

Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council
Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle
Thursday 19th September 2019
Meeting started at 7.48pm

Present: Cllrs: Cllrs S Hopkinson (Chair), R Smith (Vice-Chair), A Dale (NEDDC & DCC), J Elliott, M Lilleyman, J Hill, V Tebbs, A Land & T Rogers

In attendance: E Smith (RFO and Clerk for this meeting) and M Brown (Caretaker/Warden) and 17 members of the public.

67/19 **Apologies** - were received from K Perkins and J Clayton (Clerk)

68/19 **Variation to order of business.** The Chair stated public participation would take place at the beginning of the meeting.

69/19 **Public Participation**

Seven members of the public spoke about the Peak Resort planning application (CHE/19/00456/REM1 and CHE/0892/0496).

They shared concerns about the planned development and gave a report to the Council regarding their objections.

- The ethos has changed from the original application in terms of what the residents were consulted on to what has been proposed now.
- Noise from this attraction due to a closing time of 10.00pm in the planning application which will have a severe impact on several areas not only residents, business but also local wildlife. Planning conditions will require enforcement not by residents but by a local authority to ensure the attraction closes at the designated time.
- Light pollution will affect the residents and wildlife in terms of the translucent dome itself what are the restrictions regarding this as the dome is approximately 25 to 30m high this will be a shining beacon for miles around, car parking facility lighting and e-cart track lighting.
- Press publication on the new development eludes to the fact that all activities will be carried on under cover when this is not the case. E-cart track is open sided which will create noise issues. The noise generated will be dependant upon the speed and surface covering the e-carts are travelling on. E-carts are audible to animals more than humans there is currently no legislation that restricts this as its classed as an off-road activity. Will the e-carts be for adults or children or both? Participators will be there to cheer the racers on which will add to the noise pollution. Hen/Stag parties will use the facilities. Outdoor area finishes every night at 10.00pm users of the attraction will then need to vacate the facility in their cars this will mean car headlights, opening and closing of car doors after the hours of 10.00pm.
- Surveys were carried out during the initial planning applications that are years out of date now and need to be reviewed. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has already sent in an objection due to the information being factually out of date for this current application and will have a grave effect on the wildlife inhabiting and surrounding the site.
- Road Network currently is over stretched in peak times, the initial project was based on fewer movements in and out of the site as this project was to appeal for people to stay for short periods of time week by week not day by day.
- The new project seems very enclosed and does not promote what initially it planned to do and that is welcome the local community and bring tourism to local businesses.
- The previous layout seemed to be more sympathetic to the current landscape by retaining the lake as a feature, but the new development will be using this as a potential platform for concerts.
- Funding was provided for the development in terms of a grant of £2.85 million there is a condition placed upon this funding – 406 people need to be employed by 2021. If this claw-back clause is enforced who will pay the money back.

- Residents are concerned if this planning application is allowed what future developments will be allowed on the site.
- Hotel chain has now withdrawn their offer of building a hotel. Mr Carr is now looking for an alternative.
- Current bridle way through the site will be affected by the noise from the various activities, loud noises and sudden movements (from a zip wire) can cause horses to spook. The current access to the bridle way is already proving dangerous to cross the main road coming through Unstone and this is without the excess traffic once the site is open. Highways reports for the development state that users of the facility will access the site from the main bypass but sat nav's do not read road signs and will always venture through other routes to the Resort.
- Current planning application also suggests a bridle route through somebody else's land that borders the site this is not the case as Derbyshire County Council have looked at this issue previously.
- David Lloyd criteria for a development site is that it should be 20 minute drive from any area of population. This is not the case as there are a number of areas of population within 20 minute drive, Sheffield is less than 20 minutes away by car.

The Council would like to thank all who attended this meeting and gave their opinions about the Resort and a great deal of work has been put into this presentation.

The Council would formally like to invite Mr Rupert Carr to the next Unstone Parish Council Meeting.
RESOLVED

Council to send a letter of objection to Chesterfield Borough Council regarding this application and how a lack of public consultation has occurred with such a large development. Residents' concerns are being overlooked by Chesterfield Borough Council. RESOLVED

A member of the public requested a copy of the UPC's objections to the application. Cllrs approved the request as the information was in the public domain. RESOLVED

A member of the public came to ask the Council to write to Mr Rupert Carr about the public car parking facility which is still closed. Mr Carr stated this carpark for health and safety issues needed to be closed during the building works phases as they would need access to the site from this entrance. Mr Carr stated to Cllr Dale that the works access was from the other end of the site next to the bypass.

Council to write to Mr Carr and ask when the carpark will be opened if the site access is from the other side of the development. RESOLVED

A member of the public asked about the proposed cycle track within Unstone Parish. Cllr Dale stated this application is in the legal process due to Unstone Parish Council raising objections about the proposed cycle way. Cllr Dale anticipated that the current scheme would still go ahead.

70/19 **Declared Interests** - Cllr Dale declared an interest in 77/19.1 & 81/19 Cllr Hill declared an interest in 77/19.2

71/19 **Minutes** of the UPC meeting on Thursday 18th July 2019 were accepted by all and signed by the Chair.
RESOLVED

72/19 There were no confidential items on the Agenda.

73/19 **Police Report** received from PC David Crook on 4th September: -

- 1x report of Anti-social behaviour on Green Close
- 1 x Damage to motor vehicle at Middle Handley
- 2 x Domestic reports on Whittington Lane
- 1 x Theft from a dwelling on High Street, Apperknowle
- 1 x Theft of a motor vehicle from Hundall

- 1 x Breach of bail conditions on Whittington Lane

PCSO Jonathan Flower is now co-ordinating Community Speed watch schemes. Cllr Smith has been in contact to progress and has asked PCSO Flowers to attend the next Council meeting in October.
RESOLVED TO NOTE

74/19 **DCC & NEDDC Cllr Dale reported:**

- .1 Peak Resort – Cllr Dale is in discussions with residents regarding their concerns. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .2 Rykneld is due to start work on the flat fire building which should commence during October. Cllr Dale has asked if Rykneld can build in some parking facilities. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .3 Hard Hurst Road parking – Barriers are due to be placed to be able to commence resurface work required RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .4 Rykneld will be holding a drop-in session with Cllr Dale on Wednesday 25th September 6.30pm at Moorland View. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .5 Lee Rowley MP will be conducting a surgery at Moorland View on Tuesday 8th October from 6.15pm RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .6 New Road/Barrack Road pothole issues raised by residents.
Cllrs agreed for quotes to be obtained for re-surfacing works to this road for the next meeting. RESOLVED
- .7 Cllr Dale visited the funeral site at Ulley he did seem to think the site was in an untidy state in areas and part of the carpark had been barriered off.
Cllrs agreed to ask Peace Funerals to attend the next available meeting to talk about Ulley site and the new site within Unstone Parish in more detail. RESOLVED

75/19 **Chair's Report.**

- .1 The Chair announced this years Christmas Party would be held on 7th December 2019 at The Fred Hopkinson Memorial Hall.
- .2 Kids coach trip was a lovely sunny day, and everyone enjoyed it
- .3 OAP coach trip had the weather against it, but everyone made the best of it and enjoyed the trip out.

76/19 **Clerk's Report**

- .1 Footpath closure No 73 & 52 – extension to 2nd October. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .2 Email received from Mr Rupert Carr regarding Anti-Social Behaviour within the parish. Police have been informed. No incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour at Peak Resort had been recorded at that time. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .3 Neighbourhood Plan for Unstone documentation circulated to Cllrs for feedback. Clerk stated this carries weight within the Local Plan regarding future developments within Unstone. Cllr agreed to defer this decision until the next meeting RESOLVED
- .4 West Handley lamp post has now been installed. Cllr Rogers has been painting the lamp post the same as the others in the village. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .5 Mobile library routes have been updated on the website. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .6 Snow Warden information circulated to Cllrs for comments. Council would like this information to be made available on the website. RESOLVED
- .7 DALC AGM 22nd October 11.00am till 2.00pm at Proact Stadium. Cllrs Welcome. Cllrs will email Clerk if they can attend RESOLVED
- .8 DALC Circular 10/19 has been circulated, Cllrs will email Clerk regarding any training they would like to attend. RESOLVED

- 77/19 a. Cllr Rogers spoke about the recent Derbyshire County Council works carried out at Pools Lane, Hundall. Derbyshire County Council had spent 10 days resurfacing this lane which effectively is used by dog walkers. To the Councils knowledge no resident has complained about this area. Cllrs would like to know who approved this work and who is paying for it. RESOLVED

- b. Council would request the Clerk to send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Miners Arms for attending the Community Hall meeting but not getting time to speak about the bar at The Memorial Hall and could they please attend the next Community Hall meeting in November 2019. RESOLVED
- .1 DHFS Foundation nomination for a trustee – Council nominate Cllr Rogers on behalf of Unstone Parish Council and would like to thank Cllr Hill on twelve years as a trustee for the Foundation. RESOLVED
- .2 Cllr Hill remained in the meeting but declined to vote on the decision - St Mary’s Infant School request for funding. Cllrs agreed to defer this to the October meeting once all avenues had been explored. RESOLVED
- .3 Review of polling places and stations. Council agreed that Unstone Junior School is not the place for the stations due to it interfering with the whole school. Council suggests using the Memorial Hall and Horse and Jockey for future polling stations within Unstone. RESOLVED
- .4 Damage to dog bin at Summerley. RESOLVED TO NOTE

78/19 **Caretaker/Warden Report**

- .1 Routine checks on all bins, grit bins, dog bins, bus stops etc around parish
- .2 Routine play area inspections and litter picking
- .3 Routine grass cutting, strimming, weed control and hedge cutting around parish
- .4 Routine watering and weeding of flowerbeds at Unstone and Apperknowle
- .5 Bench refurb – ongoing
- .6 Waste bins required at St Johns and Sharman Parks. Council agreed to purchase two new waste bins RESOLVED
- .7 St Mary’s Church need to be contacted regarding the installation of the new plaque. Council agreed to give Caretakers information so a suitable date can be arranged. RESOLVED
- .8 Caretaker to notify Derbyshire County Council where poppies are to be sited. RESOLVED
- .9 Request for a bench at Brierley Park – Council deferred this until October’s meeting where an actual cost can be given. RESOLVED

79/19 **RFO’s Report**

- .1 The RFO’s report had been circulated and was approved. RESOLVED
- .2 The Cheque /BAC’s request for August - £7,664.05 and September - £40,663.64 were unanimously approved along with the current income sheet and bank reconciliation. RESOLVED
- .3 The RFO reported that Sharman Park had now been completed and the grant application would be in prior to 31st October to reclaim the expenditure incurred £30,000.00 excluding VAT. RESOLVED
- .4 Telephone box costs totalled £1,118.30. Council agreed the purchase of these materials, Cllr Dale stated he would send through a grant form for this expenditure so that Unstone Parish Council could re-coup some of this cost. RESOLVED
- .5 External Audit notification has been received and no comments have been made. Published statutory notice on website and noticeboards. RESOLVED TO NOTE
- .6 Insurance renewal for 2019/20 £1,286.15 Zurich Insurance. Council agreed to renew the insurance for the next year at this price. RESOLVED

80/19 **Planning Applications**

- .1 CHE/19/00456/REM1 Variation of conditions on application CHE/0892/0496 to substitute drawings to enable relocation of approved phase one components within the consented development areas to facilitate revised phasing, Land at the Brushes, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge
Council would like to oppose this planning application with the strongest terms. Clerk to send a letter re-iterating all the points made by the residents in the Public Participation section. RESOLVED
- .2 19/00770 – Smoking shelter for Devonshire Arms, Middle Handley. RESOLVED NO COMMENT
- .3 19/00069- Demolition and replacement Derek Oldman Memorial Ground, Hundall – RESOLVED NO COMMENT

81/19 **Planning Decisions**
 Cllr Dale remained in the meeting.
 19/0444 and 19/0581 – Summerley Hall – discharge of conditions 3rd September 2019
 RESOLVED TO NOTE

82/19 The next meeting was confirmed at Thursday 17th October 2019

83/19 The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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