

UPWOOD PARISH 1897



Minutes from meetings dated:

11th January

12th July

18th March

11th October

15th April



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on **Monday 11th January 1897** in the National School at 7pm.

Present: R. J. Kidman, Chairman, James H. Key, John H. Key, J. Evison, A. H. Ingle, G. Thompson.

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The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Allotment Rents, Top Ground.

The Chairman explained that the owners of Common Rights had withheld their consent to reduce the Common Rights charges on the said field. Mr Evison proposed and was seconded by Mr. Ingle and unanimously resolved, that the Council petition the Board of Agriculture to disallow further award of Common Rights or to readjust the present charges so as to enable the Council to reduce the rents in the allotment field.

Bottom Field.

Proposed by Mr. John H. Key seconded by Mr. George Thompson and unanimously resolved, that the rents be reduced from £1 to 15/- shillings per acre.

Half-acre formerly occupied by Mr. Ambrick was let to George Kennell at a rent of seven and sixpence per acre the first year, afterwards to pay a rent of 15/- shillings per acre.

Quarter of an acre formerly occupied by Mr. Ambrick let to Frank Kennell on the same terms as the above.

Finance.

A bill for the use of the Room from Mr. Cooksey of 2/- shillings was presented to the Council. The Council authorised Mr. Collett the Treasurer to pay it.

Constables.

The undermentioned persons were nominated as eligible to serve as Constables for the Parish during the ensuing year. David Thompson, George Sinclair, Alfred Wright, Lewis Fordham, William Sinclair, George Cross.

Footpaths / Stiles.

Proposed by George Thompson seconded by John H. Key and resolved that the bridge over the dyke leading to Gt. Raveley be repaired. Left to Mr. John H. Key and Geo. Thompson to carry out the repairs.

Proposed by Mr. Evison seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried that the Clerk communicate with Messrs. Collett, Cross and King, asking them to repair the stiles on land in their occupation. Mr. Evison and Thompson undertaking to do the necessary repairs to those on land in their occupation.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Parish meeting for the election of Parish Councillors was held in the National School on **Thursday 18th March 1897**.

The undermentioned persons were nominated as candidates for the Parish Council and declared by the Chairman, Reginald J. Kidman as being elected. William Collett, John F. Cooksey, J. Evison, Albert H. Ingle, George Ilett, Cornelius Murfin, George Thompson.

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Rating of the Land.

A petition signed by fourteen ratepayers of the Parish asking the Chairman of the Parish Council to convene a meeting to consider the question, and to ask the Union Government Committee to assess the whole land of the Parish in a uniform basis. The petition on being brought to the Notice of the meeting, Mr. Evison proposed and seconded by John H. Key and resolved, that the matter be referred to the Parish Council to be considered at the approaching annual meeting.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Proposed by Mr. A. H. Ingle seconded by George Thompson and resolved that a public meeting be convened on the evening of April the 5th to consider the question.

Allotments, Poor's Land.

Allotment formerly let to Mr Humphrey was assigned to James Jacobs.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the National School on **Thursday 15th April 1897** at 7pm.

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.

Signed:

J. F. Cooksey
John Evison
Albert H. Ingle
George Ilett
W. Collett
Cornelius Murfin
George Thompson

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Chairman.

The Rev. J. F. Cooksey proposed and was seconded by Mr. Ingle that Mr. Collett be Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Evison and was seconded by Mr. Murfin that Mr. Kidman Be reappointed. The amendment was carried.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

Treasurer.

Mr. Collett was reappointed Treasurer on a motion proposed by Mr. Evison seconded by Mr Ingle.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Proposed by Mr. Evison seconded by the Chairman that the Council take the necessary steps to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and authorise the Chairman to call a Parish meeting to ascertain the views of the parishioners and that Bills be presented to announce the meeting.

Congratulatory address was introduced by the Chairman and approved of by the Council to be forwarded in due course to Her Majesty.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,

May it please your Majesty, we the undermentioned Parish Councillors, desire on this most auspicious occasion humbly to express to your most Gracious Majesty our deep sense of gratification at and appreciation of the most beneficial Reign of your Imperial Majesty. By the grace of God your Majesty has been permitted to Reign over this vast empire during a period of sixty years, the completion of which has filled the hearts of your Majesty's subjects with joy and thankfulness. We humbly and gratefully acknowledge the countless national benefits which have so unmistakeably marked your Majesty's prolonged and enlightened Reign. The progress of art and science. The spread of education among all classes, and the general improvement and conditions of the poor throughout the rural districts, and the continual extension of the Christian religion in all portions of your Majesty's empire. For the future we look forward in full hope and confidence to the continued progress of peace, civilisation and the extension of the unity and concord among mankind throughout the whole world, and we trust that the Giver of all Goodness in His enlarged mercy may in years to come vouchsafe to your Majesty, and your Royal Family every happiness and blessing, and that your Majesty may for many long years to come be spared to rule over a devoted loyal and united people is the earnest prayer of your Majesty's dutiful subjects constituting this Council.

Overseers.

Proposed by Mr. Evison seconded by Mr. Ilett and resolved that Mr. R. J. Kidman and Mr. Ingle be appointed overseers for the ensuing year.

Rating of the Land.

Proposed by Mr. Cooksey seconded by Mr. Ingle that the Clerk be authorised to write to the Union Assessment Committee concerning the inequality of the Rates on the different pieces of land in the Parish. This was carried, Mr Evison voting against it.

Letting of the Gravel Pits.

Proposed by Mr. G. Thompson seconded by Mr. Evison and resolved, that the Chairman make the necessary arrangement with Mr. Orris for the letting of them.

Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Evison seconded by Mr. Ingle that a Rate of 1/2 shilling in the £ be laid for the half year ending the 29th September next.

Signed: R. J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 12th July 1897** held in the National School at 7pm.

Present: R. J. Kidman, Chairman, J. Evison, Geo. Thompson, G. Ilett

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The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

Improvement of the Village Well.

It was decided that the question be deferred till after the meeting of the Jubilee Committee.

Allotment Rents.

Proposed by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Evison that an order be made for the payment of allotment rents in arrears. This was carried.

Reading Room.

Proposed by Mr. G. Thompson seconded by Mr. G. Ilett that the members of the Parish Council be called to gather after harvest to consider the question of the future management of the Reading Room. This was carried.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 11th October 1897** held in the National School at 7pm.

Present: R. J. Kidman, Chairman, W. Collett, G. Thompson, G. Ilett, C. Murfin, J. F. Cooksey, A. H. Ingle.

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Allotment Rent.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. Ingle and resolved that Saturday evening the 16th October be appointed to collect the Allotment Rents.

Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Collett seconded by Mr. Cooksey and resolved that a Rate of 1/2 in the £ be laid for the ensuing half year.

Hunnybuns' Bill.

Proposed by Mr. Ingle seconded by Mr. Thompson and resolved that Mr Hunnybun's Bill 10/1 be paid by the Treasurer W. Collett & Palmer's Bill 16/4.

Parish Councillor.

Proposed by Mr Murfin seconded by W. Collett and resolved that this Council do order copies of the Parish Councillor, for the ensuing year, for the use of members and Officers of the Council.

Signed: R. J. Kidman