

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 1st December at 7.30 p.m.
at Upwood Village Hall

Present Mr D Paine Chairman
 Mr N Gowler
 Mrs J Paxton
 Mr C Racey
 Mr J Rignall
 Mr K Sisman
 Clerk, Mr V Lucas and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies

Mr T Bell, Mr D McCreddie and Mr A Perkins.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 3rd November 2008.

These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Rignall enquired of HDC letter re enforcement cases. Clerk responded that the letter merely advised the names of personnel dealing with enforcement cases in the District.

Mr Rignall enquired of action taken with regard to car parking. Mr Paine advised that he had approached those concerned and was told the cars would be removed, a further vehicle appeared later. Clerk to write to Greg Peck at HDC and also Inspector Terri Griffin.

5. Correspondence

Letter – Upwood and The Raveleys Village Hall requesting assistance towards the cost of annual insurance. Mrs Paxton proposed that the Parish Council continue to support the Village Hall, seconded by Mr Sisman. Discussion took place on the amount to be awarded, taking into account that £1,000 had been given in previous years and this sum had been budgeted for in the precept for 2008. Mr Sisman proposed the sum of £1,000, seconded by Mrs Paxton.

Letter - Cambridgeshire County Council – information on Village Benefits Advice Service
 Letter - Cambridgeshire County Council – proposed changes to County Council Division names in Huntingdonshire
 Letter - Cambridgeshire County Council, in response to Clerk’s letter of 6th November 2008
 Letter – Beattie Communications – advising of further public consultation event on 29th November (posters displayed on notice boards in advance of this meeting)
 Letter – Magpas – thanking PC for donation
 Letter - Cambridgeshire ACRE and the Cambridgeshire Playing Fields Association Network
 Copy Letter – Mr K Sisman to Mr Ben Tranter, Muir Housing Group
 Letter - Cambridgeshire County Council enclosing Annual Report for 2007-08
 Luminus Group – Headlines newsletter
 COPE – Newsletter No. 50 and various leaflets
 Glasdon – Products List Winter 2008-09 Edition

6. Cheques

A Davis	£195.00
Clerk	£340.13 (including mileage & tel calls for 2008)
Upwood & The Raveleys Village Hall	£1,000.00
Mr D Paine	£18.39

7. Maintenance

No quotations received as yet for the felling offshoots of the tree behind Mr Silcock’s house/garden. Clerk to chase.

Village notice board in need of attention, the varnish has long since disappeared, and the wood grain opening up to all weathers. Clerk to check on the other notice boards. Quotations to be sought.

Quotations received from Matthew Plumb, Andy Davis and Lee Gray in connection with grass cutting contract. Mr Gowler proposed that the quotation be accepted from Mr Gray, seconded by Mr Racey, on the proviso that strimming up to the hedge in the vicarage paddock is included.

8. Allotments

Mr Paine had been in contact with the Land Registry. Plan received and all correct for the allotments in Upwood. Plan also received for allotments at Great Raveley. It was suggested that copies be made and the allotment areas are superimposed in order that all areas are defined for the future. Some expenditure incurred in connection with obtaining these plans and Mr Paine requested reimbursement. Mr Sisman proposed, seconded by Mr Racey

9. Funding Opportunities – Small Scale Environmental Improvement Schemes

Mr Paine had obtained a quote for new cemetery gates and also two quotations for the refurbishment work to the entrance. It was agreed to put forward the quotation received from Mr Lee Gray.

Whilst discussing the cemetery the question arose as to how many grave spaces taken up in 2007 and in 2008. Clerk to present figures at next meeting. Agenda item for next meeting.

10. Planning

0803153FUL – Extension to dwelling – 22 Bentley Close Upwood - no observations

No other plans received.

13. Any other business

Mr Racey queried the position with the boundary fence and the Nursing Home. Clerk to bring correspondence. Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr Lucas queried whether Clerk had received proposals for the light controlled access onto the A141 from the King's Ripton Road. He will ensure Clerk receives a copy.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.