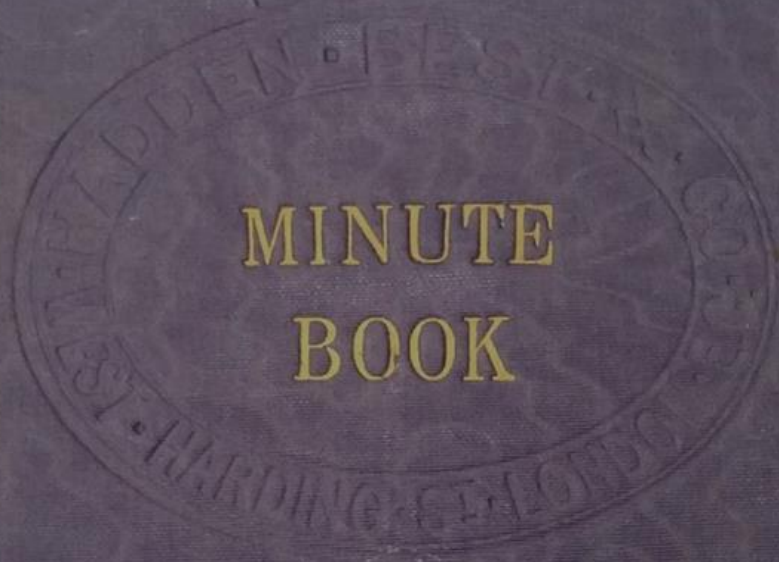


# UPWOOD PARISH 1945



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Minutes from meetings dated:

15<sup>th</sup> February

18<sup>th</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> November

26<sup>th</sup> April



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Upwood and Raveley's Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> 1945**, when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. A. H. Ingle (Chairman), Rev. P. J. Turner, Messrs. F. Townsend, N. Gingell, G. J. Cordell, S. A. Murfin, G. W. Brighty and E. Bannister with the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

## Minutes

The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and these were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **Arisings.**

Arising out of the minutes the Clerk reported that he had come to an agreement with the Air Ministry whereby they are now paying the Council £2 per annum for the old Gravel Pits situated on the aerodrome, this dating from September 1940. An agreement was also made with the Hunts. War Agricultural Committee whereby they were now paying the Council £1.10.0 per annum for the 4 acre of allotments requisitioned by them in 1940 and now farmed by Mr. Marshall, this payment dating from June 1941.

Mr. E. Bannister accepted the office of Parish Councillor, and was also present at this meeting.

### **Gravel Pits, Longholme Road.**

The Clerk then read a letter from Messrs. James C. How and Co. asking the Council if they were prepared to sell the old Gravel Pits situated on the farm now farmed by Messrs. Slote Bros. It was proposed by Mr. Gingell, seconded by Mr. Cordell and carried that the Council should not sell these Gravel Pits, the Clerk to write to Messrs. How and Co. and inform them accordingly.

### **Purchase of Allotments for Post War Housing.**

The Clerk then read correspondence from the District Valuer, Bedford who had been instructed to arrange terms between the Huntingdon Rural District Council and the Parish Council for the Purchase of 2.333 acres of the village allotments for post War Housing. The Clerk had bought, on behalf of the Council a copy of the Town & Country Planning Act 1944, but could not find where it affected the sale of these allotments. After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Gingell, seconded by Mr. Brighty and carried that the Clerk should write to the District Valuer asking £60 per acre. It was also proposed by Mr. Ingle, seconded by Mr. Townsend and carried that the Clerk should write to the Clerk of the Huntingdon Rural District Council asking him how their plans had been made, with reference to the purchasing of these allotments.

**Parish Paths and Gates.**

It was reported by members of the Council that the village paths from the top road to the church and to the centre of the village through Mr. Gaunt's property were badly in need of repair. After some discussion, it was proposed by the Rev. Turner, seconded by Mr. Murfin, that the Clerk should approach Mr. Cousins asking him to repair these paths, the Clerk to order the necessary gravel when required, this was carried. It was also proposed by Mr. Gingell, seconded by Mr. Cordell and carried that Messrs. Murfin should be asked to give an estimate for the repair and painting of gates around these paths.

**Vacancy of Council.**

A vacancy occurred on the Council as Mr. W. J. Curtis had resigned and left the district. It was proposed by Mr. Gingell, seconded by Mr. Cordell, that Mr. G. E. Shelton should fill the vacancy, the Clerk being instructed to write to Mr. Shelton, asking him if he would accept the office of Parish Councillor.

**Cheques.**

Cheques were then drawn 1. In favour of the Clerk for £6.10.9 made up as follows:- £5 one years salary to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1944, £1 Audit stamps for 1943 & 1944, 4/6 for postage stamps, 1/3 receipt book, 1/6 for copy of Town and Country Planning 1944 Act, 3/6 preparation of room by Mrs Slack, 2. £5.18.3 in favour of Commissioners of Inland Revenue for Income and Land Tax.

Signed: F. Townsend.



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1945**, when the following were present.

**Present:** Rev. P. J. Turner, Messrs. Townsend, G. Cordell, G. E. Shelton and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

## Minutes

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. F. Townsend was voted to the Chair, after which the Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and these were confirmed.

### **Village Paths.**

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that Mr. Cousins had agreed to clear the paths and would start in a few days.

### **Vacancy.**

Mr. Shelton had accepted the office of Parish Councillor, and was present at this meeting.

### **Post War Housing.**

With reference to Post War Housing and the purchase of part of the village allotments by the Huntingdon Rural Council for this scheme, the Clerk reported the he had written to the District Valuer, Bedford asking him £60 per acre i.e. £140 for the plot. The District Valuer replied that he would agree to the price, but would ask the Council to give vacant possession, on the receipt of this letter this meeting was called, and at the same time the Clerk reported that he had written to the Huntingdon Rural Council, asking them to give consideration to the allotment holders and not ask for the land when it was fully cropped. The letter to the Rural Council was not answered by the time of the meeting but a telegram had been received to the effect that it would be answered in a day of two. It was proposed by Rev. Turner, seconded by Mr. Shelton that the Council agree to the District Valuers letter subject to a favourable reply from the Rural Council.

### **Gate Posts.**

It was noted that one of the posts to the allotment gates was broken. The Rev. Turner said that he could supply a post and it was agreed that the Clerk could make the necessary arrangements.

Signed: N. Gingell.



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> 1945**, when the following were present.

**Present:** Rev. P. J. Turner, Messrs. G. J Cordell, F. J. Barham, S. A. Murfin, F. Townsend, G. E. Shelton, N Gingell, E Bannister and G. W. Brighty with the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

## Minutes

### **Election of Officers.**

Owing to the death of the Chairman Mr. Ingle, the first business of the meeting was to appoint a new Chairman. It was proposed by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mr. Brighty that Mr. Gingell should be Chairman for the ensuing year, Mr. Gingell then went to the Chair. It was proposed by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Shelton that Mr. Murfin should be Vice Chairman for the year.

### **Arisings.**

The Chairman then asked the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous meeting which were confirmed. Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk read a letter from the Rural District Council wherein they stated that they would give every consideration to the allotment holders when the sale of the allotments for housing sites were completed.

### **Housing Sites.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Messrs. Hunnybun, Solicitors, Huntingdon, asking if they could examine the Parish Award in connection with the sale of the allotments.

### **Accounts.**

The Clerk then presented the accounts for 1944/45 and these showed a balance at the bank of £59.15.2 It was proposed by Mr. Brighty, seconded by Mr. Barham that the accounts should be adopted, which was carried.

### **Correspondence.**

A letter was then read from the Ramsey Ambulance Association asking if the Parish would like to join the scheme. It was agreed by all that it would be a good idea for everyone to join, Mr. Shelton saying that he would act as collector for the scheme, so the Clerk was asked to write and inform the association accordingly.

### **Vacancies.**

Owing to the death of Mr. Ingle and Mr. Seaton, there were two vacancies on the Council. It was agreed that Mr. M. Lowings of Great Raveley and Mr. R. A. Murfin of Upwood should be asked to fill the vacancies.

Signed: N. Gingell



## Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> 1945**, when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. N. Gingell (Chairman), Messrs. G. J. Cordell, G. E. Shelton, F. Townsend, S. A. Murfin, R. A. Murfin and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

At the beginning of the meeting, the allotment rents were collected, and the Chairman and Clerk explained to the allotment holders that the Rural District Council were prepared to buy 2.333 acres of allotment field for housing sites. The majority of the allotment holders asked for alternate allotments if their present ones were taken. It was then proposed by Mr. Patterson an allotment holder, seconded by Mr. Cordell that in the opinion of this meeting that the proposed housing site was a poor one, subject to being very wet in the winter months, and that there were much more suitable sites in the village. After this resolution as presented, the Clerk was asked to write to the Clerk of the Huntingdon Rural Council and the allotment holders retired.

### Minutes

The Clerk then read the minutes of the previous meeting and these were confirmed.

#### **Appointment of Trustees.**

The following were appointed trustees of the West Charities; Mr. Townsend, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Barham, Mr. R. A. Murfin.  
Charity allotments, Great Raveley; Mr. Brighty and Mr. Bannister.

#### **Thanksgiving Week.**

A letter was read from the Huntingdon Rural Council stating that October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1945 would be Thanksgiving Week in the District, but no action was taken.

#### **Road to Ramsey Heights.**

Mr. Cordell then proposed that some action should be taken in trying to get a road to Ramsey Heights, as he said that many cyclists and pedestrians trespassed through his farm as it was a long way round Ramsey. The Clerk was asked to write to the Huntingdon Rural District Council to see if they could press the matter with the County Council.

#### **Salvage.**

The Clerk was asked to write to the Rural District Council as to when a collection of salvage and refuse could be made.

**Village Paths.**

The Clerk was asked to write to the Hunts. County Council to ask them if some action could be taken in repairing the village paths.

Signed: N. Gingell



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1945**, when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. N. Gingell (Chairman), Rev. P. J. Turner, Messrs. S. A. Murfin, R. A. Murfin, F. Townsend, G. J. Cordell, F. J. Barham, G. E. Shelton, G. W. Brighty, M Lowings and the Clerk L. W. Scarr.

The Meeting was called as Messrs. Hunnybun of Huntingdon had a letter from the Ministry of Agriculture re the allotments that the Rural Council were prepared to buy for Housing Sites. The Clerk of the R. D. C., Mr. Nokes had asked for the meeting so that he and Mr. Hunnybun could meet the Council and the Common Right proprietors, to explain the position.

Mr. Hunnybun attended the meeting but Mr. Nokes was unable to attend.

Mr. Hunnybun explained to the Council that the plan was to get all the proprietors of the 32 common rights together and to ask them if they were prepared to redeem one third of their common rights.

Mr. Newton of Ramsey represented Lord De Ramsey. Mr. W. Butler was also present. On examining the award map, it was found that the matter was very complicated and nearly impossible to find the owners of all the common rights. So with this knowledge, Mr. Hunnybun said he was prepared to advise the R. D. C. not to purchase the site, and thanked the meeting for their help and then retired.

## Minutes

The Clerk then read the minutes of the previous meeting and these were confirmed.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk had received the following letters:-

#### **1. Road to Ramsey Heights**

A letter from the Clerk of the R. D. C. stating that he had forwarded a copy of the Councils letter re Ramsey Heights to the County Surveyor, also letter from County Surveyor stating that he had again put the matter before the Ministry of War Transport.

#### **2. Village Paths.**

A letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that he had forwarded the Councils letter to the Surveyor stating that he would do what he could in the matter.

#### **3. Salvage.**

A reply from the Sanitary Inspector stating that he would make a collection within three weeks.

### **Housing Sites.**

A discussion was then held to see if any other sites could be recommended to the R. D. C. if the proposed site had to be given up. Four sites were recommended:- 1. 3 acre field in Longholme Road, 2. Field in Meadow Road, 3. Site next to Royal Oak Inn, 4. Field on Main Road on Church Farm. It



was proposed by Mr. Shelton, seconded by Mr. Cordell that the Clerk should write to the R. D. C. accordingly and if any help could be given, a small committee of the Parish Council consisting of the Clerk, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Murfin, and Mr. Cordell could meet representation of the R. D. C. on these sites and give any local information that might be needed.

**Village Paths.**

The Clerk was instructed to see if he could obtain 8 yards of path gravel and ask Mr. Cousins if he would clean up the village paths and apply the gravel.

Signed: N. Gingell.