

UPWOOD PARISH 1956

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Minutes from meetings dated:

18th January

23rd May

13th February

7th August

27th March

29th October

26th November



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday January 18th 1956** at 7.30pm when then following were present.

Present: Mr. Spofforth Chairman, Messrs. F. Barham, G. Cordell, W. Colbert, E. Edwards, V. Poulter, R. A. Murfin, S. A. Murfin, F. Townsend and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arisings.

Arising from the minutes, the following reports were made, The Clerk had received a letter from the County Surveyor acknowledging receipt of communication re footpaths in Upwood. The new lamps at the Raveleys were fixed and were in use by the end of October.

Allotments.

The allotment rents had all been received. As Mr. B. G. Allpress was leaving the district, he gave notice to leave of his part of the Dock Field as at Michaelmas 1956, so it was agreed to let Mr. P. Harper hire this part of the Dock as from Michaelmas 1956.

Water Supply.

A letter was read from the Surveyor of the R. D. C. asking if economy could be made in the use of the water during the next few months as extensive works were to be carried out, and the pressure would be very low during that time.

Road Condition.

Mr. Poulter brought to the attention of the Council the state of the road adjoining the Great Raveley School, so it was agreed to write to the County Surveyor bringing his attention to it.

Payments.

The following cheques were drawn and signed:

Eastern Electricity Board	£30-5-6
Hunts. R. D. C. Election Expenses	£2-11-11
Commissioners of Inland Revenue	£3-1-7

A precept for £76-0-0 on the R. D. C. for street lighting was signed.

Charity Allotments.

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Great Raveley School on Monday January 30th for the letting of the Charity Allotments.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Monday February 13th 1956** at 7.30pm when the following were present:

Present: Mr. Spofforth Chairman, Messrs. F. J. Barham, W. F. Barham, W. G. Colbert, G. J. Cordell, E. Edwards, R. A. Murfin, S. A. Murfin, V. T. Poulter, F. Townsend and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Arisings.

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that he had seen the condition of the road at Great Raveley School, and would write to the County Surveyor immediately. It was also reported that the allotments at Great Raveley had been let.

Gravel Pits.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Huntingdon Rural District Council stating that Mr. G. H. Slote had offered £40-0-0 per acre for the Gravel Pits adjoining the Longholme Road, the total acreage being 1.4 acres, the purchase price being £56-0-0 and at the same time asking if the Parish Council would be agreeable to selling this plot of land at this price, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. R. A. Murfin and seconded by Mr. G. J. Cordell that although the offer was good value for the land, the Parish Council did not approve of the sale as it was thought that Parish property should be kept together. The Chairman putting the motion to the meeting found that 4 Councillors voted for the motion and six i.e. including the Chairman abstained from voting, so it was considered the motion carried, so the Clerk was instructed to write to R. D. C. accordingly.

Payments.

A cheque for £35-4-10 for street lighting was signed.

Drains.

Mr. Poulter brought to the notice of the Council to the condition of some of the drains at Great Raveley, and agreed to communicate with the Rural District Council himself.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A Parish meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday March 27th 1956** at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman of the Parish Council was Chairman of the meeting supported by other members of the Parish Council, the Clerk of the Parish Council and other Parishioners.

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Street Lighting.

The meeting approved of the Street Lighting together with an extra lamp at Great Raveley and two at Little Raveley.

It was also brought to the notice of the meeting that some of the lamps in Upwood were shaded too much by overhanging trees, and the Clerk agreed to write to the Electricity Authority asking them if it was possible to have these trees cut.

Footpath.

It was also put forward about the condition of the footpath at the South End of the village, and the Clerk reported that he was in communication with the County Surveyor on this matter.

Correspondence.

A letter was read by the Parish Councils Association inviting Parishes to enter the best kept village competition, so it was agreed that Upwood should enter this competition.

Litter.

The Secretary of the Women's Institute brought up the matter of litter in the village and it was agreed to write to the R. D. C. to find out the position as to provision of litter bins, and Mrs Whitwell who is in charge of the Girl Guides agreed to write out posters for the anti litter campaign.

Sewage.

Mrs Gowler brought to the notice of the meeting of the condition of the ditch that carried a large part of the village sewage, and it was agreed to write to the R. D. C. asking them to have it cleared out.

The position of the Village Hall was discussed and it was agreed to ask the Chairman of the Committee to call a meeting.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday May 23rd 1956** at 7.30pm when then following were present:

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Mr. F. Barham, Mr. W. Barham, Mr. G. Cordell, Mr. R. A. Murfin, Mr. S. A. Murfin and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

The first business of the meeting was to appoint a Chairman for the coming year. So it was proposed by Mr. F. Barham and seconded by Mr. S. A. Murfin that Mr. Spofforth should again be Chairman for the coming year, and as there were not other nominations, Mr. Spofforth again accepted.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising.

Arising from the minutes, a further letter was read from the Huntingdon R. D. C. referring to the offer made by Mr. Slote of the old Gravel Pits. It was thought that there might still be some misunderstanding about the ownership of these pits, and the Parish Council were asked to reconsider the matter. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. S. A. Murfin and seconded by Mr. Cordell that there was no reason why the Parish Council should alter their opinion, and this was carried, so the Clerk was instructed to write to the R. D. C. stating that the Parish Council was still of the opinion that the Pits should not be sold.

Accounts.

The Clerk then presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance of *(this was left blank - see picture)* for all accounts. It was proposed by Mr. Cordell and seconded by Mr. R. A. Murfin that the accounts be adopted.

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Allotments.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Jakes asking him to make an effort to cut his hedge and clean out the ditch on his part of the Dock Field. In reply Mr. Jakes stated that he hired the Dock Field, the Council agreeing to cut the hedges and clean the ditches, so he wanted the hedges put in order first. No record was found of this agreement, so it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk inspect the field before replying to Mr. Jakes.

Accounts.

The following accounts were presented, cheques drawn and signed: W. J. Villar & Co. Tithe Rent Charge £2-17-2, Eastern Electricity Board £36-3-4, Hunts. Parish Council Association Affiliation Fees £3-5-0.

Correspondence.

Letters were presented and read in reply to matters brought up at the Parish meeting re litter bins, cleaning of Parish ditches.

Way Post.

The Chairman reported that he had been approached about the wording of the way post on the Huntingdon Road at the South End of the village, as lorries often came into the village when they did not want to, so it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor asking his opinion on the matter.

Parish Council County Association.

The Clerk brought to the notice of the meeting of the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council County Association to be held at Huntingdon on Friday July 6th 1956. It was also noted that the Parish Council Review would now be charged at the rate of 5/- per year for one copy per quarter. It was agreed that the Clerk should order one copy.

Best Village Competition.

It was also confirmed that the village was also entering the Best Village Competition.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Thursday August 7th 1956** at 7.30pm when then following were present:

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mr. F. Barham, Mr. W. Barham, Mr. W. G. Colbert, Mr. V. Poulter, Mr. F. Townsend and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arisings.

Arising from the minutes, the Chairman and Clerk reported that they had not inspected the holding hired by Mr. Jakes, but hoped to do so before the next meeting.

It was also reported that the Clerk had written to the County Surveyor about the way post at the south end of the village, and it was agreed to take down the arm pointing to the village.

Payments.

Cheque value £38-3-1 in favour of the Eastern Electricity Board was drawn for quarterly payment of Street Lighting.

Refuse and Waste.

Mr. Colbert then informed the Council that the tenants of the cottages owned by Lord de Ramsey, were emptying refuse and waste sink water in the pond at the bottom of their gardens. This pond also adjoined the Churchyard, and this practice was creating a nasty smell, so it was agreed to inform the Sanitary Inspector or the R. D. C. asking him to take any necessary action to abate the nuisance.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Monday October 29th 1956** at 7.30pm when then following were present:

Present: Mr. I. L. Spofforth, Chairman, Messrs. F. Barham, W. Barham, G. J. Cordell, R. A. Murfin, F. Townsend and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Apologies of absence were received from Mr. W. G. Colbert and Mr. E. Edwards.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arisings.

Arising from the minutes the Chairman and Clerk reported that they had inspected that part of the Dock Field, let to Mr. Jakes, stating that the hedge was in a very bad condition and badly needed cutting. Although Mr. Jakes stated that he expected the Council to cut he hedge as when he hired the land they agreed to do so, but no record was found of this, so it was agreed to write to him stating that if he wished to keep the land he must put the hedge in order himself as it was let to him at a very cheap rent.

The Clerk reported that he started to collect the rents but had not yet completed the collection.

Correspondence.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the County Council asking the Council if there was any common land in the Parish, sending a form to be filled in. It was agreed to send in a nil return.

A letter was read from the Sanitary Inspector stating that he had inspected the pond at Little Raveley near both cottages and had told the tenants that no more refuse etc. should be thrown in the pond, he also stated that he would inspect from time to time to see that the nuisance was finished.

Council Vacancy.

Owing to the death of Mr. Shelton it was agreed to write to Mr. J. Coward asking him if he would fill the vacancy on the Council.

Payments.

Cheques were drawn as follows, L. W. Scarr £11-0-6 Salary, Audit Stamp & Account. Eastern Electricity Board £38-3-1 for Street Lighting.

Annual Dinner.

The Clerk informed the Council the Parish Councils Association Annual Dinner would be held at The Lion Hotel, Buckden on Friday November 30th 1956. Anyone wishing to go should apply for a ticket through the Clerk.

Parish Award.

It was agreed that the Parish Award and map should be kept at the office of the Chairman.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Monday November 26th 1956** at 7pm when then following were present:

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Messrs. W. Barham, W. G. Colbert, E. Edwards, R. A. Murfin, S. A. Murfin, V. T. Poulter and the Clerk L. W. Scarr. Also present was Mr. Coward and Mr. Cordell.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arisings.

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that although he had written to Mr. Jakes about the Dock Field he had not so far had a reply.

The Clerk had also received a letter from Mr. Coward stating that he was willing to serve on the Council.

The Chairman then read a letter from the Chairman of the Rural District Council asking if the Parish Council would organise an effort so as to collect some donations for the Hungarian Relief Fund. After some discussion it was agreed that a house to house collection should be made, and members of the Council agreed to assist in making the collection. When complete to meet at the office of the Chairman to count the money, information was also received that the Church collection on the following Sunday would also be given to the fund.

P. O. Box.

Mr. Poulter brought to the notice of the Council of the size of the P. O. Box at Great Raveley, stating that it was much too small. It was agreed to write to the Head Postmaster at Huntingdon to see if any alteration could be made.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth