

At a meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish
Council held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on
Monday, 15th January, 1973,
at 8.0 p.m.

Present: Mr. K.G. Walker Chairman
Mr. T.C.E. Wells
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. W.F. Barham
Mr. E.C. Edwards
Mrs. J. Bannister

with the Clerk and
Mr. L.W. Scarr

1. Apologies for Absence.

An apology had been received from Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted.

2. Planning Applications.

The Parish Council agreed with the recommendations of the
Huntingdon R.D.C. with regard to plan numbers 5242, 5243 and 5252.

3. Upwood Parish Allotments.

After careful consideration of this matter the Parish
Council decided to delay any decision until after the Public Inquiry
to be held on 2nd February, 1973.

4. Public Inquiry.

The Chairman asked Mr. T.C.E. Wells to explain to the Parish
Council the progress so far.

On Friday, 2nd February at 10.30 a.m. a Public Inquiry would
be held in the Village Hall, Upwood. Mr. Jolliffe and his solicitor
would be opposing the compulsory purchase application for the Vicarage
Paddock and Mr. J. Newton of Messrs. Maule Sons and Winter, would
represent the Parish Council.

Mr. Wells and Mr. Gaunt had met Mr. Newton and both agreed
that the whole matter was very complicated. They had arranged to
call evidence from

(a) Mr. Martindale, on the Parish Council's behalf to
say how poor the facilities were in this area compared with Cambridgeshire.

(b) The County Planning Officer with regard to the best
site for a Recreation Ground.

(c) Mr. Wells would represent the Parish Council and
others included:

(d) certain representatives from the villages supporting the
claim. I.e. W.I., Parochial Church Council, Sunday School, mothers
from the village etc.

It was agreed to try and get a petition signed supporting the
scheme.

The Clerk was requested to duplicate a leaflet and circularise
the village explaining that members of the Parish Council would be
endeavouring to get a petition signed supporting the scheme. She was
also asked to furnish the Solicitor with a copy of any reference to the
proposed playing field in the Minutes.

27th February, 1973.

W. Wells
CHAIRMAN.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday, 13th February, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mrs. J. Bannister - Chairman
Mrs. O. Slote
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. E.C. Edwards
Mr. T.C.E. Wells

with the

Clerk and
Mr. L.W. Scarr

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. K. Walker, Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted and Mr. J.F. Barham.

2. Planning Applications.

Planning application number 5265 was discussed by the Parish Council and all were in agreement with the remarks and recommendations of the Huntingdon R.D.C.

3. Any other Business.

(a) Public Inquiry.

Mr. T.C.E. Wells reported that the Public Inquiry had been held but that there was no news to date. The Parish Council would have to wait until the Commission had reported to the County Council.

It was pointed out that a garage had been erected where the Parish Council proposed to have an access to the vicarage paddock, should they be successful in obtaining it for use as a playing field.

(b) Rolt's Wood.

The subject of Rolt's Wood was raised. Apparently it had recently changed hands and the Parish Council were concerned as to whether there was a preservation order on it. Mr. Wells reported that there was no preservation order and it appeared that there was nothing the Parish Council could do at the moment.

(c) Allotments.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Clerk of the Huntingdon Rural District Council stating that the Parish Council now realised that they had never been in a position to offer the allotment land for sale and it had been an **error**, originally made in 1964.

The Clerk was also requested to write to Messrs. Serjeant and Sons to try to receive an up-to-date report on the business of the allotments before the next Parish Council meeting on 27th February, 1973.

(d) The following cheques were signed:

(i) E.E.B.

£65. 41

(ii) D. Sallabanks: Mr. L.W. Scarr (salary
due for one month April
1972) 3.00

H.A. Darling 95

Palmer and Sons 2.46 6. 41

The Precept was also signed in the sum of 200. 00


CHAIRMAN.

27th February, 1973.

At a meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council, held in the Village
Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday 27th February,
1973, at 8.0 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Walker - Chairman
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mrs. O. Slote
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mr. E.C. Edwards
Mr. T.C.E. Wells
Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. R.A. Murfin

with the Clerk and
Mr. L.W. Scarr.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W.F. Barham.

2. Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting and subsequent planning application meetings were signed as correct.

3. Matters Arising.

(a) Sign Arms.

It was reported that the broken sign arms had been replaced in the village of Upwood but as yet they remained broken in both The Raveleys. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter.

(b) The Clerk was thanked for her prompt efforts in circularising the villages with news of a petition regarding the Public Inquiry.

(c) Allotments.

After discussion it was proposed and seconded that Mr. Gocher, of Messrs. Serjeant and Son, who should be looking after the business of the allotments for the Parish Council, should receive a letter asking for the answers to specific questions as follows:-

1. To clarify whether the allotments were owned by the Parish Council as such.

2. To confirm whether they were in fact Charity Lands or not Charity Lands.

3. If the answer to the above was 'yes' - to explain in more detail the Parish Council's responsibility and what could be done with the allotments.

It was resolved that a copy of the letter to Mr. Gocher should also be forwarded to the Clerk of the Huntingdon R.D.C.

4. Date of next Meeting.

The date of the next Annual Meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 22nd May, 1973, in the Village Hall, Upwood, at 8.0 p.m.

5. Date of Annual Parish Meeting.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 27th March, 1973, in the Village Hall, Upwood, at 8.0 p.m.

It was decided to include on the Agenda what had been done in the

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villages since the last Annual Parish Meeting in addition to items which had not yet been resolved.

It was proposed and seconded that Mrs. I. Agger of 4 High Street, Upwood, should be asked to be present in order that a full report could be forwarded to the local press. Notices of the forthcoming meeting should be posted outside the Village Hall, Upwood, one on the Church gate, one on Mr. M. Papworth's barn door and one at each of The Raveleys.

6. Mr. L.W. Scarr.

At this point, and because it was in connection with the Annual Parish Meeting, Mr. L.W. Scarr was asked to retire for a few moments. Mr. T.M. Gaunt then suggested that Mr. Scarr should receive some recognition of the Parish Council's gratitude for his many long years of service to the Parish Council and to the Village.

It was decided that Mrs. J. Bannister should deal with the matter of a suitable gift in consultation with Mrs. Scarr.

7. Correspondence.

(a) The Clerk was requested to write to Mr. R. Thompson informing him that the Parish Council had managed to re-let his allotment and he was, therefore, not now responsible for the rent. The allotment had been re-let at Mr. Thompson's request.

(b) The Clerk was requested to clarify the position under which the allotments had been let to Mr. A. Edwards and Mr. I.J. Bennett. Instead of on a 12 monthly basis the conditions should read 'on a 364 day basis only'.

(c) Unattended Dogs.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the correspondence she had received from the Clerk of the County Council regarding the possibility of a bye-law and unattended dogs. It was agreed that there was an error in para. 2 of the Clerk of the County Council's letter of the 29th December and that in fact complaints had been received from several residents in the village.

After discussion it was decided to have notices posted around the village appealing to dog owners to exercise more control over their animals and to try to ensure that they did not foul the footpaths. The Clerk was asked to try to arrange for the notices to be posted at Mr. Shaw's shop, on a lamp-post near the house of Mr. T.C.E. Wells, on the village notice board and wherever else she thought it appropriate.

(d) Countryside treasures.

The Clerk informed the meeting of such items which could be classed as Countryside Treasures and the Parish Council promised to list all the items they thought appropriate in time for the next meeting in order that they may be transferred neatly to a form which would then be forwarded to the County Planning Officer for his records.

(e) Following a request from Messrs. William Peacock and Sons the Parish Council raised no objection to a Headstone being moved to the centre of the two graves of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs.

9. Any other Business.

(a) The Clerk was requested to write to Mr. J. Moxon of The Round House, Bury Road, Ransoy, suggesting that the broken fence belonging to him and situated opposite the Ailwine Road should now be repaired.

(b) A complaint was received that the lorries working on a building site and using an access near to Mrs. Wannerton's house were bringing great quantities of mud out onto the footpath. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor asking him to deal with the matter.

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(c) It was reported that there was now a very bad approach from the new footpath to the Cemetery entrance. It was suggested that a wide step was necessary. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor informing him of the Parish Council's suggestion.

(d) The cutting down of the hedge beside the allotments was mentioned but after hearing that it had not in fact been actually dug up, and should benefit from the severe cutting back it had received, the Parish Council did not consider any action was necessary.

T.C. Williams

CHAIRMAN.

22nd May, 1973.

HUNTINGDON AND PETERBOROUGH PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION.

I write to report that I attended on Saturday, 3rd March, 1973, what I considered a very interesting and informative 'Information Course for Clerks'.

The Chairman, Mr. Martindale, made the introductions and Mr. L.M. Sewell, Clerk to Houghton and Hyton Parish Council, spoke on "The Clerk's Job".

Most of this procedure I seemed to be well aware of with the exception of the fact that the item 'Any other Business' should never appear on the Agenda. It was said that members of the Parish Council should always be discouraged from being able to raise matters not on the Agenda. Only at the Annual Parish Meeting should the item A.O.B. appear. It was suggested that Parish Council members should inform the Clerk at least seven days before the Agenda is due to go out of anything they wish to be raised. The Agenda should then be circulated at least three CLEAR days before the meeting.

It was considered advisable to circularise the Minutes of previous meetings if at all possible. Councillors were then more aware of what they would be discussing. In this connection the Parish Council should, if necessary, furnish the Clerk with the means of circularising the Minutes i.e. a typewriter and office equipment should be purchased or made available if at all possible. The Clerk should also claim every item of expenditure.

It was not for individual members of the Parish Council to give duties or instructions to the Clerk. Instructions must always come from the Council as a whole. Voting should be by a show of hands only. A Quorum consisted usually of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the number of Councillors.

With regard to contacts with outside Authorities - in the case of any difficulty the National Association would give free legal advice.

Records could always be deposited at the Records Office in Huntingdon where storage difficulties arose. Correspondence should be kept for about 5/7 years and Receipts and Financial Records etc. for a period of 7 years.

Public relations (i.e. summary of meetings to the Press etc.) was not the Clerk's job. The job of public relations still remained with the Councillors.

Mr. Martindale could not emphasise more strongly the link which must exist between the public and the Parish Council. In this connection he said that a good Notice Board was essential. This should be in a public place and with a glass front so that notices could be kept clean and dry. The names and addresses of the Councillors and the Clerk should be listed on the notice board.

It was advisable that the local Rural District Councillor should occasionally be invited to attend Council Meetings and also the County Councillor, bearing in mind the new Local Government Act and that some smaller Parish Councils would not have their own representative.

It was reported that the National Association had decided to hold Residential Courses for Parish Clerks at Bristol and Nottingham when 2 Clerks from each County should attend and then advise the remaining Clerks accordingly. All expenses would be paid by the Association.

When the new Local Government Act came into force on 1st April, 1974, all existing Parish Councils would remain. The Parish

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Council should become a focus of local opinion. There would be a new District Council which would serve a population of some 96,000 with only 50 members representing the Parish Councils. It was advised that the Parish Council must be active when the new District Council was formed. Smaller parishes could possibly be grouped together so that they qualified for the 200 electors required to constitute a Parish Council. If there were no more than 150 electors the District Council may dissolve the Parish Council.

After 1st April, 1974, the new dates for the Annual Parish Meeting would be between 1st March and 1st June. The Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held between the 4th and 18th day after the Parish elections. In the years when there was no election the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held in May. It would no longer be necessary for notices to be put on Church doors etc. One notice in a conspicuous place in the village was all that was necessary.

Proper officers would have to be appointed - this appeared to me irrelevant - what's in a name?).

In Parishes where elections were due this year these would be held on 7th June and Councillors would serve for a period of 3 years until 1976. Those Councillors elected in 1971 and 1972 would also serve until 1976. There-after elections would be held at 4 yearly intervals.

If Parish Councils notified the new District Council of their desire all planning applications would be received. The Parish Council would have a right to make representations and a right to know the results. It was considered essential that the people who live in a Parish had the right to know what planning applications were envisaged.

Burial Boards would be scrapped. The responsibility of closed Churchyards could be swung onto the new District Council.

With regard to finance it was observed that with the abolition of the rate limit, a Parish Council could have what it wanted but 'it would have to pay for it'. The free2p rate could be spent on virtually anything of interest for the Parish.

It would be more difficult to estimate the Precept from the 1st April due to the new County Rate. A Precept once served, however, was enforceable.

It appeared advisable to seek Mr. Martindale's assistance regarding the request for a Grant but they would be more freely available.

Most functions were free of V.A.T. which were the concern of the Parish Council. Clerks should not register.

2 signatures only would be required on cheques. Regarding Insurance, the Clerk should be covered by a fidelity guarantee.

We were told that Mr. Midwood would retire on 31st March, 1974.

D. SALLABANKS
Clerk.

The above notes, to the best of my knowledge, are correct. Any point may be disputed, however, and I will endeavour to amend any mistakes.

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At a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council, held in the Village Hall,
Upwood, on Monday, 12th March, 1973, at 8.0 p.m.

Present: Mrs. J. Bannister - Chairman
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. T.C.E. Wells
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mr. E.C. Edwards

with the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. O. Slote,
Mr. W. Barham, Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted, Mr. K.G. Walker, Mr. R. Hibberd
and Mr. L.W. Scarr.

2. Planning Applications.

(a) Plan numbers 5327, 5339 and 5349 all received the
approval of the Parish Council. The latter, however, was subject
to part of the wall being removed as a safety aspect.

(b) With regard to the appeal made by Mrs. Slote, the Parish
Council felt they could not change the views expressed when the
application was first considered.

3. Business of Allotments.

The Parish Council were made aware of the correspondence which
had taken place between the Clerk and Messrs. Serjeant and Son. It
was agreed (a) ~~that~~ the income from the land must be used for
Charitable purposes and must exceed the sum now raised by the Allotment
rents.

(b) to set up a sub-committee to look into the
matter and report their findings to the next meeting of the Parish
Council. The Sub-Committee should consist of Mr. T.C.E. Wells,
Mr. T.M. Gaunt and Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted.

T C E Wells

CHAIRMAN.

22nd May, 1973.

At the Annual Parish Meeting of Upwood and
The Raveleys, held in the Village Hall,
Upwood, on Tuesday, 27th March, 1973, at 8.0 p.m.

Present - Mrs. J. Bannister - Chairman
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mrs. O. Sloto
Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted
Mr. T.C.E. Wells
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mr. E.C. Edwards

with the Clerk, Mrs. I. Agger and several Parishioners.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. K. Walker and Mr. L.W. Scarr.

Mrs. Bannister said that she and Mr. T.M. Gaunt had been to see Mr. and Mrs. Scarr prior to the meeting and presented Mr. Scarr with a clock and Mrs. Scarr with flowers in appreciation of the many years Mr. Scarr had devoted to the villages of Upwood and The Raveleys in his position as Clerk to the Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed to formally record the Parish Council's appreciation of Mr. Scarr's years of devoted service. It had been intended to present the gifts during the meeting but Mr. Scarr was unwell and unable to attend.

2. Mrs. Bannister then reported on the achievements of the Parish Council since the last Parish Meeting and Mr. T.C.E. Wells gave a short report on the Public Inquiry. Unfortunately the result of the Public Inquiry was not yet known.

3. The following questions were then raised by the company present:

(a) Plant a Tree - 1973.

The Parish Council were asked whether they intended to do anything about the planting of trees in 1973. The Chairman said that whilst there were no schemes in operation at the moment the Parish Council would certainly consider the matter. Mr. Wells said that a 75% grant could be obtained from the County Council for the planting of trees.

(b) Over-flowing Dykes.

The question as to the responsibility of over-flowing dykes was discussed. The Parish Council being particularly concerned with the dyke round by the Spinney in Upwood and beside the new housing estate. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor to ascertain whose responsibility it was when this dyke overflowed onto private gardens in the vicinity and expressing their concern.

(c) Footpaths.

(i) It was confirmed that the County Council had agreed to divert the original footpath from across the new development. Footpaths could, with permission, be diverted and sometimes this was welcome.

(ii) The Parish Council agreed to write to the County Surveyor regarding the cricket field footpath as the tarmac was badly broken.

(iii) The footpaths through the Churchyard were in need of repair and Mr. T. Gaunt promised to look into this matter.

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(iv) The Parish Council received a complaint that the curbing round the footpath from Farn Close and Longholme Road was badly in need of repair. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor regarding this matter.

(d) Electricity.

(i) The last electric lamp standard to be put in the cul-de-sac in the Ailwine Road was leaning over. The Clerk was requested to contact the E.E.B. concerning this matter.

(ii) It was reported that one light was out in Huntingdon Road, Upwood, and one light out along the Top Road, Raveley. Again the Clerk was requested to contact the E.E.B.

(e) Cemetery.

The Parish Council received a complaint that the grass had been scorched in the old part of the Cemetery. Mr. T.M. Gaunt promised to see what he could do regarding this matter as the scorching process was considered unsightly and the grass would remain in the poor condition all summer.

It was agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to find out who was actually responsible for that old part of the Cemetery.

(f) Allotment Rents.

It was generally considered that the Allotment Rents were too low and the Parish Council promised to consider the matter at the next meeting on 22nd May.

4. The following cheques were signed:

(i)	Mrs. D. Sallabanks - salary November 1972 to	
	March 1973 inclusive	40. 00
	Postages	5. 32
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(ii)	Mr. L.W. Scarr - Hire of Village Hall	14. 00

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

T C & Wells

CHAIRMAN.

At a Meeting of the Parish Council held in
the Village Hall, Upwood, on Monday, 9th
April, 1973, at 8.0 p.m.

Present: Mrs. J. Bannister - Chairman
Mrs. I. Ayres
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. R.A. Murfin

with the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. T.C.E. Wells and
Mr. E.C. Edwards.

2. Planning Applications.

Plan No. 5376. The Parish Council still refused to agree to any
development on this site.

Plan No. 5379. No objection was raised to this application as it
was considered to be merely filling in of available space. No
industrial development should, however, be allowed on this side of the
Ransey Road.

3. Business of Allotments.

The Parish Council were made aware of correspondence which had
taken place between Messrs. Serjeant and Son, The Clerk and Mr. T.C.E.
Wells. They unanimously approved of a draft letter which the Clerk
had prepared and agreed that it should be forwarded to Messrs. Serjeant
and Son.

4. Any other Business.

The Parish Council were asked to consider co-opting new Councillors
and to produce suitable names at the next Parish Council Meeting arranged
for 22nd May.

T.C.E. Wells

CHAIRMAN.

22nd May, 1973.

At an Annual Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council, held in the Village Hall,
Upwood, on 22nd May, 1973, at 8.0 p.m.

Present: Mrs. R. Ayres
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. W. Barham
Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mr. T.C.E. Wells

with the Clerk and
Mr. L.W. Scarr.

1. Appointment of Chairman.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr. T.C.E. Wells be appointed to the Chair.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr. T.M. Gaunt be appointed Vice-Chairman.

3. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Bannister and Mr. E.C. Edwards.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February and subsequent meetings were signed as correct.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

(a) The Chairman expressed the view that the Annual Parish Meeting should have been more adequate with reports from the W.I., School Managers and Charities.

It was agreed that next year the Annual Parish Meeting should report to the Parish what had been done in the year and that the County Councillor should be invited to attend.

(b) Countryside Treasures.

Mr. Wells listed the items he considered should be classed as Countryside Treasures. He confirmed that Preservation Orders could only be placed on first class items.

(c) Clerk's Course.

(i) The Parish Council agreed to leave the item Any Other Business on the Agenda but an attempt should be made to keep it as brief as possible with the Parish Council informing the Clerk of any matters they wished to raise seven days before a meeting.

(ii) It was agreed that Mrs. Ayger should be invited to attend the meetings in future in order that a report could be inserted in the local press.

(d) Planting of Trees.

The W.I. had requested the permission of the Parish Council to plant some trees:

- (i) a Cherry tree in Ailwine Road approximately 40 yards from the bottom corner
- (ii) suitable trees in Helen's Close.

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It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the County Surveyor requesting permission. It was also decided that the Parish Council should plant some trees in the new Cemetery - Evergreens it was thought would be suitable and Mr. Murfin and Mr. Wells agreed to advise the Parish Council at the next meeting on 10th July.

(e) Footpaths through Churchyard.

Mr. Gaunt reported that the footpath through the Churchyard would be improved as he had discussed this with the Surveyor.

(f) Scorched Grass in Cemetery.

It was reported that an accident had occurred regarding the scorched grass and it would not happen again. Mr. Edwards was trying to improve the old Cemetery and the Parish Council were indeed pleased with his efforts so far.

(g) Allotment Rents.

Mr. E. Gowler and Mr. P. Harper were tenants of the Dockfield Allotment and the rent had been £5 per acre since 1968. It was proposed to get advice from the County Land Agent as to what would be a reasonable rent to charge.

(h) Co-opt new Councillors.

The following were proposed by the Parish Council to act as co-opted members until 1976:

Mr. N. Gowler (Jnr.)
Mr. E.W. Johnson
Mr. L.W. Scarr
Mr. Green

Mr. L.W. Scarr was unanimously proposed and he accepted. Mr. Wells said he - as Chairman - would see the other three people suggested and ask them if they were interested.

6. Correspondence.

(i) Step to new Cemetery.

The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor regarding the step to the new Cemetery and ask whether they had a better proposal than the placing of a wide step.

(ii) Overflowing Dyke.

The Chairman promised to furnish the Clerk with a map which would show the County Surveyor exactly which dyke was in question.

(iii) It was agreed to thank Mr. K.G. Walker and Mr. W. Hibberd for their years of service to the village as members of the Parish Council.

(iv) Charities.

Mr. L.W. Scarr reported on the rents collected which went into the Parish Council funds. They used to be given back and used to buy coal but this had been discontinued. Approximately £6 was in hand and if the Parish Council wished the boundaries could now be repaired.

Wosts Charity.

Mr. Scarr also reported that the Parish Council appointed the Trustees - the Vicar was an ex officio Trustee - and this Charity realised £13 which was allocated to widows.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Scarr for his report.

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(v) Mr. L. Holmes.

The Clerk reported that Mr. L. Holmes had only sent £6 rent for the 1.4 acres of land known as the Gravel Pits.

(vi) Best Kent Village Competition.

The Clerk was requested to post notices regarding this competition at various points in the village.

7. Receive Sub-Committees Report on the Business of the Allotments.

Mr. Wells reported on a Sub-Committee meeting held recently and also refreshed the Parish Council's memory of happenings to date. He recommended the following three things which the Parish Council could consider:

1. if the Parish Council could not use the income for the good of the village then the Parish Council should not consider selling but continue as at present.
2. sell part of the allotment land and use the interest on the capital for development of remainder for use as a Playing Field.
3. if the Parish Council could not sell, then they as Trustees could rent the land and use the money to be distributed for charitable purposes. The Parish Council could possibly develop the land as Playing Field.

The Clerk was requested to write to Messrs. Serjeant and Son stating that the Parish Council had considered the above proposals and would like to know whether these schemes would be acceptable to the Charity Commissioners.

8. Date of next Meeting.

The Parish Council decided to hold six meetings per year instead of the usual four. The date for the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 16th July at 7.30 p.m.

9. Any other business.

(i) Mr. Toms had made a request to the Parish Council for £20 of the money he was paid for attending to the Cemetery. The Parish Council decided that before payment Mr. T.M. Gaunt should consider what would be a correct figure to pay Mr. Toms in comparison with the work he had done so far.

(ii) A request had been received for an allotment and as the Parish Council must provide allotments for anyone who wanted one it was thought that some provision should be made. Mr. Wells agreed to attend to the matter and also to look into the report that Mr. I. Bennett, another allotment holder, had moved from the village.

(iii) Two New Dwellings, High Street, Upwood: The Parish Council had received a request for the electricity standard to be moved to a more convenient position. The Parish Council agreed to defer any decision until the next meeting and the Clerk was requested to ascertain from the applicant whether they would be involved in any expense.

(iv) The Parish Council were requested to assist with the forming of an 'Over 60's Club' in the village. They were asked their views on giving a donation. Since the Parish Council thought this matter should have been placed on the Agenda to give them more time to consider the request it was decided to defer any decision until the next meeting.

(v) The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor asking for the bricks to be removed from the path, where the Contractors were building the last dwelling on Bontloy Close Estate.

(vi) A question was asked as to what footpaths still remained across the old airfield. Mr. Wells promised to report.

It was pointed out, however, that Upwood Wood was closed to unauthorised persons.

(vii) Signing of Documents.

The Statement of Account was duly signed and also the Precept in the sum of £200.

Cheques were made payable to:

Eastern Electricity Board	£65.41	
Messrs. Welcher and White	£2.40	
Messrs. Maule Sons and Winter	£85.50	
Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd.	£ 1.50	
Parish Councils' Association	£ 8.00	(£8.35)

R. E. Wells

CHAIRMAN.

10th July, 1973.

At a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish
Council held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on
Wednesday, 6th June, 1973, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. T.C.E. Wells - Chairman
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mr. L.W. Scarr
Mr. E.C. Edwards
Mr. T.M. Gaunt

with the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Bannister and
Mr. W. Barham.

2. Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications were considered by the
Parish Council:

Plan No. 5441: no objection

Plan No. 5444: no objection

Plan No. 5470: the Parish Council agreed subject to satisfactory
access onto the High Street. The lowering of the wall either side
of the entrance for a short distance back to give adequate views
onto the road was considered a necessity by the Parish Council.

3. Signing of Cheques.

A cheque for £34.00 was signed as follows:

Mrs. D. Sallabanks (salary April to June inclusive)	24. 00
Mr. Toms	10. 00

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

T.C.E. Wells.

CHAIRMAN.

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday 10th July, 1973.

Present: Mr. T.C.E. Wells Chairman
Mr. L.W. Scarr
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mr. R.A. Murfin

with the Clerk and Mrs. I. Agger.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Slote and Mr. Edwards.

2. Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting and subsequent planning meetings were signed as correct.

3. Matters Arising.

1a. Planting of Trees.

No objections had been received from the Highways Department to the sites chosen for the planting of trees. It was suggested that the W.I. write direct to Mr. Hillson, the Divisional Surveyor, regarding their own arrangements.

b. Cemetery.

Mr. Murfin suggested the south side of the Cemetery would be an excellent site for tree planting. If successful further plantings could take place later. Scarlet Hawthorns were suggested.

ii. Allotment Rents.

In the opinion of the County Land Agent £10 per acre rent would be considered a more realistic figure to charge for the allotment rents. It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council had a moral obligation to raise the rent and they accepted Mr. Ashpole's recommendations.

The Clerk was requested to write to the tenants concerned informing them of the Parish Council's proposal to raise the rent.

iii. Co-opting Members to the Parish Council.

Mr. Wells reported that all nominees had been willing to serve as co-opted members to the Parish Council. After voting Mr. W.E. Johnson was elected.

iv. Mr. L. Holmes.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Holmes had now forwarded a cheque for the full amount of his rent.

v. Allotment Request.

A request had been received from a Mr. Lawlor for an allotment at Upwood. It was reported that Mr. I. Bennett had moved to Ramsey and the Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Bennett saying that the Parish Council expected he would wish to relinquish the allotment from Michaelmas, 1973.

vi. Electricity Standard.

The Parish Council raised no objection to the removal of the electricity standard as long as the Council were not involved in the .

/(vii) Over 60's Club.

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The Parish Council received a request for financial support for the newly formed Over 60's Club in the village. The Parish Council had the power to spend certain funds in the interests of the Parish. After discussion it was agreed to give the Over 60's Club the sum of £10 as a gesture from the Parish Council. The figure would be reconsidered annually.

viii. Footpaths across the Airfield.

It was reported that there were only two footpaths across the Airfield and these did not run anywhere near Upwood C.P. School. The whole of the Airfield area had no existing footpaths.

4. Correspondence.

i. Business of Allotments.

It was decided nothing could be done until the Parish Council heard from the Charity Commissioners.

ii. Step to Cemetery.

The Parish Council decided to leave this matter for the time being.

iii. Compulsory Purchase of Playing Field.

Mr. Wells reported that the Parish Council had won the Public Inquiry but as the Church Commissioners were going to apply for a certificate of alternative use to get maximum compensation (probably in the region of £30,000 to £40,000) it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Sub-Committee who would consult Mr. Martindale.

5. Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for September 18th at 7.30 p.m.

6. Any other Business.

i. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor asking that earth should not be dumped in Upwood High Street and left for weeds to grow upon it.

ii. Planning Applications.

Plan number 5486 was approved by the Parish Council.

T.C. & Wells.

Chairman.

18th September, 1973.

At a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on 27th August, 1973.

Present: Mr. T.C.E. Wells Chairman
Mrs. O. Sloto
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mr. T.E.F. Hompsted
Mr. L.W. Scarr
Mrs. J. Bannistor

with the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence.

An apology had been received from Mr. Barham.

2. Plan numbers 5569 and 5570 were approved by the Parish Council.

3. Choques.

The following cheques were signed:

Welcher and White	£1.08	- Fuel for Motor Mower
Mrs. D. Sallabanks	£25.	- £20 for Mr. Toms
		£5 for Audit Stamp

The Parish Council were reminded that in 1972 they agreed to pay Mr. Toms £40 per annum for the upkeep of both the old and new Cemeteries.

After discussion it was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council should pay Mr. Toms £20 as he had requested (he had already had £10) and leave the remaining £10 owing to him until a later date.

T.C.E. Wells.

CHAIRMAN.

18th September, 1973.

TEL: RAMSEY 2356

THE HIGHLANDS,
BURY,
HUNTINGDON.

15 October, 1973.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have received the following planning applications which are to be considered by the Huntingdon R.D.C. on 25th instant. Perhaps the Parish Council may wish to save a meeting if members agree the comments of the R.D.C. I realise that the Parish Council does not wish any further development in the Raveleys until road improvements are made but plan number 5647 appears to meet with approval as it is for an agricultural dwelling. If any member of the Parish Council wishes me to call a meeting, however, I will of course do so.

Yours faithfully,

D. SALLABANKS

Clerk to the Parish Council.

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Remarks or recommendation</u>
5647	M.J. Moate	Heath Lane, Gt.Raveley	Erection of a bungalow	Approval subject to agricultural occupation
5653	B.A. Peach	120 Huntingdon Road, Upwood	Construction of vehicular access and erection of garage	Approval

T.C.R. Wells.

At a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday, 18th
September, 1973, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. T.C.E. Wells - Chairman
Mr. T.M. Gaunt
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. T.E.F. Hempsted
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mrs. R.I. Ayres
Mr. W.E. Johnson
Mr. J. M. ...
Mr. J. L. ...

with the Clerk and
Mrs. I. ...

The Chairman welcomed Mr. W.E. Johnson as a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for Absence.

An apology was received from Mr. E.C. Edwards.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the last two meetings were signed as correct.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

(i) Allotment Request.

It was established that Mr. I.J. Bennett intended to give up the tenancy of his allotment at Michaelmas.

Mr. (Nipper) Edwards also wished to give up his five allotment holdings. It was therefore decided that Mr. Lawlor could be offered an allotment.

Mr. S. Townsend had made a request for an additional allotment which would still leave some free as from Michaelmas.

(ii) Compulsory Purchase of Playing Field.

The Chairman explained the position to the Parish Council regarding the piece of land which had been the subject of the Public Inquiry.

The Sub-Committee reported that although the Parish Council had in fact won the Public Inquiry they would not be in a position to purchase the land because the Church Commissioners, being duty bound to realise as much money as they could from their assets, would apply for compensation. With reluctance the Sub-Committee therefore recommended that the Parish Council, not being in a position to purchase the land, should withdraw. This was the advice of the Solicitor, the Clerk of the County Council and the Planning Authority.

It was proposed and seconded that the Sub-Committee's recommendation be carried.

(iii) Letter from Messrs. Serjeant & Son re: Allotments.

The Chairman read the correspondence which had been received from Messrs. Serjeants and the Charity Commissioners regarding the allotments. It was emphasized that they were basically a Charity for the Relief of Poverty.

After discussion the Chairman suggested the Clerk write again to the Solicitors and ask if the Parish Council could rent certain allotments. A draft letter was proposed and the Parish Council agreed the contents.

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4. 364 Day Tenancies.

It was agreed to allow certain of the allotments to again be let on a 364 day basis.

5. Public Footpath to Estate.

(a) Motor cyclists and cyclists were using the footpath regularly and the Clerk was requested to write to the County Council asking for a notice to be displayed prohibiting the use of the footpath by motor cyclists etc.

(b) The Clerk was also requested to draw the attention of the County Council to the danger to pedestrians of the vehicle access to the house sited next to the Public Footpath was in use. It was recommended that a fence or similar deterrent should be erected to prevent any accident.

6. Churchyards and Responsibility.

It was established that the Churchyard belonged to the Church whilst still in use and fees charged were used to pay for upkeep. The new Cemetery was opened in 1964 and this was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Mr. Scarr reported that in 1963 he asked the Parish Council if they would pay for the Church Cemetery to be mowed. This they agreed to do. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should officially accept responsibility for the old Cemetery as it was considered their duty to keep it in respectable order.

Mr. Gaunt reported that Mr. Toms had always kept the new Cemetery in a reasonable condition and the Parish Council gave Mr. Gaunt a free hand regarding the supervising of Mr. Toms. Mr. Gaunt promised to make a further report at the next meeting on any progress made.

7. Correspondence.

(a) A request for a memorial to the late Mr. F. Chester was approved.

(b)(i) A Planning Appeal by Mr. R.A. Thompson was supported by the Parish Council but the Clerk was requested to add that the Bridle-way should remain.

(ii) Plan no. 5606 - The Parish Council, before agreeing to the recommendation of the R.D.C. wanted to know the exact siting of this application.

Plan no. 5610 - The Parish Council raised no objection.

(c) District Meeting.

Mr. T.M. Gaunt and Mr. T.C.E. Wells agreed to attend the District Meeting on 26th September, 1973.

(d) Best Kept Village Competition.

The Clerk was requested to put the results of this competition on the Parish board.

8. Date of next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 20th November, 1973, at 7.30 p.m.

9. Any other Business.

(a) The following cheques were signed:

Welcher and White
Royal Insurance

72p
10. 00

(b) Clerk's Salary.

The District Auditor had requested that it be formally noted that the Clerk's Salary was raised to £100 per annum in November, 1972.

(c) Tree Planting

The Chairman reported that he had been to Brampton Garden Centre and recommended that the end of October, early November would be an appropriate time to plant the trees.

(d) Mr T.M. Gaunt apologised for any discourtesy to the Chairman earlier during the meeting.

(e) Over 60's Club.

It was agreed that a £10 cheque should be paid to Mrs. J. Green, 60, Huntington Road, Upwood.

Chairman
T.C. Wells.

20 November, 1973.

HUNTINGDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PARISH OF: UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS

Plan No.	Applicant	Situation	Description	Remarks or Recommendation
5715	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Iveagh	Whitehouse Farm, Gt. Raveley.	Erection of a covered yard and milking parlour	Approval

If the Parish Council have any objections to the above would they please let me know by Saturday, 15th December, 1973.

T.C. Wells

D. SALLABANKS

Clerk to the Parish Council.

PARISH OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS.

Plan No.	Applicant	Situation	Description	Remarks or recommendation
5729	Mrs. R.J. Whitehead	Pt. Parcel No. 80 High Street Upwood	5 Residential building plots (Outline Application)	Approval for four plots

The above to be considered by the Huntingdon R.D.C. on 17th January. Please let me have your comments.

T.C. Wills.

D. SALLABANKS

Clerk to the Parish Council.

Tel: Ramsey 2356 (after 2.0 p.m.)

At a meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council
held on Tuesday, 20th November, 1973, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. T.C.E. Wells - Chairman
Mr. T. Hempsted
Mr. L.W. Scarr
Mr. W. Barham
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. W.E. Johnson
Mr. E.C. Edwards
Mr. R.A. Murfin
Mrs. J. Bannister

with The Clerk and
Mrs. I. Agger

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Mrs. R. Ayres and Mrs. O. Slote.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

(a) Allotments and Rents.

The Clerk reported that all allotment rents had now been received. Mr. A. Edwards had, by agreement, been farming Mr. G. Moulds allotment and had paid his rent. Mr. S. Townsend would like another allotment next to his present one - Mr. Lawlor had been told which allotment had been allocated to him.

(b) Cemetery.

Mr. Gaunt reported that the new cemetery was in quite good order. The old cemetery, however, whilst as good as it had been for a long time, the rear and sides needed tidying up. The Chapel of Rest was improved but needed money spending on it.

A suggestion was made that as the village had an active Youth Club they might be able to assist - under supervision - with maintenance. It was decided to leave the matter and report at the next meeting after contact had been made with the Youth Leader.

Mr. Toms wage was discussed and it was decided to continue with the £40 p.a. paid to him relying on voluntary help regarding the upkeep.

(c) Tree Planting.

Mr. Wells reported a successful tree planting. Several members of the Parish Council supported the event.

He thanked Mr. Murfin for helping with the digging of the holes. If the trees 'took' it was hoped to plant more next year.

4. Correspondence.

(a) Playing Field.

The meeting had been circularised with a précis of information that had happened to date.

The Charity Commissioners would not agree to suggestions made for the Parish Council to rent the land for use as a playing field. The Chairman, therefore, asked for suggestions as to what reply should be made to the Charity Commissioners.

It was finally decided to try and make an appointment to see Sir David Renton and the Charity Commissioners together to discuss the matter /and

and endeavour to resolve the problem.

(b) Public Footpath to Estate.

Correspondence was made known to the meeting and the Clerk was requested to write again to the County Surveyor asking for the matter to be expedited.

(c) Annual Report on West Charity.

Mr. Scarr reported that the Charity was usually allocated at Christmas time, chiefly to widows, but there were some exceptions.

Annual Report on The Raveleys Charity.

Mr. Edwards reported that The Raveleys Charity existed at present of income from three tenants of the allotments. The money was paid into the Parish Council account.

It was agreed to place the question of allotment rents on the agenda for the next meeting.

(d) Estimate Precept for 1974/75.

The Parish Council were informed that in 1973/74 the Precept had been estimated at £450. Mr. Scarr explained how the estimate was reached and finally a figure of £500 for 1974/75 was agreed upon to cover inflation.

(e) Planning Applications.

(i) Planning applications circularised to the Parish Council on 8th October, 1973, were approved by the Parish Council.

(ii) Plan No. 5674 was discussed and the Clerk was requested to write to the R.D.C. Surveyor setting out the following observations:-

(a) The Parish Council were extremely concerned at such a large development in the centre of the village with no playing facilities within the estate.

(b) Had adequate provision been made for the extra sewage and drainage?

(c) The Parish Council were anxious to know exactly the position of the access to the proposed estate.

The Parish Council were on the whole disappointed at the lack of information received with a major development such as this and expressed a desire to meet the Planning Authority on the subject.

5. Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 22nd January, 1974, at 7.30 p.m.

6. Any other Business.

(a) Eastern Electricity Board.

The Parish Council were made aware of correspondence from the E.E.B. with regard to the possibility of electricity cuts.

It was reported that a street light in Gt. Raveley was in need of repair.

The Parish Council also consented to repairs under Ref. 22563 to be carried out in Upwood.

(b) Planning Applications.

The Chairman read a letter which had been received from the Huntingdon District Council regarding future planning applications. The Parish Council agreed in general with the contents but expressed a wish to have the opportunity of discussing major development in detail.

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(c) Sign Arms.

It was reported that on the new sign arms at Gt. Raveley only 'Upwood' and 'Bury' were shown and, likewise, 'Woodwalton'. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Surveyor asking why 'Ramsey' and either the 'Al' or 'Gt. North Road' had not been included.

T.C.E. Wells.

CHAIRMAN.

22nd January, 1974.