

UPWOOD PARISH 1965

PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTE BOOK

Minutes from meetings dated:

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Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday 12th January 1965** when the following were present.

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

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arisings.

The Clerk had obtained the forms for letting allotments. The Clerk also reported that the R. D. C. was considering the use of paper bags for refuse collections and it would know later if they would adopt this method.

President Kennedy Memorial Fund.

A letter was read from the R. D. C. asking the Parish Council if consideration would be given to raising funds or donations to the President Kennedy Memorial Fund. After some consideration it was proposed by Mrs Agger, seconded by Mr. Murfin that no action be taken.

Residential Development.

A letter was read from the Surveyor of the R. D. C. when it was stated that Parish Councils would be consulted when planning permission of a major development in the parishes was asked for. The owner of O S No.41, a field of about 5½ acres was asking for planning permission for residential development of the field.

The Surveyor asked for the observations of the Parish Council on the matter, pointing out that it would be difficult to drain it by gravity to the new sewers. After careful consideration, the Parish Council agreed with the report of the Surveyor, but did not wish to stand in the way of any development that would be of advantage to the village, so it was resolved that the R. D. C. should be informed accordingly.

As these observations would be asked for at short notice, it was resolved that a small Committee should be formed to consider any such observations in the future, the Committee to be the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Murfin, and the Clerk.

Accounts.

A cheque for £29-4-11 for the payment of Street Lighting was drawn, when this was signed, Mr. Ball of Great Raveley stated that it had been difficult just before Xmas for the servicing of the lamps in Great Raveley, so it was resolved to communicate with the Electricity authority asking for an explanation. A precept of £120-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

Signed: W. F. Barham



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday March 23rd 1965** when members of the Parish Council and other parishioners were present. Mr. W. F. Barham, Chairman of the Parish Council presided.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read and signed.

Arisings.

The Clerk said that he was in communication with the Bus Company about the extension of buses further round the village, and hoped for an early reply.

Allotments for Housing.

The R. D. C. had agreed to purchase that half of the allotments as recommended by the Parish Council, but so far no price was mentioned or contract signed.

The Clerk then reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to buy the school for a Village Hall, and that 4 Trustees were required for the purchase. So it was resolved that they should be appointed from the Parish Council, one from the Church, one from the Methodists and one from the Cricket Club.

Village Footpaths.

Several complaints were received about the Village footpaths, so it was resolved to write to the County Surveyor to see if a meeting could be arranged on site so that the matters could be discussed more fully.

A complaint was made about the Electricity Authority as that day the electricity had been cut from midday until 5 o'clock for some repairs and no warning had been given. So it was resolved to write and ask for some explanation. A complaint was also received about the lighting in the High Street as the shades appeared to put the light in a confined space. The Clerk explained that when the Street Lighting was first installed, the local RAF were doing a considerable amount of night flying and the shades were fitted to suit their requirements, as they said the High Street was in line with their main runway and might lead to some confusion if they were not shaded. However, the Parish Council had had a quotation from the Electricity Authority for changing these shades amounting to over £100-0-0, and as some street lighting was being extended at the time, it was thought that the two projects would be too costly, however the matter could be raised again at the next Parish Council meeting.

Signed: W. F. Barham



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Friday 21st May 1965 at 7.30pm**, when the following were present.

Present: Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. L. Ball, Mr. W. F. Barham, Mr. W. G. Colbert, Mr. T. M. Gaunt, Rev. Metcalfe, Mr. R. A. Murfin, Mr. K. G. Walker and the Clerk.

Minutes

As this was the Annual meeting, and the first meeting of a newly elected Council, the first business of the Council was to appoint a Chairman for the year. So it was proposed by Mr. Ball and seconded by Mr. Walker that Mr. Barham should be Chairman for the year, this Mr. Barham accepted, and signed the form for acceptance of office followed by the rest of the Council signing forms for acceptance of office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, also the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 1965.

Arisings.

The Bus Company stated that they could not extend the bus service farther around the village owing to the extended costs.

Village Footpaths.

It was reported that the Chairman and the Clerk met a representative from the County Surveyor department, and an inspection of paths were made, and a promise given that they would be attended to as soon as possible and it was noted that this week work had started on the Huntingdon Road footpath.

Electricity Supply.

A letter of apology was received from the Electricity Authority stating that they had sent notices out saying that the supply would be cut off on the 23rd March 1965, but it appeared that they were not delivered. The Parish Council found out afterwards that the notices were delivered to the RAF station in error. So it was resolved to write and inform the Electricity Authority accordingly.

Accounts.

The accounts of the Parish Council were then presented by the Clerk showing the following balances:

General A/C £206-11-11

Cemetery fund £96-11-11

Street Lighting £31-18-3

These were all signed by the Chairman as correct.

Cheques were drawn for payment of the following A/C's:

W. J. Villar & Co. £3-0-2 Tithe rent charges on allotments

Eastern Electricity £29-4-11 Street Lighting

C. Murfin & Sons £63-15-0 Cemetery expenses, new gates and laying of paths.

Parish Council Assoc. £5-12-6 Affiliation fees, & Parish Council Review.

A precept for £100-0-0 on the R. D. C. for Street Lighting was also signed.

Village Hall.

As Trustees were necessary for the purchase of the old Village School as a Village Hall, it was resolved that Mr. T. M. Gaunt should be appointed as a representative of the Parish Council, this Mr. Gaunt agreed to do.

Great Raveley.

Mr. Ball again raised the matter of drains at Great Raveley, so it was resolved to write to Mr. Simms, the R. D. C surveyor on this matter.

The Chairman then brought to the notice of the meeting of the Parish Council Association Annual Meeting at Huntingdon on Thursday June 17th, and several Councillors said they would attend.

Signed: W. F. Barham



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday November 3rd 1965** when the following were present.

Present: Mr. W. Barham, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. G. Colbert, Mr. T. Gaunt, Rev. Metcalfe, Mr. R. A. Murfin, Mr. K. Walker and the Clerk.
Apology was received from Mr. Edwards.

Before the business of the meeting, the Chairman asked the meeting to stand for a minutes silence in remembrance of Mr. Ball who had passed away during the last week, and the Clerk said he had written to Mrs. Ball on behalf of the Council.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arisings.

Rev. Metcalfe said he did not think that the path just laid along the Huntingdon Road was standing up to wear and tear very well, and the Chairman also said that the path in the High Street had not been kerbed as far as promised. So it was resolved to write to the County Surveyor drawing his attention to these matters.

It was also resolved to contact Mr. Edwards about the drains at Great Raveley and ask his observations.

Cemetery.

The cemetery would soon have to be used now. So it was resolved to advertise the fees etc. on the gate of the cemetery and also advertise in the Hunts. Post where they could be seen, this the Clerk promised to do.

Trustees.

At this meeting Trustees for Wests Charity and the Raveley Allotments to be appointed.

4 Trustees for the Wests Charity:

1. Mr. R. A. Murfin, proposed by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Gaunt
2. Mr. F. Townsend proposed by Mr. Murfin, seconded by Mr. Walker
3. Mr. W. Barham proposed by Mrs. Agger, seconded by Mr. Murfin
4. Mrs. Agger proposed by Mr. Walker, seconded by Rev. Metcalfe

Great Raveley Charity Allotments, it was resolved that Mr. Colbert and Mr. Edwards be reappointed.

Accounts.

Cheques were drawn for the following accounts:

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| Eastern Electricity | Street Lighting | £29-4-11 |
| L. W. Scarr | Salary & Misc. A/C's | £16-19-10 |

Other Business.

Mrs. Agger mentioned the water supply, saying that just lately the pressure had been very low. So it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Water Board asking for an explanation.

Mr. Walker mentioned the following, Rents of allotments, especially those of 2 acres or more. So it was resolved to examine the Parish Award to see if any advantage could be made by raising rents.

Mr. Walker also mentioned gas supply to villages. So it was resolved to write to the Gas Authority asking them what the position was in relation to supply to villages.

Mr. Walker also mentioned about signs approaching the village stating the name of the village, and Miss Butler mentioned Meadow Road saying that many motorists went down the road and had to return. So it was resolved to write to the County Surveyor asking him if it was possible to have village signs and also to have a sign at meadow Road saying no through Road.

The Clerk was also asked to write to the Electricity Authority asking for an evening appointment to go into the question of improving the street lighting.

The Clerk then asked the Council if his salary could be improved. So it was proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt and seconded by Mr. K. Walker that it should be raised to £25-0-0 as from April 1st 1965.