

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present	Mr D Paine	Chairman
	Mr T Bell	
	Mrs F Hopkins	
	Mr N Gowler	
	Mr J Rignall	
	Mr A Perkins	
	Mr K Sisman	
	Cllr Victor Lucas	
	Clerk and 3 members of the public	

1. Apologies

Mr David McCreadie and Mr C Racey.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 7th July 2008.

Mr Rignall raised a matter under Maintenance of the Costermonger's barrow. He felt that members of the older generation may be offended at this term. Clerk therefore to amend to Bier. Subject to this one amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th July were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Paine advised that the recycling and general refuse wheelie bins for the cemetery had arrived and were in use.

Mr Paine advised that he had measured the allotments and a map was supplied to all members.

Mr Paine had initially approached Mr Gray with regard to the minor repairs required to the village sign. Quotation received in the sum of £35.62 and in view of the reasonable sum involved it was agreed to give Mr Gray the go ahead.

5. Correspondence

Hunts DC – Ofcom questionnaire
Email – Changes to Stagecoach services/timetables
Cambridgeshire County Council – reply to Clerk’s letter dated 14th May, re village sign
Gould Construction – acceptance of PC’s suggestion for street name in Farm Close
Hunts DC - Huntingdonshire Flood Forum
Hunts DC – Street naming and numbering re Barley Way
Hunts DC – Parish Charter for Huntingdonshire
Email, Cambridgeshire ACRE – Cambridge Carbon Footprint Courses
Email, Countryside Access Team – Local Access Forum Annual Report 2007-08
Cambridgeshire ACRE – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Rural Services Survey 2007
Email – Great Fen Project
Cambridgeshire County Council – Children’s services booklets (handed to Mrs Hopkins)
Barclays Bank Plc – notification of interest rates
Society of Local Council Clerks – Newsletter
Huntingdonshire Arts diary
Luminus Group – Newsletter
Glasdon – Newsletter/brochure
Steelway Fensecure – Letter and brochure
Cambridgeshire County Council – Countryside Access Team Annual Report 2007-08
Clerk & Councils Direct – Newsletter
Associated Surfaces & Materials – Leaflet
Hunts DC – Public Meetings schedule September 2008
Poster – RAF Upwood regeneration exhibition (also placed on notice boards)

6. Cheques

L Gray (2 invoices)	£639.00
Anglian Water	£23.47
Clerk (inc postage etc)	£236.63

7. Maintenance

- The Bier in the Chapel of Rest is in need of restoration. Some woodworm visible in the rollers which have deteriorated and the tyres are perished. Mr Paine looking to approach museums in locality to enquire whether they would like to take the Bier on.
- The old bench seat has been removed from the Chapel of Rest of a member of the parish is undertaking the refurbishment.

- The exterior of the Chapel of Rest is in need of attention – paintwork very tatty and flaking. The interior also needs tidying/sweeping. Mrs Hopkins queried whether it might be a listed building. Mr Gowler advised that Mr Edwards senior previously looked after the Chapel. It was suggested that Mr Clive Edwards be approached to enquire whether he would be willing to take on the care of the Chapel.
- Some of the graves in the ‘old’ part of the cemetery are overgrown and brambles need to be cut back. Mr Paine and Mr Racey looked over the area some 3/4 years ago, but nothing done at that time. Mr Sisman suggested a note should appear in the Parish Newsletter to the effect that work will be going ahead and any objections should be directed to the Parish Council.
- The maintenance of the joint boundary fence between the play area and Mr and Mrs Slater was discussed. Mr Slater had written to the Parish Council to advise that he was willing to carry out the work and planned to use a proprietary brand of preservative. During a subsequent conversation with Mr Paine, Mr Slater queried whether the Council would be prepared to contribute towards the cost. Mr Rignall quoted from Minutes of a meeting held on 18th May 1982 where the Bentley Close play area was mentioned. Quote: “ Mr Walters had been in contact with Mr Slater who was now willing to take over the boundary wall” During discussion it was felt that perhaps clarification should be sought on the understanding of responsibility and Mr Rignall to let the Clerk have a copy of these Minutes. Mrs Hopkins against any contribution being given as she felt that it may set a precedent. Proposed by Mr Sisman, seconded by Mrs Hopkins. Clerk to write to Mr Slater.

8. Allotments

The Clerk to write to the present allotment holders at Great Raveley enclosing a copy of the plan which Mr Paine had produced and requesting that they annotate the areas they are presently cultivating.

Comment was made that the allotments at Great Raveley and also in Upwood were rather large. Comments should perhaps be invited on halving the size of the current allotments.

9. Emergency Planning Awareness Session.

This item adjourned to the next meeting as Mrs Paxton not present at the meeting.

10. Planning

0802112FUL – Extension to dwelling 14 Bentley Close Upwood

Council view: No observations either in favour or against the proposal

0802338FUL – Erection of two agricultural buildings with associated access

Location: Land north east of 65 Huntingdon Road Upwood

Council view: Parish Council approved plans on previous occasion subject to sufficient and suitable screening being put in place. This proposal is an improvement.

11. Any other business

Mr Paine was contacted on 28th August and advised that a small motorcycle and mini quad bike were being used in the Vicarage Paddock. Mr Sisman suggested that the police be contacted to ask advice on whether this activity may in fact be against the law. Mr Sisman to action.

Mr Lucas mentioned the Ramsey Neighbourhood Safety meeting to take place the next week at which there will be police presence. Mr Sisman advised that he hoped to attend this meeting.

Mr Paine had received communication from Strawsons with regard to RAF Upwood Regeneration exhibition. Notices of the timings of the meetings to be put on notice boards and Mr Paine to also make mention in the newsletter.

Mr Silcock has requested that the tree offshoots bordering his property be cut back as they contribute to his garden being mostly in the shade. Quotations to be obtained for the removal of these offshoots. Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr Sisman advised that he had been contacted by Mr Richard Hyde in connection with Healthy Walking. Willing to provide signage indicating public footpath from Bentley Close to Nature Reserve. Apparently similar signs are being erected around Ramsey. Mr Paine and Mr Sisman to inspect. Agenda item for next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.