

Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council  
Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

- Present: Cllrs S Hopkinson (Chair), A Dale (DCC), J Elliott, K Fisher, M Lilleyman, T Rogers & V Tebbs,  
In J Clayton (Clerk) E Smith (RFO) and M Brown (Caretaker/Warden) and 5 members of the public.  
attendance:
- 196/17 Apologies were received from Cllrs A Dale (also DCC), J Hill and K Perkins & R L Smith.  
197/17 The Chair stated public participation would take place at the end of the meeting.  
198/17 The Chair informed the meeting that the Confidential HR item would be discussed at the end of the meeting,  
when the members of the public had left.  
199/17 Declared Interests – no interests were declared.  
200/17 The Minutes of the UPC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February were accepted by all and signed by the Chair.  
201/17 PC Sally Horner sent the following reports, in January the following crimes were reported within the Parish: ,  
1 x Theft  
1 x Criminal Damage (a consequence of a RTA)  
202/17 DCC Cllr Alex Dale sent a report:  
1. St John's fencing - he had liaised with Cllr Smith regarding the matter. The Clerk added that the landowner  
had confirmed that a strip of land had been subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order in the 1980's. the  
original wall had been removed and replaced with a wooden fence, the original paperwork had been requested  
from the NEDDC Archives.  
.2 Spring Bank – the road surface continues to be an issue for local residents. Alex had been in contact with Lee  
Rowley MP, regarding the matter. DCC had provided the residents with some materials to fill the potholes,  
.3 but it was clear this was not a long-term solution.  
.4 Bus Services – consideration is being given to the No. 14 & 15 services extending to more areas of Dronfield,  
.5 therefore making the routes more viable.  
.6 NEDDC Local Plan – Cllr Dale urged local residents to ensure their viewpoint represented, the consultation  
period ends on 4<sup>th</sup> April.  
.7 Cycleway – a petition with 430 signatures against the cycleway in it's proposed location has been submitted.  
Questionnaires had been sent to local residents, 76% of the respondents stated they were either against or  
strongly against the plans. Cllr Dale had had a positive meeting with the Secretary of the Chesterfield Cycle  
Group.  
203/17 NEDCC Cllr Rosie Smith sent a report:  
.1 St John's Road fencing - The District Council does retain the very narrow strip of grass verge between the  
road and the field. Officers had been asked to check the deeds to find out whether there is any requirement for  
the council to maintain the boundary fence.  
.2 Spring Bank - Cllr Smith had asked NEDDC engineers to fill the potholes in, which they have said they will  
do but have been delayed by the bad weather. Since 2015, repairs costing just over £3,000 have been made to  
Spring Bank. It is estimated the full cost of asphaltting the part of the unadopted track in the ownership of the  
District council would be in the region of £45,000 which North East does not have in it's budget. The County  
Council refuses to adopt the road as part of the highway due to the small number of residents who live there.  
204/17 The Chair had nothing to report.

- 205/17 Clerk's Report:
- .1 Temp Emergency Planning Order had been received for the Closure of Bridleway No 51 from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 18<sup>th</sup> March, notices placed on noticeboard, UPC website and facebook
  - .2 Mobile Library Services would be available on Sheffield Road in Unstone, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, notice placed on noticeboard, website and facebook,
  - .3 Bewellp3 project information session was to be held Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2-3.30pm at the Community Centre, Tontine Road, Chesterfield.
  - .4 The Clerk attended the NEDDC District and Parish Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March, and viewed a presentation in relation to scams, which stressed the importance of raising awareness within the community, leaflets had been requested and would be distributed. The LEADER project still has funds available for suitable projects until March 2019. The NEDDC Monitoring officer underlined the importance of ethical standards and Clerk would look into training opportunities for all members of UPC, in this area.
- Actions from the February Meeting
- .5 The Police confirmed that they would continue to monitor parking around St Mary's school, when resources allowed.
  - .6 Clean up project – Cllrs requested that a request should be made for assistance with a clean up at the rural locations of Handley Lane, Morton Lane, Long Lane, Ash Lane, Slagg Lane and New Road
  - .7 CILCA training – the Clerk confirmed that she had requested a place on the next course due in the Summer.
  - .8 Pot Holes and Drain issues raised at the last meeting had been reported. Cllrs Roger and Elliott asked that the pot holes on Main Road at West Handley & Windmill Lane at Hundall are also reported.
  - .9 Knotweed – The Environmental Agency advised that it was the landowner's responsibility for full removal the knotweed. Further guidance was available on their website
- 206/17 It was noted that DALC Circulars and all relevant correspondence had been circulated, copies were available from the Clerk
- 207/17 Items Raised by Councillors.
- .1 The Chair had received a report from Cllr Dale and informed the meeting that the Local Plan proposed 475 houses on the green belt in Dronfield, on Eckington Road (200), Shakespeare Crescent/Chesterfield Road (235) and Stubby Hollow (40). This is down from 860, as proposed in the last draft of the Plan. The proposed sites at Hilltop and Hallows Golf Club have been withdrawn. The Plan still proposes the 15acre extension of Callywhite Lane Industrial Estate, with the potential for a flyover onto Chesterfield Road, which again could lead to an increase in HGV traffic travelling through Unstone village. All Cllrs agreed that the reduction in houses proposed on the green belt is welcome. However, the site on Chesterfield Road is still proposed, threatens to remove the green boundary between Unstone and Dronfield. This is contrary to the Government policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which says that one of the key purposes of the green belt is to prevent the coalescence of separate communities. The Clerk would feed this view back into the NEDDC consultation process.
  - .2 Chesterfield Borough Council Local Plan – Traveller site consultation – No comments were made in relation to this matter. The Clerk will report accordingly
  - .3 Parliamentary Polling Districts Consultation – All Cllrs were in agreement with the proposed changes. The Clerk will report accordingly.
  - .4 Cycleway Update. The Clerk reported that the Cycleway Team had confirmed receipt of the confirmation that UPC do not support the location of the proposed Cycleway and would not be providing any UPC land for its construction.
  - .5 Telephone Box Update – The Clerk reported that she had received one objection for the removal of the Telephone box at the intersection of Main Road and Church Street. All Cllrs present agreed that the decision was made at the last February UPC meeting would still stand. The Clerk reported that the owner of the phone box at Middle Handley had been established and she would contact them to establish their plans for its maintenance.
  - .6 Remembrance Day 2018 – Cllr Rogers asked that consideration be given to purchasing several Shadow Soldier figures, to be sited around the Parish. Cllr Lilleyman asked that consideration be given to providing the children at St Marys with a keepsake of the event. The Clerk would look into this matter and report back to the next meeting.
  - .7 Cllr Fisher asked if UPC could make a financial contribution to a seriously ill member of the public. The Chair confirmed that the Council had no provision to make such payments to individual members of the public. Cllr Lilleyman added that Dronfield In Need may be able to assist.

- 208/17 .8 Cllr Elliott reported that the Film Company who were recently filming within the Parish wished to make a good will donation to the Parish. The RFO would contact the company and report back to the next meeting.  
The Caretaker/Warden reported:
- .1 Regular checks on all bins, grit bins, dog bins and bus stops had been completed.
  - .2 Regular park inspections and litter picks carried out
  - .3 Bench refurbishment and moss and algae control of play areas work was ongoing.
  - .4 Magnetic UPC signage was now on the new van.
  - .5 See saw at St John's will be closed and sectioned off from next week - until new equipment is in place.
  - .6 All parish grit bins now have a UPC recognition sticker with an ID number and phone number for residents to ring and ask for refills or report problems.
  - .7 Tree Report – The RFO to source three quotations for the inspection of the parks and Unstone Green and report back to the next meeting.
  - .8 Annual Park Inspection - The RFO reported that due to the timescale it would be recommended Independent Inspection be carried out this year and NEDDC take on the responsibility in 2019
- RFO's Report.
- 209/17 The RFO's report had been circulated and was approved.  
The Cheque /BAC's request for March - £5,748.92 was unanimously approved along with the current income sheet and bank reconciliation.
- 210/17 The RFO reported that three options had been drawn up for St John's park, quotations would be sought from three suppliers for the provision of the play equipment. The Clerk reported that she had contacted St Mary regarding consulting the children on their viewpoint, 110 copies are required for the exercise. Cllrs asked that alternative funding options be considered for the remodelling of the park areas. The Clerk and RFO will look into funding options and report back.
- 211/17 Approval for DALC subscription for 2018/2019. All Cllrs agreed that the higher level of subscription should be paid for the forthcoming fiscal year. The Clerk reminded the Council that three places were available to UPC for all DALC Group 1 training events.
- 212/17 Approval of Audit arrangements – All Cllrs agreed that Brian Wood be asked to carry out the annual audit. The RFO would make the necessary arrangements and report back in due course.
- 213/17 Planning Applications.
- .1 18/00179/FL | Conversion of outbuilding to domestic annex in association with the main dwelling | The Old Barns Lightwood Lane Middle Handley Sheffield S21 5RN
  - .2 18/00191/OL | Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a detached two bed bungalow on land adjacent | Church View Westfield Lane Middle Handley Sheffield S21 5RY
- 214/17 No objections were raised regarding the above Planning Applications
- 215/17 Planning Decisions – none reported
- 216/17 Public Participation
- .1 A member of the public asked for an update regarding the Bungalows in Apperknowle. The Clerk advised that Cllr Dale had been looking into the matter.
  - .2 A member of the public highlighted a moss problem at Sharman Close, this has been reported to NEDDC.
  - .3 A member of the public asked that the climbing frame at Sharman Park should be added to the scheme of replacement, the Caretaker/ Warden would monitor the equipment.
- 217/17 HR Confidential
- .1 Annual Pay Increase - all Cllrs were in favour of the Clerk and RFO progressing to SCP22 and the Caretaker/Warden receiving a cost of living increase on SCP14 in the forthcoming year.
  - .2 Cllrs asked that a payment be made to the Caretaker/Warden in recognition of all his efforts in keeping the Community Hall open in difficult conditions as due to the recent adverse weather conditions.
- 218/17 The next meeting was confirmed at Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
- 219/17 The West Handley lamp post should be added to the Agenda
- 220/17 The meeting closed at 8.50pm.