

UPWOOD PARISH 1911

MINUTE
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Minutes from meetings dated:

9th January

10th July

30th March

14th August

10th April

22nd September

1st May

12th October



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday January 9th 1911** at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Councillor's 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

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Colonel Mowbray, J. P., Messrs. William Collett, Henry Jacobs, William Thompson, George Thompson, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk.

Minutes

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

Parish Constables, Nomination of.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Messrs. Albert H. Ingle, William Geo. Thompson, William H. Sinclair, James King, Ernest Woodward, and Lewis Fordham, be nominated as Parish Constables for the ensuing year.

Annual Parish Meeting.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Henry Jacobs, and resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the National Schoolroom on Thursday March 30th 1911 at seven o'clock in the evening.

Grass Keeping of the Gravel Pits.

Proposed by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Henry Jacobs, and resolved that William Orriss, Auctioneer, Ramsey, let the Grass keeping of the 'Gravel Pits', but exclusive of that in Jackson's Drove, as usual at his convenience, but not later than the second week in April.

Workmen's Compensation Premium.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Colonel Mowbray, and resolved that payment of Premium (renewal) for Workmen's Compensation to the

Ocean Accident & Guar. Corporation, Ltd £1.0.0

be approved.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Colonel Mowbray, and resolved that accounts be passed, and cheques drawn and signed for the following, viz:-

	£	s	d
Margetts, Chas. B. Tithe & Common Rights	2	14	7
Inland revenue Commissioners Land & Income Tax.	1	14	3
Ramsey, Lord De Common Rights	1	13	0
Jones, Mrs Sarah "		9	0
Hughes, Rev'd W. O. J. "		3	0
Clarke, F. A. "		3	0
Cooksey, Rev'd John F. "		3	0
Allpress, George Survey'g hedges, all		3	0
Smith, Thos. -	£	s	d
Audit Stamp	1	0	0
Postage 13/0, Fare moiety to Hunt'n 1/4	14	4	
Speechley, Mrs – Rent of well	2	6	
Common Rights, Cross, George 3/-			
Gaunt, Mrs Ada 3/-, Sinclair, Mrs			
Emma 3/-, Summers, Fred. 3/-,			
Meetings 8/-,	1	0	0
Overseers of Poor – Poor Rate	15	1	
Palmer & Son – Stationery	12	6	
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>£ 11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

Correspondence.

The Clerk read letter from Chas. B. Margetts dated 24th December re Tithe Apportionment and Maps, and the Inclosure Award, and Maps A and B, together with his reply thereto; also, correspondence with Official Receiver Cambridge re Charles Kilby's Allotment Rent.

Allotments.

Mrs Joseph Shelton having given up allotment No. 32 for which there were the following applicants, viz:- Edwards, Stephen B, Hobbs, George, Dodson, William, and Mason, Joseph.

It was proposed by Mr. Reginald, J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that Allotment No. 32 Rent 6/2 be divided between George Hobbs and William Dodson.

Pump Repair.

The Clerk was authorised to instruct Henry Gildings to repair the pump as early as possible, and do what was necessary for rendering it proof against pebbles etc.

Burial Ground.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Colonel Mowbray, and resolved that the question of condition of the Burial Ground stand over until arrival of new vicar.

Granite Chips & Gravel.

The Clerk was requested to obtain quotations for ten tons Granite Chips & Gravel from

Ellis & Everard Ltd	Peterborough
H. Barlow	Somersham and
G. Newberry	Hartford, Huntingdon and

forward same to Mr. George Thompson.

Audit Stamp Cheque.

The Clerk was reported that the cheque for Audit Stamp, £1, signed on the 11th July last, had gone astray, and in consideration of the Parish Council issuing another, he – the Clerk – undertook to indemnify the Parish Council against any claim being made on the original cheque.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



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Present: Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, Messrs. William Collett, Albert Henry Ingle, George Thompson, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

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

Correspondence.

Correspondence with the Hunts. Education Committee re Agricultural Lectures – 'Co-operation' was read, when it was proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Lecturer come on Thursday the 20th April to address a Meeting in the National School at seven o'clock in the evening.

West's Charity.

The following is a list of recipients of West's Charity distributed at the usual time, viz:-

Braybrook, William	Hughes, Mrs	
Bolton, John	Hughes, Mr.	
Burton, Thos.	Ingram, George	
Elderkin, Thos.	Isley, Joseph	
Elderkin, William	Jacobs, James	
Ford, Thos.	Kennell, George	
Fountain, Samuel	Kennell, Mrs	
Govier, William	Kennell, Jun'r George	
Grange, Mrs	King, James	
Hobbs, Mrs	Murfin Sen'r Mrs	
Poulter Sen'r Mr.	Robins, Jacob	
Seaton, Mrs	Shelton, Edward	
Shelton, Elijah	Shelton, George	
Shelton, Mrs Helen	Shelton, Joseph	
Shelton, Mrs Mary	Shelton, Mrs Smith	
Teat, Matthew	Townsend, Mrs Emma	
Townsend, Fred'k	Townsend, Henry	Watson, Mrs

Accounts.

The Clerk submitted a summary of the accounts of the Parish Council for the year now ending.

Signed: George A. Green, Chairman



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Present: Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, Chairman, Messrs. William Collett, Albert Henry Ingle, George Thompson, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Chairman, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that Mr. Reginald Job Kidman be re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

The Chairman thanked the Council for the confidence they had reposed in him now for many years, and working so harmoniously together, the business of the Council was carried through with scarcely any effort.

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

Treasurer Local, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Mr. William Collett be re-elected Treasurer local to the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

Mr. Collett expressed his pleasure in accepting the office, remarking that it was almost a sinecure.

sinecure

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noun

a position requiring little or no work but giving the holder status or financial benefit.
"political sinecures for the supporters of ministers"

synonyms: easy job, soft option; [More](#)

Overseer of the Poor, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that Mr. Lewis Fordham be re-elected Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Overseer of the Poor, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that Mr. George Thompson be elected Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Assistant Overseer & Collector, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, and resolved that Thomas Smith – the Clerk – be appointed Assistant Overseer and Collector at a salary of twelve pounds for the ensuing year.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that payment since last Meeting of the undermentioned accounts be approved, viz:-

		£	s	d
Newberry, G.	Gravel	1	16	0
Townsend, Fred	Carting Gravel	2	8	0
Shelton, Reuben	Labour, re Paths		13	0
		£ 4	17	0

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that cheques be signed and paid when due for the following, viz:-

		£	s	d
Margetts, Chas. B.	Quit Rent	0	6	11
Elderkin, Thos.			11	6
Rogers & Longbourne	Lodge Farm Allotments Rent	10	0	0
		£ 10	18	5

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Accounts of the Parish Council for the Financial Year ended 31st March last as read, showing a credit balance of £4.7.0 be approved and signed.

Allotment Rent Arrears.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Clerk notify the holders of allotments who are in arrear with their rent, that unless the same is paid within a month, the Council will consider the question of determining the tenancies.

Lodge Farm Allotment Rents.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that the Clerk arrange for collecting the Lodge Farm Allotment Rent on Friday the 21st inst. at 7.45 pm.

Celebration of King George V.

Proposed by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that a Parish Meeting be convened for Monday, the 1st day of May at 7.30 pm to consider in what manner the Coronation of His Majesty King George V shall be celebrated.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at a Public Meeting, held in the National School on **Monday, the 1st day of May 1911** at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of considering in what manner the Coronation of their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary should be celebrated.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. William Collett, Albert Henry Ingle, Henry Jacobs, George Thompson, William Geo. Thompson, and also the Rev'd G. A. Green, Mrs Green, Mrs Mowbray, Miss Cooke, Miss Driver, and others, the room being filled.

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The Chairman on opening the meeting, made a fitting allusion to His Majesty King Edward VII, and the success which had crowned his efforts in the role of Peace Maker. His Coronation was celebrated in the village by a substantial repast and social evening, and it was for those present to decide in what manner, and then appoint a Committee to carry out the arrangements for celebrating the Coronation of Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary on Thursday the 22nd inst. A proposition that the auspicious event should be marked by something of a permanent character, for instance the providing of a room where young men could meet for improvement, and a pleasant evening was suggested, and met with considerable support ; the purchase of the old chapel with a view to reconstruction and conversion into a Concert Hall and a Reading room being suggested. Another proposition brought forward by Colonel Mowbray, and seconded by Mr. William Collett was 'That a fund be raised for providing the Widows and Old Age Pensioners with a Meat Tea, and other classes paying, Men 1/- and Women -/6 each.

The Chairman suggested the money being collected under two heads, viz:- Tea Fund and Building Fund, and in conjunction with the latter, a loan should be raised for a number of years and repayment of principal and interest made periodically, without any cost to the rate payers. Mr. George Thompson proposed that an Ambulance Hearse be provided for the Parish at a cost of £12 to £14.

Although the subject of above proposition did not lend itself to an occasion of rejoicing, its utility was recognised subsequently when Mr. Ingle for himself and colleagues undertook to obtain the need for procuring one.

Considerable discussion followed, the Meeting being rather strongly against borrowing money to build a Public Hall, and the motion for a Meat Tea being provided, and the disposal of any surplus being left with the Committee was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Tea be provided or served in Mr. William Collett's barn, he having kindly placed it at disposal for the occasion.

Resolved, that a Committee of eleven persons as undermentioned be appointed for carrying out the arrangements, viz:-

The Chairman	Colonel Mowbray
Rev'd George A. Green	William Thompson
George Thompson	Albert H. Ingle
Lewis Fordham	William Braybrook
Frederick Townsend	Mrs Mowbray & Mrs Green

Proposed by Rev'd George A. Green, seconded by Mrs Mowbray, and resolved that the Parish of Great Raveley join Upwood, on the occasion provided they appoint their own Committee.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman for presiding over the Meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Meeting for their appreciation.

The Committee then held an informal Meeting.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday, the 10th July 1911** at Seven o'clock in the evening.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. Henry Jacobs, George Thompson, William George Thompson, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

Resolved, that minutes of and proceedings at the last Council Meeting as read be confirmed and signed.

Overseers Of the Poor.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Colonel Mowbray, and resolved that cheque be drawn and signed in favour of the

		£	s	d
Overseers of the Poor	Poor Rate	0	14	5

Correspondence.

The Clerk submitted correspondence which had passed between John Watts Esq. of Saint Ives, Hunts. – Solicitor, dated 26th April, 2nd & 9th May last, re Charge on land formerly belonging to Thomas Setchell, and lately to Charles Kilby, when it was resolved, that the Clerk write to Mr. Watts informing him that there is a Common Right of three shillings 3/- per annum on the said land.

Allotment Rent Arrears.

The Clerk reported arrears of Allotment Rents, Top Field, when it was resolved, that three months' notice to expire on the 11th October '11 be given to

Elderkin, Thos.

Elderkin, John Thos.

Poulter, Amos

Shelton, Walter

such notice to be withdrawn if payment effected by end of the week.

Pumps and Notices.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that instructions be given to Cornelius Murfin for painting both pumps and re-lettering the notices.

Signed: W. Collett, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at a Special Meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Monday, the 14th August 1911** at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Messrs. W. Collett, George Thompson, A. H. Ingle.

Minutes

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

Water Supply.

Proposed by Mr. W. Collett, seconded by Mr. G. Thompson, and resolved that owing to the scarcity of Drinking Water, the Jubilee Parish Pump be closed during the day with the exception of the hours from 7 to 8 in the morning, and 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening, and that Mr. William Govier be employed by the Council to perform the duties of locking and unlocking the said pump at the time decided upon, and that Mr. Govier be paid such a sum for the performance of his duties as the Council may determine at a future meeting.

Signed: W. Collett, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at a Special Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Friday, the 22nd September 1911** at Seven o'clock in the evening.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. W. Collett, G. Thompson.

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Resignation of Clerk.

A letter was read by the Chairman from Mr. Smith, Clerk to the Parish Council and Assistant Overseer and Rate Collector, asking the Council to relieve him of his duties as from the 30th day of September, as he was about to leave the neighbourhood.

Resolved, proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. Collett and resolved that the Clerk Mr. Smith's resignation be accepted and to take effect on the 30th September next.

Date of Next Meeting.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, and seconded by Mr. G. Thompson, that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council be held on Thursday the 12th October instead of Monday the 9th October.

Signed: W. Collett, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Thursday, the 12th October 1911** at Seven o'clock in the evening.

Present: Mr. William Collett, Chairman, Colonel Mowbray, Mr. George Thompson, and the Clerk (Mr. Reginald J. Kidman).

Chairman, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett seconded by Colonel Mowbray, and resolved that the Rev'd G. Green be appointed the Chairman of the Parish Council for the half year ending the 31st day of March next.

Clerk & Assistant Overseer.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Mr. Reginald J. Kidman be appointed Clerk to the Council and Assistant Overseer and Rate Collector for the half year ending the 31st day of March next, and that he be paid at the same rate of salary and remuneration as the late Clerk (Mr. T. Smith) and the same agreement.

Allotments.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. Collett, and resolved that the Allotment Rents be collected in the School room on Friday evening the 20th October at 7 o'clock.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the 2 acres and 1 rood of land lately occupied by Mr. George Kennell be divided into two equal parts, and that one part be let to Mr. Matthew Teat, and the other part to James W. Kidman, both of Upwood.

Hill Farm Rent.

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that a cheque be made out for Ten Pounds to Messrs. Rogers and Longbourne in payment of the half years rent ending the 11th day of October 1911 for the 20 acres of land on Hill Farm and that the Clerk be instructed to hold the cheque over till the date appointed by the Council for payment of the Allotments and Small Holdings rents and then forward it to Messrs. Rogers and Longbourne.

Signed: George A. Green, Chairman