

UPWOOD PARISH 1903



Minutes from meetings dated:

12th January

7th September

13th April

12th October

4th June

5th December



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 12th January 1903** in the National School at 7pm.

Present: L. Fordham, "Chairman", Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. Wm. Collett, Wm. Thompson, G. Thompson, and W. Cross.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

App. Parish Council Clerk.

Rev'd J. F. Cooksey proposed and W. Cross seconded that Mr. Smith of Bury be Parish Clerk. After some discussion Wm. Thompson proposed Mr. Proud of Ramsey and this was seconded by Mr. Wm. Collett. The names of the candidates were then submitted to the meeting for election, and the votes being equal, the Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of Thos. Smith, who became duly elected.

The salary was then fixed at £2 two pounds per annum. For which sum he must be in attendance at not "less than five meetings".

Accounts were then presented "namely" S. Fountain pumping 4/-. R. J. Kidman two rates & stamp 17/8. C. B. Margetts esq. Land Rent & Tithe £1.13.8. Rev'd J. F. Cooksey meeting expenses 5/4. Cheques were drawn for the above fees.

Constables for Nomination.

The following persons were then proposed to serve as Parish Constables by Mr. Wm. Collett, namely, William Sinclair, George Cross, Charles Kilby, Cornelius Murfin, George Sinclair and Fredrick Wright. This was seconded by Rev'd Cooksey and resolved. The matter of remuneration left over until next meeting.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

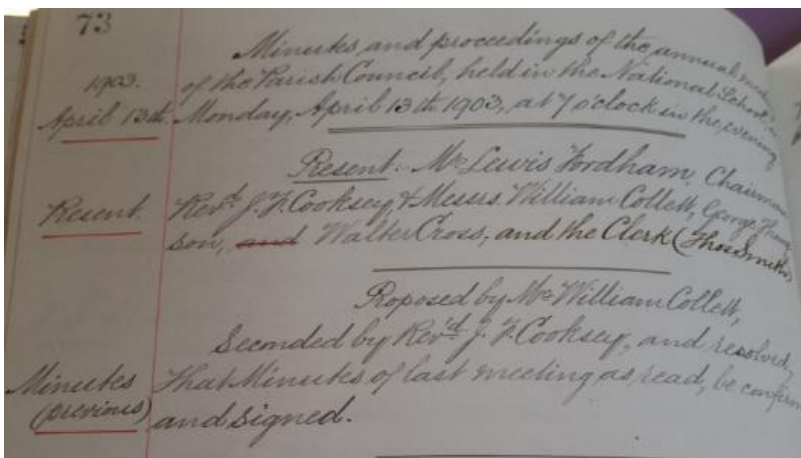
Signed: L. Fordham "Chairman"



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes and proceedings of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday 13th April 1903** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd J. F. Cooksey and Messrs. William Collett, George Thompson, Walter Cross, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).



Example of neat and perfect writing for this and many years following.

Minutes

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved, that Minutes of last meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Chairman.

Proposed by the Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved, that Mr. Lewis Fordham be re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Chairman remarked that he would gladly make room for some other gentleman, but the Council having conferred the honour upon him, for which he thanked them, he would endeavour to fulfil its obligations.

Treasurer.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved, that Mr. William Collett be re-elected Treasurer for the Council for the ensuing year.

Overseers.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Walter Cross, and resolved, that Mr. R. J. Kidman and Mr. George Thompson, be elected Overseers of the Poor, for the ensuing year.

Rate, Authority to levy.

Proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Walter Cross, and resolved, that it be left to the discretion of Mr. William Collett, and the Overseers of the Poor, to levy a rate, if called for.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved, that the undermentioned accounts be passed, and that cheques be signed for same, viz.:-

	£	s	d
Margetts C. B.	1	6	2
<p>which with £1.13.8 sanctioned at the Council Meeting held Jany. 12th last, made up the amount referred to in his letter of Jany 14th 1903 £2.19.10.</p>			
Inland Revenue Commissioners	2	12	4
Brown James	6	10	
Kay Peter	3	12	
Gilding Henry		15	9
Farrow Thos. "Councillor & Guardian"		6	6
Ramsey Lord de	1	13	0
Jones Mrs.		9	0
Curtis & Speechley		2	6
	<u>£ 17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

Parish Constables' Remuneration.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Walter Cross, and resolved, that no remuneration be made to the Parish Constables, but if in case of emergency, their services are required, the Council should remunerate them according to the circumstances of the case.

Gravel Pits re-letting.

Resolved, that the Chairman arrange with Mr. Orriss, for the re-letting of the 'Gravel Pits', on or about Tuesday week, the 21st inst.

County Rate Print of.

A print of the 'Proposed Revised Basis or Standard of County Rate', together with letter of the Assessment Committee's Clerk, dated April 9th 1903, was laid before the Council.

Pump Repairs.

Resolved, that the Chairman instruct Mr. Henry Gilding of Ramsey, to put the village pump in working order.

Cheques, name of Councillor.

The Clerk was instructed to write 'Upwood Parish Council' on the face of all cheques issued.

Signed: Lewis Fordham, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes and proceedings of a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Thursday 4th June 1903** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. John Evison, William Collett, William Thompson and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

Proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that Minutes of the last meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Appoint't of School Manager.

Letters from Clerk of the Hunts. County Council, dated April 27th, and May 23rd 1903, with enclosures in re 'The Education Act 1902' (a print of the 'Scheme for the Constitution of an Educational Committee under Section 17 of the above Act' having previously been sent to each Member of the Council) were submitted, when it was Proposed by Mr. William Thompson, seconded by Mr. John Evison, resolved that Mr. William Collett be appointed Manager to act with the Foundation Managers of Upwood School, until the next annual meeting of the Parish Council.

Mr. William Collett thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him, and said he would endeavour to fulfil its obligations.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that cheques be signed for the following viz.:-

	£	s	d
Margetts C. B. Quit Rent to Lady Day 1903	0	6	11
Fordham, Lewis, for 6 Common Rights due			
Michaelmas '02 viz.:- Cross, G 3/-. Gaunt, Mrs. 3/-. Hughes, Rev'd W. O. J. 3/-. Summers, Fred 3/-. Sinclair, Geo 3/-. & Wright, Mr. Francis 3/-.			
	0	18	0
	£ 1	4	11

Stile, hand gate & fence repairs.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Rev'd John Cooksey, and resolved that Mr. William Collett arrange with Mr. Peter Kay to repair the Church stile, also hand gate to, and fence round Warrington's Pond.

New gate.

The Chairman reported that in conjunction with Mr. William Collett, he had given instructions for a new gate to be fixed to the Allotment Field, this was approved.

Pump Repairs.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. William Collett, resolved that the pump opposite the School be put in working order and at the same time, provision be made so that it can be locked when necessary.

Notice re Pumps.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the following notice be placed on each of the two pumps, viz.:

Notice

“This water to be used for drinking purposes only”.

“By order of the Parish Council”.

July meeting, Suspension of.

Proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Standing Orders, so far as they relate to next quarterly meeting in July, be suspended, unless the Chairman should consider it advisable in the meantime to call a meeting.

Signed: Lewis Fordham, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes and proceedings of a special meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday 7th September 1903** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Messrs. William Collett, Walter Cross, William Thompson, and the Clerk (Thos. Smith)

Minutes

Proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that Minutes of the last meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Clarke F. A. re: Common Rights.

Letter from Mr. F. A. Clarke, dated July 21st 1903 with the Clerks acknowledgement thereof, together with summons served on Mr. William Collett to recover nine years Common Rights (from Michaelmas 1894 to Michaelmas 1902 inclusive) set out as £1.10.0 with Plaint fee 2/-, making £1.12.0.

The Clerk quoted from the minutes to show that it had been included in amount of cheque drawn in favour of Mr. R. J. Kidman, Jany. 14th 1901, for the one due at Michaelmas 1900, when it was decided for the Chairman and Mr. Wm. Collett to call upon Mr. Kidman with the Minute Book, and ascertain who it was paid to, and that Mr. Collett should defend the action accordingly.

The Rev'd John Cooksey expressed an opinion that he held a receipt for payment of the one due at Michaelmas 1894.

Board of Education – Draft Final Order.

The Clerk submitted letter dated July 23rd '03 from the Board of Education, enclosing prints of Draft Final Order, a copy of which had in the meantime been sent to each member of the Council.

Annual Accounts, Approval of.

Proposed by Rev'd John F Cooksey, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Accounts for the financial year ended March 31st 1903 be approved and signed.

Signed: Lewis Fordham, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes and proceedings of the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday 12th October 1903** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Lewis Fordham, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Mr. George Thompson and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

Moved by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Minutes of the last meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Clarke F. A.

The Clerk read letter from Mr. F. A. Clarke dated Sept. 12th, this reply thereto dated Sept. 15th 1903.

Audit – Notice of Board of Education re: Final Order.

Also, Notice of Audit for Oct. 12th, which he had attended together with letter dated Oct. 10th from the Board of Education enclosing few copies of Final Order under the Education Act 1902, Section II, one of which was furnished to each member of the Council.

Clarke F. A. – Common Rights re: Council's Offer.

The Chairman reported that the case Clarke vs. Collett had been withdrawn on the morning of appearance, and after some discussion it was proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Mr. F. A. Clarke be offered the amount of six years Common Rights, viz.:- Eighteen shillings to settle the same up to and including Michaelmas 1902, unless he can prove not having received it for a longer period, and if accepted, that cheque be signed for same.

Common Rights – Receipts to be Obtained.

Proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Lewis Fordham, and resolved that receipts be obtained for all payments of Common Rights, and be kept seven years.

Allotment Rents, time for receiving.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Rev'd John F. Cooksey and resolved that the Council receive the Allotment Rents at the National School on Friday the 23rd inst, at 7o'clock in the evening, and that the members present attend if possible.

Allotments, Transfer of 25 and 13.

Application for Allotments were considered, when it was resolved that 25 Kennett John, be offered to Poulter Leonard, and 13 Shelton Henry, be offered to Care Mr. A. J.

Account.

Proposed by Rev'd John Cooksey, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that payment on April 25th 1902 to George Ingram of £1.4.0 re Parish Pond, be approved.

Accounts.

Proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that cheques be signed for the following, viz.:-

	£	s	d	
Kidman R. J. Rates 8/- & 8/10	0	16	10	
Fordham Lewis a/ct's as under viz.:-				
	£	s	d	
Elderkin Thos.	0	4	0	
Key William	0	1	9	
Cooper D.	0	1	4	
Clerk, for Audit Stamp	0	5	0	
Clerk, Journey re. audit	0	10	0	
Clerk, stamps	0	1	6	
		<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
	£ 2	0	5	

Allotments re Hedge Cutting & Dyke Clearing.

Proposed by Rev'd John F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Chairman make arrangements for cutting hedges and clearing dykes of Allotments.

Signed: Lewis Fordham, Chairman



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

At a Parish meeting held in the National School on **Thursday evening, 5th December 1903**, requisitioned by petition, to consider the sad, and neglected state of the Burial Ground, and to pass such resolution thereon, as the meeting might think necessary.

Present: Mr. R. J. Kidman, in the Chair, and about thirty ratepayers were present.

Minutes

Proposed by Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the following gentlemen, viz.:- Messrs. R. J. Kidman, William Collett, William Thompson, George Thompson, A. Poulter, W. Sinclair, and George Kennett, form a Committee to inspect the Burial Ground, and ascertain what improvement has been effected.

If it is in the same untidy and neglected condition, the Committee be authorised to draw up a memorial, setting forth the condition thereof, and forward a copy of the same to the Bishop of the Diocese, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the Local Government Board, and to ask the last mentioned Board for their advice and assistance.

Resolved, that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the Rev'd J. F. Cooksey.

Signed: Chairman.