

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 7th July at 7.30 p.m.
at Upwood Village Hall

Present Mr D Paine Chairman
 Mr T Bell
 Mr N Gowler
 Mr David McCreadie
 Mrs J Paxton
 Mr A Perkins
 Mr C Racey
 Mr K Sisman
 Clerk and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies

Mrs F Hopkins and Mr J Rignall.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 2nd June 2008.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd June were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Racey was pleased to receive maps of the grass cutting areas with the Agenda and Minutes. Advised minor amendments needed.

5. Adoption of Accounts

The accounts were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the Council's position.

6. Correspondence

Hunts DC – The Councillors' Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interest
Letter – Kinder Mats enclosing sample of rubber safety surfacing
Email – Victor Lucas – copy correspondence between Mr Sisman and Mark Hopkins

Email – Victor Lucas – copy correspondence between Mr Robert Dybiec and Mr T Bell
 Email – James Dimelow – Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
 Cambridgeshire County Council – Letter – Post Office closures in Cambridgeshire
 Hunts DC – Local Development Framework: Core Strategy: Submission
 Cambridgeshire County Council – Letter – Advance notification of disposal of 64.520 hectares of agricultural land at Upwood common Farm, Ramsey
 Letter – Mr C & Mrs P Dowdell – objections to planning application
 Email – Lee Gray quoting for emptying of rubbish bin at Bentley Close play area
 Email – Lee Gray enclosing quotation for cutting hedge adjacent Meadow Road
 Hunts DC – Public Meetings Schedule
 Society of Local Council Clerks – newsletter
 Huntingdonshire Arts Diary
 Cambridgeshire County Council – The Childcare Picture
 Clerks & Councils Direct – newsletter
 COPE – newsletter
 J Parker – Wholesale catalogue
 Hunts DC – countryside Events & Activities July 2008
 Hunts DC – telephone directory
 Local Councils Update – newsletter

7. Cheques

C J Ingle	£12.08
L Gray (3 invoices)	£958.50
Arboreal Services	£15.00
Village Hall	£28.56
David Yardley (internal audit)	£50.00
Clerk (inc August payment/postage etc)	£514.74
B C Edwards	£193.20

8. Maintenance

- Costermonger's barrow in Chapel of Rest – matter still in abeyance. Mr Paine to contact Mr Place in connection with collection of key from Clerk.
- Cemetery gates – the consensus of opinion was that the old gates were not at risk. Mr Gowler advised that he may be able to get pins put through hinges so as to discourage removing the gates to the entrance to cemetery. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Gowler's son should go ahead.

Mr Paine raised the question as to whether bins could be made available for the cemetery. Clerk advised that Mr Edwards had also raised this point during a recent conversation. Mr Paine to approach HDC to ask the question.

9. Allotments

Mr Paine advised that due to other commitments and recent weather conditions he has been unable to measure the allotments. Agenda item for next meeting.

10. Farm Close Play Area

Mr Bell requested this item be placed on the agenda. Plans of proposed area presented to meeting. Basketball and goal area at either end of pitch and two benches. Bollard to be erected to prevent vehicular access. Fencing may need to be erected to stop balls going into adjacent farmland. Mr Bell proposed acceptance, second Mr Sisman.

11. Planning

0806670FUL – Proposal: Erection of two dwellings and attached garage following demolition of outbuilding. Construction of vehicular access. Location: Land at 88 High Street, Upwood – *recommend approval but Parish Council would only consent fully to this application if the level is reduced to one storey only.*

12. Any other business

Mr Racey advised that the brick/tiles surrounding the village sign are still in situ, but are loose and therefore need attention. Mr Ted Sherman and Mr Lee Gray to be approached in this regard. Mr Paine to progress further.

Mr Sisman advised of consultation in area over next 18 months. Joint Area Traffic meeting held at St Neots. Opportunity for views to be put forward.

Mr Bell queried position of Longholme Road; a field has been sectioned off with concrete blocks and he wondered if anyone knew of anything.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.