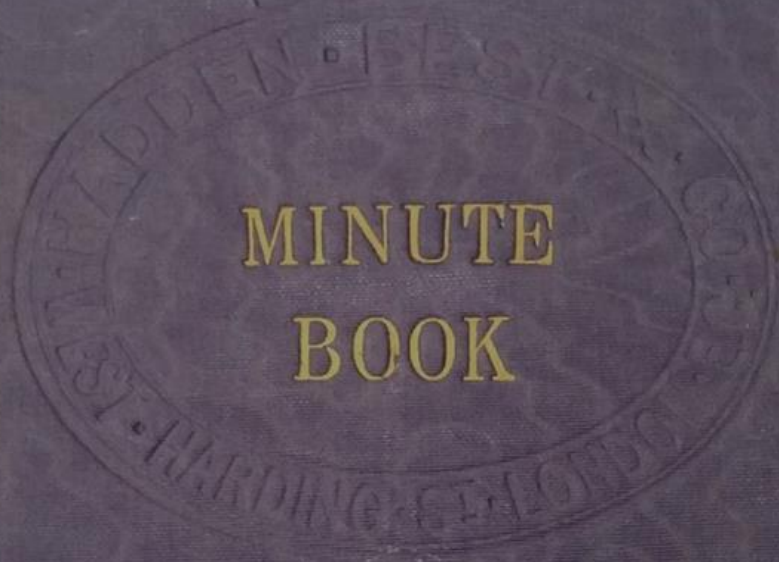


UPWOOD PARISH 1946



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Minutes from meetings dated:

31st Jan

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Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The quarterly meeting Parish Council held in Upwood School on **Thursday 31st January 1946** at 7.30pm, when the following were present.

Present: Mr. N. Gingell (Chairman), Messrs. F. Townsend, G. J. Cordell, S. A. Murfin, R. A. Murfin, F. J. Barham, G. E. Shelton, G. W. Brighty and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arisings.

Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk reported that the R. D. C. would not purchase the allotment site for housing. A further letter had been received from the County Surveyor wherein he stated that the Ministry of War Transport had written a letter to the Air Ministry asking them their Post War plans for the Airfield at Upwood, so that a plan could be made for a road to Ramsey Heights, on receiving a reply, the Surveyor would communicate with the Council again.

Village Paths.

The Clerk reported that the village paths down the village street had been repaired by the County Council.

Refuse.

The Sanitary Inspector had made a collection of unburnable refuse.

Village Footpaths.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Cousins had again cleaned up the village footpaths and had regrevelled them, the gravel having been obtained from Messrs. Earith Ballast Co. Ltd.

Letting of Allotments.

An allotment having been vacated by Mr. Bass, the Clerk received applications from Messrs. G. Edwards, S. Scarr and B. Elderkin. After some discussion, it was decided to let the allotment to Mr. S. Scarr.

It was reported that Mr. E. Gowler was not farming his allotment in a husbandlike manner. The Clerk was instructed to Mr. Gowler, asking him if he wished to keep the allotment to farm it much better.

Accounts.

Cheques were drawn, 1. Commissioners of Inland Revenue £5.18.3 for Income and Land Tax, 2. Mr. J. Cousins £3.0.0 for repairs to paths and spreading of gravel.

Drains.

It was found that drains in Upwood and Great Raveley that were in the minutes for discussion were now in a satisfactory condition.

Parish Notice Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Cordell, and seconded by Mr. Barham that a new notice board should be erected near the Church door, the Clerk to ask Messrs. Murfin to carry out the work.

Raveley Allotments.

It was agreed that the Raveley Charity allotments should be let in Raveley School on February 7th at 7.30pm.

Precept.

It was agreed that no precept was necessary for the Parish on the Rural District Council.

Forms.

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain all the forms that were necessary for the nominations and election of Parish Councillors that would be held in March.

Church Wall.

Mr. Shelton drew the attention of the Council to the bad state of repair of the wall boundary of the churchyard, and it appeared that boys were making it worse. Although the churchyard had been closed for a number of years, it had not been taken on by the Parish Council, so they could not take any action in the matter, although it was agreed that the police should be asked for their help, and the Clerk to try and find out the necessary procedure for the Council to take over the churchyard.

Signed: F. Townsend



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Charity Allotments of Great Raveley were let in Great Raveley School on **Thursday February 7th 1946** at 7.30pm.

The sum of 17/9, 1/- was paid for the hire of the Schoolroom, and it was resolved that the balance of 16/9 should be placed in the bank, ready for the time when repairs to the allotment fences could be made more economically.

Signed: L. W. Scarr.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Parish meeting of Upwood and The Raveley's for the election of Parish Councillors was held in the Upwood School on **Monday March 11th 1946** at 7.30pm, when the following were present.

Present: L. W. Scarr, N. Gingell, G. W. Brighty, E. Bannister, M. J. Lowings, G. J. Cordell, W. R. Patterson, W. Butler, S. A. Murfin, R. A. Murfin, J. Cousins, F. J. Barham, G. E. Shelton.

L. W. Scarr was voted to the Chair, who explained the procedure to be taken.

The following nominations were handed in:

1. Barham, Frederick James	Fitter
2. Bannister, Ernest	Farm Foreman
3. Brighty, George William	Farmer
4. Cordell, Gilbert James	Farmer
5. Gingell, Neville	Farmer
6. Lowings, Matthew John	Air Ministry Constable
7. Murfin, Richard Alexander	Wheelwright
8. Murfin, Stanley Ailwyn	Carpenter & Wheelwright
9. Paterson, William Robert	Schoolmaster
10. Shelton, George Edward	Baker & Grocer
11. Townsend, Fred	Farmer

After an interval of 15 minutes and no more nominations were received, and there were 11 seats on the Council the Chairman declared the above candidates as Parish Councillors.

The meeting was then declared open for any other discussion.

Road in Great Raveley.

Mr. Lowings reported that the condition of the road in Great Raveley was in need of repair and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor and draw his attention to it.

Trespass.

Mr. Cordell then reported that many people were still trespassing through his farm and through the aerodrome to get to and fro from Ramsey Heights. After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should write again to the County Surveyor and the War Agricultural Executive Committee to find out when a road could be started on, so that crops on the farms should not be damaged.

Sanitary Conditions.

Mr. Paterson asked if the sanitary conditions of the village might be improved, and Mr. Gingell, a member of the Rural District Council stated that he would report the matter to his Council and let the Council know of any progress at the annual meeting.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was fixed at 7.30pm on April 16th 1946.

Signed: L. W. Scarr



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The annual meeting of the Upwood and Raveleys Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday 16th April 1946** at 7.30pm, when the following were present.

Present: Messrs. E. Bannister, F. J. Barham, G. W. Brighty, G. J. Cordell, M. Lowings, R. A. Murfin, W. R. Paterson, G. E. Shelton, F. Townsend and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Appointment of Officers.

It was proposed by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Shelton, that Mr. N. Gingell should be Chairman for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mr. Cordell, seconded by Mr. Paterson that Mr. F. Townsend should be Vice-Chairman, so in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Townsend was Chairman for the evening.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting and of the Parish meeting were read and confirmed.

Accounts.

The accounts of the Council were then presented by the Clerk which showed a balance in the bank of £55.17.6, of this £5.14.9 belonged to the Charity Allotments at Great Raveley. The following cheques were drawn: £2.19.6 W. J. Villar & Co. Tithe Rent Charge, 10/6 Mrs Slack preparation of room.

Allotments.

It was reported by the Clerk that Mr. E. Gowler had given up his allotment and it was agreed that it should be offered to Mr. E. Elderkin.

Victory Day Celebrations.

It was proposed by Mr. Paterson and seconded by Mr. Shelton that a public meeting should be called on May 2nd to find out the feelings of the village as to what manner the victory celebrations should be taken on June 8th.

Appointment of School Manager.

Mr. F. Barham was appointed a Manager for Upwood School, and Mr. G. W. Brighty for Great Raveley School, proposed by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. R. A. Murfin.

County Associations.

A letter was read by the Clerk from the Cambs. Hunt. & Isle of Ely Community Council inviting Parish Councils to form a County Association, and to send two representatives at a meeting to be held in Huntingdon on May 18th to agree on the constitution and elect a Committee. It was proposed by

Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Lowings that this Council should join and that the Clerk and Chairman should be the Councils representatives, if the Chairman could not do so, it was agreed to ask Mr. Murfin.

Collection of Salvage.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Rural District Council asking if a more regular and satisfactory collection could be made, as at the moment many residents did not know what to do with the salvage.

Signed: F. Townsend.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Friday July 26th 1946** at 7.30pm, when the following were present.

Present: Mr. F. Townsend Vice-Chairman in the Chair, Mr. Paterson, Mr. R. A. Murfin and Mr. S. A. Murfin.

Minutes

Arising.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the Clerk read a letter from the Rural District Council stating that a Committee was going into the question of a better salvage service.

Allotments.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Woodward, the tenant of allotment no. *(this was left blank in the minutes)* complained that he paid for a large allotment whereas it was only a small one, this was confirmed by the Clerk who had refunded Mr. Woodward 3/9 the amount over charged. It was proposed by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. R. A. Murfin that this amount should be refunded to the Clerk.

Report on Audit.

The Clerk reported that he had attended the audit of the accounts for year 1945 & 1946, and the auditor asked that the Clerks salary and postages should be paid to 31st March annually.

Payment of Accounts.

The following cheques were drawn:

Messrs. E. Loworth Bros.	£ 1	5	7	Stationery etc.	
Huntingdon R. D. C.	£ 1	7	7	Election Expenses	
L. W. Scarr	£ 2 - 10 - 0			Salary to 31/3/46	
"	7 - 3			Postage	
"	1 - 10 - 0			Audit Stamps 2 years	
"	3 - 9	£4	11	0	Refund on Allotment

Signed: N. Gingell



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Upwood and Raveleys Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Monday 28th October 1946**, when the following were present.

Present: Mr. N. Gingell (Chairman), F. Barham, G. W. Brighty, E. Bannister, G. J. Cordell, R. A. Murfin, S. A. Murfin, W. R. Paterson, G. E. Shelton, F. Townsend and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arisings.

Arising out of the minutes it was reported that when the salvage collection was made, it was found that many residents did not know that the collection was being made. It was proposed by Mr. Paterson and seconded by Mr. Barham that a letter should be written to the Rural Council asking that the collection should be better advised.

Boundaries.

A letter was read by the Clerk from Ramsey Urban District Council, asking if the Parish Council if they would send 3 representatives to a meeting in Ramsey on November 27th to discuss any ways or means to see if the surrounding parishes could find any advantage in joining Ramsey if any change had to be made. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Cordell, Mr. Paterson and the Clerk should attend the meeting.

Vacancy on Council.

As Mr. Lowings of Great Raveley had left the district, it was proposed by Mr. Brighty, seconded by Mr. Bannister, that Mr. Edgar Edwards of Great Raveley should be co-opted a member of the Council, the Clerk to write and ask him if he would accept.

Letter Re County Association.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the County Association of Parish Council inviting all Councils to join, it was agreed to join and that Mr. Townsend and the Clerk should attend the next meeting on November 9th, and that the Clerk should if possible obtain any necessary advice re the letting of the allotments.

Allotments.

It was agreed that Messrs. Murfin should be asked to repair the allotment gate. The Clerk also reported that one allotment was still unlet.

Clerks Salary.

The Clerk asked if his salary could be increased to £6 per annum as from April 1st 1946 to enable him to account for expenses and journeys to any necessary audits of accounts. It was proposed by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Barham that the increase should be made. This was carried.

Ramsey Heights Road.

Mr. Cordell then reminded the Council that no action had not yet been taken to open the Ramsey Heights Road or to make an alternate route. After some discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor and the local MP and try and find out the latest position.

Footpaths.

Mr. Shelton asked if it was known whether the County Council were going to repair the footpaths all through the village, as at the moment the paths at the north end of the village were being curbed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor and find out the position.

Signed: R. A. Murfin