

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 3rd November at 7.30 p.m.
at Upwood Village Hall

Present Mr D Paine Chairman
 Mr T Bell
 Mr N Gowler
 Mr D McCreadie
 Mr C Racey
 Mr K Sisman
 Clerk and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Mrs F Hopkins, Mrs J Paxton, Mr A Perkins, Mr J Rignall, and Mr V Lucas.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Racey declared an interest in item number 12.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 6th October 2008.

These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Racey queried whether any further response received from Highways Department in connection with the ditch/hedging outside Farm Close. The Clerk to chase.

5. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire Together – invitation to event

Letter – Mrs Fiona Hopkins

Copy letter – Mr Chris East – re-development at RAF Upwood

Huntingdonshire District Council – Gum Targets

Huntingdonshire District Council – Notes of meeting of Huntingdonshire Flood Forum

Huntingdonshire District Council – Enforcement cases within Parish

Cambridgeshire County Council – response to Clerk's letter

Huntingdonshire District Council – The Local Development Framework: Consultation on the Submission Core Strategy Site Allocation Representations

Communities and Local Government booklet – Communities in control: Real people, real power
Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees
Cambridgeshire County Council – letter enclosing Trading Standards Newsletter
Luminus Group – Headlines newsletter
Huntingdonshire Arts Diary and various flyers
Barclays Bank Plc – letter – Business Banking Code
Magpas – Friends of Magpas newsletter
Wicksteed Playscapes brochure
Huntingdonshire District Council – Public Meetings Schedule, November 2008

6. s137 Donation Requests

Huntingdon Community Radio

This request was discussed, but it was felt that the number of people likely to listen was limited. Mr Sisman therefore proposed that the Parish Council decline this request, Mr Racey seconded, all in favour.

7. Cheques

Jolliffe Daking	£159.50
St Peter's Church	£600.00
Magpas	£150.00
L Gray	£319.50
Clerk	£227.72
St Peter's Church	£275.00

8. Maintenance

The quotations received were discussed. It was agreed that Mr Davis should be given the go ahead for the work. Clerk to advise and also ensure that he is aware that the hedge goes all the way down past the cemetery. If any queries he is to contact Mr Paine before going ahead with the work. In same letter, also ask for him to quote for grass cutting in and around Upwood for next year.

On the subject of grass cutting the Clerk to send further letters to secure quotations for grass cutting contract.

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

The quotation received from Sean Edwards in connection with the work to be undertaken in the cemetery was also discussed and the price given at £380 thought by members to be very reasonable. Therefore he is to be given go ahead for work to proceed. Proposed by Mr Sisman, seconded by Mr Bell, all in favour.

Letter received from Mr Garvey, Treasurer for St Peter's Church requesting contribution towards maintenance of churchyard. Previous two years'

contributions have been £265 and Treasurer requested increase in line with inflation. The sum of £275 therefore proposed by Mr Gowler and seconded by Mr Racey.

9. Precept

Precept for 2009/2010 discussed and members agreed figures were a reasonable projection for expenditure in the next financial year. Proposed by Mr Bell and seconded by Mr McCreadie.

10. Funding Opportunities – Small Scale Environmental Improvement Schemes

This was discussed. Mr Gowler proposed work to cemetery entrance. Mr Gowler, Mr Paine and Mr Racey therefore to liaise and seek quotations to bring back to the next meeting. Mr Sisman offered assistance with any drawings that may be required. Agenda item for next meeting.

11. Byelaws

The enclosure with the Agenda was discussed and all members in agreement with suggested responses. Clerk to deal.

12. Planning

Ref. 0802338FUL – Erection of grain store and general purpose agricultural building – Land north east of 65 Huntingdon Road, Upwood – Letter received from Huntingdonshire County Council read out to members advising that the Development Control Panel resolved to Refuse the application
No other plans received.

13. Any other business

Mr Paine and Mr Racey had visited the allotments at Great Raveley and another rough draft of the area drawn. Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr Racey advised that ‘Longholme Road’ sign, to the left of entrance to gliding club is damaged, with only one post in position. Clerk to write to Highways Department.

Mr McCreadie advised of pot hole between Great Raveley village sign and Nature Reserve, going towards Wood Walton, on left-hand side. Clerk to write to Highways Department.

Comment was made with regard to a car being parked outside an Upwood resident’s house which presented a safety hazard as it was parked near the bend from Meadow Road. Mr Paine to deal.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.