

UPWOOD PARISH 1904



Minutes from meetings dated:

11th January

18th April

7th March

11th July

30th March

10th October



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes and proceedings of the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday January 11th 1904** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Messrs. John Evison, Walter Cross, William Thompson, George Thompson, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

Moved by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, and resolved that minutes of last meeting as read, be confirmed.

Clarke's F. A., Common Right, Settle of.

The Clerk's letter of October 13th last to Mr. F. A. Clarke, his reply of the 14th, and the Clerk's letter of October 20th, together with Mr. Clarke's receipt for 18/- in settlement of amount of all Common Rights due to him, up to, and including Michaelmas 1903, were submitted.

Correspondence.

Messrs. Palmer & Sons letter of January 10th 1904, explaining alleged overcharge in their account, and agreeing to deduct 1/- therefrom was read.

Parish Constables, nomination of.

Moved by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. William Thompson, and resolved that Messrs. Charles Kilby, Cornelius Murfin, George Sinclair, Frederick Wright, John Key, and Albert Henry Ingle, be nominated as Parish Constables for the ensuing year.

Accounts.

Moved by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Lewis Fordham, and resolved that the following accounts be passed and cheques signed for same, viz.:-

	£	s	d
Margetts C. B.	2	14	0
Ramsey Lord de	1	13	0
Hughes Rev'd W. O. J.		3	0
Jones Mrs Sarah		9	0
Curtis & Speechley		2	6
Fordham Lewis, five Common Rights viz.:-			
Cross George 3/-, Darwood Mrs. 3/-,			
Sinclair George 3/-, Summers F. 3/-			
& Wright Francis 3/-.			
Hedge cutting and Allotment expenses 3/6		18	6

Kay Peter	1	6	0
Palmer & Son	1	1	5
Jacobs J. C.		14	0
Elderkin Thos.	1	17	6
Cooksey Rev'd John F., Meeting expenses:-		5	4
Smith Thos. Year's Salary as Clerk to date		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	£ 13	4	3

Gravel Pits, re-letting of.

Moved by Mr. Walter Cross, seconded by Mr. Lewis Fordham, and resolved that the Clerk instruct Mr. Orriss, Auctioneer of Ramsey to let the Gravel Pits, as usual, at his convenience, but not later than the second week in April.

"Councillor & Guardian", discontinuance of.

Moved by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. Walter Cross, and resolved that the Annual Subscription to the "Councillor & Guardian" be discontinued, and that the Clerk write the proprietor to that effect towards the close of the Subscription year.

Income Tax, Sched. A.

Moved by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Walter Cross, and resolved that the Clerk point out to Mr. A. E. Southam the absurdity of the Assessment of the Allotment Ground, and if the Demand Note be amended and brought into line with amount of Rents Receivable, less deduction for repairs, a cheque be signed for same.

Top Field Expenses.

The Clerk was requested to prepare for next meeting, an appropriate Statement of Income from and Expenditure on the Top Field allotment for the past year.

Signed: Lewis Fordham, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting for the election of Parish Councillors, and of which due notice had been given, was held in the National School on **Monday 7th March 1904** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Messrs. Reginald J. Kidman, William Collett, Albert Henry Ingle, William Thompson, George Thompson, and others, also the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

Councillors, Election of.

Nomination papers were received, numbered in that order, and examined by the Chairman and Clerk. After the expiration of not less than fifteen minutes, the Chairman announced to the meeting, that the following gentlemen had been nominated, viz.:-

Collett	William	Farmer	Upwood
Cooksey	John Francis	Clerk in Holy Orders	Upwood
Evison	John	Merchant	Upwood
Ingle	Albert Henry	Blacksmith	Upwood
Thompson	William	Machinist	Upwood
Thompson	George	Machinist	Upwood
Thompson Jr.	William	Carpenter	Upwood

Nomination paper invalid.

In the case of John Francis Cooksey, two nomination papers were received, but one of these was declared by the Chairman to be invalid, on the ground that the name of the proposer, Walter Cross, was not on the Register of Electors.

The Chairman informed the assembly, that if they wished to put any questions to the Candidates, they could do so, but no response being made, the number of candidates agreeing with the number to be elected, the Chairman declared them to be duly elected.

Signed: Lewis Fordham, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A Parish Meeting was held in the National School on **Wednesday March 30th 1904** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and Mr. Walter Cross.

Minutes

Minutes of the last Parish Meeting were confirmed and signed.

Charity A/c's.

The Charity Accounts were submitted and approved.

General Accounts.

The Chairman read a summary of the General Account for the present year, showing receipts for £44.4.8 and expenditure £36.5.8, leaving a balance in the bank of £7.19.0.

Relief from Land Tax.

He also announced that the Clerk had written from King's Cross reporting that he had been successful in obtaining relief from payment by the Council of this year's Land Tax £1.5.6, and in all probability, for some years to come.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes and proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday April 18th 1904** at 7pm.

Councillors Declaration.

I hereby declare that I accept the Office of Parish Councillor of Upwood, and will fulfil the duties to the best of my ability.

Signed:

W. Thompson
W. G. Thompson
A. H. Ingle
John Evison
G. Thompson
J. F. Cooksey
W. Collett
Reginald J. Kidman

Present : Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Messrs. John Evison, Albert Henry Ingle, William Thompson, George Thompson, William Thompson Jr., and the Clerk (Thos. Smith)

Minutes

Chairman, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Thompson, seconded by Mr. William Thompson Jun'r, and resolved that Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Chairman for this Meeting, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, and resolved that Mr. Lewis Fordham, the retiring Chairman, retain the Chair throughout the present meeting.

Minutes (previous).

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, and resolved that minutes of the last meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Treasurer.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that Mr. William Collett be re-elected Treasurer-local for the Council for the ensuing year.

Overseer.

Proposed by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, seconded by Mr. William Thompson, and resolved that Mr. Reginald Job Kidman be re-elected Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Assistant Overseer.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that Mr. Lewis Fordham be elected Assistant Overseer of the poor for the ensuing year.

Poors Rate, Power to levy.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, and resolved that it be left to the discretion of the Treasurer-local, Overseer, and Assistant Overseer of the Poor, to levy a rate when called for.

Correspondence.

The Clerk read correspondence which had passed between the following, viz.:-

Mr. Orriss	re Letting of the Gravel Pits.
Editor of "Councillor & Guardian	re Discontinuance thereof.
Mr. Southam & the Surveyor of Taxes	re Income Tax, Schedule A, and Land Tax.
Mr. Hunnybun	Receipt of list of Councillors elected.
Miss Setchell	re Common Right arrears
Mr. Margetts	Specifying property on which Quit Rent and Tithe rent charge were payable.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, and resolved that payment of the following accounts, viz.:-

	£	s	d
February 10. Overseers of the Poor Rates	0	16	10
March 11. Inland Revenue Commissioners:-			
Income Tax Sched. A.	0	14	0
	£ 1	10	10

be approved.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, and resolved that cheques be signed and paid for the following, viz.:-

	£	s	d
Margetts C. B. Quit rent to Lady Day 1904	0	6	11
Smith Thos. Clerk, reimbursement for:			
Hadden, Best & Co., Election Stationery	1.9		
Hunts. County Council, List of Electors	1.0		
Barclays & Co Cheque Book 2/6, Postages 2/9	5.3	0	8
Setchell, Miss Annie Amelia, if the legal representative of late			
Thos. Setchell, deceased 4 yrs Common Right to M'mas 1903.	0	12	0
	£ 1	6	11

Top Field - Debit & Credit Account.

In compliance with instructions given at the previous meeting, the Clerk submitted an approximate Statement of Income from, and expenditure on the Top Field, and it being considered that debit items to the amount of £3.0.9 might fairly be spread over three years at least, and dealing with them accordingly, the account showed a debit balance (or loss) of 12/6 for the twelve months ended October 11th 1903.

Land Tax – Exemption from.

Proposed by Rev'd John F Cooksey, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that the Clerk having been successful in getting the amount of Income Tax for the year ended April 5th 1904, under Sched A, reduced from £1.4.10 to 14.0, and Land Tax £1.5.11 struck out altogether – the latter on his own initiative – the same be recorded on the minutes.

Annual A/c't – Approval of.

Proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that the Accounts of the Parish Council for the Financial year ended March 31st last, as read, be approved and signed.

Allotment – Transfer of No. 13.

Proposed by Mr. William Thompson Sen'r, seconded by Mr. William Thompson Jun'r, and resolved that Harry Slack have No. 13 allotment previously held by Harry Shelton.

Chairs to be Obtained.

Proposed by Mr. William Thompson Sr., seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that nine new chairs be obtained for the use of the Council.

Vote of thanks to retiring Chairman.

Proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Lewis Fordham for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Chairman during the past eighteen months. The Chairman thanked the Council for their appreciation of his services, and the meeting terminated.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



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Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. William Collett, Albert H. Ingle, William Thompson, William Thompson Jun'r, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Chairman's Thanks.

The Chairman thanked the Council for the Honour conferred upon him which he had not sought, he would however, endeavour to discharge the duties without fear or favour, for the welfare of the Parish.

Minutes

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Thompson, and resolved that minutes of the last Meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Representative School Manager – Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Thompson, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved that John Evison Esq're be elected Representative Manager for the Upwood (non-provided) School for the three years ending April 15th 1907, in succession to Mr. William Collett resigned.

An amendment to the foregoing, proposed by the Chairman was not seconded.

Correspondence.

Miss Setchell's letter of April 27th in reply to the Clerk's letter of April 20th, was read, and payment of Common Rights to her, as Representative of the late Thomas Setchell was approved.

Mr. E. W. Hunnybun's letter dated June 1904 enclosing print of Basis of Standard of County Rate, and Notice of Audit dated July 9th 1904, fixing same for the 29th inst. were submitted.

Account.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved that cheque be signed and paid to the Overseers of the Poor, Rate on £25/5/- @ 10d in the £ = £1.1.0

The Clerk pointed out that the gross rents from the property on which the above was paid was only £17.14.9½.

Kilby, Chas. Charge on buildings.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that Charles Kilby be charged One Shilling (1/-) per annum for buildings on Bottom Allotment land, payable next Michaelmas, and annually thereafter so long as they remain.

Cattle Straying, Authority for dealing with.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that complaints having been made of Cattle straying on the Allotments, the Council be and are hereby authorised to bring it under the notice of the police, and take such steps afterward as may be advisable.

Reported burial scandal.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that reported scandal on the burial of a child in the cemetery on July 3rd, having been brought under the notice of, and discussed by the Council, the matter be allowed to drop.

Chairs to be purchased.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that Mr. William Thompson purchase eight chairs (not nine as specified in resolution of April 18th 1904 p. 93), and select a suitable place for storing them.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



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Minutes

Resolved, that minutes of last Meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Correspondence.

Correspondence with John Evison Esq're dated July 12th & 13th, Mr. S. G. Cook dated July 14th & 15th, and the Surveyor of Taxes, dated August 11th '04, was read.

Also, Messrs. Orriss & Reeves' Statements showing the letting of the Gravel Pits to have realised £2.7.0.

Representative School Manager, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, seconded by Mr. William Thompson Jun'r, and resolved that Mr. George Thompson be elected Representative Manager for the Upwood (non-provided) School for the three years ending April 15th 1907.

Allotment Rents, Time for receiving.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that the Council receive the Allotment Rents at the National School, on Friday the 21st inst. at seven o'clock in the evening, and that the members present attend if possible.

Allotment applications deferred.

Leonard Poulter and George Kennell applications re Allotments were deferred until the Rent night.

"Jubilee Well" Indenture to be signed.

The Chairman submitted agreements re the 'Jubilee Well' when it was proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Thompson, and resolved that the Indenture dated January 30th 1899, made between Mrs. Mary Ann Speechley and the Parish Council, be signed in duplicate and entered on the minutes.

“Jubilee Well” Copy of Indenture.

This Indenture made the Thirtieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine Between Mary Ann Speechley, the wife of William Speechley of Woodwalton in the County of Huntingdon, Farmer, of the one part, and the Parish Council for the Parish of Upwood, in the said County of Huntingdon, hereinafter called ‘the Council’ of the other part.

Whereas the said Mary Ann Speechley is the Owner in **fee simple** of certain land in the said Parish of Upwood wherein a well was in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven sunk, and from which well water is now being drawn for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the said Parish of Upwood therewith and which well is called the “Jubilee Well”.

In English law, a fee simple or fee simple absolute is an estate in land, a form of freehold ownership. It is a way that real estate and land may be owned in **common** law countries, and is the highest possible ownership interest that can be held in real property.

And whereas the said Mary Ann Speechley has agreed to let to the Council the said well for the term of fifty years at the yearly rent of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Mary Ann Speechley hereby demises unto the Council All that the said well in the Parish of Upwood aforesaid together with right of ingress and egress thereto and therefrom from and to the village street by themselves or their servants for the purpose of opening, deepening, altering or repairing the same as from time to time may be necessary and together also with the right to lay pipes to the said well from the said street through the land of the said Mary Ann Speechley for the purpose of drawing the water from the said well.

To hold the same unto the Council for the term of fifty years from the First day of January instant yielding and paying during the said term the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Sixpence in every year such yearly sum to be paid on the First day of January in each year.

And the Council covenants with the said Mary Ann Speechley to pay the rent hereby reserved in time and manner aforesaid. In witness whereof the said Mary Ann Speechley and the Chairman and two other members of the said Parish Council of Upwood have hereunto set their respective hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
by the above named Mary Ann
Speechley in the presence of
Fred R. Serjeant, Solicitor,
Ramsey. } Mary Ann Speechley

Signed sealed and delivered at
a Meeting of the Upwood Parish
Council by Reginald J. Kidman,
Chairman, and William G. Thompson
& William Thompson, two members
of the same Council. }
Reginald J. Kidman
William G. Thompson
William Thompson

Relief Payroom, Proposed removal.

The Chairman having drawn attention to the inconvenience caused to the old people by having to go to 'Little London' for relief pay, it was proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that Mr. Arthur Gee, the Relieving Officer, be requested to pay the relief at Mrs. Slack's in the village if agreeable to the Board of Guardians, and that Mr. William Collett be advised hereof.

Storage of Chairs, proposed to be purchased.

Mr. William Thompson informed the Council that he had not purchased the chairs, authorised at the last meeting, as it was desirable that some place should be fixed upon for storage prior whereto. It was proposed by Mr. William Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. S. G. Cook, Clerk of the Huntingdonshire Education Committee and ascertain whether the Parish Council has the right or power to store, say eight or nine chairs on the School premises, which would not inconvenience anyone.

Lamp, query as to Ownership.

A discussion arose as to whether the lamp erected near the Church belonged to the Church or the Parish, and it was proposed by Mr. William Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that the Chairman be requested to look up any papers or information referring thereto which he may possess.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.