

UPWOOD PARISH 1905



Minutes from meetings dated:

9th January

10th July

27th March

9th October

10th April



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Monday January 9th 1905** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Messrs. John Evison, Albert H. Ingle, George Thompson, William Geo. Thompson Jun'r and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Minutes

Resolved that minutes of last meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Lamp, Church or Parish property.

The Chairman reported that on referring to the Parish Accounts, he found that from 1888 to 1894, amounts varying from 10/- to 15/- per annum, had been paid by the Overseers for oil and lighting the Lamp.

The Vicar stated that the lamp was given originally by the late Mr. Golden in 1886 to light people to Church and this was confirmed by Mr. Evison. The payments now referred to as having been made by the Overseers, were the result of an arrangement entered into at the time in order that the Parish could have the benefit of the light on other occasions than when Evening Service was held. Under these circumstances, and the fact that the lamp is fixed on private property, it was agreed that the Council ~~could not lay claim to it as being Parish property~~ take no further action in the matter.

Representative School Manager.

The Clerk announced that he had reported the election of Mr. George Thompson, as Representative Manager for Upwood (non-provided) School to the Clerk to the Huntingdonshire Education Committee.

Relief Payroom, Proposed removal of.

The Clerk's letter of October 20th 1904 to Mr. E. W. Hunnybun, Clerk of the Board of Guardians, re-proposed removal of Relief Payroom, together with his reply, was read.

His assertion "That it is in a convenient position", was repudiated, but the Council decided to let the matter stand over.

Storing of Chairs, No further action.

The Clerk's letter of October 11th 1904, to Mr. S. G. Cook, Clerk to the Huntingdonshire Education Committee, re Storing of chairs on the School premises, together with his reply, was read, when it was decided that no further action be taken.

British Weights & Measures Association.

A pamphlet from the British Weights & Measures Association, was laid on the table.

Parish Constable, Nomination of.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that Messrs. George Sinclair, John Key, Albert Henry Ingle, Charles Kilby, Cornelius Murfin and William H. Sinclair, be nominated as Parish Constables for the ensuing year.

Gravel Pits, Re-letting of.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that the Clerk instruct Mr. Orriss, Auctioneer of Ramsey, to let the Grass Keeping of the Gravel Pits, as usual, at his convenience, but not later than the second week in April.

Allotment Rent Arrears.

List of Allotment Rents in arrears to the amount of £16.17.4½ was read, when it was proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that the Clerk make application for them.

Allotment No. 51, Transfer Appointed.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson (jun'r), and resolved that the letting on October 21st '04 (rent night) of allotment No. 51, formerly held by Peter Kay, to George Kennell, be approved.

Allotments Nos. 10 & 19 transfers.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that Allotment No. 10, previously held by Joseph Cousins, be let to Stephen Bishop Edwards, and Allotment No. 19, previously held by P. C. Tahman, be let to William Govier.

Allotment Hedges to be cut.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that Mr. George Thompson arrange for the cutting of the Allotment hedges and clearing of the dykes where necessary.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson (Jun'r), and resolved that the undermentioned accounts be passed, and that cheques be paid for same, viz:-

		£	s	d
Ramsey, Lord de	Common Rights	1	13	0
Jones, Mrs Sarah	"		9	0
Hughes, Rev'd W. O. J.	"		3	0
Setchells, Miss Annie Amelia	"		3	0
Clarke, F. A.	"		3	0
Margetts, Chas. Berkeley	Tithe Rent Chge £1.16.5	2	14	5
	Common Rights 18.0			
Kidman, Reginald J.	Poor Rate		16	10
Southam, A. E.	Income Tax Sched A		15	3
Cooksey, Rev'd J. F.	Meeting Expenses		4	8
Smith, Thos.	Audit Stamp 10/-, Journey re Audit 10/-	4	2	2
	One year's salary to date £2, Speechley Mrs			
	Rent of Well 2.6, Palmer & Son 4.8, Cross			
	Geo. 3/-, Gaunt Mrs Ada 3/-, Sinclair Geo.			
	3/-, Summers F. 3/-, Wright Francis 3/-.			
		£ 11	4	4

Poor Rate, Assessment to be appealed against.

The Clerk drew a mention to the assessment for poor rate, £25.5.0 for both plots of land, whereas the gross rent receivable was only £17.15.9½. It was proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Poor rate Assessment on the two plots of land be appealed against.

County Surveyor re condition of footpaths.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that the Clerk write to the County Surveyor drawing his attention to the unsatisfactory state of the footpaths since the drain was opened, and state that the Parish Council would like them to be remedied at an early date.

Gravel for parish footpaths to be got.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that Mr. George Thompson is hereby authorised to obtain, on the best terms, sufficient gravel to gravel the parish footpaths.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A Parish Meeting was held in the National School on **Monday March 27th 1905** at 7pm.

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

Minutes

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that minutes of last Parish Meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Charity A/c's.

The Vicar gave the following summary of the Charity Accounts, viz.:-

	£	s	d	
To balance in hand from last year	1	16	0	
To Interest received during the year	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
	£ 14	16	0	
	£	s	d	
By amount distributed	13	11	0	
By expenses of room	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	
	£ 13	12	0	
Balance in hand	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14 16 0</u>

General A/c's.

The Clerk read a summary of the General Accounts for the present year, showing receipts etc. inclusive of £7.19.0 brought forward from last year, to be £27.12.4, and expenditure £14.12.9, leaving a balance in hand of £12.19.7.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held in the National School on **Monday April 10th 1905** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Messrs. John Evison, William Collett, William Thompson, George Thompson, Albert Henry Ingle, William Geo. Thompson Jr., and the Clerk (Thos. Smith).

Chairman, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that Mr. Reginald J. Kidman be re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Chairman's acknowledgement.

Mr. Kidman thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him, and said he would endeavour to discharge his duties impartially.

Minutes

Resolved that minutes of last Meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Treasurer, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. William Thompson, and resolved that Mr. William Collett be re-elected local Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Treasurer's Acknowledgement.

Mr. Collett thanked the Council for his re-election and said he should be pleased to place his services in this matter at their disposal.

Overseer, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Mr. Reginald J. Kidman be re-elected Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Overseer, Election of.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that Mr. George Thompson be elected Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Poor's Rate, Power to levy.

Proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that it be left to the discretion of the Treasurer (local) and the Overseers of the Poor to levy a rate when called for.

Correspondence.

The Clerk read correspondence which had passed between the following, viz.:-

The County Surveyor, Jan'y 13th '05. re Footpaths.

Clerk of the County Council, Jan'y 24th '05. re Appliances for dragging Rivers or Ponds, with his reply.

W. B. Blunt Esq're, Whittlesey, March 4/10th '05. re Cutting of Allotment Hedge.

Orriss & Reeve, M'ch 27th '05. Re Letting of Grass keeping at Gravel Pits.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that payment of the following accounts be and are hereby approved, viz.:-

	£	s	d
Jan'y 11 th 1905 Barclay & Co 'L'led' Cheque Book		2	6
Jan'y 26 th 1905 Kennell Fred – Cutting Allotment Hedges		18	0
	£ 1	0	6

Annual A/c's.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Accounts of the Parish Council for the Financial year ended March 31st last, as read, be approved and signed.

Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that the undermentioned accounts be passed, and that cheques be drawn for same, viz.:-

		£	s	d
Serjeant & Son	re 'Jubilee Well'.	1	1	0
Gilding, Henry	Pump repairs.		8	9
Hunnybun, E. W.	Election expenses.		8	10
Papworth, Charles	Gravel.	1	4	0
Kennell, George	Carting Gravel.	1	12	0
Margetts, C. B.	Quit rent to Lady Day '05		6	11
		£ 5	1	6

Allotment Arrears, Payment to be pressed.

The Clerk reported the undermentioned Allotment holders still in arrear with rent due last Michaelmas, viz.:-

Bedford, George 2/8/2, Shelton, Joseph 6/2 and Shelton Sr. Edward 6/2

when it was proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Clerk write to them, giving fourteen days notice for payment thereof, failing which, the Council will be obliged to give them notice to quit and give up possession of their respective Allotments.

Kilby, Chas. re Stray Cattle.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Charles Kilby to the effect that owing to serious complaints having been made to the Parish Council about his cattle straying on the Allotment Field, they feel compelled to give him notice that in future they will hold him responsible for all damage done by his cattle on the said field, and take action to recover such damage by law if necessary. Also that if complaints are made again, the Council will consider it necessary to give him notice to quit the said land.

Stiles and Catlin's Path, Repairs to.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. William G. Thompson Jr., and resolved that the Stiles leading from the Church and Catlin's Path be repaired, and that Mr. Collett be requested to instruct Peter Kay, or Cornelius Murfin accordingly.

Clerk's Salary.

The Clerk retired whilst the Chairman submitted his (the Clerk's) application for a grant of five shillings for special personal applications to the holders of Allotments in arrears with rent, and for an increase in salary from two to three pounds per annum, in consideration of Special Services rendered in the matter of Land Tax and Income Tax, when it was resolved unanimously that the Clerk's salary be £2/10/- for the year ending January 8th 1906.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



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Minutes of and proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Council held in the National School on **Monday the 10th day of July 1905** at 7pm.

Present: Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Rev'd John F. Cooksey, Messrs. William Thompson, George Thompson, Albert Henry Ingle.

Minutes

In the absence of the Clerk, the Vicar read the Minutes of last meeting, when it was resolved that minutes of last Meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Account Rate.

Resolved, that cheque be drawn in favour of the Overseers of the Poor for £0.15.0 be signed and paid.

Assessments Poor's Rate, Reduction of.

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the request of the Council (of the 9th day of Jany) he had appealed against the Poor's Rate Assessments, and had succeeded in getting them reduced to £8.4.0 and £9.1.6 respectively.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.

Note.

£13.5.0 to £9.1.6

£12.0.0 to £8.4.0



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Minutes

Resolved that proceedings of last Meeting as read, be confirmed and signed.

Allotment Arrears.

The Clerk reported having written to the Allotment Holders who had been in default with their rents, in accordance with the resolution of April 10th 1905, and that the only one in arrears now was Edward Shelton Sen'r 6/2.

Town or Poor's Land A/ct for three years.

Also, application from the Secretary of the Charity Commissioners dated 21st June for the Accounts of Town or Poor's Land for the three years ended 1904, which the Clerk reported he had complied with.

Board of Agriculture re Report on Allotments.

Application by the Board of Agriculture under date July 1905, for "Report respecting Town or Poor's Land" and enclosing "Memorandum as to the Law relating to Allotments" This the Clerk reported having forwarded and read a copy thereof, which was approved.

Audit, Report on.

The Clerk reported having attended the Audit at Huntingdon on the 18th September that the Auditor certified the Accounts to be correct.

Allotment Rents, Time for receiving.

Respecting the Allotment Rents, it was proposed by Mr. John Evison, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Council meet in the National School on Friday the 27th inst. at Seven o'clock in the evening to receive the Allotment Rents due at Michaelmas last, and that members present attend thereat as far as practicable.

Allotment No. 42, Transfer Approved.

Proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that the application made on behalf of Mr. John Gaunt Jun'r for the Allotment No. 42 and held by Mrs Care be granted.

Rent Committee Authority.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. John Evison, and resolved that members of the Council attending to receive the Allotment Rents, be and are hereby authorised to deal with Edward Shelton Sen'r as circumstances may render necessary, and also deal with applications for Allotments, if any.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.