

UPWOOD PARISH 1967

PARISH COUNCIL
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Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Thursday February 16th 1967** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. W. F. Barham, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. E. Edwards, Rev. A Metcalfe, Mr. R. A. Murfin, Mr. K. Walker and the Clerk.
Apologies were received from Mrs Bannister and Mr. Colbert.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arisings.

The Clerk said he was still in communication with the Ministry of Housing about the Allotment Accounts.

With reference to Mr. Browns appointment as caretaker for the cemetery, the Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Brown had been ill and in hospital, and his doctor had advised him not to do the work, so it was resolved to advertise the vacancy in the Hunts Post.

Two more quotations had been received for the concreting of the paths in the cemetery, one from Messrs Higgins & Tingey for £108-4-0, the other from Mr. R. Housden for £126-16-0, so it was resolved to accept Messrs Murfin's quotation of £80-0-0.

The Electricity Authority had replied to the Councils request to purchase the poles on which the street lighting lamps were fixed, and had quoted £7-10-0 for each pole i.e. £22-10-0 in all. So it was resolved that these poles should be purchased.

The County Surveyor had met with the Chairman and other Councillors and went round the village and found what work should be done to improve the roads and paths, and also went to Great Raveley to inspect drains etc. As this was partly R. D. C. responsibility, it was resolved to write to the R. D. C. Surveyor about it.

The Clerk said he had written to the Education Committee about the school buses at Great Raveley but so far had not had a reply.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish meeting was fixed for Thursday March 16th 1967 in Upwood School. The Clerk informed the meeting that he received some correspondence from the Parish Councils Association about the conduct of Parish meetings and also the date of a meeting at Huntingdon of the Association on Thursday 23rd February 1967 for talks on street lighting, local government ball and Parish meetings. It was hoped that some Parish Councillors would be able to attend.

Payment of Accounts.

Payment was made to the Eastern Electricity £50-10-0 for additional street lighting, and £29-4-11 for quarterly charge making a total of £79-14-11. A precept of £170-0-0 was also signed.

Other Business.

The Clerk brought to the notice of the Council that the Educations Committee would ask for the appointment of School Managers at the end of March. The Parish Council appointed two managers for the Upwood Primary School, as Mr. K. Walker and L. W. Scarr wished to retire.

It was resolved that Rev A. Metcalfe should be one, and the Clerk should write to Mrs Bannister to ask her if she would like to be another.

It was resolved to write to the Electricity Authority asking for an improvement in the village in the Meadow Road area.

Members of the Parish Council looked at various catalogues of rotary mowers and resolved to buy a Hayter with 4 stroke engine for use in the cemetery.

Signed K. G. Walker



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting was held in Upwood Old Village School on **Thursday 16th March 1967** when members of the Parish Council and other parishioners were present.

The Chairman of the Parish Council Mr. W. F. Barham was in the Chair.

Minutes

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

Arisings.

It was reported that the lamps in the High Street had been changed so the lighting was much better, extra lamps had also been installed in Meadow Road and Huntingdon Road. It was reported that where street lighting was on classified roads and above 13 feet high, it would be taken over by the County Council, this however did not apply in this Parish, so the Parish Council would still be the lighting authority.

The meeting was also informed that if there was any common land in the Parish it would have to be registered with the County Council. Several resolutions were made:

1. It was discussed about rain water coming through the wall in the High Street adjoining the field belonging to Upwood Estates, but it was decided that nothing much could be done about it.
2. A large telephone pole was so near the gate leading into the bungalows on Huntingdon Road, it was resolved to write to the Surveyor of the R. D. C. to see what it could do to have it moved.
3. One parishioner thought the trees near the Huntingdon Road were dangerous, it was agreed to write to the County Surveyor about the matter.
4. The 30 mile limit along the Huntingdon Road was also mentioned as it was after a very short distance along the road only, i.e. the distance of street lighting originally installed. It was resolved to ask the County Surveyor to have the whole of the street lighting at the moment in 30 mile limit.
5. The extension of the street lighting was also discussed as was thought a lamp was needed near the bungalows in Ailwine Road. So it was resolved to bring this up at the next Council Meeting.
6. The matter of letter boxes was also discussed, it was resolved to write to the postmaster at Huntingdon, to ask for an additional box in the village together with facilities for obtaining stamps when the local post office was closed, also larger letter box at Great Raveley.

Signed: K. G. Walker



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood Old Village School on **Wednesday May 24th 1967** when the following were present.

Present: Mrs Agger, Mrs Bannister, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. F. Barham, Mr. K. G. Walker.
Apology from Mr. E. Edwards.

The retiring Chairman Mr. W. F. Barham asked the Council to stand for two minutes in silence in memorial of Councillor Colbert, who died at the beginning of the month.

Mr. Barham did not wish to continue in the Chair, so it was proposed by Mr. Barham and seconded by Mr. Murfin that Mr. K. G. Walker should be Chairman for the year. Mr. Walker thanked the Council, and said he would do his best during the next year.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting and the Annual Parish meeting were read, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th Feb were signed.

Arising.

The Clerk reported that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government would allow £150-0-0 from the allotment a/c to be spent on other accounts, so this would help in Council work.

With reference to the advert for a caretaker for the cemetery, although no satisfactory application had been received, the Clerk had been approached by Mr. Toms and he was now caretaker at the rate of £25-0-0 for the year.

The Clerk said that he had now received a reply from the Education Committee about the school buses at Great Raveley, and they had agreed to the Councils motion, and this was now being carried out.

A satisfactory mower had been purchased for the mowing of the cemetery, and a cheque would be drawn at this meeting for payment.

Arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, the following reports were made, although letters had been written no replies had been received:

1. The pole on Huntingdon Road
2. Trees and speed limit on Huntingdon Road.
3. Letter to Post office re letter boxes.

The extensions of the street lighting was discussed in Ailwine Road, and it was resolved to write to the Electricity Authority and obtain an estimate for one more lamp.

Accounts.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the past year and were taken as satisfactory.

The following cheques for payment were drawn:

Eastern Electricity £55-15-10 Quarterly Electricity charge and purchase of poles

K. J. Viller & Co.	£2-18-4	Tithe rent charge
K. G. Walker Ltd	£47-10-0	Purchase of mower
Parish Council Assoc.	(No value noted)	Affiliation fees

Other Business.

A vacancy on the Council has been made owing to the death of Mr. Colbert. So it was resolved to write to Mr. Bunning of Little Raveley, to see if he would fill the vacancy, if he declined then write to Mr. McCreadie of Great Raveley.

The Clerk then gave the date of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council Association at Huntingdon, this was Tuesday July 18th. Several Councillors wished to go but would make a decision nearer the date.

Signed: K. G. Walker.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Friday 18th August 1967** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. K. G Walker, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Mrs Bannister, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. F. Barham, Rev A. Metcalfe, Mr. R. A. Murfin.

Apology was sent from Mr. E. Edwards.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Electricity Authority quoting a price of £40-0-0 together with necessary cable, the first 4 yards free, and 22/6 per yard over this length. It was thought that many yards might be necessary, so it was resolved to write to the Electricity Authority for more details to find out the actual cost.

The Chairman said he would call and see Mr. Bunning, as the Clerk had not heard from him to say whether he would join the Council.

Miss Butler, Rev A. Metcalfe and the Clerk attended the Annual Parish Council Association meeting at Huntingdon on July 18th, and gave a report of the meeting.

A letter was read from the County Council Surveyor about the trees in the old Royal Oak and also stated that he did not think the 30 mile per hour limit could be extended along the Huntingdon Road.

A letter from the G. P. O. was also read saying that they were not able to install another letter box in the village or install a stamp machine, they would however, replace one at Great Raveley for a box containing a larger aperture.

Naming of Streets.

A letter from the Rural Council about the naming of streets, the Rural Council asked the Parish Council to recommend the names for roads on Marriots site and Bonefields site. The Council recommended that Marriots site should be named Helen's Close and Bonefields site as Bentley's Close.

Accounts.

The following cheques were drawn for payments:

Eastern Electricity £32-6-4 for Street Lighting

L. W. Scarr £31-4-1 for payments of various accounts.

A precept for £100-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

Cemetery.

The certificate of purchase of grave spaces in the cemetery were signed. Grave space No. 5 for J & S Slack, grave space No. 3 for G. W. Hart, grave space No. 6 for Mrs J. Gaunt, grave space No. 8 for Mrs A. Brown.

Other Business.

A letter was read from the Parish Councils Association saying that the Annual Dinner would be held in Huntingdon Technical College on Friday November 1967 when the speaker would be Lord Roper.

Signed: K. G. Walker



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood on **Friday December 8th 1967** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. K. Walker, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Mrs Bannister, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. Barham, Rev. A. Metcalfe, Mr. R. A. Murfin and the Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr. T. Gaunt.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arisings.

The Chairman said he had tried to contact Mr. Bunning to see if he would fill the vacancy on the Council, but had failed to do so, but however he had seen Mr. Hibberd, who was willing to fill the vacancy. So it was proposed by Mrs Agger and seconded by Mr. Murfin that Mr. Hibberd should be co-opted a member on the Council.

The Clerk then presented a further estimate from the Electricity Authority, stating that it would cost £39-7-6 for extra cable for the new lamp in Ailwine Road, this making a total of £80-0-0 for the lamp. This was thought to be a lot of money for one lamp, but it was resolved that the lamp should be installed.

Accounts.

The following cheques were drawn for payment:

Eastern Electricity	£35-11-6	Quarterly charge for street lighting
L. W. Scarr	£17-9-5	salary and payment of accounts.

A precept of £100-0-0 was also signed.

Other Business.

Some members said that electric voltage was low in some parts of the village, and some complaints had been received. So it was resolved that the Electricity Authority should be written to and ask for an improvement.

The attention of the Council was also drawn to the condition of the Parish seat near the telephone kiosk. Mr. Walker agreed to take it in the workshop and have it renovated.

Signed: K. G. Walker