

UPWOOD PARISH 1962

PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTE BOOK

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Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday January 30th 1962** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Messrs. W. Barham, G. Cordell, J. Coward, E. C. Edwards, R. A. Murfin, F. Townsend, and the Clerk.

An apology of absence was received from Mr. Colbert.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Burial Ground.

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that permission had been received from the Ministry of Housing & Local Government to acquire the $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of land from Mr. Parsons for the extension of the burial ground, so it was resolved that the Clerk should contact Messrs. Serjeant and Son, Solicitors of Ramsey, to carry out the legal work for the Council.

Allotments.

The Clerk reported that after conversation with the District Auditor about allotment funds, he offered the land that had been let to Mr. Jakes at £3-0-0 to Mr. Gowler, who readily accepted but gave the information that Mr. Jakes had had the land ploughed. On this information the Clerk wrote to Messrs. Hunnybun and Son, who in turn wrote to Mr. Jakes telling him that he should allow Mr. Gowler to take possession or the Parish Council would have to take proceedings for possession.

Accounts.

Cheques were drawn for the following:- Commissioners of Inland Revenue £2-8-4 for Income Tax.
Eastern Electricity Board £41-6-1 for Street Lighting.
A precept for £145-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

Street Lighting.

A letter was read from the Eastern Electricity Board, giving 3 months notice to terminate the agreement for street lighting to expire on March 31st, and stating that new draft for new agreements would be sent as soon as possible.

The Council then discussed the matter of street lighting and it was resolved to write to the Board and ask for an estimate for additional lights in the village.

Allotments.

It was agreed that the Clerk should make arrangements with the Trustees of the Raveley Allotments, and arrange a meeting to let the allotments as soon as possible.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday 13th March 1962**.

Mr. Spofforth, Chairman of the Parish Council presided, when members of the Parish Council and others were present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read, after which the meeting were informed of the progress of the purchase of the new burial ground, i.e. the plot would cost £300-0-0 together with surveyors and solicitors expenses, so it was proposed by Mrs Agger and seconded by Mrs Slote that the Parish Council should if necessary spend up to an 8d rate to pay for the purchase and layout for the new burial ground.

Parish Seat.

Notice of the condition of the Parish seat near the church was given, and it was resolved that Messrs. Murfin should be asked to repair and paint it, and also make enquires for insuring it.

Public Footpath.

Mr. Coward brought to the notice of the meeting of the number of people who were riding bicycles through the public footpath from the Church to Ailwine Road, so it was resolved to write to the County Surveyor, asking him what could be done to stop the nuisance.

Litter Bins.

The question of Litter Bins was also raised, but the Clerk of the Parish Council said he had heard nothing from the R. D. C. since writing to them in February 1961.

Best Kept Village.

The Clerk also brought to the notice of the meeting about entering the competition for the best kept village in the County, but it was resolved not to enter this year.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday April 3rd 1962** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Barham, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Coward, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Murfin, Mr. Townsend and the Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr. Edwards.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arisings - 1. Burial Ground.

A precept of £150-0-0 was signed so that the burial ground could be paid for at the end of April, and the Council would then be able to take possession and make other necessary arrangements.

2. Dock Field.

Mr. Gowler had received a letter from Serjeant and Son, Solicitors, advising him not to enter on the Dock Field. The Council had informed Messrs. Hunnybun and Son, and they are taking Council's opinion on this, and would let the Council know the result as soon as possible.

Street Lighting.

A letter had been received from the Eastern Electricity Board stating that a representative would meet members of the Parish Council to discuss the extension of street lighting, so it was resolved that the Chairman and the Clerk would meet him at 6.45pm on Wednesday April 11th.

Footpaths.

The County Surveyors representative had met the Chairman of the Council to discuss notices to stop people from riding bicycles on the public footpath through the Churchyard. The County Surveyor said this could be done, but a notice would have to be erected at both ends of the path.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth.



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday May 22nd 1962** at 7.30pm when the following were present.

Present: Miss Butler, Mrs. Slote, Mr. Ball, Mr. Barham, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Coward, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Murfin, Mr. Spofforth.

An apology was received from Mrs Agger.

Minutes

This being the first meeting of the newly elected Council, the first business was to elect a Chairman for the year.

Mr. Cordell proposed and Mr. Edwards seconded that Mr. Spofforth should again be appointed Chairman for the year. Mr. Spofforth thanked the Council again for their confidence in appointing him again to the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Allotments etc.

The Council had further reports on the Dock Field, when Mr. Walden of Hunnybun and Son met the Council, and explained the procedure for taking possession of the Dock Field that Mr. Jakes hired, as Mr. Jakes had ignored the notice to quit and was still farming the land. Mr. Walden explained that he must be summoned for trespass, and County Court action would have to be taken to get possession. So it was proposed by Mr. Coward and seconded by Mr. Barham that this action should be taken, this was carried.

Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that the purchase price had been paid for the new part of the cemetery. So it was resolved that a small committee should be formed to meet on the site, consisting of the Chairman and the Clerk, together with Mrs Agger, Mr. Murfin and Mr. Murfin, to make any necessary arrangements to get the site in order. The time to be arranged, and report back to the Council.

Street Lighting.

A representative of the Electricity Board met the Chairman and the Clerk on April 11th, when the village was inspected for more street lighting, and a quotation was asked for the installation of 5 more lights, the quotation being laid before the Council and amounting to £106-15-0. The Council thought that this was high, but it was proposed by Mr. Murfin and seconded by Miss Butler that the quotation be accepted, as it was necessary that this extra lighting should be installed, and waiting would not make it any cheaper, so this was agreed.

Accounts.

The accounts for the year were presented by the Clerk when the following balances were shown: Allotments £123-3-3, General £13-16-3, Street Lighting £20-5-7, Cemetery £70-0-0, Charities £2-12-6, Total £229-17-7. These were agreed to.

Payments etc.

The following cheques were drawn for payment: Eastern Electricity Board, Street Lighting £41-6-1, Hunts. Parish Council Association £7-10-0 for Annual Subscription Parish Council Review and Supplement. A precept of £200-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

Other Business.

The footpath through the Churchyard was again discussed, and it was resolved that the County Surveyor should be asked to erect the signs at each end.

Mr. Edwards again mentioned the drains in Great Raveley, so it was agreed to write to the R. D. C. surveyor bringing it to his notice.

Mr. Ball also informed the Council that there was no bus from Peterborough going to Great Raveley at about 6 o'clock on Saturdays, so it was agreed to write to the bus company about it.

Miss Butler also asked about a footpath from the Council Houses on the Huntingdon Road to meet other paths in the village, so it was resolved to write to the county surveyor asking for a path.

The acceptance of office was signed by all councillors.

The Clerk informed the Council of the annual meeting of the Parish Councils Association at Huntingdon on Friday July 13th 1962, when it was hoped that some Councillors would be able to represent the Parish then.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday July 10th 1962** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Ball, Mr. Barham, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Coward, Mr. Murfin, and the Clerk.

Apologies of absence were received from Mr. Cordell and Mr. Edwards as they were on holiday.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Allotments.

Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that Messrs. Hunnybun and Son had asked him to attend the County Court on Thursday July 12th when the case of trespass against Mr. Jakes would be heard.

Cemetery.

The deeds for the purchase of the land for the cemetery was laid before the Council and was duly signed by the Chairman and one other member, and witnessed by the Clerk.

A report of the sub-committee was also given as they had met on the site, and recommended that Messrs. Murfin should erect a temporary fence, that Mr. Gowler should cultivate the land and prepare it for seeding and if possible sow the seed in September. It was also agreed that Mr. Geo. Gaunt should be asked to cut the hedge later in the year. All these separate people had been seen and they had agreed to carry out the various jobs, so they were agreed to.

The laying out of the cemetery was also discussed and the Clerk agreed to ask the R. D. C. surveyor if he could give any help to the laying out and numbering of grave spaces.

Street Lighting.

The Clerk reported that the Electricity authority had agreed to carry out the extension of the street lighting, and if necessary would wait until April 1963 for settlement. The new agreements for street lighting were also laid before the Council and were duly signed by the Chairman and another Councillor and duly witnessed.

Other business.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor which stated that consideration was being given to the extension of the footpath from the Huntingdon Road Council Houses.

Payments.

A cheque for £27-4-6 in favour of Serjeant and Son for Cemetery expenses was signed.

Annual Parish Councillors Meeting.

Annual Parish Councillors meeting at Huntingdon on Friday 13th July will be attended by Mr. Spofforth, Mr. Ball and Mr. Barham.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

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Present: Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Ball, Mr. Barham, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Murfin and the Clerk.

An apology of absence was received from Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Spofforth asked all members to stand for a minutes silence as a token of respect for Mr. Coward who had passed away since the last meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Arisings from the minutes were as follows:-

Allotments.

The Clerk reported that he had attended the County Court on Thursday July 12th when the Judge upheld that the notice given to Mr. Jakes was quite in order, and that possession of the land would be given at Michaelmas, but time would be allowed to get the sugarbeet away. The Council then resolved that Mr. Gowler should take over the land as soon as possible.

Street Lighting.

The extension of the street lighting had been started on, but not completed. The Electricity Authority had promised to complete during the next few days.

Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Gowler had cleared the plot up, but the seed was not sown, so it was resolved to get it sown as soon as possible.

Messrs. Murfin had completed the fencing, and Mr. Gaunt had started cutting the hedges.

The Clerk had met the R. D. C. Surveyor on site, so he was preparing a plan for grave spaces and paths, but this had not yet come to hand.

Footpath on Huntingdon Road.

A letter dated August 10th had been received from the County Surveyor about a footpath on Huntingdon Road, saying that although it was desired that one was needed, but it could not be started this financial year, so it would be reviewed later.

Vacancy on the Council.

Owing to the death of Mr. Coward, a casual vacancy occurred on the Council, so the Council had power to co-opt someone. The Council felt that someone from the Ailwine Road should be asked to

join the Council, so it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Mr. Milner and ask him if he would fill the vacancy. If he did not wish to join, the Clerk write to Mr. D. Shaw and Mr. T. Gaunt in turn.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Ball of Great Raveley brought the attention of the Council to the condition of the roads in Great Raveley, also other members mentioned the roads in Upwood. So it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor asking him to meet someone on site to discuss the matter.

Bus Service - Great Raveley.

The Clerk was asked to write again to the Omnibus Company asking them about the Saturday service to Great Raveley.

Village Seat.

The Council asked the Clerk to communicate to Messrs. Murfin asking them to take the Parish seat away, repair and paint and refix it as soon as possible.

Accounts.

Cheques were drawn for the following:-

Eastern Electricity Board £24-6-3 for Street Lighting.

L. W. Scarr £14-14-0 ½ years Salary, two years Audit Stamps and Insurance of Street Lights.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth