

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 2nd November 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr D Paine Chairman
 Mr T Bell
 Mr D Oldale
 Mr D McCreadie
 Mr A Perkins
 Mr C Racey
 Mr K Sisman
 Clerk and Cllr Victor Lucas

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr N Gowler, Mr G Hillman, Mrs J Paxton, Mr J Rignall and Mr K Sisman

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 5th October 2009

Subject to one error in Item 3, date of meeting incorrect, should be 7th September and not 6th July, the Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Paine advised that the cemetery hedge has now been cut.

Mr Oldale advised that he had inspected the allotments.

Mr Lucas reported that a meeting on site with Highways Engineer (who in fact uses the road in question) plus other interested parties took place. He advised that the work done was a cheaper way of resurfacing minor roads. Not been done correctly as it should not cause rumble. Review again in February and if still uneven then first dressing will be done again, with a final dressing April/May. Warning signs will be put up at both ends of road. It transpired that the resurfacing was carried out as a result of Coroner's Report following a fatal accident.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Advisory Route Map for HCVs - Agenda item for next meeting

Core Strategy Adoption Statement

6. Upwood and The Raveleys Village Hall – assistance towards annual insurance

Clerk had received letter from Heike Penny requesting assistance towards annual insurance premium. Proposed by Mr Bell and seconded by Mr Racey that the Parish Council should make a donation. Mr McCreadie proposed the sum of £1,000 as in previous years, seconded by Mr Racey, all members present in favour.

7. Cheques

Jolliffe Daking	£159.50
Sean Edwards	£135.00
Lee Gray	£319.50
Andy Davis	£145.00
Lee Gray	£319.50
Clerk	£232.71
Upwood and The Raveleys Village Hall	£1,000.00

8. Maintenance

- Grass cutting contract

Quotation received from Lee Gray for the same price as current contract year, i.e. £319.50 per cut, which also included strimming four times a year in playing field. Quotation also received from Andy Davis in the sum of £200 per cut which, although competitive, members felt that he may not be able to offer the same level of service the Parish Council currently receives from Lee Gray. Mr Bell proposed that quotation is accepted from Lee Grey, seconded by Mr Oldale.

- Funeral cart

Mr Paine had taken photograph of the funeral cart which was passed around members. Mr Paine had had discussions with Sharon Pollard at Swearers who advised that they would be happy to have the funeral cart on loan from the Parish Council, to be put on display in their new showroom. A suitable agreement to be drawn up.

- Meadow Road footpath

Mr Paine advised that a small piece of the footpath had been repaired. Queried with contractors undertaking the repair the condition of the remainder of the footpath. It is sunken in a number of areas along the length with cracks appearing. Clerk to write to Highways Department.

9. Allotments

Clerk advised that she had received a request from a Mrs Johnson in Ramsey St Mary's for an allotment. This was discussed as it was agreed in an earlier meeting that only residents of Upwood should rent allotments. Clerk advised that Mr Morse had relinquished Plot Number 2A and it was unlikely that Mr Terzer would renew as no work

had been undertaken on his allotment since it was rented earlier in the year. It was therefore agreed that non Upwood residents should be allowed to rent an allotment providing no Upwood residents were on the waiting list. Clerk felt it was better the allotments were cultivated rather than weeds allowed to run riot and for the seeds to drift to other allotment holders plots. Mr Bell suggested that discretion be passed to the Chairman.

10. Precept

Draft Precept circulated to members. Clerk explained small increase in figures. Mr Racey proposed an increase of £300 under Maintenance and £350 under Administration, seconded by Mr Oldale. Mr Racey also suggested that Clerk should receive an increase in salary. Agenda item for next meeting.

11. Funding Opportunities - Small Scale Environmental Improvement Schemes 2010-11

It was felt that as the Parish Council was successful with its bid for last year, it may not be successful again. However, it was suggested that it be an Agenda item for next meeting.

12. Interpretation board

Mr Hillman and Mr Sisman had agreed at last meeting they would seek a suitable suite for the board, but unfortunately were not present at the meeting. Clerk to ascertain the actual wording of the board.

13. Planning

No plans received.

14. Any other business

Mr Bell advised that application made to demolish the old buildings on RAF Upwood site.

Mr McCreadie advised that the road from Little Raveley to Wennington is being used more and more and is in a terrible state.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.