

# UPWOOD PARISH 1966

PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTE BOOK

**Minutes from meetings dated:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**19<sup>th</sup> July**

**15<sup>th</sup> March**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**27<sup>th</sup> May**



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood on **Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1966** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. W. Barham, Chairman, Mrs Slote, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mr. T. Gaunt, Mr. R. A Murfin and the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. G. Colbert and Rev. A. Metcalfe.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

Letters were read from the County Surveyor stating that the kerbing would be extended in the High Street as soon as possible, also the footpath in Huntingdon Road would be examined, also a No Through Road sign at the south end of the High Street, also a Village sign on the roads approaching the village would be fixed.

A letter was read from the Nene & Ouse Water Board about the water pressure in houses, stating that many bursts had occurred over a short period, but it was hoped that the pressure would be better after these repairs.

A letter was read from the Eastern Gas Board, stating that it could not be seen that a gas supply would be available for the village for sometime yet.

### **Street Lighting.**

A report was given that the Chairman, the Clerks and other members of the Parish had met Mr. Walters from the Electricity Authority on December 13<sup>th</sup>, and had walked round the village where the new lamps were suggested, and Mr. Walters also recommended that better shades should be fitted to the lamps in the High Street, and a quotation would be forwarded.

The quotations were as follow, 2 lamps in Meadow Road, 1 lamp on the concrete part of Huntingdon Road, and another in Huntingdon Road between the Council Houses and Meadow Road, at a sum of £136-17-6. Mr. Gaunt proposed and Miss Butler seconded that these additional lights should be installed. A quotation was also given for the alteration of 9 lamps in the High Street from anti-glare for an open type, by G. E. C. Dagenham for £6-7-0 each or £57-3-0 all in. Mr. Murfin proposed and Mr. Gaunt seconded that this quotation should be accepted. The Council agreed to both these quotations.

### **Vacancy on Council.**

The Clerk reminded the Council that there was now a vacancy on the Council, Mrs Slote proposed and Mr. Murfin seconded that Mr. V. Poulter of Great Raveley should be asked to fill the vacancy, other names were mentioned in case he did not wish to.

**Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Annual Parish meeting was fixed for Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 1966 in the Old Village School at 7.30pm.

**Payments and Receipts.**

A cheque for £29-4-11 was drawn for the quarterly payment of Street Lighting, and a precept of £80-0-0 on the R. D. C. was also signed.

**Various Business.**

A letter was read from the Electricity Authority stating they would not at the moment increase the cost of the lighting contract, but it would have to be reviewed in the near future.

**Allotment.**

The Clerk read a letter that he had in his possession about allotment rents, stating that all money received as rents should be spent on allotments, and it was realised that it was no use increasing rents unless the money received could be spent to some advantage. So it was resolved to write to the Parish Councils Association for their opinion.

The Chairman mentioned about the untidy condition of the caravan site at Kingston Farm, now occupied by Mr. Gowler and it was resolved to write to the R. D. C. to see if anything could be done to tidy it up.

The Chairman mentioned about the condition of Church Lane in wet weather, and hoped that some improvement could be made.

Signed: W. F. Barham



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday March 15th 1966** when members of the Parish Council and other parishioners were present.

Mr. W. F. Barham, Chairman of the Parish Council was in the Chair.

## Minutes

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

### **Arisings.**

The following reports were made.

1. The Bus Company did not agree to extend their journeys farther round the village, as they did not think it would pay.
2. Mr. T. Gaunt was appointed a Trustee of the Village Hall when purchased.
3. The Asst. County Surveyor had met the Chairman and Clerk in the village, and improvements had been made to the village footpaths, although the path on the Huntingdon Road needed inspecting as it was crumbling away in places.
4. With reference to the street lighting in Upwood High Street, it was reported that the Parish Council had signed a contract with the Electricity Authority to change the shades so that the lamps would give a much better light. It was also reported that the street lighting would be extended to Meadow Road and Huntingdon Road where more houses had been built.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor asking him if it would be possible to widen the Meadow Road going by the cemetery, as it was used more now since becoming a residential area. It was resolved to keep in touch with the authority about the water pressure, as at times it was poor.

Signed: W. F. Barham



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in Upwood School on **Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1966** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. Barham, Mr. W. G. Colbert, Mr. E. Edwards, Mr. T. Gaunt, Rev. Metcalfe, Mr. R. A Murfin, and Mr. K. Walker.

The first business was to appoint a Chairman for the year. So it was proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt and seconded by Mrs Slote that Mr. Barham should be Chairman for the year, and as there were no more nominations, Mr. Barham thanked the Council, saying that he would accept the Chairmanship for another year.

## Minutes

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

### Arisings.

It was noted that the Electricity Authority had changed the lamps in the High Street.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Poulter about the vacancy on the Council but he did not wish to become a Parish Councillor again. So it was resolved to ask Mrs Bannister of Great Raveley asking if she would accept.

The Clerk was asked to write again to the County Council about the paths on Huntingdon Road.

It was resolved to write to the Parish Councils Association to give an opinion about the rents of the allotments.

### Accounts.

The Clerk then presented the accounts and the following balances were shown:

General Fund £232-2-9

Street Lighting £38-19-7

Cemetery Fund £22-6-5

The following cheques were drawn for payment of accounts:

W. J. Viller & Co £2-19-3 Tithe rent charges on allotments

Eastern Electricity £29-4-11 Street Lighting

Parish Councils Assoc. £5-12-6 Affiliation Fees & Parish Council review

Shaw & Sons £5-12-9 Burial Register

A precept for £150-0-0 was also signed for street lighting.

### Other Business.

It was reported that the burial ground had now come into use, and fees had been agreed with the ministry.

Mrs Slote mentioned that Upwood Motors were storing vehicles so that the public could not make use of the public footpath towards Wistow. So it was resolved to make an inspection and try to put things in order.

The Clerk informed the Council of the Annual meeting of the Parish Councils Association at Huntingdon on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1966, when several Councillors said they would like to attend.

Signed: W. F. Barham





# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1966** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. W. Barham, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Miss Butler, Mrs Bannister, Mrs Slote, Mr. W. G. Colbert, Mr. T. Gaunt, Rev. A. Metcalfe, and Mr. K. G. Walker.

An apology was received from Mr. R. A. Murfin.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Before any further business, the Chairman welcomed Mrs Bannister as a new member of the Council, Mrs Bannister is taking the place of the late Mr. Ball.

### **Arisings.**

A letter was read from the Parish Councils Association asking for more details about rents of the allotments, in the meantime it was proposed by Mr. K. Walker and seconded by Mr. Colbert that the Clerk should write to the tenants asking them to pay a more realistic rent of £5-0-0 an acre from Michaelmas 1967.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the County Council about the village footpaths, if it was thought necessary.

It was reported that Mrs Agger, Miss Butler and the Clerk attend the Annual meeting of the Parish Councils Association at Huntingdon on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Cemetery.**

A full discussion was made on the management of the cemetery. The Clerk reported that he had agreed with Mr. G. Gaunt to keep it clean, but Mr. Gaunt had fallen ill, so the cemetery had got untidy before anyone else could be obtained, but it had been done now, and all the grass cut. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk should meet Mr. G. Hart to see if he would take on the position of caretaker, and if necessary obtain a rotary mower to keep the grass short. It was also resolved that no kerbstones should be allowed for memorials only headstones and footstones, none to exceed 3' 6", this action was taken so that the cemetery could be kept more tidy. It was also resolved to get a quotation to cement the paths as at the moment it was costly to keep them clean. It was resolved that the Clerk should get some cards printed so that all parishioners should know the rules of the cemetery.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Simms of the R. D. C. asking him to inspect all drains at Great Raveley.

Signed: W. F. Barham



# Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Upwood School on **Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1966** when the following were present.

**Present:** Mr. Barham, Chairman, Mrs Agger, Mrs Bannister, Miss Butler, Mrs Slote, Mr. Gaunt, Mr. Murfin, Mr. Walker, and the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr. Colbert, Mr. Edwards and Rev. Metcalfe.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

### **Arisings.**

The Clerk said he had been advised by the auditors to write to the Ministry of Agriculture asking permission to use the large balance on the allotment fund for other useful purposes of the Council, so in consequence he had written to the tenants of the dockfield telling them they would be expected to pay £5-0-0 per acre as from Michaelmas 1967.

The Clerk also informed the Council he had forms from the Ministry about allotments and would fill them up and send at a convenient time in the near future.

### **Cemetery.**

The Chairman and Clerk informed the Council that Mr. A. W. Brown had been appointed caretaker of the cemetery as from October 1<sup>st</sup> at £25-0-0 per year. The Clerk had had cards printed showing rules of the cemetery and Councillors promised to distribute them.

A quotation of £80-0-0 was received from Messrs. Murfin to cement the paths and vehicle stands in the cemetery, but it was resolved to get other quotations before making a decision.

### **Street Lighting.**

The Clerk had received a letter from the Electricity Authority stating that in the near future they were going to put certain cables in the village underground, and noticed that 3 of the street lights were in this authorities post, so they gave the Council notice to have them removed, but in so doing sent a quotation for 3 concrete posts for street lighting to take their place at £40-0-0 per light. The Council thought this was a high figure, so it was resolved to write and ask if the lights could stay on the posts, the Parish Council purchasing the posts.

### **Payment of Accounts.**

The following cheques were drawn for payment of accounts:

Street Lighting £29-4-11

L. W. Scarr £31-0-6 Salary, Audit stamp, cleaning of cemetery etc.



**Other Business.**

The Clerk spoke of correspondence referring to commons lands, survey of local authorities etc. and also the marks gained by Upwood in best village competitions, amounting to 64 out of 100.

It was resolved to write to the County Surveyor on the condition of roads, paths and drains in Upwood and Great Raveley and ask for an appointment so that an inspection could be made.

The Great Raveley representative spoke of the danger of the school bus turning at the old school. So it was resolved to write to the Director of Education asking him if it would be possible for the bus to turn farther down the village.

Signed: W. F. Barham