

Minutes of a Meeting of Unstone Parish Council
Held at Moorland View Elderly People's Club, Apperknowle
On Thursday 15th September 2016.

- Present:** Cllrs S. Hopkinson (Chair); A. Dale; J. Elliott; J. Hill (also DCC); M. Lilleyman; K. Perkins; T. Rogers; and V. Tebbs.
- In attendance:** A P Jones (Clerk); E Smith (RFO); M. Brown (Caretaker) and 6 members of the public.
- 056/16 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K. Fisher; R Smith and District Cllr V. R. Smith (NEDDC) and PC Sally Horner.
- 057/16 The order of business was varied to deal with items 8.1 and 9.1 on the agenda under Public Participation, as members of the public had attended to speak on these matters.
- 058/16 Cllr Terry Rogers declared an interest in agenda items 8.1 Request for a Cultivation License for verges at West Handley and 9.1 the status of the Rose Nursery at West Handley, and will not take part in these items.
- 059/16 a) The police report had been circulated – no crimes reported this month.
- 060/16 b) District Councillor Rosie Smith had sent a brief report which was read out by County Cllr J. Hill.
- 061/16 c) County Councillor Janet Hill reported that there will be a temporary road closure on 13th October on Whittington Lane for clearing the shrubbery and there is no alternative route. She had chased up regarding poor footpaths at Hardhurst Road and Quarry Road. Hardhurst Road is a possible future scheme, Quarry Road will be repaired if it deteriorates any further. DCC advises that signage at Sylvia Road and Hardhurst Road are on a works list.
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue at Littleover are moving to a shared facility at Ripley with effect from 10th October.
NEDDC offer 'bin help' for anyone who needs assistance putting out their rubbish bins, and as part of a partnership arrangement, can pass on the person's details to Derbyshire Fire and Rescue who will pay a 'get safe and well' advisory visit.
- 062/16 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2016 had been circulated. They were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 063/16 There were no confidential items.
- 064/16 Chair's announcements. The summer trips had been very successful. The Christmas Party will be on 11th December this year.
- 065/16 Clerk's Report/Correspondence. The only item was 8.1 Cultivation License, moved to Public Participation.
- 066/16 Items Raised by Councillors.
- 066/16 .1 Peak Resort Update. Planning Approval has been granted for phase 1 of the development.
- 066/16 .2 The status of the Rose Nursery at West Handley as regards any Planning Permissions or other matters affecting use and management of the site, moved to Public Participation.
- 066/16 .3 Cllr Lilleyman reported that he had attended a meeting at The Peel Centre where the Environment Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, the Oil and Gas Authority and Public-Health England had presented information on Shale Gas and collected feedback from attenders in the form of a questionnaire. This was expected to be used as evidence of consultation.
- 067/16 It was noted that DALC circulars up to # 14 and other relevant correspondence had been circulated. Copies are available from the Clerk.
- 068/16 Parish Facilities – Caretakers Report. This is given at Appendix 1.
- 069/16 RFO's report.
- 069/16 a) The RFO's report had been circulated and was approved.
- 069/16 b) Compensation of £200 has been awarded HMCTS in connection with Mr Ashley Ryan Cook damage to signage and play equipment.
Corporate Multipay Business Card is to replace the ALTO pre-payment card and there are forms to complete and submit (completed at the meeting.)
Came & Company renewal for insurance October 2016 to October 2017 is £2,583.49. Last year's was £2,452.61, an increase of £130.88. Approved.
The Audit has been returned from Grant Thornton with no comments made (i.e. all satisfactory.)
- 069/16 c) Cheque/BACs request for August a total of £4,436.10 and for September a total of £4,773.23 was unanimously approved along with current income sheet and bank reconciliation.

- 070/16 .1 To Consider Planning Applications/ Appeals. None received.
- 070/16 .2 To note Planning Decisions: None received.
- 071/16 Public Participation
- 071/16 .1 Two members of the public asked for support from the Parish Council in the application for a Cultivation License for a number of verges in the village of West Handley. NEDDC Grounds Maintenance had used powerful weed killer which had killed grass and wild flowers and left it bare and brown. A number of residents were prepared to manage the verges themselves to re-establish the grass, trim more selectively and encourage wild flowers. UPC supported this proposal. The members of the public were asked to provide the Clerk with maps showing exactly where the relevant verges are, and a list of names of people who would commit to carrying out the work, and exactly what work they intended to do. It was noted that if the application for a Cultivation License was submitted in the name of Unstone Parish Council the Council needed to be confident that the necessary work would be done and there would be no complaints to UPC from members of the public unhappy with the change of responsibility. Providing these requirements could be satisfied, UPC was in favour of the License being applied for.
- 071/16 .2 A member of the public praised Martyn Brown the Village Caretaker for his mowing, saying it was to a much better standard than NEDDC.
- 071/16 .3 A member of the public complained that following the repair work carried out on the railway viaduct, the footpath had been left as a quagmire. The Clerk was asked to write to ask them to come back and tidy it up.
- 071/16 .4 A member of the public complained that the West Handley Rose Nursery was now being run as a scrap yard and was an eyesore. There is a Planning Application currently being considered to reinstate the nursery, but in the meantime the scrap yard is being run without Planning Approval. The Clerk had already raised this with District Councillor Rosie Smith who had confirmed that Planning Enforcement had visited the nursery, met with the owner and asked him to clear up the site. The Clerk was asked to write again to the Planning Officer (Philip Slater) to reiterate concerns and ask for an update. The Clerk will also inform MP Natascha Engels to ask for support.
- 071/16 .5 A member of the public reported that the No Cold Calling Signs are now in place in the Cheetham Avenue/Sylvia Road area as a result of the campaign by local Neighbourhood Watch.
- 071/16 .6 The Well Dressing at Apperknowle had been very successful and it was planned to do it again next year. UPC agreed to donate £120 towards the costs.
- 072/16 The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 p.m. Thursday 20th October 2016. Councillor Hill gave apologies.
- 073/16 No further items were noted for the October 2016 agenda.
The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Appendix 1.

Grounds/Parish Warden Report on work done;

1. Routine park inspections/litter picks etc.
2. Routine checks of bus stops bins, dog bins etc.
3. Routine grass cutting/strimming and weed control of all parish grounds
4. Ongoing bench refurb
5. Replacement of two vandalised dog fouling signs in Whittington park
6. Removal of overhanging branches around two bus stops at Unstone
7. Strim weeds etc on stepped path between Sharman and Barracks road.
8. Clear flower bed at top of New road Apperknowle
9. Clear flower/shrub bed at Unstone
10. Replacement of badly corroded support chain on multi unit at Brierley play area
11. More cracks appearing on wooden play equipment at Brierley play area, filled to prevent water ingress – ongoing.
12. Oil change carried out on ride on mower
13. Unfortunately the dog fouling signs replaced last month have once again been destroyed. This is only a problem in Whittington Park. Dog warden to be informed.
14. Minor repair to rocking horse at St. Johns play area.
15. Repairs to wire fencing at Brierley play area

Other points

1. War memorial is in need of some repairs to rendering on the low surrounding wall and also getting ready for painting. I will make arrangement to do this before November.
2. Repairs will be needed to rotting wood on play equipment at Sharman play area, I will be addressing this over the next few weeks.
3. Litter bin at Brierley play area doesn't appear to be emptied on a regular basis. This has been reported to NEDDC.
4. Two residents' houses backing on to Brierley have overgrown hedges encroaching onto the play area. These have not been cut for a while. These are the residents' responsibility.
5. Query from Resident at 16 Brierley road about potholes on drive/entrance to Brierley play area and her property. Highway and footpaths are DCC's responsibility.