

# UPWOOD PARISH 1963

PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTE BOOK

**Minutes from meetings dated:**

**13<sup>th</sup> February**

**17<sup>th</sup> June**

**13<sup>th</sup> March**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1963** when the following were present.

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

Apologies were received from Mr. Colbert and Mr. E. Edwards.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

1. Arising from the minutes, the Clerk reported that neither Mr. Milner or Mr. Shaw wished to be co-opted on the Council at the moment, so it was resolved that the matter be left in abeyance at the moment.
2. Roads in Upwood and Great Raveley, owing to the cold and snowy weather no appointments had been fulfilled, so it was resolved that it would be better to wait until the weather improved before trying to make further appointments.
3. The Clerk had again been in touch with the bus company who were very helpful about the Saturday service to Great Raveley, and a service was being put in hand so that a bus would arrive in Great Raveley at 5.45pm.

### **Cemetery.**

The Clerk reported that the hedge cutting had been completed, but owing to the frosty weather no grass had been sown.

A plan for grave spaces and paths was shown to the Council, this was approved, although it was thought best to keep to the existing gateway. The Chairman agreed to see the Vicar to see if he could make arrangements for the Cemetery to be consecrated.

### **Street Lighting.**

The Council was aware that the extension scheme for the street lighting had not been completed, but this was thought that delay had been caused by the severe weather. Mr. Ball thought another light was required at Great Raveley but would report at the next meeting about the position.

### **Meetings.**

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1963 at 7.30pm in Upwood School.

**Allotments.**

As none of the trustees of the Great Raveley allotments were present, it was left to the Clerk to make arrangements for the letting of the allotments.

**Payments etc.**

Cheques were drawn for the following:-

1. Street Lighting £24-6-3.
2. L. W. Scarr £6-8-4 Income Tax and expenses on Cemetery.
3. Murfin and Son £33-0-0 Fencing of Cemetery.

A precept for £150-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

**Other Business.**

The Clerk reported that notice had been received that the trustees for the Great Raveley School would now be the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance.

The School was now under local trustees, and would at sometime in the future have to be sold, so it was resolved that until that time the Council should pay 7/6 per meeting for it.

**Way Post.**

Mr. Ball brought to the notice of the Council that the way post at the top end of Great Raveley did not have an arm on it showing the way to Upwood and Ramsey, and it was found some motorists coming from the Great North Road did not know which way to turn if they wanted to go to Ramsey, so it was resolved to write to the County Surveyor and ask him to have the way shown to Ramsey.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting was held in Upwood on **Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1963** when the Mr. Spofforth, Chairman of the Parish Council presided. Members of the Parish Council and others were present.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read and signed, after which the Chairman explained to the meeting the work of the Parish Council during the past years.

### **Dock Field.**

Mr. Gowler asked about the field that he had just hired from the Parish Council saying that the frozen beet was still on the field, so it was resolved that the Clerk of the Parish Council should write to the solicitors asking for their advice.

### **Allotment Dykes.**

The condition of one of the allotment dykes was also discussed as it had not been cleaned for some time, so it was resolved that the Clerk should try and get someone to clean it out.

### **Paths and Roads.**

Paths and road were also discussed in Upwood and Great Raveley, and the meeting was informed that the Parish Council had written to the County Surveyor about these matters, but owing to the severe weather no inspections had taken place so far, so it was resolved to take the matter up again.

### **Street Lighting.**

The meeting was informed that the extension of the street lighting was nearly completed. Mr. Ball of Great Raveley thought another light was needed in Great Raveley.

### **Letter Box.**

Mr. Slote asked if it was possible if a letter box could be erected at the south end of the village, as the present posting box was at one end, and Miss Butler asked if at the same time a stamp machine could be fixed near the post office, so that anyone could obtain stamps after the post office was closed. It was resolved to write to the Postmaster of Huntingdon about these matters.

### **Bus Service.**

Mr. Slote also asked if it was possible for the Peterborough buses to go further round the village instead of turning at the Church corner, so it was resolved to ask the bus company about it.

Mr. Slote also asked the about one or two other matters which the Chairman said he would try and improve.

**Drains.**

Members from Raveley also mentioned the drains from the Council Houses at Raveley, it was agreed to contact the R. D. C. surveyor on this.

**Sewage Disposal.**

The sewage disposal works were also discussed, and it was resolved to write to the R. D. C. asking them if they were contributing towards the maintenance of Meadow Road.

**Trees.**

Mr. Slote also mentioned about the overgrowing tree near the street light at the west end of the Ailwine Road. The dangerous positions of other trees were also discussed.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1963** when the following were present.

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

Apologies from Mr. Cordell and Mr. E. Edwards.

## Minutes

The first business of the meeting was the appointment of Chairman for the year, so it was proposed by Mr. Ball, and seconded by Mr. Barham that Mr. Spofforth should again be Chairman for the year. Mr. Spofforth thanked the meeting for again electing him as Chairman.

The minutes of the previous Council meeting were read and signed, also read were the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting.

### **Arisings.**

Arising from the minutes were from the Parish meeting, the Postmaster had been written to asking for an extra letter box in the village, but the Postmaster of Huntingdon stated that as no house in the village was more than ½ mile from the Post Office, this request could not be granted.

The Clerk was still in negotiations with the bus company about the possibility of the buses going further round the village.

### **Cemetery.**

Negotiations are still going on for consecration of part of the cemetery, and the Council was asked to go to the Home Office so that the Bishop could if possible consecrate on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1963, so it was resolved that permission be sought from the Home Office for the Consecration of part of the New Burial Ground purchased by the Parish Council by the Bishop of Ely as shown on the enclosed plan, also permission for fees as enclosed copy.

### **Street Lighting.**

The erection of the new street lighting system was completed, and the account was presented for payment.

### **Accounts.**

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March were presented which showed a bank balance of £208-9-1, made up as follows:-

Allotments £134-3-8, General £1-2-7, Street Lighting £49-13-11, Cemetery £19-18-11, Charities £3-10-0. The accounts were adopted.

**Payment of Accounts.**

The following cheques were drawn for payment:-

W. J. Villar and Co. Tithes Rent Charge £3-0-2

Eastern Electricity Board for New Street Lighting and Ordinary Street Lighting £131-1-3

Hunts. Parish Council Association £7-7-0 Annual Subscription and Gazette.

A precept for £200-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

**Any Other Business.**

A letter and drawing was received from the Eastern Electricity Authority asking for overhead wires to go over the Raveley Allotments for some new work on the Manor Farm. This was granted.

**Parish Council Association.**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be held in the County Buildings, Huntingdon on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> when the Chairman and other members stated they would like to attend.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1963** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. Spofforth, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Barham, Mr. Cordell, Mr. Murfin.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Cemetery.**

A letter was then read that had been received from the Home Office, the letter asking if the Council would re-consider their resolution about the consecration of the new burial ground, and make an amended resolution asking for a part of the burial ground large enough for burials to last for 15 to 20 years. So it was resolved that permission be sought from the Home Office for the consecration of part of the burial ground purchased by the Parish Council by the Bishop of Ely, as shaded on the enclosed plan, as this would provide the requirements for fifteen to twenty years.

A further resolution was also made that the Chairman of the Council, Miss Butler and Mr. Cordell should have authority to sign any necessary documents that were presented for signature by the Bishop of Ely, when the burial ground was consecrated.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth





# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1963** when the following were present.

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

Apologies were received from Mr. Colbert and Mr. E. Edwards.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, so arising from the minutes, it was noted that part of the burial ground was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1963.

### **Cemetery.**

The Clerk then presented the account sent by the Assistant Registrar for the cost of the consecration by the Bishop including Registrar Fees amounting to £15-15-0. This account was thought to be very high, but it was resolved that payment should be made although 2 councillors did not agree to this. The Council then resolved that £1-0-0 should be paid to the Ministers of Religion for each internment in the new burial ground.

A resolution was then made that Messrs. Murfin should be asked to lay any necessary paths and erect suitable gates at the entrance.

### **Accounts.**

The following cheques were drawn for payment:-

B. D. Boyd £15-15-0 fees as resolved in minutes.

L. W. Scarr £18-8-4 Salary, Audit Stamp and other accounts.

It was also resolved that the Electricity Account should be paid on receipt.

### **Any Other Business.**

The Clerk brought to the notice of the Council of the resolution of the Ramsey V. D. C. when it considered that a new local government area should consist of Ramsey V. D. and the surrounding villages, which would include Upwood and The Raveleys, so it was resolved that this Council much preferred to keep as now, and stop in the Huntingdon Rural Area.

Mr. Ball brought to the notice of the Council of the speed of motor traffic by the Council Houses at Great Raveley, and as the road dipped a lot in this area he thought that the 30 mile speed limit should be asked for. So it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor and ask for his opinion on the proposition.

Signed: I. L. Spofforth