

# UPWOOD PARISH 1961

PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTE BOOK

**Minutes from meetings dated:**

**9<sup>th</sup> February**

**13<sup>th</sup> June**

**27<sup>th</sup> March**

**8<sup>th</sup> November**

**24<sup>th</sup> May**



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood on **Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 1961** when the following were present.

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

An apology of absence was received from Mr. J. Coward.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk read another letter from Messrs. Hunnybun, enclosing another letter from the National Farmers Union about the Dock Field let to Mr. Jakes, saying that Mr. Jakes was disappointed that the Parish Council did not wish to withdraw the notice to quit, and asked if he could retain the field and enter into a fresh agreement. The Council considered this, but it was resolved that the notice to quit should not be withdrawn, as Mr. Jakes had had so many opportunities to keep the field. The Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

The Clerk reported that no further headway had been made in the provision of the cemetery, so it was agreed to write to the District Valuer as soon as possible.

No date was fixed for the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **Allotments.**

The date fixed for the letting of the Great Raveley Allotments was Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> 1961 at 7.30pm in Great Raveley School.

### **Accounts.**

Cheques were drawn for payment of the following accounts: £41-6-1 Eastern Electricity Board for street lighting, £2-8-4 Commissioners of Inland Revenue for Income Tax for allotments.

A precept for £90-0-0 on Huntingdon R. D. C. was also signed.

### **Correspondence.**

A letter from the R. D. C. was also read about the provision of litter bins in the Parish, so it was resolved to ask for four in Upwood one in Great Raveley.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Upwood School on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1961** when Mr. Spofforth, Chairman of the Parish Council presided.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read, and it was reported that the Clerk was still in communication with the District Valuer about provision of the Cemetery.

### **Footpaths.**

A letter was read from the County Council asking for the help of the parishioners for the revision of the footpaths in the Parish, so it was resolved that all necessary help should be given to the County Council for this work.

### **Best Kept Village Competition.**

The meeting agreed that Upwood should again enter for the Best Kept Village Competition.

### **Charities Act Meeting.**

A letter was read from the Parish Councils Association, enclosing a notice of a meeting to be held in Huntingdon on the Charities Act 1960 on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1961, when the Chief Charity Commissioner C. P. Hill Esq. would explain the new act. Admission was by ticket only, so it was resolved that the Clerk should ask for 5 tickets.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth





# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1961** when the following were present.

**Present:** Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Messrs. W. Barham, W. G. Colbert, J. Coward, R. A. Murfin, I. L. Spofforth, F. Townsend and the Clerk.

An apology of absence was received from Mrs. Agger.

## Minutes

The first business of the meeting was to appoint a Chairman for the year, so it was proposed by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr. Barham that Mr. Spofforth should be Chairman for the year. Mr. Spofforth then thanked the Council for their help in the past year, and hoped for all their support in the coming year.

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

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, a letter was received from Messrs. Hunnybun and Son stating they had informed the National Farmers Union that the Council did not wish to withdraw the notice from Mr. Jakes.

No more information had been received about the provision of litter bins.

Arisings from the Annual Parish Meeting, it was stated that the Village had again entered the Best Kept Village Competition.

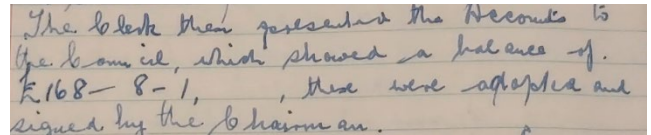
Mr. Barham, Mr. Murfin and the Clerk attended the lecture at Huntingdon on May 12<sup>th</sup> when the Chief Charity Commissioner C. P. Hill Esq. explained the New Charities Act 1960, and answered many questions. It was agreed that the talk was valuable and it was also resolved that a record should be made as soon as possible of all the Charities in the Parish.

### **Proposed Cemetery.**

A letter and report was received from the District Valuer wherein it was stated that the owner had asked for permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1959 to treat the land as Residential Development property, so this was granted, so the provisional price put on the approx. ½ acre of land was £300-0-0 plus usual expenses and necessary fencing. After some discussion it was again resolved that the Clerk should see Mr. Butler and find out the exact position concerning the plot to the west of the cemetery, and also the possibility of purchasing a piece to the south of the cemetery, and report back to the Council as soon as possible.

### Accounts.

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### School Managers.

The following were appointed School Managers for the next three years:-

Upwood C. P. School, Mr. Spofforth and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

Great Raveley School, Mr. W. G. Colbert and Mr. Edgar Edwards.

### Accounts.

The following cheques were drawn:-

Eastern Electricity Board, Street Lighting £41-6-1

W. J. Villar and Co., Tithe Annuity £3-0-2

Parish Councils Association Annual Subscription £7-8-6

A precept on the R. D. C. for £85-0-0 was also signed.

### Parish Councils Association Meeting.

A letter was then read from the Parish Councils Association giving the date of the Annual meeting as Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1961 in the County Buildings, Huntingdon when all members and the Clerk were invited to attend. It was agreed that anyone wishing to attend should let the Clerk know.

### Wall Adjoining Churchyard.

Mr. Barham again mentioned the wall adjoining the Churchyard, and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Parish Councils Association to see if they could help in the matter.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1961** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Mrs Slote, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Coward, Mr. Barham, 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 he had interviewed Mr. Butler and had also received a letter from his solicitors stating that Mr. Butler was definitely the owner of the area to the west of the cemetery, but he was prepared to sell the plot for the extension of the cemetery. After some discussion, it was resolved that the Council should offer to buy this plot from Mr. Butler, offering him the same price as the Council would pay for the previous plot, the Clerk to write to him and negotiate as fast as possible, and call another meeting when necessary.

### **Street Lighting.**

A letter was then read from the Insurance Company, bringing the attention of the Council that condition of the policy was that the Council should pay the first £2-10-0 of any claims, so it was agreed to pay the a/c from the Electricity Board for repairs carried out.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth.



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood on **Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1961** when the following were present.

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

An apology of absence was received from Mr. Edwards.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Extension of Cemetery.**

The Clerk reported that he had been able to come to terms with Mr. Butler to purchase the plot to the west of the cemetery, and planning permission had been granted. The next step was to get a certificate from the Medical Officer of Health, this he was prepared to give but first there were some houses very near, so a written consent was to be obtained from the owners that they would not object to the extension. The owners would not give this consent, and in fact objected, so the Medical Officer could not issue a certificate. In view of this, the Council resolved to drop this plan, and carry on with the original one and buy the plot from Mr. Parsons, the Clerk to negotiate as fast as possible.

### **Letting of Dock Field.**

The part of the Dock Field just vacated by Mr. Jakes was applied for by Mr. Harper and Mr. Gowler who had other parts of the field. It was resolved to offer it to Mr. Gowler at £3-0-0 an acre, but the Clerk wished to get advice from the District Auditor, whom he was meeting in a few days time.

### **Trustees.**

The following trustees were appointed:-

Wests Charities: Mr. W. Barham, Mr. G. Cordell, Mr. R. A. Murfin, Mr. F. Townsend, proposed by Mrs Agger, seconded by Miss Butler.

Great Raveley Allotments: Mr. W. G. Colbert and Mr. E. C. Edwards, proposed by Mr. Murfin, seconded by Mr. Cordell.

### **Accounts.**

Cheques were drawn for the payment of the following accounts:-

Eastern Electricity Board, street lighting £41-6-1

L. W. Scarr, salary and misc. a/c's £9-0-8

Signed: I. L. Spofforth