too technically specialised with a specially designed collection vehicle and considerable H & S issues to take account of. The Clerk advised that the Caretaker's contract of employment/job description and existing hours of work would not allow for the additional duties.
- 182/15 .4 A member of the public advised that she had reported effluent in the River Drone at the bottom of Crow Lane direct to the Environment Agency and will keep UPC informed of the outcome.
- 183/15 A. O. B.
Councillor Perkins advised the Council and the public that the individual who had been captured on the hall CCTV trying to break into the bar van and damaging the CCTV camera has now been identified and this is being followed up by the police.
- 184/15 The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 p.m. Thursday 19th May 2016 (to follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7.00 p.m.)
- 185/15 No further items were noted for the May 2016 agenda.
The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.