

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

- Present:** Cllrs J. Elliott; K. Fisher; M. Lilleyman; K. Perkins; R. Smith; and V. Tebbs
- In attendance:** A. P. Jones (Clerk); E Smith (RFO); M. Brown (Hall Caretaker); Mr. T Rogers and 10 members of the public;
- 106/15 Cllr S. Hopkinson gave apologies for absence (unwell). V.R. Smith and C. Smith had resigned.
- 107/15 In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Cllr R. Smith chaired the meeting.
- 108/15 Order of business was varied to take the Pension Scheme item as the final item after public had left, as this is a confidential matter.
- 109/15 There were no declarations of interest.
- 110/15 a) PC Sally Horner had sent a police report. There was 1 incident of vehicle interference on Sheffield Rd. Unstone. There were 3 instances of antisocial behaviour, the only one of note being off road biking in Stubbing Wood, West Handley.
- 110/15 b) There was no District Councillors Report
- 110/15 c) There was no County Councillor's Report.
- 111/15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 had been circulated. It was resolved that they be approved, and they were signed by the meeting Chair.
- 112/15 Mr. T. Rogers was formally co-opted to the Parish Council and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 113/15 The Pension Scheme item – 13.1 is confidential business and will be discussed after public have left.
- 114/15 Chair's announcements. The Chair had sent correspondence which the Clerk read out to the meeting.
- .1 A letter of resignation from V. R. Smith and C. Smith. The letter made reference to various points on the Parish Council's performance. The Clerk read a statement of response on behalf of the Chair. The Clerk was asked to minute the thanks of the Parish Council for Rosie and Caroline's contributions to the Council over several years. It was noted that V. R. Smith remains as District Councillor.
- The Clerk will notify NEDDC of the two casual vacancies and notices will be put on the notice boards.
- .2 Letters of thanks for the pensioners Christmas Party had been received from Rev. Gill Tutt and Anne Almond. The letters thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make the party a great success.
- 115/15 Clerk's Report/Correspondence
- 115/15 .1 Chesterfield Borough Council Land Availability Assessment and Community Infrastructure Levy. The Clerk had circulated an email from Alan Morey, Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager of Chesterfield Borough Council, inviting UPC to suggest potential sites for development, and announcing that a Community Infrastructure Levy will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April. This was noted.
- 115/15 .2 The Playground Inspection Reports. The NEDDC Annual Playground inspection Reports had been circulated to Councillors. Several items either require maintenance work now or will do in the near future. In each case the advice from NEDDC is to contact the manufacturer. The manufacturer is known to have gone out of business. The report will be forwarded for Martyn to deal with any issues which he can. The Clerk will contact NEDDC for advice on how to proceed with no manufacturer to contact.
- 115/15 .3 A public meeting with Alan Charles, combined with Dronfield Town Council, to discuss the closure of Dronfield Police Station is being arranged in liaison with Natascha Engel's office. *Clerk's note: This meeting will be at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park. There will be more publicity for this event nearer the date. Councillors and members of the public are encouraged to attend.*
- 115/15 .4 The Main Road Telephone Box requires substantial maintenance including a full refit of Perspex panels. The kit which BT provides will not be sufficient to cover the requirements, and the Perspex panels are available more cheaply from alternative suppliers. Dronfield Civic Society are able to provide advice on alternative suppliers. The Clerk will ask for their advice.
- 115/15 .5 The Clerk has received a copy of a letter from Springbank residents to NEDDC complaining that following repair works to the lane carried out by NEDDC, further damage has now been done by a large farm tractor. This was noted, and it was decided that UPC will wait to hear the response of NEDDC before deciding if any further action is required.

- 115/15 .6 Footpath Closure Footpath No. 29 15/02/2016 to 01/07/2016. Further to the notice of railway viaduct strengthening works, we have received notice of this footpath closure. Public and footpath users will be advised through normal public notice process.
- 115/15 .7 Ashgate Hospice has said a thank you letter and receipt for the £250 donated from the Seniors Christmas Party raffle. This was noted.
- 115/15 .8 Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre had sent a request for a donation. It was noted that DUWC's services are available to residents of Unstone. A donation of the same amount as previous years was approved in principle, the RFO to confirm the amount for February payments.
- 116/15 Items raised by Councillors – Councillors concerns had been covered under items already on the agenda.
- 117/15 It was noted that DALC circulars 1 and 2 of 2016 and other relevant correspondence had been circulated. Copies available from the Clerk.
- 118/15 Parish Facilities - Caretaker's report of work done. (FHM Hall matters reported under CHMC minutes)
- 118/15 .1 Replacement of three broken grit bins at Whittington Lane, Apperknowle High Street and St Johns Road.
- 118/15 .2 Re painting and wood replacement on benches at various locations (ongoing) Some benches are tubular metal and are corroding quite badly, however they will probably last a year or two (MB to keep a check on them).
- 118/15 .3 Removal of graffiti at bus stops in Unstone. Graffiti on the painted areas cannot be removed as the solution fetches paint off. Can be over painted to smarten them up depending on how long before replacement bus stops are installed and if it's worth doing? Agreed that they should be painted over.
- 118/15 .4 A temporary galvanised grit bin has been placed at West Handley and filled – awaiting approval from DCC Highways for permanent grit bin.
- 118/15 .5 Fallen branches at Unstone Green have been removed.
- 118/15 .6 Whittington park hedges have been cut.
- 118/15 .7 Routine park inspections and Litter picks etc. have been carried out.
- a) Whittington park's standing water in middle of field could be a problem when we start cutting it. Noted.
- b) Lots of dog fouling in Whittington park. It was agreed MB to put some extra signs up.
- c) All areas of safe matting are covered in green moss/algae. MB has bought a new product to try. It can be sprayed on and left to treat the areas, MB is waiting for the right weather conditions to do this. Noted.
- 118/15 .8 Trees pushing on the fencing to residents on Hardhurst Drive have been cut by NEDCC. Invoice awaited.
- 118/15 .9 MB has checked and topped up grit bins after snow. All ok.
- 118/15 .10 The notice board at West Handley is rocking. Ok for now but may need re-setting in new concrete. Noted.
- 118/15 .11 Routine inspections and tidying of bus stops carried out.
- 118/15 .12 Two NEDCC litter bins missing on The Common between Apperknowle and Hundall. This has been reported to NEDCC.
- 119/15 Parish Facilities – RFO's report. One bus shelter has been replaced this year. Councillors were asked to make a site visit (individually) and see if they thought a light was necessary. *Clerk's note: Following the meeting feedback from Councillors is that a nearby street light gives adequate lighting but a fitted light would be a non-urgent useful advantage. Further bus shelters will be replaced one per year on a rolling programme.*
- 120/15 RFO's Report – Finance and Banking.
- 120/15 .1 The RFO's report had been circulated and was approved.
- 120/15 .2 Cheque/BACs request for December 15 total of £8,764.99 and January 16 total of £6,371.56 were unanimously approved along with current income sheet and bank reconciliation.
- 121/15 .1 To Consider Planning Applications/ Appeals
- a) NED 15/01253/FL Construction of equestrian stables and ménage area change of land use to keeping of horses at Land To South East Of Stables And North Of High Street Apperknowle for Mr Shaun Rotherham. The Parish Council had no objection.
- b) NED/15/01223/FLH Extension above existing kitchen/dining room at 48, Barrack Road, Apperknowle for Jack Duncan. The Parish Council had no objection.
- c) NED/15/01303/FL Erection of 3 three storey townhouses and associated parking spaces (Conservation Area) Land South Of 7 Main Road West Handley Marsh Lane for Mr D Taylor - TGN Construction. The Parish Council objected on the grounds that this application was out of keeping with the Conservation area and noted that a previous similar application had been rejected.

- 121/15 .1d) NED/15/01309/FL Construction of a single storey Oak framed garden room with glazed link to dwelling (Listed Building/Conservation Area) at Summerley Farm Summerley Lower Road. The Parish Council had no objections.
- e) NED/15/01285/FLH Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of side extension and construction of detached garage (revised scheme of 15/00944/FLH) Southgate Lodge Westfield Lane Middle Handley. The Parish Council had no objections.
- 121/15 .2 To note Planning Decisions:
- a) NED 15/01109/OL Outline application for a 3 bedroom dwelling house at 14, Ramshaw Road for Mr Barry Cobbold. Conditionally Approved. Noted.
- b) NED15/01071/FLH Construction of a garage and storage room (Conservation Area/Affecting Setting) at Elm Tree Stables Summerley Road Summerley Apperknowle for Mr Ian Parry. CONDITIONALLY APPROVED. Noted.
- c) NED15/01165/LB Repair works to railway viaduct (listed building) at Railway Viaduct South Of Main Road Unstone for Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd. CONDITIONALLY APPROVED. Noted.
- 122/15 Public Participation
- 122/15 .1 A member of the public reported that Windmill Lane requires a notice saying it was not suitable for HGVs. The Clerk has previously reported this to DCC Highways but will report it again and ask for their response.  
*Clerk's note: Reported to DCC Reference No. F130975*
- 122/15 .2 It was reported that Apperknowle Bus Shelter roof is broken. MB is to have a look and report back.
- 122/15 .3 A member of the public reported that in icy weather Half Acre Lane is an ice hazard, particularly for tankers.  
*Clerk's note: Reported to DCC Reference No. F130985*
- 122/15 .4 A member of the public reported fly tipping of rubbish across the River Drone at the rear of properties off Church Street, Unstone at S18 4AN. *Clerk's note: Reported to NEDDC via their on-line report service. They aim to respond by email within 10 days.*
- 123/15 The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 p.m. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- 124/15 No further items were noted for the February 2016 agenda.  
The public part of the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 125/15 REPORTED SEPARATELY

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- 125/15 .1 Employee Pension. The RFO reported that Martyn Brown is entitled to a workplace pension with an employer contribution to the value of 1% of his salary in year 1, 2% of his salary in year 2 and 3% of his salary in year 3 and thereafter. Martyn has confirmed that he wants to take up this pension.  
It was unanimously agreed to provide Martyn with a pension on these terms to take effect from 01/04/2016.
- 125/15 .2 The RFO had researched pension providers and recommended that UPC use NEST set up by the government. It's free for employers and easy to set up. It was unanimously agreed to use NEST as pension scheme provider.
- 125/15 .3 It was noted that, as has previously been agreed, UPC are committed to the Living Wage which means that the hourly rate for 2016/17 is £8.25.

The confidential part of the meeting finished at 9.25 pm.