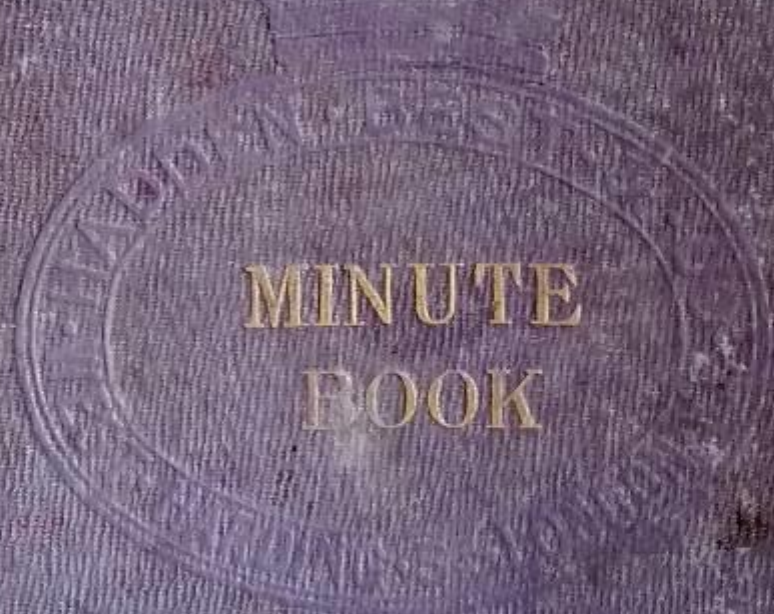


UPWOOD PARISH 1896



Minutes from meetings dated:

13th January

10th February

24th February

9th March

25th March

15th April

30th April

13th July

12th October



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting was held on **Monday 13th January 1896** in the National School at 7pm, due notice having been served on each member of the Council.

Present: Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. S. Fountain, J. H. Key, R. J. Kidman, A. H. Ingle and J. Evison.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated that he had appealed against the assessment of the properties of Messrs. Clarke and Bridgefort, but that the appeal was refused on the ground that the Council could instruct the overseers to raise the assessments. It was agreed to take no further steps concerning Mr. Clarke's property. Mr Kidman proposed "That the rating per acre of the property of Mr. Bridgefort be raised to that of the adjoining field occupied by Mr. Cross". This was not seconded, and as the Rate-book was not at hand it was decided to let the matter stand over to the next meeting.

A letter was read by the Chairman from the Post Master General, being an answer to the petition of the Council addressed to him, stating that Telegrams could not be delivered free, and that an office could only be opened if a guarantee was given to make up the receipts to £35 per annum. The Council next considered the rules for the letting of the allotments and town land, and finally agreed to these in the following amended form – Rules to be observed by Tenants of Upwood Field Allotments and Town Lands.

1. The Land shall be let for one year certain, namely from October 11th to October 11th, and the reletting of each allotment, at the end of the year, to the former Occupier shall depend on the good conduct and proper management of such occupier during the preceding year.
2. The rent due on October 11th in each year is to be paid three months in advance, if necessary.
3. Three months notice to quit to be given by either party so as to expire on October 11th.
4. The Tenant shall not assign, let, or underlet, or otherwise dispose of the Land or any part thereof, except in the last year of the Tenancy.
5. Each Tenant to keep one half of the roadway adjoining his land in good order and free from flowering weeds.

6. A Tenant leaving the Parish vacates his Tenancy on the 11th of the following October, or earlier by consent of the Council.

We, the undersigned Tenants agree to hold our allotments subject to the forgoing rules and to pay the rents placed against our names.

Mr. Kidman proposed and Mr. Evison seconded "That the Clerk communicate with Ayr with a view to his giving up the allotment". This was carried. Mr. Evison proposed and Mr. Kidman seconded "That the Clerk give Ayr, G. Smith and A. Fountain notice that the Tenancy of their allotments expires at Lady-Day next". This was also carried.

The Committee appointed for improving the Town Lands reported that they had carried out deepening the dyke and trimming the hedge. Mr. Evison proposed and Mr. Ingle seconded "That cutting of the allotment quick and cleaning of the ditch be left to Mr. Collett". This was carried.

Mr. Ingle proposed and Mr Evison seconded "That we fill up the hole dug in the field of Peter Key". The votes were in favour of the motion Messrs. Ingle and Evison – against it Mr. Kidman. The motion was therefore carried.

Mr. Evison proposed and Mr. Fountain seconded "That the District Council be requested to put the pump in working order". This was carried.

Mr. Evison proposed and Mr. Key seconded "That the Committee be requested to further consider the water supply". This was carried.

The meeting then adjourned to this day month (namely, the second Monday in February) when it was agreed to meet to consider the Rating of Properties, the allotment agreements & etc..

Signed: J. F. Cooksey, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A Council meeting was held on **Monday 10th February 1896** in the National School, due noticing having been served on each member.

Present: Rev. J F Cooksey, Messrs. R. J. Kidman, J. Evison, A. H. Ingle, S. Fountain and J. Key.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was agreed that as Mr. Collett was unwell Mr. J. H. Key see to the allotment fence.

The Council then examined the rate book and the following alterations –

5. W. Curtis – F. Bridgefort land 9a..0..37p
 estimated rental £7..10 ass: £4..5
 raised to rental £11..17..6 ass: £10..13..6

9. C. Murfin – C. Murfin House & Land 3r..37p
 estimated rental £6..7 ass: £5
 raised to rental £8..5 ass: £7..4

24. J. Ambrick Watts Land 1a
 estimated rental £2 ass: £1..10
 raised to ass: £1..16

25. A. H. Ingle Palmers Land 6a..2r..25p
 estimated rental £7..10 ass: £5..5
 raised to rental £8..2..6 ass: £7..6..6

93. W. Ambrick – S. Jones – Cottage and Garden
 estimated rental £3 ass: £2..8
 raised to rental £4..0..0 ass: £3..4

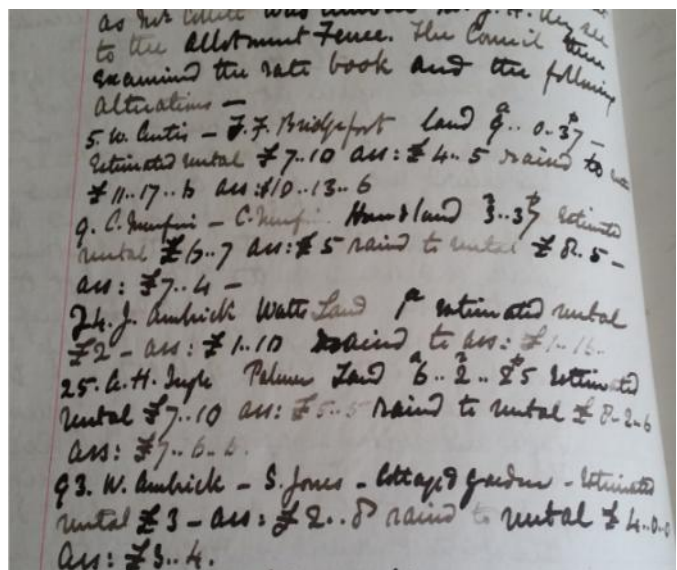
94. W. Fountain – S. Jones Cottage and Garden
 estimated rental £3 ass: £2..8
 raised to rental £4..0..0 ass: £3..4

From Internet investigation, it looks like these land measurements are:

a = Acres (640 acres = 1 sq. Mile)

r = Roods (4 roods = 1 acre)

p = Perches (40 perches = 1 rood)



99. H. Dew – S. Jones – Cottage and Garden

estimated rental £5 ass: £3..15

raised to ass: £4..0..0

100. Mr Broadbent – R. H. Henry – Cottage

estimated rental £2..12 ass: £2..2

raised to estimated rental £4 ass: £3..4

101. Mr Wright – R. H. Henry – Cottage

estimated rental £2 ass: £1..12

raised to rental £3..10 ass: £2..16

105. John Bolton – R. H. Henry – Cottage

estimated rental £2..12 ass: £2..2

raised to rental £3..10 ass: £2..16

106. James King – R. H. Henry – Cottage

estimated rental £2..12 ass: £2..2

raised to rental £3..10 ass: £2..16

136. R. Proud – R. Proud – Land 9a..1r..36p

estimated rental £8..11 ass: £8..3

raised to rental £11..17..6 ass: £10..13..6

137. R. Proud – H. Staffcutte – Land – 3a..0r..16p

estimated rental £3.. ass:£2..17

raised to rental £4 ass: £3..4

144. F. Summers – Brighty's exors. – Land – 6a..1r..33p

estimated rental £7..7 ass: £7

raised to rental £7.17 ass: £7..10

146. J. Langley – G. Shelton – Land – 2a..1r..33p

estimated rental £2..14 ass: £2..12

raised to rental £3 ass: £2..14

It was decided to put off requiring the allotment tenants to sign the fresh agreement until the next rent day.

It was agreed that John Fountain's allotment be put to W. Ambrick's – that Deighton have Amos Fountain's, and John Furnell has George Smith's. It was also decided that J. Broadbent have the Offer of Ayr's.

The Chairman proposed an address of sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen and to Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice on the death of Prince Henry of Battenburg. This was agreed to, and the Chairman was authorised to sign on behalf of the Council.

It was agreed that "The occupiers of land where there are footpaths be requested to put the stiles in proper order and to add footsteps for the convenience of the public". Notice of this resolution to be given to Messrs. Thompson, Collett, Evison, Cross, King and Curtis.

It was also agreed that "The Council put the bridges and approaches to the stiles in proper order".

Mr. Kidman proposed "That a Committee be appointed to carry out the improvements, expenses to be limited to £2". After some discussion this was withdrawn. Mr. Evison proposed and Mr. Ingle seconded "That Messrs. Kidman and Fountain be a Committee to carry out the above proposal". This was carried.

Mr. Kidman then proposed and Mr. Evison seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. This was carried, and the Chairman having in reply expressed his satisfaction that they had always worked together in a friendly way, and that if that they had not done as much as might be desired they had at any rate spent very little money. The meeting closed.

Signed: J. F. Cooksey, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A Council meeting was held on **Monday 24th February 1896** in the National School at 7pm, due noticing having been served on each member.

Present: Rev. J F Cooksey, and J.H. Key were present, and after waiting some time Mr A. H. Ingle came.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed.

The Chairman read a reply he had received to the address of Condolence to the Queen and to Princess Beatrice.

He then stated that the object of the meeting was to appoint Constables. The following were nominated Messrs. George Cross, Cornelius Murfin, David Thompson, A. H. Ingle, George Sinclair and R. J. Kidman. A cheque for the payment of the election expenses was signed by those present, a demand for the money having been received by the Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A Parish meeting was held on **Monday 9th March 1896** in the National School at 7pm, due notice having been given.

Present: A number of electors were present.

Minutes

The Chairman (the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) read the minutes of the last meeting .

He stated that the object of the present meeting was to receive nominations. The following were nominated – Messrs. Ingle, J. Herbert-Key, John H. Key, W. Collett, G. Thompson, R. J. Kidman and J. Evison. The Chairman declared these duly elected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

Signed: J. F. Cooksey, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The annual Parish meeting was held on **Wednesday 25th March 1896** in the National School at 7pm, due notice having been given.

Present: The Chairman (the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) most of the members of the new Council and few others were present.

Minutes

Mr. Kidman asked if it were not necessary to elect a Chairman, and said that he believed last year the Chairman was elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. On consulting the minute book, it was found that he was mistaken, the Chairman having been elected by the Council at the meeting in April.

The minutes of the last Parish meeting were read and confirmed.

The West's Charity accounts were read; also of Mr Bleant's Charity; the allotment accounts; the accounts of the Town Land, and the Clerk's petty cash accounts. The latter showed a balance in hand of £7..19..6.

Mr J. Herbert-Key stated that Grange was not occupying the land he formerly rented; and it was proposed by Mr J. Herbert-Key and seconded by Mr. G. Thompson "That Grange's land be offered to A. Darwood".

Mr Kidman proposed and Mr. Ingle seconded "That if A. Darwood do not accept it, it be offered to Ingram".

It was proposed by Mr. Kidman and seconded by Mr. W. Sinclair "That the meeting considers it essential that steps shall be taken to provide a Parish Room; that the matter be referred to the Parish Council for their consideration".

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Signed: R. J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Declaration of Councillors on taking Office.

I hereby declare that I accept the office of Parish Councillor of Upwood and will fulfil the duties to the best of my ability.

W. Collett
John Evison
Albert H. Ingle
J. H. Key
John H. Key
Reginald J. Kidman
Geo. Thompson

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15th April I hereby declare that I accept the office of Parish Councillor of Upwood and will fulfil the duties to the best of my ability.
Wm Collett
John Evison
Albert H. Ingle
J. H. Key
John H. Key
Reginald J. Kidman
Geo Thompson
At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the National School on Wednesday evening the 15th day of April 1896 at 7:0'clock

At the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held in the National School on **Wednesday 15th April 1896** at 7pm.

Present: Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Chairman, Councillors: W. Collett, J. Evison, A. H. Ingle, James H. Key, John H. Key, George Thompson, Reginald J. Kidman.

Minutes

Declaration of acceptance of the office was duly signed by all the members constituting the Council.

Chairman, Proposed by Mr J. Evison, seconded by Mr. Ingle that Mr. Collett be Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. A majority of the members voted for the proposition. Mr Collett declined to accept the office and proposed the Rev. J. F. Cooksey which was seconded by James H. Key which was put to the meeting and lost. Three voting for the motion and four against. It was then proposed by Mr J. Evison seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved, that Mr. Reginald J. Kidman be Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Clerk.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Evison seconded by Mr Collett, and resolved, that Mr Reginald J. Kidman be the Councils Clerk "without remuneration".

Treasurer.

Proposed by Mr. J. Evison seconded Mr. James H. Key and carried that Mr. Collett be Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that Mr. Collett ask Mr. Cooksey to hand over all property in his possession belonging to the Parish to him.

Overseers.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. George Thompson and resolved, that Mr. Thomas King and Mr. John H. Key be appointed Overseers of the poor for the Parish for the ensuing year. Mr. King performing the duties of an assistant Overseer.

Proposed Parish Room.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. George Thompson and adopted, that the Council instruct their Clerk to communicate through their secretary to the Committee of the existing Reading room, asking if they will consent to co-operate with the Parish Council in hiring a suitable place for the purpose of converting it into a Parish Reading room and will agree to hand over the property they legally possess, which property in the future will be the property of the Parish and under the control of the Parish Council.

Allotments, Poor's Allotment.

Proposed by Mr. J. H. Key seconded by Mr. Ingle that the allotment formerly occupied by Amos Fountain situated in the field known as the Poor's Allotments, be let to Joseph Foster. Joseph Foster being present accepted of the offer and became the tenant.

Town Land.

Proposed by Mr J. Evison seconded by J. H. Key that the Clerk be instructed to offer the ½ acre formerly occupied by Thomas Grange to Charles Kilby.

Gravel Pits, Byeways.

Proposed by Mr. John H. Key seconded by Mr. J. Evison that Mr. James H. Key be authorised to make arrangement with Mr. Howe, auctioneer, Broughton in regards to the letting of the Gravel Pits and Drovers. Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. Ingle as an amendment that the matter be referred to Mr Orris. The Amendment and Proposition being put to the meeting the proposition was carried.

Footpaths.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. J. H. Key that Mr. George Thompson act with Mr R. J. Kidman in carrying out suggested improvements in place of Samuel Fountain who has ceased to be a member of the Council.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on **Thursday 30th April 1896** in the National School at 7pm.

Present: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Councillors: J. Evison, James H. Key, John H. Key, George Thompson, A. H. Ingle.

Minutes

Rate.

Proposed by Mr. J. Evison seconded by Mr A. H. Ingle that a Rate of 1/1 in the £ be laid for the half year, ending the 29th day of September 1896. Highways, 4d in the £ , Poor Law 7d, Parish Council 1/2 in the £, Elementary Education and Revising Barrister's Fees 1d in the £.

Parish Reading Room.

Proposed by Mr. J. Evison seconded by Mr. G. Thompson and resolved, that the Resolution passed by the Committee of the Upwood Reading Room be duly entered on the Minutes.

At a Committee Meeting of the Upwood Reading Room held to consider the motion passed by your Council in regards to the formation of a Parish Room, the following resolution was passed by our Committee.

Proposed by Mr. A. H. Ingle seconded by Mr W. Thompson that the property belonging to the Reading Room be handed over to the Parish Council.

Signed: R. J. Evison
Hon. Sec to the Reading Room

To Reginald J. Kidman
Chairman of the Parish Council

Public Libraries Act 1892.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Evison that, the Council by virtue of the Public Libraries Act 1892, consent to hire the disused Wesleyan Chapel at a rental not to exceed £2 per annum, and agree to utilise the said building for a Parish Reading Room, the property contained in the room the legal possessions of the Council shall be the property of the Parish subject to the control of the Council. The Council hereby authorise a Committee consisting of four members of the Council, viz. Messrs. R. J. Kidman, W. Collett, A. H. Ingle, and James H. Key to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of the aforesaid building and to make the necessary provisions required to commence the tenancy, and to carry out such improvements with the sanction and assistance of the Trustees as they consider necessary for the purpose the building is required for. The Council further authorise the Committee to examine any liabilities or debts the existing Reading Room is charged with, and authorise the Treasurer of the Council, Mr. Collett, to discharge such legal debts as may be standing against it up to Michaelmas 1896 out of the Parish fund.

Proposed by Mr. James H. Key seconded by Mr. John H. Key as an amendment that the name of Mr. James H. Key be omitted and that the name of Mr. George Thompson be added. The resolution was passed as amended.

Allotments.

Proposed by Mr. G. Thompson seconded by Mr. A. H. Ingle that the question of the half acre of land in the Town Ground formerly occupied by Thomas Grange be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. J. Evison, W. Collett, and James H. Key to report to the Council.

Local Government, Highways Bill.

Proposed by Mr. J. Evison seconded by Mr. A. H. Ingle and resolved, that the Council has given the Local Government, Highways' Bill, now before Parliament, careful consideration and give it their unqualified approval and consider that the Local Authorities, the "Parish Councils" are well qualified to undertake the management of the Highways giving due attention to efficiency and practical economy.

A copy of the aforesaid motion was ordered to be forwarded to the Editor of the Parish Council Gazette, the author of the above mentioned bill.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on **Monday 13th July 1896** in the National School at 7pm.

Present: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Councillors: W. Collett, James, H. Key, John H. Key, A. H. Ingle.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

Gravel Pits.

A report of the letting of the Gravel Pits was presented to the Council by Mr J. H. Key on Monday evening April 27th 1896. Messrs. J. How & Son instructed by Mr. J. H. Key for the Parish Council let by Auction at the Cross Keys Inn, Upwood the herbage growing on the Berry Fen Drovers. The Height Drove, and the Gravel Pits at Upwood. The amount realised by the sale was as follows.

	£	s	d	Auctioneer Fees		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Berry Fen Drovers	3	17	6	8	5	
Height Drove	-	10	-	1	2	
Gravel Pits	3	12	6	7	11	
Total	8	0	0	17	6	

Balance: £7..2..6

It was proposed as an amendment by John H. Key seconded by A. H. Ingle that, that part of the report dealing with the Fen Drovers be omitted as the Council have no legal power to deal with the letting of such Drovers. The Report was adopted as amended.

Public Paths.

The following Report was presented to the Council by the Chairman. 10 Loads of Gravel have been raised and placed against the different stiles on the Long Holme and Lady's Wood pathway also a few sleepers have been laid for the convenience of people frequenting the Lady's Wood pathway. The bye-road from Little Lunnon leading to the Ramsey road has been levelled also a few tiles laid to carry the water from the church path. The total cost is £1..5..2 – Six shillings and eight pence of which has been paid by the previous Council. A few stiles on the above mentioned paths require footsteps, the Committee recommend the Council to request the occupiers of land adjoining such stiles to place the necessary footsteps to them.

Proposed by R. J. Kidman seconded by James H. Key and resolved that the report be adopted.

Allotment Field, "Town Ground".

Proposed by James H. Key seconded by A. H. Ingle and resolved that the herbage growing on that part of the field at present unoccupied, be tendered for. The highest of which tender to be accepted, to be sent in to Mr. Collett by the following Friday.

Date for Collection of Rents.

Proposed by Mr Collett seconded by John H. Key and carried that the usual collection of the rents for the two fields be made on Friday evening the 2nd of October.

Water Supply.

This matter having been brought under the notice of the Council, it was proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by A. H. Ingle and resolved that no action be taken in the matter at present.

Finance.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by James H. Key that the Overseer be served with a prompt to pay the sum of £5 to the funds of the Council by Friday the 22nd July and resolved.

Parish Reading Room.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. A. H. Ingle and resolved that the Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign on behalf of the Council, the agreement made between the said Council and the Trustees of the disused Wesleyan Chapel for the purpose of hiring the said building for the Parish Council, and that a copy of the agreement be entered in the Councils minute book. The management of the room to be entrusted to the committee appointed at the previous meeting to make such arrangement as is necessary till the future meeting of the Council.

Reading Room fund.

Mr. Ingle paid over to Mr. Collett the sum of 16/3 subscription collected from members of the old Reading Room.

Copy of the Agreement

Upwood, Hunts, 1896

An agreement made on Thursday the twenty eight day of May 1896, between Mr John Evison of the Manor House, Upwood and Mr. William Thompson, Providence Place, Upwood. Trustees of the disused Wesleyan Chapel being the one party, and the other party to the agreement being the Parish Council of Upwood, constituted under the authority of the Local Government Act 1894. The aforesaid Trustees Mr. J. Evison and Mr. W. Thompson agree to let the building known as the disused Wesleyan Chapel situated in the village of Upwood, to the Parish Council at a rental of Two Pounds per annum, the tenancy to commence on the eleventh day of October 1896. That is, the rent to become chargeable from that date should the Council take possession of the building prior to the eleventh day of October 1896, the building is exempted from rent up to the aforesaid date. The rent to be paid in two instalments, One Pound on the six day of April and one pound on the eleventh day of October in each year. The Parish Council, the leasee of the aforesaid building do undertake from time to time desirable to complete interior repairs such as may be done by custom by common tenants of the said Parish of Upwood. The two parties to this agreement, the leasee and the leaser to give Six months notice in event that one or the two parties desire to Cancel the Tenancy such notice shall be given previous to the six day of April or the eleventh day of October so as to determine the end of the tenancy on one or the other of the above mentioned dates.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on **Monday 12th October 1896** in the National School at 7pm.

Present: R. J. Kidman, Chairman, W. Collett, James, H. Key, John H. Key, A. H. Ingle, George Thompson.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. John H. Key and resolved that a Rate of 1/2 in the £ be laid for the ensuing half year. Highways 5 pence in the £. Poor Law 9 pence. Sanitary 1/2.

Reading Room.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Geo Thompson and carried, that the members of the Committee previously appointed to manage the Reading Room be reappointed with power to act.

Allotments Deputation.

A deputation of allotments holders interviewed the Council intimating that the rents were too much, and asked the Council to use its influence in reducing them. The Chairman explained as far the Poor's Ground was concerned, the Council was Trustee by law and that various parties had a property in the field known as Common Rights, and that the present rent barely covered those and other legal charges on the land. Where upon Mr. Collett proposed seconded by Mr. Ingle that the Clerk should communicate the views of the Deputation to those who possess Common Rights in the said field to know if they would agree to a reduction – this was carried.

Town Ground.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by A. H. Ingle and resolved that the question of reducing the rent be deferred to the next quarterly meeting.

Letting Top Ground Allotments.

Allotment formerly rented by Amos Fountain let to Thomas Elderkin. P. C. Story let to P. C. Wilson. W. Ambrick and J. Fountain let to Sam Voss. David Ayres let to Humphrey. Sam Voss let to Les Ingram. Frank Kennell let to Mr. Collett's man Herbert Braybrooks let to Frank Kennell.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman