

**Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council**  
**Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle**  
**Thursday 16th January 2020**

**Present:** Cllrs: Cllrs S Hopkinson (Chair), A Dale (DCC), J Elliott, J Hill, M Lilleyman, K Perkins T Rogers R Smith & V Tebbs

**In attendance:** J Clayton (Clerk) E Smith (RFO) and M Brown (Caretaker/Warden) and 5 members of the public.

123/19 **Apologies** – no apologies were received

124/19 **Public participation.** The Chair stated public participation would take place at the end of the meeting.

125/19 **Confidential items** - there were no confidential items on the Agenda

126/9 **Declared Interests** – Cllrs Dale and Lilleyman declared an interest in 133.3/19 and did vote on the matter.

127/19 **Minutes** of the UPC meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 were accepted by all and signed by the Chair.  
RESOLVED

128/19 **Police report**

PCSO Flowers gave the following Crime Report for Unstone for December 2019

1 Burglary dwelling Crow Lane

1 Burglary non dwelling - Apperknowle

1 Vehicle crime – Handley

He also commended the Parish Council for their involvement with the Speedwatch scheme and said the volunteers were the most active group in the local area. RESOLVED TO NOTE

129/19 **DCC & NEDDC Report from Cllr Dale**

- .1 Rykneld had confirmed that the scaffolding would be installed on the flats damaged by fire at Unstone on week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January, the works should be completed by mid-summer.
- .2 Apperknowle parking – a meeting had been scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February at Moorland View.
- .3 Flooding at Cheetham Avenue had been cleared up by DCC., the council estimate the clear up costs of the recent flooding to be £20 million, 200 locations within the county have been affected. Additional funding has been requested from the Dept of Transport
- .4 A member of the public had requested the provision of the Grit Bin, to be positioned halfway up Hundall Lane. Grit bins are already positioned at the top and bottom of the Lane. The council asked the Clerk to refer the matter to DCC for advice. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .5 Cllr Dale reported that he had been invited to Peak meeting, along with 8 local residents on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. RESOLVED TO NOTE

130/19 **Chair's Report**

The Chair wished a Happy New Year to all and reported that the Christmas party had been a huge success and she extended her thanks to Cllrs Dale, Elliott, Rogers and Smith together with Martyn, Emma & Jackie for their kind assistance. She also gave special thanks to Mr Richard Fidler for organising the games for the evening and to the St John's ambulance staff for their attendance. A thank you card had been received from Mr & Mrs Almond. RESOLVED TO NOTE

131/19 **Clerk's Report**

- .1 The Crest team reported they recently visited the parish and observed 88 drivers, driving above the threshold. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .2 Whittington Lane would be closed for carriageway drainage between 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and closed for carriageway rail bridge maintenance 19 & 20 March 2020. RESOLVED NOTE
- .3 Footpath No 52 would be closed between 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – 8<sup>th</sup> July to replace rotten boardwalk. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .4 Summerley Dog Bin – a member of the public had reported the dog bin had been placed in a location which made access to the adjacent field problematic. The Caretaker/Warden had also observed that the location was unusable after a period of rain, as a large puddle formed around the bin. Cllrs asked that the Clerk contact NEDDC to arrange for the bin to be moved, the Caretaker/Warden would liaise regarding new location. RESOLVED
- .5 Bus Shelter Unstone Green – a member of the public had reported that the bus shelter had a defective light. The RFO was looking into the matter and would report back to the next meeting. RESOLVED
- .6 Cycleway – as requested the Clerk had contacted DCC to establish the proposed date for the new cycleway through Unstone, it is anticipated that the work will start in the new fiscal year, they confirmed that the parish owned land at Unstone Green would be avoided and noted UPC's previous objection to the scheme. RESOLVED
- .7 The overflowing drain on Crow Lane Apperknowle had been reported to NEDDC, who stated that the DCC were responsible. DCC had therefore been made aware and asked to resolve the issue as a matter of urgency. RESOLVED

132/19 It was noted that DALC Circulars 12 & 13/19 and 1/20 and all relevant correspondence had been circulated, copies were available from the Clerk. RESOLVED

133/19 **Items Raised by Councillors.**

- .1 Speedwatch - Cllr Smith reported that after attending the Speedwatch training, it had become clear that UPC required some hi vis jackets and signage, available from Derbyshire Police approved supplier at a cost of £200. All Cllrs approved the purchases. The RFO place the orders.
- .2 Armed Forces Covenant, paperwork had been circulated by DALC. Cllrs agreed wholeheartedly with the scheme however they felt that the parish council did not have the scope or opportunity to meaningfully contribute to the scheme and therefore decided not to sign up to the covenant
- .3 Cemetery Update – the Clerk reported the advice from DALC had been circulated to all Cllrs for consideration. Cllrs Dale and Lilleyman abstained from the vote on the matter. All other Cllrs present were in agreement that the matter should be referred to the District Council and asked the Clerk to inform DTC of this and asked that payment be withheld until the matter had been finalised. RESOLVED
- .4 Cllr Lilleyman resigned from his position on the Joint Burial Committee, the Chair thanked him for his dedicated service to the committee over the last 20 years and asked that the matter be brought to the next meeting for consideration. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .5 War Memorial paving and bench, the Clerk confirmed that UPC funded the original bench, Cllrs agreed to replace the bench. The RFO would obtain paving quotations and would report back. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .6 Cllr Hill asked Cllrs to give consideration to making a contribution to allow all the 108 pupils at Unstone Infant & Junior school to receive a mug to commemorate VE day. The approximate cost for which was around £200.00. All Cllrs were in agreement and asked the RFO to obtains and report back. RESOLVED

134/19 **Community Hall**

- .1 Quotations had been sought for the work on the remedial work on the door at the Community Hall, Classic Windows had provided a quotation of £250 the keys would be £108. Cllrs agreed to the works and asked the RFO to action. RESOLVED
- .2 The electrician will be installed the replacement floodlight this week. The periodic inspection report has now been completed and raised several areas which require remedial work, a quote for £195 has been circulated. Cllrs agreed that the remedial works listed were required and asked that the electrician carry out the works as soon as possible. RESOLVED
- .3 ASI have installed a new motion sensor in the kitchen after it activated several times over the Christmas period. The sensor was thought to be the issue and has been replaced. RESOLVED.
- .4 Three quotations have been received for the roller shutter between bar and hall, the cheapest was received from M&C installations and included a battery back up facility. A small adjustment was required to the bar, The Caretaker/Warden would liaise with the Miners Arms regarding this matter. The RFO would contact the company and arrange for the works to be completed. RESOLVED
- .5 There had been a water leak on the heating system at the Community Hall. Blue Flame had been called out and replaced two parts to remedy the problem. RESOLVED

135/19 **The Caretaker/Warden's Report**

- .1 Regular checks on all bins, grit bins, dog bins and bus stops had been completed & regular park inspections and litter picks carried out. RESOLVED
- .2 A member of the public had reported an issue with bus stop light at Unstone Green, staff will look into the matter and report back to council at the next meeting. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .3 The dog bin at Unstone Green has been repaired by NEDDC, saving UPC the cost of a replacement. RESOLVED
- .4 UPC are still waiting for NEDDC to install new litter bins at two bus stops in Unstone Green. The Clerk would chase this matter up with NEDDC. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .5 Issues raised by the annual play area inspection report at Brierley have been resolved. Two extra strengthening bolts have been added to the cradle swing frame and the issues with small holes left exposed at St John's have now been put right by Kompan. RESOLVED
- .6 Small repair has been carried out to worn/damaged fencing around play equipment at Sharman Close. RESOLVED
- .7 Machinery will be going in for service shortly and the outcome will be reported back at the next meeting, there may be an oil leak on the ride-on mower. RESOLVED.
- .8 The parish council van needed a new tyre, at a cost of £90. RESOLVED
- .9 Two new litter bins have been installed at Sharman Close and St John's play areas, a risk assessment has been completed and placed on file. RESOLVED

136/19 **RFO's Report**

- .1 The RFO's report had been circulated and was approved.
- .2 The Cheque /BAC's request for December- £6,439.85 and for January - £3,894.17 were unanimously approved along with the current income sheet and bank reconciliation. RESOLVED
- .3 The RFO reported that three quotations had been received for the fencing at Sharman Park, the large gate added over £1,000 to the quote. Cllrs asked for quotations to be obtained for the works with a smaller 4ft pedestrian gate. The RFO would obtain the quotes and report back to the next meeting. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .4 The RFO reported that NEDDC had confirmed it would extend the Precept Support Grant this fiscal year. UPC would receive £1,567.14 as a consequence. RESOLVED

- 137/19      **Planning Applications**
- .1 19/01223/FL | Conversion of barn to form 2 bed dwelling (Affecting Setting of a Listed Building) | The Farm Back Road Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4AR
  - .2 19/01187/FLHPD | Notification under householder neighbour consultation scheme for single-storey rear extension | Stonedge Westfield Lane Middle Handley Sheffield S21
  - .3 19/01181/DISCON | Discharge of condition 6 (Remediation method statement) of approved 19/00982/FL | 1 Barrack Road Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4AU
  - .4 19/01174/FL | Erection of single storey building comprising 4no 2 bed flats with parking for 5no cars and associated landscaping all within the curtilage of the former public house | Fleur De Lys Hotel Main Road Unstone Dronfield S18 4AB

138/19      No objections were raised regarding the above Planning Applications 137/19 1- 3. Cllrs objected to the Fleur De Llys application as they felt the application would not provide adequate car parking provision for the overall building scheme and were concerned regarding flooding issues on the site. The car park was green belt land and should not be built on. The Clerk would report these comments to NEDDC. RESOLVED

- 139/19      **Planning Decisions**
- .1 19/00697/FL | Demolition and replacement of existing pavilion and improvement to parking area. | The Derek Oldman Mem Ground Windmill Lane Hundall, Apperknowle S18 – Cond Approved 20 Dec 2019
  - .2 19/00770/FL | Retention of smoking shelter, covered seating area and external fire escape (amended plans) | Devonshire Arms Westfield Lane Middle Handley S21 5RN – Cond Approved 20 Dec 2019
  - .3 19/00979/FLH | Construction of two-storey side extension and Juliet balcony to existing front bedroom | 3 Quarry Road Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4AW – Cond Approved 12 Nov 2019
  - .4 19/00982/FL | Demolition of outbuildings and construction of 3 bed bungalow on land adjacent | 1 Barrack Road Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4AU \_ Cond Approved 22 Nov 2019
  - .5 19/00995/FLH | Application for a single-storey rear extension | Stonedge Westfield Lane Middle Handley Sheffield S21 5RY – Refused 20 Nov 2019
  - .6 19/01042/FLH | Removal of rear conservatory and raised timber decking and replacement with a single-storey rear extension and decking | 32 High Street Apperknowle S18 4BD – Cond approved 4 Dec 2019
  - .7 19/01056/FLH | Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single-storey side extension (amended title) | Highfield House High Street Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4BD – Cond approved 9 Dec 2019
  - .8 19/01103/FL | Conversion of stables to 1no four bed dwelling | Birch Hall Farm Sylvia Road Unstone Dronfield S18 4DP – Refused 18 Dec 2019
  - .9 18/01185/FL | Application pursuant of 14/01171/FL to vary condition 2 to allow property to be used as a part-time holiday let. | The Old School House Lightwood Lane Middle Handley S21 – Cond Approved 20 Nov 2019

140/19      The above applications were noted

- 141/19      **Public Participation**
- .1 A member of the public asked when the swings at Sharman Park would be painted. The Caretaker/Warden confirmed that the works would be carried out in the near future. RESOLVED
  - .2 A member of the public reported the dense growth of ivy in the trees near the Community Centre on Crow Lane. The Clerk would report the matter to NEDDC for investigation. RESOLVED
  - .3 A member of the public asked whether UPC would carry out a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Dale explained the matter had been discussed at the last UPC and a decision had been taken not to undertake the plan, due the cost and timescale involved. RESOLVED
  - .4 A member of the public raised the issue of school parking on Crow Lane. The Clerk confirmed the Headteacher had been contacted regarding the matter and advised that the police should be contacted if members of the public witnessed incidents of illegal parking. RESOLVED
  - .5 A member of the public again raised the issue of speeding vehicles travelling through Apperknowle. Cllr Smith confirmed that the matter was known to the Speedwatch team. RESOLVED

- .6 Cllr Dale reported the sad news that Revd Carolyn Baker had passed away recently. On behalf of UPC the Chair asked that condolences be passed on to her family and friends and asked that the Clerk establish her chosen charity. RESOLVED

142/19 The next meeting was confirmed at Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

143/19 The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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