

# UPWOOD PARISH 1960

PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTE BOOK

**Minutes from meetings dated:**

**(Meetings are in this order in the minute book!)**

**12<sup>th</sup> January**

**19<sup>th</sup> May**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March (1959)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March**



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1960** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. Barham, Mr. W. Colbert, Mr. J Coward, Mr. R. A. Murfin, Mr. F. Townsend and the Clerk.

An apology of absence was received from Mr. E. Edwards.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were held over until the next meeting, but the Chairman did say that Upwood Estates had no responsibility for the maintenance of the wall near the Churchyard.

### **School Managers.**

The purpose of this meeting was to consider a letter received from the County Education Committee, stating that the New School on the RAF station was expected to be completed and brought into use for the summer term of 1960, and the Parish Council was entitled to two representatives on the body of managers.

It was proposed by Mr. R. A. Murfin and seconded by Mrs Agger that L. W. Scarr should be one, and again proposed by Mr. Murfin and seconded by Mr. Townsend that Mr. Spofforth should be the other, and these propositions were put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. Barham referred to a path that might be needed if many of the village children went to the New School, so it was agreed that a letter should be written to the Education Commission about this.

### **Demolition Order.**

Mrs Agger brought to the notice of the Council the position of Mrs Edwards whose property was under a demolition order, and the Chairman agreed to look into this to see that Mrs Edwards should receive every consideration in the matter.

### **Bus Services.**

Mrs Slote also mentioned the very poor bus service at the time that school children from the village were ready to come home. It was found out the Headmasters at the Grammar School and the Secondary Modern School were making representations to the bus company, so the Chairman said he would get into communication with them and say that this Council would have their support.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth





# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The annual Parish meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1959** at 7.30pm when members of the Parish Council, Womens Institute and other parishioners were present.

Mr. Spofforth Chairman of the Parish Council was Chairman for this meeting.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual Parish meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, it was reported that the R. D. C. was pressing forward to the Ministry to get the sewage disposal plan for Upwood in hand.

It was again agreed that the County Surveyor should be asked about the paths at the south end of the village.

The Clerk also reported that after writing to the Eastern Counties Bus Company, the fare to Ramsey has been made uniform.

### **Burial Ground.**

The Parish Council reported that the Vicar of Upwood had written bringing to the notice of the Council that the cemetery was nearly full and would soon have to be extended. So at this meeting it was resolved that the Parish should provide a burial ground in accordance with the Burial Acts 1852 - 1906. This was proposed by Mr. W. Barham and seconded by Mr. Coward and carried by the whole meeting.

### **Footpaths and Gates.**

Mr. Townsend brought to the notice of the meeting of the condition of the gate entering the field opposite the school, this being a gate leading on to the footpath. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor to find out if his department would repair it.

### **Litter.**

It was agreed to speak to Mr. Denny and Mr. Andrews to see if the litter could be kept down from the school to the village shop.

### **Best Kept Village.**

It was agreed that Upwood would not enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth.



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1960** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Barham, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Coward, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Murfin, Mr. Townsend and the Clerk.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, a letter was read from Messrs. Hunnybun saying that Mr. Jakes would cut his hedge when he could obtain the labour, but so far nothing had been done, and it was agreed that the Clerk should communicate with him direct to find out how quickly any action would be taken.

### **Cemetery.**

The Clerk reported that Mr. Parsons had more or less agreed to sell about ½ acre for cemetery extension but did not know what to ask for it.

### **Annual Parish Meeting.**

The annual Parish Meeting was fixed for Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> when it was hoped that all Councillors would be able to attend.

It was resolved to hold the Annual Meeting for letting of the Charity Allotments in Great Raveley School on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

### **Other Business.**

It was reported that the brick wall near the Church fell down during the last few days, and it was agreed that this matter be left over until the next meeting when it was hoped that information would be received from the Parochial Church Council as to ownership.

Mrs Slack had asked the Clerk if it was possible to increase her allowance for preparing the school room for Council Meetings, so it was resolved that 2/6 should be paid as from this meeting.

Mr. Edwards also mentioned that some of the drains in Great Raveley were still not very satisfactory. A cheque for £41-6-1 was drawn for payment of Street Lighting.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in Upwood School on **Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1960** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mrs Agger, Mrs Slote, Mr. Barham, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Coward, Mr. Murfin, Mr. Spofforth, Mr. Townsend and the Clerk. Apologies of absence were received from Miss Butler and Mr. Edwards.

## Minutes

The first business of this meeting was the appointment of a Chairman for the year. So it was proposed by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Coward that Mr. Spofforth should again be Chairman for the coming year, and on taking the Chair Mr. Spofforth thanked the Council for his appointment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes it was reported that so far Mr. Jakes had done nothing to the hedges on Dock Field, so it was proposed by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Coward that Mr. Jakes should be given notice to quit the holding.

### **Well Ownership.**

It was reported that the Parochial Church Council could not trace any ownership to the well next to the trees adjoining the Church, so it was resolved that the Parish Award should be examined to see if any information could be obtained from it.

### **Accounts.**

The accounts were then presented by the Clerk, and showed the following balances:

Allotments: £100-8-10, General: £17-8-11, Street Lighting: £53-3-4, Charities: £5-14-6.

Total: £176-15-7. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **Payments.**

The following cheques were drawn for payment:

Eastern Electricity Board £41-6-1 for Street Lighting, W. J. Villar and Co. £3-0-2 for Tithe Annuity, Hunt Parish Council Association £7-5-0 Affiliation Fees and Parish Council Review.

The Affiliation fees to the Parish Council Association increased considerably, so it was agreed to write to the Association stating that the Council hoped that they would not increase again.

### **Best Kept Village.**

It was resolved that Upwood should again enter the Best Kept Village Competition.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth.



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1960** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Barham, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Murfin, Mr. Townsend and the Clerk.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that Mr. Jakes had been given notice, and a letter had been received from Messrs. Hunnybun together with a copy of a letter from the Farmers Union asking if the Council would reconsider the notice as Mr. Jakes had been delayed in getting the hedges cut. After some consideration it was resolved that the Council would not rescind their action but the notice should stand and the Clerk should write to Messrs. Hunnybun accordingly.

The Clerk also reported that he had received a letter from the District Valuer saying that he was having difficulty with the purchase of the land for the cemetery, so it was agreed that the Clerk should keep in touch.

The wall around the trees near the Churchyard was also discussed, and it was resolved that the Chairman and Mr. Barham should inspect the award maps and try and find ownership.

### **Naming of Streets.**

A letter was read from Huntingdon R. D. C. asking if the Council would submit names for the streets in the village, as it was intended to name the streets and number the houses. After some discussion it was resolved that the street running from north to south should be High Street, the top road should be Huntingdon Road, Ailwine Road should keep the same name, the road from the Church to Huntingdon Road should be Church Lane, the road by the cemetery to Meadow Farm should be Meadow Lane, the road down to Upwood Fens should be Longholme Road.

### **Accounts.**

Accounts paid were: L. W. Scarr £21-5-11 Salary and misc. accounts.  
Eastern Electricity Board £41-6-1 Street Lighting.

### **Any Other Business.**

The Chairman agreed that he would try and get a meeting on site with the County Surveyor and the R. D. C. Surveyor to find out if a more satisfactory way with the drains.

Mr. Barham reported that the buses were cutting the ends of the paths at the junction of Huntingdon Road and Church Lane, so it was agreed to write to the County Surveyor to see if it could be stopped.

Mr. Townsend also mentioned that it would be advisable to have a gate on the path from the Church to the Council houses, so it was agreed to write to the R. D. C. Surveyor to see if it could be done.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1960** when the Chair was taken by Mr. Spofforth, Chairman of the Parish Council.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, it was reported that the Parish were endeavouring to buy a piece of land next to the Cemetery for the extension, this land belonging to Mr. Parsons of Broughton.

A letter was read from the Parish Councils Association asking if the Village would like to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for 1960, but as so few were at this meeting it was agreed to leave the decision for the next Parish Council Meeting.

Signed: (not signed)