

Clerk advised awaiting confirmation of siting of new salt bin in Great Raveley before placing order.

5. Correspondence

Clerk advised that she had received a text message from Mr Oldale who had resigned from the Parish Council:-

“Clerk, accept my resignation from the Parish Council as from now as I cannot serve on a council whose chair is both corrupt and a liar. Now announce that at tonight's meeting! David Oldale”

Clerk confirmed to Councillors present that she would reply to say that Councillor Oldale would need to confirm same in writing.

Cllr Victor Lucas – email – County Council and Police budget plans
Fivestone Limited – letter and poster re Ramsey Wind Farm Extension
HDC, Development Management Team – current enforcement cases within Parish
CCC – Cambridgeshire County Council – message from Chief Executive re budget plans
CCC – Alcohol Simple and Brief Advice training
HDC – Planning Proposals DPD: Draft Scoping report information containing web link
HDC – Document Centre information
Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter January 2011
Glasdon UK Ltd brochure
Fitzpatrick Woolmer brochure

6. Cheques

Moore Stephens	£367.20
Clerk	£395.89

7. Maintenance

Clerk raised query over plot in cemetery. Mrs Dean, formerly Northfield, had reserved a plot. Plot not used as Mrs Dean was cremated, not buried. Mr Dean would like to take over plot, but Clerk understands only deposit was paid for plot and not paid for in full. Clerk would like to seek clarification on how plots were dealt with at that time. Member of public advised that Mrs Sallabanks, a former Clerk, now lives in Sheringham. Clerk to endeavour to speak to Wendy Wade, also a former Clerk.

8. Allotments

Clerk advised that seven allotments are currently available. Mr Paine advised that he will put a note in the next newsletter. Asked Councillors what their views are. Mr Sisman advised that previously the Parish Council requested allotments be reserved for parishioners only, but advised that the small number of existing allotment holders outside the Parish had ‘grandfather’ rights

Mr Gowler commented the price rise last year was a little excessive and judging by the comments received by existing allotment holders he would tend to agree. The land is not the easiest to work with.

Mr Howe considers that outsiders should have the opportunity to have an allotment. Mr Gowler advised that historically they were for the poor of the Parish.

Mr Gowler suggested that the vacant allotments be advertised within the Parish initially, and further advised that the allotments were of differing sizes, but all being charged at the same rate.

Mr Bryce considers that a plan should be drawn of existing allotments.

Mr Paine suggested that the Allotment Sub Committee get together with the allotment holders to seek their views and report back to the Parish Council. Mr Racey stressed it was important to have the views of all allotment holders.

Mr Paine advised that he had had callers requesting water (visitors to cemetery). Need to find a way forward with water supply. Mr Gowler advised that he will install a new post. Clerk to contact RNW Plumbing to put in new push button tap. Agenda item for next meeting.

9. Gypsy and Travellers Sites

Mr Howe advised that the Preserving Upwood Group decided to push HDC. Put question forward to recent meeting at Somersham. Clerk had distributed email and answer. It appears nothing will happen until Localism Bill has been passed, earliest will be October 2011. Mr Howe does not consider that HDC will move on its position.

10. Former RAF Upwood site: Strawsons

Government changed rules on spatial development plans. High Court overturned appeal decision on the basis that application was made under the old regulations. Secretary of State not able to make decision on new regulation.

Cllr Lucas advised that outcome of a recent Bury PC meeting was that they decided to inform HDC of their confirmation of their decision, supporting the application, but with certain conditions.

Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council had issues with the infrastructure – the roads would not be able to cope with possible additional 1200 cars. PC needs to be kept abreast of what is happening with the development. Mr Sisman suggested letter be sent to HDC reiterating its concerns. Cllr Lucas advised that the plans are available on HDC website.

11. Planning

1002080FUL – New roof structure to windmill – 11 Huntingdon Road Upwood – *“We support this application because the windmill has been a feature of the village for more than a hundred years and is now in need of work to preserve not only the exterior brickwork, but also the original internal wooden structure. This work will preserve the highly valued local landmark for many years to come.”*

1100070TRE – Horse chestnut – crown thin 15-20% - Ailwyn House High Street Upwood – *“No observations to make. Parish Council happy for work to be carried out”*

Any other plans received

12. Any other business

Mr Howe queried what had happened to application that PC had discussed in December (change of use of existing building from agriculture to B1 (office) – Common Farm Chapel Road Ramsey Heights). Application appears to have been removed from HDC website. Mr Bryce suggested that matter be revisited if necessary.

Mrs Paxton advised she is hearing of concerns about cutbacks in bus services. Mr Paine wondered whether Community Bus could be involved. Mrs Paxton feels that PC should be involved. Mr Paine wondered whether Tesco would extend their service to cover outlying villages. Mr Paine suggested that before next meeting he and the Clerk will investigate possibility of a bus service into Ramsey.

Mr Bryce sought clarification on who looks after road signs. Clerk advised it is Highways Department.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm