

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 12th April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Mr D Paine	Chairman
	Mr T Bell	
	Mr N Gowler	
	Mr D Oldale	
	Mr C Racey	
	Mr J Rignall	
	Mr K Sisman	
	Clerk	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr D McCreadie, Mr A Perkins and Mr V Lucas. Mr G Hillman and Mrs J Paxton were absent.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of meetings held on Monday, 1st March 2010

Subject to one alteration to the heading of the Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting, these were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

The quotation from Mr Papworth for work to be undertaken on yew trees in the churchyard was confirmed.

Clerk advised still no response from Vera Woolmer in connection with the siting of the interpretation board.

Mr Paine advised that he had visited the Nursing Home and confirmed that the branches left behind, as advised to Clerk by Lee Gray, had been removed.

The boundary fence has still not been replaced. Clerk to write again and to remind them that it is a play area which children are encouraged to use. An incentive therefore to replace boundary fence to keep children out of Nursing Home grounds.

Village Hall to be booked early for next year's Parish Council meetings in an attempt to avoid problems encountered last year.

5. Correspondence

CCC – letter – Introduction of electronic consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk could accept delivery of future planning application consultations electronically.
Stagecoach – email – changes to Stagecoach and Norfolk Green services
Alison Gilbert – email – dog foul
HDC – email – Ramsey Neighbourhood Forum
Lee Gray – email – advising of branches left in playing field
CCC – letter – Proposed disable persons parking bay – Ailwine Road, Upwood
Luminus Group – Luminus Newsletter
HDC – Hinchingsbrooke Spring music leaflets
COPE – Newsletter No 65

6. Review of Clerk's salary

Clerk advised no new rates available as yet. Matter to be deferred until September when new rates were available for 2009/2010.

7. Cheques

L Gray	£319.50
Jolliffe Daking	£159.50
Upwood & The Raveleys Village Hall	£28.40
Mr B C Edwards	£81.20
Clerk	£253.21

8. Maintenance

Clerk to remind Lee Gray to trim back to hedge in Vicarage Paddock.

9. Cemetery Gates

Mr Paine advised that various comments had been made about the improvements to the cemetery entrance and new gates; some good, some bad. Mr Paine invited further comments from members present. Mr Sisman advised he was disappointed in general with the work done. Mr Oldale thought the whole job was diabolical. Mr Rignall was concerned that ground levels had not been attended to. Mr Gowler advised that he was absent from meeting when quotations were discussed and would be interested to see them. Mr Gowler also of the opinion that the entrance was more dangerous now than before.

Mr Paine read out email he had sent to Lee Gray expressing concerns raised. He also read out reply from Lee Gray, which incorporated reply from Ian Lack who appeared satisfied with the work done.

It was the consensus of the Councillors present that the Clerk should write to Mr Lack to advise of dissatisfaction with the work done, request site meeting as soon as possible and suggesting payment is withheld, if not already paid invoice. Mr Sisman wondered whether sub-committee should deal with matter, but Mr Paine happy for all Councillors to be involved if they so wished.

10. Planning

1000422FUL – Proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling with internal alterations – 72 Huntingdon Road Upwood PE26 2QQ - *no observations either in favour or against the proposal*

1000371FUL – Extension to existing agricultural building for use for produce grading and machinery storage – 21 High Street Upwood Huntingdon - *no observations either in favour or against the proposal*

11. Any other business

Mr Gowler advised on behalf of resident of Little Raveley of problem of speeding vehicles through village. Mr Sisman advised Speedwatch could assist if somewhere suitable found to park cars without causing passing vehicles to slow down.

Mr Racey raised on behalf of Mr McCreadie the matter of Wistow Road. Unfortunately, Clerk heard no more and Mr Lucas was absent.

Play area at Farm Close still presents problem with existing fence being pulled down to retrieve balls which are being kicked over. Mr Sisman advised that surely Muir Housing have responsibility for this as they are social landlords.

Mr Oldale gave vote of thanks to Mr Gowler for repairing Meadow Lane.

Clerk to contact Anglian Water with regard to siting of meter at entrance to allotments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm