

**Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council
Held at Moorland View, Apperknowle on Thursday 17 February 2022**

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Present: Cllr Hopkinson (in the Chair)
Cllr Davison, Hill, Land, Lilleyman, Perkins, Rogers and Smith

In Attendance: E Smith (Relief Clerk/RFO), M Brown (Caretaker/Warden) and 6 members of the Public

350/22 Apologies – Cllr Dale – Family Commitment

351/22 Variation of the order of business – No variations

352/22 Declaration of members interests - No declarations

353/22 Confidential Items – No confidential matters

354/22 Minutes of the UPC meeting on Thursday 20 January 2022
RESOLVED Approved

355/22 Police Report

PCSO Flowers sent a report detailing the following crimes which were reported in the Parish in January 2022 2 x Violent crime against a person, 1 x Theft and 1 x Misc.

RESOLVED noted report.

356/22 DCC & NEDDC Report - Cllr Dale reported:

- 1. Unstone Juniors Ofsted** - It is a really good read and Cllr Dale has already emailed the Head to say congratulations but thought it might be a nice gesture for UPC to write to them as well.
RESOLVED Clerk to send congratulations letter to Unstone Junior School.
- 2. One Planet Matters / Community Orchards** – Cllr Dale has received some email dialogue with a charity who support community orchards and community growing schemes to be set up. They are currently doing a few others in other parts of North East Derbyshire and are interested to see if there is any interest within Unstone. Cllr Dale has showed them around a few of the spots in the village which may be suitable, and they are quite interested in working with the Council. For the orchards, they help to source the trees and volunteers to plant them as well as cover some of the costs (Cllr Dale can access other funding to help fund them as well) and they aim to do it on Council land - either some of the NEDDC bits or UPC parks. The idea being that they also work with the Council to get local volunteer groups going to help maintain them. The orchards themselves do not need a lot doing, mainly just picking/collecting the fruit which would be free to all. They quite like the area near the Community Centre as a potential for a community growing space (i.e. veg borders). Clearly that will be much more labour intensive in terms of maintenance, and they will have to get a committed local volunteer group going to be able to keep on top of it but might be a good thing to consider. (It is NEDDC land, but they would need UPC support given the location and likely requirement to access water). They are happy to set up a Zoom meeting with the Council or come to our next Parish Council meeting, so if there is any interest Cllr Dale is happy to set this up with them or invite them to the next meeting so that all Councillors have a bit more detail on what they would like to do. From Cllr Dale's perspective, the community orchard at least sound like a good idea as it shows we are doing our bit in terms of the environment and could tie in quite nicely with the Queen's Green Canopy (Plant a Tree for the Jubilee) if we did it this year.
RESOLVED Cllr Dale to invite One Planet Matters to the next Full Council meeting.
- 3. Pooh Corner** – Cllr Dale forgot to mention this at the last meeting. Cllr Dale has had some discussions with the people who run Pooh Corner (down Springbank next to the Community Centre) which is a charity which rescues horses (more info here: <https://www.facebook.com/Pooh-Corner->

[1000121336819366/about/](https://www.facebook.com/1000121336819366/about/)) about getting them some funding from DCC, but they also mentioned their issue with water at the moment. They currently must bring in tanks of it in the back of their cars. Again, Cllr Dale is not clear exactly on how much they use but wondered if the Council ought to consider allowing them access to the water supply at the Community Centre. Cllr Dale thinks it would help them out quite a bit.

RESOLVED Clerk to agenda for the next Full Council meeting.

4. **Planning Enforcement** – Cllr Dale stated there has been quite a bit of activity recently on the Fleur De Lys. A Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) has been issued to the owners of the untidy area adjacent to the new flats. This is the first step in the process and requires them to provide information within 21 days. In some cases, this alone prompts the owners to tidy the site up so fingers crossed it has the desired effect, but if not, it is the starting point for potential further action against them dependent on the information they provide. Cllr Dale is meeting with the Planning Enforcement Officer in March after the 21 days has elapsed to go through it. Cllr Dale will also discuss the issue of the fencing off of the sump at the top of the site which DCC flooding team as they need access to in order to maintain the culvert that caused the issues back in 2019. Cllr Dale is also trying to get a meeting pulled together with DCC over the West Handley scrap yard which we can invite residents too to raise their concerns, but unfortunately that is going to need to be in March.

RESOLVED Noted

5. **Dronfield Leisure Centre** - Some good news following on from Eckington Pool's refurbishment. NEDDC have secured another grant from the Governments Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund for £1.4m to help reduce carbon emissions at Dronfield Leisure Centre. The proposals are to install air source heat pumps, plus solar panels on the roof as well as internal improvements as well. Could save around 200T of carbon emissions each year and will make it one of the most environmentally-friendly leisure centres in the area together with Eckington.

RESOLVED Noted.

6. **Roads** - DCC are spending a record breaking £58m this coming year (2022/23) on highway capital schemes, including resurfacing, flooding measures, road safety measures and repairs to footways. 375 roads are on the list plus countless other pathways and structures. Typical spend in previous years was around £20m, so it is almost three times the norm. Several on the list are in the Unstone and Dronfield area, including Chesterfield Road, Old Whittington Lane and Birch Holt Grove (see Facebook post here with more details of which are on the list: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=307500028066679&set=a.304889948327687>). This does unfortunately mean more roadworks, but for a good cause at least. Off the back of Facebook posts on this Cllr Dale has put several other roads and pavements forward for consideration as part of the review for the following year's programme (2023/24) so if there are any suggestions of roads or pavements in particular need, please let Cllr Dale know.

RESOLVED Noted

7. **Pathways around Sharman** - One such pathway is those around Sharman which are split in terms of responsibility between DCC and NEDDC. DCC's pathways are in the attached - all others are NEDDC. Neither are fantastic and sadly a local resident had a nasty fall on one of the NEDDC pathways recently. The trip hazard has since been repaired but Cllr Dale is also trying to help them with putting a claim in. Cllr Dale has put forward the DCC pathways for consideration for next year's programme as well, after already asking for the current year's programme but it not meeting the threshold. Cllr Dale is speaking to NEDDC too about the deterioration of their footways.

RESOLVED Noted

8. **Apperknowle parking proposals** – Cllr Dale has mentioned this previously, but the new spaces now have planning permission and also recently got the funding agreed by NEDDC, so should be being progressed in the next few months.

RESOLVED Noted

357/22 Chair's Report - The Chair reported:

1. Chair announced that the Queens Jubilee event will be held on 3 June 2022.
RESOLVED Approved.
2. Cllr Dale's contribution towards the event.

RESOLVED Noted.

3. Unstone Parish Council contribution towards the Queens Jubilee event
RESOLVED Approved use of £175.00 from section 137 towards the event.

358/22 Clerk's Correspondence

1. NEDDC – Chairman's Charity Event – An evening with Paddy Kenny
RESOLVED Noted
2. NEDDC – Chairman's Charity Event – Race Night
RESOLVED Noted
3. NEDDC – Chairman's Charity Event – Renishaw Hall
RESOLVED Noted
4. NEDDC – Nomination for Standards Committee
RESOLVED Approved to nominate Stephen Peters from Tupton Parish Council
5. NEDDC – Gambling Act 2005 Policy Consultation
RESOLVED No comments made
6. NEDDC – Leaders Briefing February 2022
RESOLVED Noted
7. Unstone Juniors School Ofsted Report
RESOLVED Clerk to send congratulations letters to Unstone Junior School
8. DALC – February newsletters
RESOLVED Noted
9. DALC Spring Seminar 5 April 2022
RESOLVED Clerk to attend
10. DCC – Health Campaign Calendar
RESOLVED Noted
11. Royal British Legion – Planting a tree for the Queens Jubilee
RESOLVED Deferred to next Full Council agenda as consideration maybe given to St Marys Church Jubilee Garden grant
12. Peace Funerals – Apperknowle Discount
Clerk read the response received from Peace Funerals regarding the query over the discount given to parishioners.
During the Parish Council meetings, Peace Funerals referred to a discount for 'local residents. At the time of the meetings, they were uncertain what geographical area 'local residents' would cover in this context. Peace Funerals were also uncertain as to what the discount would be.
Cemeteries run by local authorities do not offer a discount to residents, but rather charge a premium to people who live outside their Borough or Parish, and because Local Authority cemeteries receive funding by their respective Councils, it seems only fair to charge a premium to people that have not contributed to the Council tax.
Due to Apperknowle Natural Burial Ground being a privately run cemetery and does not receive any funding or help from Unstone Parish Council, or any other Council, they do not feel it would be fair to charge a premium to people who live outside of the Parish.
Instead, as part of their commitment to the local community, they are offering a discount to 'local residents'. The geographical extent of this discount, along with the size of the discount is something they did not clarify in any of the Parish Council meeting attended. Over the last year, as a team, Peace Funerals have had many discussions looking into this, and it was only a few weeks before the burial ground opened that they made a decision. Peace Funerals concluded a 'local resident' would be someone living in the post code are of S18 4** so that people could easily work out if they are eligible for the discount or not.
RESOLVED Clerk to write to Peace Funerals and ask them to reconsider and include the whole of Unstone Parish for a discount.

359/22 Dronfield Cycle Path

Clerk read the correspondence received from DCC regarding the Cycle path.

DCC are looking to commence works on Phase 5 of the Cycleway (between the school and garden centre) on Monday 28 February and expect work to be completed in 5 weeks. DCC may extend this slightly if they are able to make arrangements for re-positioning of a BT Pole and to pick up some missing coloured surfacing and other issues that they have noted with previous phases. DCC are still preparing their report on the remaining phases of the scheme (Phase 2 between the layby and car wash and Phases 6 & 7 between the garden centre and Peak Resort). This is to enable them to evaluate the best route through/round Unstone Green following the suggestions made at the Parish Council meeting back in October. DCC Designer and Officer walked the route, assessed its advantages and difficulties but need to submit a report to their Project Board to enable them to discuss and decide how to proceed. Phase 2 has been included in this review because they have identified a rather expensive undertaker diversion that needs to be assessed. Now they are about to start Phase 5, the Council may recall DCC asking permission (which UPC kindly gave at the meeting in October) to replace the bench and bin adjacent the layby by the school. DCC are wondering if UPC have a particular supplier or specification that you have for these? If so, could you please let me know so we can source the right products.

RESOLVED Noted report received. Bench to be purchased should match the current ones previously purchased by UPC and the bin would be the responsibility of NEDDC so their preference should be sought for this.

360/22 Tommy Figures

Cllr Rogers had nothing to report at this stage.

RESOLVED Deferred to the next Council meeting.

361/22 Grant request from St Mary's Church

Cllr Smith asked Dronfield Relief in Need to help with the request but there would be no support given at this time.

Cllr Dale stated there was monies available from his DCC grant fund.

RESOLVED Award £500 to provide plants and materials for a Queens Jubilee Memorial Garden. Church Warden to come back to the March Council meeting with costings.

362/22 Queens Jubilee Event

Cllr Perkins stated that Handley Garden Centre would donate rose bushes to the project, St Mary's need to contact them directly regarding this offer.

RESOLVED Approved the sum of £500 towards the Jubilee Garden. Caretaker to meet with St Mary's Church to discuss requirements further as the Council would like to consider a tree in this area for the Queens Jubilee if the space were large enough.

363/22 Dronfield Joint Burial Committee

Clerk has not received any correspondence from NEDDC since the report had been submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED Clerk to ask Cllr Dale to chase this up as a District Councillor at NEDDC.

364/22 Caretaker/Warden's Report

1. The roller shutter company has cancelled the installation of the roller shutter.
2. Fire extinguishers have been serviced no issues have been reported.
3. Routine checks on all bins, grit bins, dog bins, bus shelters, benches around the Parish
4. Routine grounds maintenance around all play areas
5. Routine play area inspections and litter picks
6. Routine moss and algae control around the Parish
7. New litter bin has been installed at Whittington Lane play area
8. Repair to rotten fence posts at Sharman play area are now complete
9. All rotten notice boards have now been replaced

RESOLVED Noted

365/22 Responsible Financial Officer’s Report

- 1. The RFO’s payment list for February 2022 totalling £7,113.51 had been circulated to Councillors (Appendix 1)
RESOLVED approved
- 2. The bank reconciliation up to 31 January 2022 had been circulated to Councillors (Appendix 2)
RESOLVED approved
- 3. CCTV at Whittington Lane Play Area
RFO reported the completion date for the camera will be 21 March 2022.
RESOLVED Noted
- 4. Hall hire rate for regular class to be reduced due to COVID
RESOLVED Approved reduction until 31 March 2022.

366/22 Planning Applications

NED 22/00063/FLH – Single storey rear extension to living space at The Old School House, Barrack Road, Apperknowle.

RESOLVED No comments made

NED 22/00077/FLH – Application for part demolition of rear building, re-build with additional single storey rear extension, new boundary wall and site entrance (Revised Scheme of 21/01162/FLH) at The Cornerstone, Main Road, Unstone

RESOLVED No comments made

367/22 Planning Decisions

NED 21/01336/FL – Application for retention of garage and conversion to 2 garages at Top Farm, Ash Lane, Summereley, Apperknowle – **Conditionally Approved – 13 January 2022**

RESOLVED to note

368/22 Other Planning Matters

No other planning matters

369/22 Planning Applications circulated after the agenda was issued

NED 22/00070/DISCON – Discharge of conditions 5 (Boundary treatments), 6 (Phase 1 contamination report), 9 (Bat Licence) and 10 (Lighting Strategy) pursuant of 21/00281/CUPDMB at Ramshaw Farm, Windmill Lane, Hundall

RESOLVED No comments made

NED 22/00121/FLH – Proposed new entrance porch at Warren House, Westfield Lane, Middle Handley

RESOLVED No comments made

370/22 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke about submitting an application for a grant.

A member of the public queried how the precept was calculated and also how to report crimes/other matters to the Police.

371/22 Date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday 17 March 2022 at 7pm

372/22 Items to note for the March Agenda

One Planet Matters/ Community Orchards

Pooh Corner – Water Issues

The meeting closed at 7.48pm

Chair’s signature.....17 March 2022

Appendix 1

February		<u>Cheque Requests</u>				
	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vat Rec</u>	<u>Total</u>	
D/D	Leasys	Van HP Charge 22/SAT/00014997	£265.89	£53.17	£319.06	
D/D	British Gas	Gas Bill (08/12/2021 to 07/01/2022)	£122.93	£6.14	£129.07	
D/D	NEDDC	Trade Waste Collections	£38.09	£0.00	£38.09	
D/D	Nest	Pension Contributions February 2022	£93.01	£0.00	£93.01	
D/D	Unity Trust	Xmas Party, Syphon, Headlamp	£268.73	£21.78	£290.51	
D/D	Water plus	Water Supply	£36.72	£0.00	£36.72	
S/O	Wish Computers	Web site management	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	
D/D	British Gas Lite	Electric Bill (12/11/2021 to 09/01/2022)	£38.20	£4.78	£42.98	
BACS	Broadfield Mowers	Service of Husqvarna LC153V Mower	£133.77	£26.76	£160.53	
BACS	Broadfield Mowers	Service of Husqvarna TS243 Mower	£176.38	£35.28	£211.66	
BACS	DALC	Year End Accounts and Audit 17/02/22	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	
BACS	Killis	Service and replacement roller for Floor Cleaner	£101.50	£20.30	£121.80	
BACS	E D Steel Ltd	Gloves, Padlock & Corner Braces	£42.03	£8.51	£50.54	
BACS	NEDDC	Emptying Dog Bins (Oct to Dec 2021)	£877.50	£175.50	£1,053.00	
Cash	Posh Hand Wash	Van Wash 20/01/2022	£12.00	£0.00	£12.00	
BACS	British Gas	New Meter at Whittington Lane	£100.49	£20.10	£120.59	
300265	St Johns Ambulance	Christmas Party Donation	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	
BACS	Poundland	Christmas Party Supplies	£17.75	£0.00	£17.75	
BACS	Blue Flame	Annual Service Plan for Boiler	£450.00	£90.00	£540.00	
BACS	Wish Computers Ltd	Microsoft Office & Anti Norton	£191.67	£38.33	£230.00	
BACS	Miscellaneous	Payroll February 2022	£2,817.34	£0.00	£2,817.34	
BACS	HMRC	Payroll February 2022	£725.86	£0.00	£725.86	
February 2022 Payments Total			<u>£6,612.86</u>	<u>£500.65</u>	<u>£7,113.51</u>	

Appendix 2

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		
	OPENING BALANCE	£ 46,351.14		
	PLUS INCOME SHEET	£122,779.99		
		£169,131.13		
	PLUS UNPRESENTED PAYMENTS	£ -	CHQS	
		£169,131.13		
			UNITY	£37,269.67
	MINUS EXPENDITURE	<u>£131,861.46</u>		
		<u>£ 37,269.67</u>		<u>£37,269.67</u>