

# UPWOOD PARISH 1908



Minutes from meetings dated:

13<sup>th</sup> January

7<sup>th</sup> May

26<sup>th</sup> March

13<sup>th</sup> July

13<sup>th</sup> April

10<sup>th</sup> September

23<sup>rd</sup> April

12<sup>th</sup> October



# 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 the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1908** at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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

## Minutes

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

### Parish Constables, Nomination of.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that Messrs. William Geo. Thompson, William Sinclair, Lewis Fordham, Fred Townsend Jun'r, Charles Kilby, and Albert H. Ingle be nominated as Parish Constables for the ensuing year.

### Gravel Pits, Grass keeping to be let.

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

### Clerk's Salary.

To comply with the requirements of the Auditor as reported by the Clerk, it was proposed by Reginald Job Kidman, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved that the salary of the clerk to the Parish Council for year ended this date be Three pounds - £3.

### Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that the undermentioned accounts be passed, and that cheques for same be signed, and paid, viz.:

		£	s	d
Margetts, Chas B.	Tithe Common Rights	2	13	10
Inland Revenue Commissioners:	£ s d			
Income Tax Sched. A	0 15 3			
<u>Land Tax</u>	<u>0 16 6</u>	1	11	9
Ramsey, Lord de	Common Rights	1	13	0
Jones, Mrs Sarah	"		9	0
Hughes, Rev'd W. O. J.	"		3	0
Setchell, Mrs Annie Amelia	"		3	0
Clarke, F. A.	"		3	0

	£	s	d
Smith, Thos.			
Years Salary to date	3	0	0
Audit Stamp 5/-, Postages 6/6	}		
Pens 1/-, List of Parochial electors 1/-.			
Speechley, Mrs Rent of Well	2	6	
Common Rights:-	}		
Cross Geo 3/-, Gaunt Mrs Ada 3/-			
Sinclair Mrs Emma 3/-, Summers F. 3/-, Cooksey Rev J. F. 3/-			
Overseers of Poor – Pools Rate	11	5	
Cooksey Rev'd J. F. Cost of Meetings	5	4	
Voss Fred – Re Allotment Hedges	5	0	
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		5	12
		9	4
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	£	12	9
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**Local Lectures, Correspondence.**

Correspondence between S. G. Cook esq're, Clerk to the Hunts Education Committee dated November 18, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and December 1907 and the Clerks relative to local lectures which were given December 27<sup>th</sup>, and January 10<sup>th</sup> by Mr. Sanders Spencer on 'Breeding and Management of Farm Stock', were approved.

**Charity Commissioners, re Poor's Land A/C's**

The Clerk reported receipt of notice from the Charity Commissioners, relative to the accounts of the Town or Poor's Land for the three years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1907. These he had forwarded, and had received the Charity Commissioners acknowledgement thereof.

**Allotments & Small Holdings Acts 1907 – Correspondence with Landowners.**

The Clerk submitted the correspondence with Lord de Ramsey's Agent, Colonel Mowbray's Agent, Alfred Fuller Esq're, Mr. Edward Bellamy, Mr. William Key, and Mrs Grunwell, relative to land for purposes of the Allotment and Small Holdings Acts 1907, and reported that Mr. William Key had informed him verbally that he was prepared to sell twenty two acres or thereabout of arable land, copyhold, and situate between Upwood & Raveley with possession at Michaelmas, if the Parish Council consider it suitable for their purpose.

The Council considered the price demanded by Mr. Fuller was much too high, and the land offered by Mr. William Key was not conveniently situated.

**Allotments & Small Holdings Acts 1907, adopted by the Council.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that the Council is of opinion that a general demand for allotments of, from one rood to five acres, exists in the Parish, and that it be an instruction to the Council to take the necessary steps for procuring suitable land under the Allotments & Small Holdings Acts 1907, at a fair and reasonable rental, and to proportion in such quantities to suitable applicants, as the Council may direct.

**Allotments & Small Holdings Acts 1907, Application to Lord de Ramsey for Land.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Clerk be requested to thank the Right Honourable Lord de Ramsey for the spirit in which he had entertained the enquiry respecting land, and inform him, and Colonel Mowbray, that the Parish

Council had decided to provide land for Allotment purposes under the Allotment & Small Holdings Acts 1907, to the extent of Thirty acres arable & pasture; to enquire if they will meet the Council by voluntary arrangement; and if so, to specify whether it is freehold or copyhold, the conditions of tenure, it's situation, and any other information which may be of service in arriving at a decision thereon.

**Board of Agriculture re Regulations & request for copies.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that the Clerk be requested to write to the Board of Agriculture informing them that the Parish Council had decided to put the Allotment & Small Holdings Act 1907 in force, and if the Board had issued any instructions or regulations as to the best mode of carrying it out, the Council would be pleased to receive copies.

**Allotment Hedges to be cut & dyke cleaned out.**

Proposed by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that Mr. George Thompson be requested to have the Allotment Hedges cut, and the dykes cleaned out as he may consider advisable.

**Annual Parish Meeting, Date of.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the National School room on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March next, at seven o'clock in the evening.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the National School on **Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1908** at 7 o'clock in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. William Collett, William Thompson, George Thompson, Albert Henry Ingle, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith.

## Minutes

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

### West's Charity Account.

The Vicar prevented from being present, forwarded a summary of Charity Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1907, which the Clerk read, viz:-

West's Charity A/C's for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1907.

<u>Receipts</u>	£	s	d	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d
Balance in Hand } from 1906	1	0	0	Given away	13	1	0
Interest	<u>13</u>	0	0	Meetings Cheques etc.	0	1	0
	<u>£ 14</u>	0	0	Balance in hand	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
					<u>£ 14</u>	0	0

### Parish Accounts, abstract of.

The Clerk read an abstract of the Parish Accounts for the year, which showed a balance of £21.11.9½ in hand - £20.4.2 in the Bank, and £1.7.7½ in the Clerk's hands.

On the proposition of Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, the accounts were approved.

### Wistow Parish Council re Culvert repairs.

Proposed by Mr. William Collett, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Clerk be requested to draw the attention of the Wistow Parish Council to the dangerous condition of the culvert near gateway in the bridle path – near Upwood Wood – leading from Upwood to Wistow, through the brickwork of same being broken in, and to kindly request them to give the matter immediate attention.

Signed:                      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, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1908**, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald Job. Kidman, Chairman, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. George Thompson, Albert Henry Ingle, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith.

## **Chairman, Re-election of.**

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Reginald Job Kidman for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the Council during the past year, and that he be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Kidman thanked the Council for their appreciation, and said he would endeavour to discharge his duties in the same impartial manner, and keep the business as light as possible.

## **Minutes**

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

## **Local Treasurer, Re-election of.**

Proposed by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. William Collett for acting as Treasurer – Local – during the past year, and that he be re-elected Treasurer – Local – to the Council for the ensuing year.

## **Overseer, Election of.**

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

## **Overseer, Election of.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that Mr. Walter Cross be elected Overseer of the Poor for the ensuing year.

## **Assistant Overseer & Rate Collector.**

The Chairman having previously intimated his wish to be relieved from acting as Assistant Overseer and Collector, suggested that the Clerk be appointed to act in that capacity, it was proposed by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved that the Clerk – Thomas Smith – be appointed Assistant Overseer and Rate Collector @ £8 for the first year, in addition to the balance accruing from the Registration account granted by the Revising Barrister, and in addition to his salary as Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Clerk thanked the Council for the appointment and promised to do his utmost to discharge the duties efficiently.

### **Charity Trustees, Election of.**

On consideration of appointment of Charity Trustees, an amendment to the proposal of Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, to re-elect the former Trustees to Mrs. West's Charity was proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman that Colonel Arthur Mowbray, be elected a Trustee in succession to Mr. Lewis Fordham which was carried, the Vicar & Messrs. Kidman and Ingle, voting therefor.

It was then proposed by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, seconded by Mr. Reginald J Kidman that Mr. William George Thompson be elected a Trustee in succession to Mr. Walter Cross, which was carried, Messrs. Kidman, Geo. Thompson, and Albert Henry Ingle, voting therefor.

The Charity Trustees then stood as follows, viz:-

Messrs. Reginald J. Kidman, William Collett, Colonel Arthur Mowbray, and William Geo. Thompson.

### **Accounts.**

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

	£	s	d
Elderkin, Thos. Cutting hedges & cleaning dykes	0	16	3
Margetts, C. B. Quit Rent to Lady Day '08	0	6	11
	<u>£ 1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

### **Allotments & Small Holdings Acts 1907.**

Correspondence between the Clerk and Messrs. Percival L. Rogers and C. B. Margetts, Agents respectively for the Right Honourable Lord de Ramsey and Colonel Mowbray was read, when it was proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that Lord de Ramsey's offer of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1908, to let to the Parish Council Twenty acres of arable land in the corner of the field on the Upwood Hill Farm, nearest the village, for a term of fourteen years at the annual rent per acre of one pound, the Council to pay all parochial and School Rates, and to fence the Twenty acres off in a way to be agreed upon, is reasonable, and that the land in question be offered to the applicants for allotments at an annual rent of £1.5.0 per acre, the tenants to pay all rates, and trim their own hedges. Rent payable half yearly, viz:- 6<sup>th</sup> April & 11<sup>th</sup> October in each year.

### **Applicants and Intending applicants to meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Proposed by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert Henry Ingle, and resolved that the Clerk give public notice for a meeting of applicants and intending applicants, to be held in the National School on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. at Seven o'clock in the evening to receive the report on terms and conditions upon which Allotments can be had.

### **Special Meeting of Parish Council to be held same time.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that a Special Meeting of the Parish Council be held at the same time and place to discuss the terms and conditions with the applicants.

### **Correspondence.**

Mrs. Julia Grunwell's letter of 17<sup>th</sup> January 1908, and the Clerk's reply, together with correspondence with the Board of Agriculture on the subject of regulations in the matter of the Allotment & Small Holdings Act 1907, were submitted and approved.

**Accounts for Financial Year Approved.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved that the Accounts of the Parish Council for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908, as read and showing a credit balance of £21.11.9½ be approved and signed.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman





# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at a Special Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1908** at 7 o'clock in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. William Collett, George Thompson, Albert Henry Ingle, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith. The Following were also present, viz:- Messrs. Walter Cross, William Deighton, Ernest Elderkin, John Gaunt, George Ingram, James King, Leonard Poulter, Harry Slack, Ernest Woodward, and others.

## Minutes

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

### **Allotment & Small Holdings Acts 1907.**

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of placing before the applicants for allotments, the terms and conditions – as decided at the previous Council meeting- upon which allotments could be had.

### **Terms, Conditions, Board of Agriculture's Regulations and Form of Agreement, also Fencing Required by Lord De Ramsey.**

The tenor of the Board of Agriculture's Model Regulations and Form of Agreement, the latter of which, practically speaking each applicant would be called upon to execute, were considered, and also the kind of fencing which Lord de Ramsey's Agent would probably require.

### **Applications confirmed & further applications.**

The Clerk questioned each applicant present with a view to confirm or otherwise, the acreage he had previously applied for, with the following result, viz:-

Approved	Deighton, William	One acre
Approved	Elderkin, Ernest	One acre
Approved	Ingram, George	One acre
Approved	King, James	Three acres
	<del>Poulter, Leonard</del>	<del>Two acres</del> (Note: Left the village)
Approved	Slack, Harry	Two acres
Approved	Thompson, William Geo.	Two acres
Approved	Woodward, Ernest	Two acres

In addition to which the following new applications were received, viz:-

Approved	Gaunt, John	Three acres
Approved	Kidman, Jas. William	Three acres

Total, Twenty acres.

**Subscription to Common Fund suggested.**

The Chairman recommended the applicants to join together and pay a weekly subscription of sixpence per acre per week or thereabouts to a common fund, which would enable them to meet the first six months rent without difficulty.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Eventually it was proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that owing to inclement weather prevailing, the Meeting stand adjourned to Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May next, at seven o'clock in the evening, and that those present make it known to their fellow men that applications can be made to the Clerk during the interval.

**Re-fencing, Colonel Mowbray to interview.**

Colonel Mowbray offered in the meantime to interview Mr. Rogers on the subject of fencing, and other matters.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at an adjourned Special Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Thursday, the 7th day of May 1908** at 7 o'clock in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, Chairman, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Colonel Arthur Mowbray, Messrs. William Collett, William Thompson, George Thompson, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith.

## Minutes

### **Further Applications for Allotments.**

The Clerk reported receipt since last meeting of further applications for allotments under the Allotments & Small Holdings Acts 1907, viz:-

Kidman, Jas. William	Additional	One Acre
Kennell, George		Two acres
Shelton, Reuben		One acre
Townsend Snr, Frederick		One acre
Kilby, Frederick		Five acres

With regard to Frederick Kilby's application, it was proposed by William Collett, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Clerk write and inform him that as soon as the Parish Council are satisfied with his cultivation of the Dock Field Allotments, they will be pleased to give him a chance of any vacancy which may occur in the land now being applied for.

### **Re fencing, Colonel Mowbray Interview of Mr. Rogers.**

Colonel Mowbray informed the Council that he had an interview with Mr. P. L. Rogers, who stipulated for a quick fence in addition to post and rail, for selling off the land proposed to be acquired.

Some discussion followed on this, it being argued that the cost would involve a direct and heavy charge on the rent, besides the length of time which would elapse before the quick afforded any protection.

### **Hire of land from Lord de Ramsey.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Parish Council agree to hire from the Right Honourable Lord de Ramsey, about twenty five acres of land in corner of field on the Upwood Hill Farm nearest the village of Upwood for a term of fourteen years at the annual rent of £1 per acre, and the Council to discharge all parochial and school rates. In erecting a fence, the Parish Council wish to exercise strict economy consistent with efficiency and taking into consideration that its cost must be added to the rent; the Council are anxious to give the men every facility for hiring land at a fair average rental and encourage them in its cultivation.

**Special Meeting to be arranged.**

Proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, and resolved that the Clerk on receipt of draft agreement from Mr. Rogers call a Special Meeting on a Thursday – excluding Ascension Day – for consideration thereof.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman.



# 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, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1908** at 7 o'clock in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, Chairman, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. George Thompson, William George Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith.

## Minutes

Resolved, that the minutes of meeting held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the adjourned meeting held May 7<sup>th</sup> 1908 as read be confirmed and signed.

### **Hiring of Land from Lord de Ramsey.**

The Clerk read the draft form of Agreement relative to the proposed hiring of land from Lord de Ramsey, when it was proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that the Clerk write to Lord de Ramsey's Agent to the following effect, viz:-

The Council thank him for the draft form of Agreement which has been considered by them this evening.

On the subject of fencing, the Council experience some difficulty in the matter of expense, which the erection of such a fence as that stipulated for in the Agreement, would involve. The repayment of principal and interest on the amount required, will in the opinion of the Council, make the rent so heavy as to render it impossible for the men to farm the land at a profit.

The Council, with the object of giving the men an opportunity of improving their status, are very desirous of coming to terms with you, and will use every endeavour to come to an agreement for the land. With this object in view, they desire me to ask if you will receive a deputation to discuss the fence question, and try to come to an agreement on equitable terms for all parties.

Proposed by Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Geo. Thompson, and resolved that the Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, Colonel Mowbray and Messrs. William Collett, George Thompson and the Chairman constitute a Committee for this purpose.

### **Frederick Kilby Correspondence**

Letter from Frederick Kilby dated July 13<sup>th</sup> 1908, respecting the decision of the Council relative to his application for an allotment was read, when the Clerk was requested to write and inform him that his letter should receive attention, the Chairman in the meantime being was requested to inspect his Dock Field Allotment and report.

### **County Rate.**

The proposed Revised Basis of County Rate dated June 6<sup>th</sup> 1908 was submitted.

**Accounts.**

Proposed by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. George Thompson and resolved, that the undermentioned accounts be passed, and cheque for £1.1.11 in favour of the Clerk for payment of same, be signed, viz:-

	£	s	d
Poor's Rate		13	0
Palmer & Son Stationery etc		<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
	£	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Minutes of and proceedings at a Special Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the National School on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 1908** at 8 o'clock in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, Chairman, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. William Collett, William Thompson, Albert H. Ingle, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith. The undermentioned applicants for allotments were also present having been notified of the meeting, viz:- William Geo. Deighton, John Gaunt Sen'r, George Ingram, George Kennell, J. W. Kidman, James King, Reuben Shelton, Harry Slack, Ernest Woodward and others.

## Minutes

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

### **Fencing of Land.**

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, Mr. William Collett and himself had waited upon P. L. Rogers Esq're by appointment and succeeded in getting his demand for a double quick fence modified to one consisting of sleepers and five strands No 4 annealed wire and a grip.

### **Agreement for Hiring Land.**

The draft Agreement as amended for hiring the land was then read, and the attention of the applicants was specially drawn to that section of it, in which it was stipulated that the rent must be paid half yearly, the first of such payments being due on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1909. The applicants acquiesced in this, and at the request of the Council, they confirmed their previous action by signing their names in the rough Minute Book to the quantity they would take, and which amounted to 21 acres. This was increased to 22 acres by Fred Townsend's one acre, confirmed by proxy. It was then proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Rev'd J. F. Cooksey and resolved that the Clerk be requested to wait upon Percival L. Rogers Esq're for the purpose of getting 22 acres in lieu of 20 acres inserted in the Agreement, also for permission to fix 2 gates in the fence on the road leading from Upwood to St Mary's, and try to obtain relief from liability to maintain and keep in repair the fence on the north side.

### **Grant Request.**

Proposed by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, seconded by Mr. William Collett, and resolved that the Clerk be requested to write to the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, petitioning for a grant from the amount allocated by Parliament for that purpose under Section 7 of the Allotments & Small Holdings Act 1907, on the lines of that drafted by the Chairman.

**Tenders for Erection of Fence.**

The Clerk was authorized to insert advertisements for tenders in 'The Peterborough Advertiser' and 'Peterborough Standard' for erection of fence as stipulated in the draft form of Agreement.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman





# 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, October 12<sup>th</sup> 1908** at 7.15 in the evening.

**Present:** Mr. Reginald Job Kidman, Chairman, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Colonel Mowbray, Messrs. George Thompson, Albert Henry Ingle, William Geo. Thompson, and the Clerk Thos. Smith.

## Minutes

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

### **Hiring of Land.**

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council, he arranged an interview with Percival L. Rogers Esq're relative to hiring 22 acres of land instead of 20. Mr. Rogers stated however, that he had stipulated for 20 acres only with Mr. Simmonds – the incoming tenant of the Hill Farm – but if the Parish Council could arrange with the tenant for the additional two acres, it would be satisfactory to him.

With regard to the fixing of two gates in lieu of one, he would give permission and specify in the Agreement accordingly, but respecting the fence on the north side, he could not relieve the Parish Council from liability to maintain and keep it in repair, but in as much as it was a quick fence, it would not entail much expense, with judicious trimming.

The Clerk also reported that he had called upon Mr. Simmonds, but could not prevail on him to agree to the additional two acres being taken by the Council.

### **Agreement for Hiring of Land.**

The Clerk read the proposed Agreement as amended, for hiring twenty acres of land, when it was proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. George Thompson, and resolved that the Agreement as read, be signed by the Chairman and two Parish Councillors for and on behalf of the whole Council.

Signatures were then appended to the following declaration, viz:-

“Signed sealed and delivered by Reginald Job Kidman, Arthur Mowbray, and John Francis Cooksey, (being respectively the Chairman presiding at a Meeting of the aforesaid Parish Council held on the twelfth day of October, 1908, and two members thereof) in the presence of Thomas Smith, Prospect Villa, Bury, Huntingdon”

“Clerk to the Parish Council”

The Following is a copy of the counterpart of Lease, viz:-

This indenture made the second day of November, one thousand and nine hundred and eight, Between the Right Honourable William Henry Lord de Ramsey herein after called “the Landlord” of

the one part and The Parish Council for the Parish of Upwood in the County of Huntingdon herein after called "the Tenants" of the other part Whereas under an Indenture dated the Ninth day of February, one thousand and nine hundred and four and made between the Landlord and The Honourable Coulson Churchill Fellowes his eldest son therein described of the first part the Landlord of the second part and the Honourable Ailwyn Edward Fellowes and Earl Howe of the third part the Landlord is beneficially entitled to the possession of the Hereditaments intended to be hereby demised for his life. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that in consideration of the Rent and Tenants covenants herein after reserved and contained the Landlord in exercise of the powers for this purpose given to him by the Settled Land Act 1882, and of all other powers if any him enabling doth hereby demise unto the Tenants – All those Twenty acres of Land in Upwood aforesaid being part of a field containing Fifty three acres and two roods more or less part of the Fill Farm and which said Twenty acres of land are bounded on the North by other portions of the said Farm on the South by the road leading from Ramsey to Upwood on the East by the remainder of the said field containing Fifty three acres and two roods and on the West by the Road leading from Upwood to Ramsey Heights To Hold unto the Tenants for the term of Fourteen years from the Eleventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eight yielding and paying therefor the Annual Rent of Twenty pounds by equal half yearly payments on the Sixth day of April and the Eleventh day of October the first such payments to be made on the Sixth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nine. The right to kill game over the said land is reserved to the Landlord and all persons authorised by him in that behalf and the Tenants shall not course over any part of the said land or allow any dog or dogs to be thereon.

The Tenants hereby covenant with the Landlord to pay the rent hereby reserved at the times and in manner aforesaid and also to observe all the provisions contained in these presents which are or ought to be performed on their part which provisions are hereinafter referred to as "Tenants Covenants".

And the Landlord hereby covenants that the Tenants paying the rent hereby reserved and observing and performing the Tenants covenants shall and may quickly hold and enjoy the premises hereby demised without any interruption from or by the Landlord or any person claiming from or under him.

The Tenants shall pay (in addition to the rent thereby reserved) all rates, taxes, and assessments whatsoever which shall during the Tenancy be payable in respect of the demised premises except Land tax, Landlords property tax, and tithe.

The Tenants shall divide the said Twenty acres of land hereby demised from the remainder of the said field containing fifty three acres and two roods bounding the same on the east with a post and five strands of No4 galvanized annealed drawn wire fence and they shall also dig a Grip eighteen inches wide at the top, and from ten or twelve inches wide at bottom on the land of the Landlord adjoining the said fence on the east such fence and grip to be made and dug to the satisfaction of Percival Luck Rogers of Ramsey in the said County of Huntingdon, the Agent of the Landlord.

The Tenants shall during the said term keep the said fence and grip in good and proper repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Landlord and his said Agent and in the event of the whole or any portion thereof not being kept in such good repair and condition the Landlord shall have power without giving notice to the Tenants to enter upon the said land hereby demised or any part thereof and do all things necessary to put the same into such good repair and condition and shall be entitled to recover the cost thereof from the Tenants as if it were work done on their behalf and at their request.

The Tenants shall have permission to make two entrance gates to the Land hereby demised and shall enter through such gates only and they shall from time to time at the proper season of the year will and sufficiently lay out repair and keep repaired all hedges and fences bounding the said land on the North South and West sides.

The Tenants shall farm the said land in a good and husbandlike manner and shall leave the same at the end of the tenancy in clean and good condition and in the event of any breach of this covenant the measure of damage shall be ascertained by valuation in the usual way.

The Tenants shall preserve the Game hereby reserved to the Landlord and shall not allow any person to shoot or sport over the said land without the Landlords permission.

The Tenants taking the land bare at the commencement of the tenancy shall be entitled to remove all straw grown upon the said land and shall not be entitled to any valuation from the Landlord at the expiration of the tenancy.

If any rent hereby reserved shall remain unpaid for the space of twenty one days after the time hereby appointed for payment thereof whether the same shall have been lawfully demanded or not or if there shall be any breach of any of the Tenants covenants then and in any of such cases the Landlord may re-enter upon the premises hereby demised or any part thereof in the name of the whole and the same have again repossess and enjoy as in his former estate.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered  
by the above named William  
Henry Lord De Ramsey in  
the presence of  
Fred R Serjeant  
Solicitor, Ramsey

Signed: De Ramsey

#### **Correspondence.**

Letter from the Board of Agriculture dated October 8<sup>th</sup> 1908 in reply to that of the Clerk dated 6<sup>th</sup> October was read, in which they expressed their inability to make a grant out of public funds for the purpose referred to.

#### **Fencing Application.**

Application from Joseph Wade, Peterborough for particulars of fencing required was submitted, when the Clerk was requested to furnish him with the following estimate, viz:-

About 140 Oak Posts, or Sound Sleepers, 6" on face, and eight feet long, to be fixed 3 feet in ground with five feet above, and placed 10 feet apart.

The Clerk was also requested to write to Francis of Huntingdon for price of posts.

As no definite tender for fencing had been received, it was proposed by Colonel Mowbray, seconded by Mr. Reginald J. Kidman, and resolved that the following members of the Council, viz:- Messrs. R. J. Kidman, George Thompson, Albert H. Ingle, and William Geo. Thompson be elected to form a Committee for dealing with the matter of fencing with full power to act.

#### **Allotment Applicants Meeting.**

Resolved, that the Committee above mentioned, meet the applicants for allotments at the National School on Friday next, the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. at seven o'clock in the evening for the purpose of apportioning the land to the respective applicants and fixing the position thereof by drawing lots, and also arrange for stumping it out.

**Allotment Rents.**

Proposed by Mr. George Thompson, seconded by Mr. Albert H. Ingle, and resolved that the Council meet in the National School on Friday week the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. at 7.30pm to receive the Allotment Rents due at Michaelmas, and that members present attend as far as practicable.

**Allotment Hedges & Dykes.**

Resolved, that the Allotment hedges be cut and the dykes thoroughly cleaned out.

Signed: Reginald J. Kidman, Chairman