

**Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council  
Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

- Present:** Cllrs: Cllrs S Hopkinson (Chair), A Dale (DCC), J Elliott, M Lilleyman, K Perkins T Rogers & R Smith  
**In attendance:** J Clayton (Clerk) E Smith (RFO) and 10 members of the public.
- 23/19 **Apologies** - were received from Cllrs J Hill & V Tebbs and UPC Caretaker/Warden M Brown
- 24/19 **Public participation.** The Chair stated public participation would take place at the end of the meeting, with the exception to 33/19 (Peace Funerals presentation)
- 25/19 There were no confidential items on the Agenda
- 26/19 **Declared Interests** - Cllr Dale declared an interest in 38/19 and would not take part in nay discussions regarding these planning applications.
- 27/19 **Minutes** of the UPC meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were accepted by all and signed by the Chair.  
RESOLVED
- 28/19 **Police report**  
The following crimes were recorded in parish in May 2019:  
Damage to window – Whittington Lane  
2x Harrassment – Whittington Lane & North Close  
Theft – Hundall Lane  
Damage – Summerley Lower Road, Apperknowle  
Arson - Old Whittington Lane  
Domestic threats – Old Whittington Lane  
Domestic assault – Old Whittington Lane  
Domestic incident – Unstone Industrial Complex  
RESOLVED TO NOTE
- 29/19 **DCC & NEDDC Cllr Dale reported:**
- .1 Flat Fire – Cllr Dale had liaised with Rykneld regarding the recent flat fire in Unstone, three tenants had been rehoused and the fourth was being supported in finding new accommodation. He asked that the help offered by a local resident be recognised by UPC and asked the parish council could contribute to the Go Fund Me page. The Clerk would write a letter of sincere appreciation to the local resident who kindly helped the residents affected by the fire. *Clerks Note: Financial Regs preclude giving funds to individual members of the public.*
  - .2 Cyclepath – Cllr Dale is keen to hear the views of local residents in relation to this matter
  - .3 Yorkshire Water had withdrawn the application to make the access road permanent
  - .4 Water leaks on Whittington Lane, Brierley Rd, Hundall Lane and Back Lane had been reported.
  - .5 Community Hall Track has condition and drainage issues, he would explore this issue with NEDDC.
- RESOLVED TO NOTE
- 30/19 **Chair's Report.**  
The Chair reported that the Children's Trip to Whitby would take place on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and the OAP trip to Skegness would take place on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019. She also announced that the Well Dressing Ceremony would be at Apperknowle Methodist Church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm. Cllrs agreed a contribution of £50 be given to the church for the well dressing. RESOLVED

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### **Clerk's Report**

- .1 Cllrs Hopkinson, Rogers and Lilleyman met with the Dronfield Town Council on 6<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the future of the Joint Burial Committee in view of the low numbers of Unstone residents using the services and the 46% increase to UPC's payment this fiscal year. Cllrs requested that the provisions of any pre-paid plots for Unstone residents be safeguarded. The DTC Clerk would report back with the figure for JBC reserves. The matter will be discussed at the next JBC meeting to be held in June and will be reported back to the next UPC meeting. DALC advice is that no resolution should be made until both parties are in agreement.
- .2 Closure of Footpath no 17, 11th June 2019 – 22nd July 2019 to facilitate public safety due to damage to the footbridge. Cllr Dale added these works would extend well beyond this date
- .3 Closure of A61 Dronfield Bypass for resurfacing 5<sup>th</sup> July – 13<sup>th</sup> August
- .4 Closure of Crow Lane 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019, for BT works
- .5 Mobile Library Sheffield Road Unstone 2.45-3.20pm 08-Jul, 05-Aug, 02-Sep
- .6 Cllr recruitment process ongoing and will be placed on the July Agenda
- .7 Scope looking for a potential site for a textile bank. Cllrs felt that the Community Hall would not be a good location due to the risk of vandalism, due to its remote nature
- .8 DCC Legal Dept has confirmed receipt of the petition for footpath between Apperknowle and the Travellers and hard standing at the bus stop at Apperknowle, the matter will be investigated
- .9 A complaint had been received from a member of the public regarding Sharman Park, she was informed that UPC are trying to secure funding to remodel the area.  
RESOLVED TO NOTE

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It was noted that DALC Circular No 8 and all relevant correspondence had been circulated, copies were available from the Clerk. RESOLVED

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### **Peace Funerals**

Mr Mallatratt and Mr Parkin attended and provided a presentation detailing their plans for their land at Apperknowle. They outlined:

- .1 The company are keen to ensure the area is available to local residents and will ensure access from the Cricket Club. There are plans for a coppiced wooded area and wildflower meadow
- .2 The site will be on a 1:20 gradient to ensure the views from the Traveller's Rest PH are unaffected.
- .3 The pedestrian gate will be positioned opposite the Travellers Rest PH, vehicle access will be mid-way down the main road, the car park will house 25 cars.
- .4 An oak framed shelter is planned, the site will have capacity for 2,000 burial plots, signage will be in the form of a small york stone tablet.
- .5 No CCTV or lighting are planned on site.
- .6 Watercourse and Mining Assessments have been carried out and show good results for the site.  
RESOLVED TO NOTE

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### **Items raised by Cllrs**

- .1 Speeding Vehicles on Crow Lane – a complaint has been received from a local resident regarding speeding vehicles on Crow Lane. Cllr Smith contacted the member of the public and highlighted the work of the local speed watch group. The Clerk had contacted PC Crook regarding future Speedwatch training dates and would report any progress in the area. Cllr Dale would ask the NEDDC for feedback regarding the observations made at Crow Lane. RESOLVED
- .2 Traffic Regulation Order for closure of Church Street and Old Whittington Lane. The TRO was considered by Cllrs. All Cllrs present opposed the closure of the two roads as a consequence of the Cycleway plans. RESOLVED
- .3 Peak Resort car park consultation update. All replies stated that the current carpark closure was problematic and ask that the car park be opened as soon as possible. Cllrs asked that Mr Carr be asked to open the car park and the Chief Exec of Chesterfield Borough Council should be informed of the matter. RESOLVED
- .6 HS2 Pressure Group – All Cllrs present agreed that UPC would not be added to the list of signatories for this group

- 7 VE day 75 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. UPC are awaiting feedback form St Mary’s Church regarding their plans. Cllr Lilleyman asked that a budget was allocated this matter and asked that it be added to the July Agenda. RESOLVED

35/19 **Caretaker/Warden Report  
Community Hall**

- .1 Electrician has replaced two emergency lights which failed our 6 monthly system test by Chubb fire.
- .2 PAT testing will be completed on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 for all portable appliances.
- .3 Unstone Junior School will be using the hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the afternoon for sports day
- .4 Wall plant boxes have been planted with summer plants
- .5 ASI had to be called out for a fault on our intruder alarm system. The alarm was reset but nothing could be identified.

**Parish Grounds**

- .6 Routine checks on bins, grit bins, dog bins, bus stops etc around parish, play area inspections and litter picks etc, routine grass cutting on parish grounds
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- .8 Overgrown path between St John’s road and community hall has been cleared.
- .9 Over hanging trees at St Johns have been cut back
- .10 Installed the new bench at St John’s, received positive feedback from local residents.
- .11 Concern over youths congregating at our new play area at St John’s, the matter has been flagged with PC Crook.
- .12 UPC summer beds at Apperknowle and Unstone Green have been planted
- .13 New litter bin has been installed on the football field by NEDDC

RESOLVED TO NOTE

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**RFO’s Report**

- .2 The RFO’s report had been circulated and was approved. RESOLVED  
The Cheque /BAC’s request for June - £4,452.00 was unanimously approved along with the current income sheet and bank reconciliation. RESOLVED
- .3 The RFO reported that the BNED LEADER application for funding for the remodelling of Sharman Park would be submitted on 24<sup>th</sup> June, requested 100% of the £30,000 costs. The Clerk added that letters and pictures from local children had been requested and would be sent on to the project team. RESOLVED
- .4 The RFO reported that £340 had been received from HS2 as surveys had been carried out on parish land. RESOLVED TO NOTE

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Telephone box near Church Street. The RFO reported that quotations had been sought for the removal of the box, the cheapest being £745. Cllr Dale proposed that UPC retain ownership of the box and would volunteer to oversee its refurbishment. Costs for the project would be closely monitored and reported back to UPC meetings for approval. The work was planned for over the summer holiday period and would be seeking volunteers to help undertake the works. All Cllrs present voted in favour of this proposal, thus overturning the previously made resolution based on the advice from DCC. Cllr Dale stated he would regularly monitor the structural integrity of the box. The Caretaker/Warden would contact Cllr Dale and provide H&S advice on the refurbishment works. The RFO would contact the Insurance company regarding the implications. RESOLVED

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**Planning Applications**

- .1 19/00444/DISCON | Application to discharge conditions 12 (Reptile Method Statement), 13 (Nesting Birds) and 14 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) of planning application 17/00881/FL | Summerley Hall Summerley Lower Road Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4BB
- .2 19/00577/FL | Change of use of land from agriculture to a natural burial ground including access, car park, landscaping and associated works. | Land South Of Cricket Ground High Street Apperknowle
- .3 19/00581/DISCON | Application to discharge conditions 8 (Levels), 9 (Proposed external work finishes), 10 (Package treatment location), 15 (External lighting drawing), and 16 (Boundary treatments pursuant of 17/00881/FL | Summerley Hall Summerley Lower Road Apperknowle Dronfield S18 4BB

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Cllrs raised no objections to the above planning applications. RESOLVED

- 40/19            **Planning Decisions**
- .1    19/00252/FLH | Erection of a conservatory to the front | 229 Sheffield Road Unstone Dronfield S18 4DA – Conditionally approved 15 May 2019
  - .2    19/00382/FLH | Proposed front porch incorporating a WC and a single-storey side extension. | 17 Ramshaw Road Unstone Dronfield S18 4DG
- 41/19            The above planning decisions were noted. RESOLVED
- 42/19            **Planning Appeal**  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Re: 18/01006/FL - Change of use from public house to dwelling with alterations and openings  
The Barrack Hotel, Barrack Road, Apperknowle
- 43/19            All comments previously made by UPC would be added to decision making process for this appeal.  
RESOLVED
- 44/19            **Public Participation**
- .1    A member of the public stated that he believed 70-80% of local residents were against the Cycleway through the parish, although a consequence of it's introduction may be to reduce speeding on Sheffield Road.  
RESOLVED TO NOTE
  - .2    A member of the public suggested the refurbished telephone boxes could be used as charging points for electric cars, dependent on parking restrictions. RESOLVED TO NOTE
  - .3    A member of the public stated that whilst he appreciated the work of the Speedwatch group, it could not replace enforcement by the local police force. Police checks were urgently required on Crow Lane and Sheffield Rd. The Clerk would report this to the local SNT for action. RESOLVED
  - .4    A member of the public reported that he had concerns regarding car parking and pathways at the proposed Peace Funerals burial ground at Apperknowle, as he had knowledge of their site at Ulley and the pathways there were regularly waterlogged and there was an insufficient number of parking spaces on site.
- 45/19            The next meeting was confirmed at Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.  
Cllr Rogers asked that West Handley Lighting issues appear on the next Agenda
- 46/19            The meeting closed at 8.55pm