

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th January, 1978.

Present - Mr. A. Blacknall - Chairman
Mr. W. Barham
Miss F. Butler
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. N. Gowler
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. W. E. Johnson
Mr. R. W. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
with Mrs. I. Agger and the
Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from -

Mr. E. Edwards

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1st November, 1977, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Bentley Close Play Area

The Chairman reported that no reply had yet been received from the Huntingdon District Council concerning the Play Area. He said that it was extremely difficult to get a reply from the District Council.

After some discussion Mr. T. Gaunt offered to visit Huntingdon District Council (Mr. Bly) in an effort to finalise the matter.

(b) Uncultivated allotments

The Chairman reported that two of the allotments had been given up by two tenants who had refused to pay their rent. After some discussion, Mr. T. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Scarr, that the amount owing should be written off. This was agreed.

The Chairman said that the allotments in question had been left in an extremely bad state. After discussion, it was proposed to offer these allotments to Mr. W. Taylor on the condition that he accept the allotments for two years, the first year being rent free in return for cleaning them up and also on the understanding that the Parish Council may in the future need part or all of the allotments back for bona fide tenants.

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(c) Trees

The Chairman reported that the replacement trees for cemetery had arrived and that he had planted them.

(d) Electricity Board

The Chairman reported that the ditch in question had been satisfactorily cleaned out.

(e) Transport Review

Mr. W. E. Johnson reported that he had attended both meetings. He gave a brief report of the items discussed and said that at the last meeting the Cambridgeshire County Council had prepared a questionnaire for the villagers to complete. Copies were handed out which were to be distributed by Mrs. J. Bannister, Mr. R. Scarr and Mr. W. Johnson.

(f) Jubilee

The Chairman reported that the sum of £111-38 had been given to the Village Hall Committee.

(g) Cemetery

The Chairman reported that there was still enough consecrated ground in the cemetery available for approximately the next twenty-five years. It was agreed to review the conditions of use of the cemetery at the next meeting.

(h) Street Lighting

It was reported that the lights in High Street were still out, as were those in Meadow Road, Church Lane and one in Huntingdon Road. It was also reported that the lights in Great Raveley were constantly flickering and not working properly. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again to the Eastern Electricity Board concerning these matters.

(i) Posters

The Chairman reminded those present that the Parish Council had agreed to display posters advertising events at the St. Ivo Centre. It was agreed, in view of the size of some of the posters received, that only those of an educational nature would be displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received.

- (a) Circulars 121/77 from the Department of the Environment concerning the Local Government Act 1972 : Parish Reviews.

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- (b) Bulletin from the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils.
 - (c) Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils - application form for Capital Loans 1978/9.
 - (d) Cambridgeshire Community Council : Age Concern letter publicising the Cambridgeshire Draw.
 - (e) Cambridgeshire Community Council : Minibus Act 1977.
 - (f) Cambridgeshire County Council - confirmation of imposition of 30 and 40 mph speed limits at Kings Ripton and Upwood and The Raveleys.
 - (g) County of Cambridgeshire - letter concerning 'bus service to Ramsey. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County Surveyor saying that Thursday was not a good day for Upwood as it was half-day closing in Ramsey.
 - (h) Letter from the Eastern Electricity Board concerning the increase in cost of Street Lighting Energy and Maintenance charges from 1.4.78.
 - (i) Copies of the Anglian Water Authority's Report 1976-77 which were distributed.
 - (j) Copy of the Cambridge Community Health Report.

5. Cheques

The following cheques were signed -

Eastern Electricity Board £131-44.

6. Any other business

(a) Planning Application

The Chairman said that an application for renewal for temporary site offices, stores, etc., at Upwood Airfield had been received from McAlpine Services and Pipelines Ltd. There were no objections.

7. Time and Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting which would be held in Upwood Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th March, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

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Blackwell

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish
Council held after the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 8th March, 1978.

Present:

Mr. A. Blacknall - Chairman
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mr. W. Barham
Miss F. Butler
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. W. E. Johnson
Mr. R. Scarr
with Mrs. I Agger
and the Clerk.

1. Allotments

It was agreed that Mr. Greasley's allotment should be shared between the two applicants, Mr. Slinn and Mr. Woples.

2. Documents

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Senior Archivist of the Cambridgeshire County Record Office regarding the Parish records where were kept in a tin trunk in the Church. As they appeared to be getting damp it was proposed that they should be kept at the Record Office for safe keeping. Mr. R. W. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mrs. Greasley, that the Senior Archivist's offer be accepted. This was agreed.

Blacknall

Minutes and Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday, 8th March, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr. A. Blacknall - Chairman
 Mrs. J. Bannister
 Mr. W. Barham
 Miss F. Butler
 Mr. E. Edwards
 Mr. T. Gaunt
 Mrs. N. Greasley
 Mr. W. E. Johnson
 Mr. R. Scarr
 with Mrs. I. Agger
 and the Clerk.

Councillor N. Bunnage

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. O. Slote.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March, 1977, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Midi-bus

The Chairman said that after considerable discussion the Parish Council felt they should not back the midi-bus because, at that time, it was not being used sufficiently by the public.

(b) Spinney

The Chairman said that this matter had now been dealt with satisfactorily.

(c) Dogs

The Chairman reported that there was nothing more that could be done about this matter.

4. Reports

The School - Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells reported on the many and varied School activities including school visits made by the children, workshops, music and drama. The PTA continued to grow in strength and the work of the school continued to attract a large number of visitors each year. Mr. Wright of Upwood House had visited the school and given illustrated talks on the subject of architecture. In conclusion, Mrs. Wells said that most of the school's outside functions were open to all members of the village and that the Headmaster hoped that local support for the school would continue.

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Village Hall - Mr. Mumby

Mr. Mumby reported that the small room of the Village Hall had been decorated by volunteers and a new ladies' toilet and kitchen had been added to the larger improvements of the hall. He said that the help that the Committee had received from the village during the year had been outstanding. He also said that the donation from the Jubilee Fund had speeded up the improvements. A ten-week draw would begin in April to raise more funds for the Village Hall. In closing, Mr. Mumby thanked all those who had contributed in various ways to the Hall during the past year.

Cricket Club - Mr. Mumby

Mr. Mumby reported that a successful season had been enjoyed by the Club. He said that the Club had won the Smith Barry Junior Cup and also the Coote Cup. Tim Pettit had won the Barham Trophy for the most match awards. Although £400 had been spent on the ground, the club was still in a healthy financial position. The Club had an attractive fixture list for the forthcoming season and they were looking forward to getting some younger members from the village.

Over Sixties - Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green reported a successful year with an increase in membership. The entertainment provided for the meetings had been good and in addition to a free Christmas dinner provided for all members, there had been several mystery tours as well. Their main fund-raising effort had been a knit-in which had raised over £100, the knitted squares being made into blankets for Save the Children. The Chiropody Clinic had started again but was not entirely successful as the chiropodist could only see eight people at a time.

W.I. - Mrs. Salmon

Mrs. Green read the W.I. report prepared by Mrs. Salmon. The W.I. had had a successful year with several new members being recruited. Funds had been raised for the Red Cross, the Association for the Blind and the Jubilee. Members had taken part in the East of England Show and one member had won a silver cup for floral display at the one-day W.I. exhibition at Huntingdon. Outings to Sandringham and Eppingham Reservoir had been arranged and contributions made to the Village Hall improvements, including curtains which had been made by one of the members.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Mr. A. Blacknall, reported on the work of the Parish Council throughout the year.

He reported that a new Clerk had been engaged in place of Mrs. Sallabanks who had resigned.

Street lighting had been a problem but this had been overcome.

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Rural transport had cropped up several times during the past year but it appeared that the midi-bus, due to the round route, would not solve many of the village's problems. Mr. Johnson had attended discussions organised by the bus company and the County Council on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman said that although the discussions were a sincere attempt to provide an adequate service such efforts were faced with the problems of lack of money and few passengers.

The dangerous trees in the copse had been dealt with by the owners and the Council had decided not to take trees under the planting scheme until it was seen how many trees were required to replace those ruined by the various diseases, especially at the corner of Huntingdon Road and Ramsey Road. Four shrubs were planted in the cemetery to replace those which had died.

The Parish Council had asked that the speed limit of 40 m.p.h. be extended past the school and to the end of the houses on Longholme Road. In spite of the efforts of the Council the County Council decided that there was no need for such a restriction on these pieces of roadway.

The Jubilee celebrations were a success and the sum of £111 had been handed over to the Village Hall Committee to help with the cost of renovating the small room and bar.

The Chairman said that no decision had yet been reached concerning the Bentley Close Play Area, and Mr. H. Bunnage, District Councillor, said he would bring this matter up at a meeting he would be attending in the near future.

The Chairman also reported the resignation of Mr. Nigel Gowler who had removed to Warboys.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked all the representatives of the organisations present who helped to make Upwood and The Raveleys a very pleasant place.

6. Any other business

- (a) The Parish Council were asked if it would ask the Huntingdon District Council once more for a provision of a speed limit coming past the school. The Chairman said that he felt the Huntingdon District Council would not reverse their decision.
- (b) It was proposed by Mr. W. E. Johnson, seconded by Mr. T. Gaunt that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. D. Sallabanks for her work as Clerk.
- (c) Parishioners asked if a properly worded sign could be erected to direct people to Bentley Close. The Chairman said that this had been requested but to date no reply had been received from the District Council.
- (d) Parishioners asked if one or two street lights through Church Way could be erected as it was very dark in that area and a number of people used it. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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- (e) In reply to a question concerning the Bentley Close Play Area, Councillor Bunnage said he would investigate the matter further.
6. (f) It was reported that a street light opposite 2 Milwine Road was out.
7. Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, 16th May, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

W. G. Johnson
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Minutes and Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Upwood and
The Raveleys Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Upwood,
on Tuesday, 16th May, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Mr. A. Blackmall - Chairman
Mrs. J. Bannister
Miss F. Butler
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. W. E. Johnson
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. N. Bunnage - District Councillor
with Mrs. I. Agger and the
Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. W. Barham

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th January, 1978, and the special meeting held on Tuesday, 8th March, 1978, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Bentley Close Play Area

Mr. Gaunt reported that he had visited the Huntingdon District Council in an attempt to clarify the ownership of the Play Area. According to the District Council's records the land still belonged to the contractor. This was confirmed by Mr. Bunnage. After some discussion the Chairman said that he felt the Parish Council could not take responsibility for the area until it was under their ownership. This was agreed.

(b) Uncultivated Allotments

The Chairman reported that Mr. W. Taylor had agreed to the Parish Council's proposals concerning these allotments but had not confirmed this in writing.

It was reported that one of the allotment tenants had now left the district. After some discussion it was agreed that the vacant allotment should be advertised on the parish notice board. It was proposed by Mr. Gaunt, seconded by Mrs. Greasley that only persons living in the parish would be eligible to apply. This was agreed.

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4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Nominations for Chairman were:

Mr. W. E. Johnson, proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt, seconded by Mr. R. Scarr.

Mr. Johnson was elected as Chairman and took the chair. He then paid tribute to Mr. A. Blacknall for the work he had done during his period of office.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman were:

Mr. T. Gaunt, proposed by Mrs. J. Bannister, seconded by Mr. R. Scarr.

Mr. Gaunt was elected as Vice-Chairman.

5. Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th March, 1978 - matters requiring immediate attention.

(a) Speed Limit

No reply had yet been received and the Clerk was requested to write again.

(b) Street Sign

It was reported that the sign was now in place.

(c) Street Lights

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Eastern Electricity Board asking for a quotation for the supply of a street light on Church Path leading to Ailwine Road and also for a street light to be placed between Manor House and Meadow Road corner on the Huntingdon Road.

6. Cemetery

After some discussion concerning the upkeep of the cemetery, it was agreed that a copy of the regulations concerning the placing of headstones, vases, etc., should be sent to the local undertakers with a request to make the conditions known to persons concerned and thus endeavour to regularise the use of the cemetery.

It was also agreed that the Chairman should discuss the question of the upkeep of the cemetery with Mr. Toms to see if further improvements could be made with regard to tidiness, etc.

7. Parish Notice Board

It was reported that the Parish Notice Board was in need of minor repairs. Mr. Gaunt suggested that Mr. Vern Edwards would be a suitable person to approach concerning this. This was agreed.

8. Planning Application

Planning application 76H0600/780 was then discussed. The Parish Council felt that there should be a very strong objection to this bearing in mind that the sewerage plant in Upwood was already overloaded.

9. Correspondence

Circulars from Peterborough Community Health Council including a copy of the Community Health Report.
 Huntingdon District Council : Children's Playground Apparatus.
 Revised arrangements for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.
 Huntingdon District Council : Grass cutting in villages. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor asking the Council to at least maintain the amount cut at present.
 County Archivist : Receipt of Parish Council documents.
 Mr. Sortwell : Road flooding and deterioration of same in Great Raveley. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor asking for the road to be attended to. The Anglian Water Authority were already working on the water problem.
 Mr. Sortwell would be informed of this.
 Huntingdon District Council : Highways and waste disposal.
 Huntingdon District Council 'Bus service to Ramsey.
 Upwood Village Hall Committee : Letter of thanks for the donation made of £111-78.
 Cambridgeshire County Council : County Rate 1978.
 Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Circulars

10. Cheques and Documents

The following payments were approved:

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| Mr. E. Toms | £10-00 | (1977/78) |
| National Association of | | |
| Local Councils | £21-60 | |
| Cornhill Insurance | £3-00 | |
| Welcher and White | 0-85 | |
| Upwood Village Hall | £24-00 | |
| Mr. Toms | £10-00 | (1978/79) |
| Mrs. Wade (postages) | £12-53 | |
| Mrs. Wade (salary) | £76-00 | |
| Anglian Water Authority | £3-34 | |
| E.E.B. | £131-44 | |

Precept in the sum of £1,100.

11. Election of Parish Councillors : Distribution of nomination papers

Mrs. Slote agreed that she would hold the nomination papers. It was also agreed that a copy of the electoral roll for Upwood and the Raveleys would be requested.

12. Application for Allotment

The Parish Council approved Mr. Reeve's application to take over the tenancy of Mr. Blacknall's allotment on Mr. Blacknall's removal from Upwood.

13. Allotment Agreements

It was suggested that all allotment tenants should be subjected to an allotment agreement. After some considerable discussion, it was agreed to leave the producing of a draft copy of a simple form of agreement to the Chairman and Clerk for approval at the next meeting.

14. Any other business

(a) Great Raveley Allotments

Mr. Gaunt reported that the tenants of the Great Raveley Allotments had requested that a gate be provided to the allotments to protect them from cattle which might be straying along the road.

After considerable discussion, it was felt that a gate was not necessary in view of the fact that the hedges were at ground level and cattle were no longer driven along the road in question.

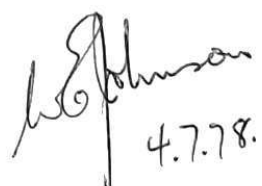
Mr. Blacknall proposed, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the tenants should be informed that the Parish Council were unable to comply with their request. The motion was carried.

(b) Kerb

Mrs. Greasley reported that people using wheel chairs and elderly persons were finding the kerb at the corner of Church Lane and Huntingdon Road too high to negotiate without difficulty. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Surveyor to ask if the kerb could be lowered.

15. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 4th July, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.


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Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th July, 1978.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Mr. W. Barham
Miss F. Butler
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mr. A. Blacknall
Mrs. S. Cousins
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. R. V. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
with Mrs. I. Agger and the
Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Susan Cousins, a newly elected Parish Councillor, who signed the declaration of office.

1. Apologies for absence

Mr. E. Edwards.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th May, 1978, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Vacant allotment

The Chairman reported that no-one had yet applied for tenancy of the vacant allotment and that the notice had disappeared from the notice board.

(b) Street Lights

The Chairman said that a quotation had been received from the Eastern Electricity Board for the supply of one new street lamp midway between Meadow Road and Manor House and one new street lamp along Church Path - the total cost being £95-00. After some discussion, Mr. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mrs. Greasley, that the quotation should be accepted and that a further quotation be requested for an additional street lamp midway between Helen's Close and the Village Hall. It was further agreed that should the total cost of all three street lamps not exceed £150-00 that the work should be put in hand as soon as possible.

(c) Cemetery

A copy of the current cemetery regulations had been circulated to all members. After considerable discussion it was agreed to leave any amendments to the cemetery regulations until the next meeting so that the Clerk could ascertain if there were any bye-laws governing this matter under which the Parish Council could act.

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It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the War Graves Commission concerning the condition of the Servicemen's graves in the old cemetery.

The Chairman then reported that he had discussed the question of upkeep of the cemetery with Mr. Toms and that Mr. Toms had said he had no problems concerning his work in the new cemetery.

It was also agreed to write to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council regarding the condition of the old cemetery which was giving the Parish Council cause for concern.

(d) Parish Notice Board

Mr. Gaunt reported that he had asked Mr. V. Edwards to undertake the necessary repairs to the Parish notice-board but due to ill-health and various other matters Mr. Edwards had not been able to attend to it. Mr. Edwards hoped to carry out this work in the very near future.

(e) Allotment Agreements

The draft copy of the proposed allotment agreement was circulated and fully discussed. Several amendments were suggested and accepted for incorporation into the agreement. Mr. A. Blacknall proposed, seconded by Mr. T. Gaunt, that the agreement, as amended at the meeting, should be effective as from Michaelmas, 1978. This was agreed.

(f) Kerb at the corner of Huntingdon Road

The Chairman reported that Mr. Gaunt and himself had had a meeting with Mr. W. Bellis, Divisional Surveyor. They had toured the whole village and had agreed that the kerb at the corner of Huntingdon Road and in several other places should be lowered. The Chairman said that there was a limit on the amount of work the Divisional Surveyor was allowed to do in point of view of finance but he had promised that the work would be put in hand as soon as possible. In addition, a white line would be painted across the bottom of Ailwine Road leading into the High Street.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Bellis on their behalf to thank him for the time and trouble he had taken in this matter.

(g) Planning Application 76H0600/780

In reply to a question concerning Planning Application 76H0600/780 the Chairman said that the District Council's decision was not yet known.

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4. Correspondence

Copy of the Local Government **Boundary** Commission for England
Report No. 286.

List of Best Kept Village draw ticket holders.

Circular - Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils.

Best Kept Village Competition 1978 - results of the Preliminary Rounds.

Huntingdon District Council : Director of Technical Services.
Refuse collection.

Cambridgeshire County Council : Parish Tree Planting Scheme 1978/9.
After discussion, it was agreed that a request should be made
for the Trees and Woodlands Officer to discuss a planting scheme
for the High Street/Ramsey Road junction with the Chairman and
Vice-Chairman.

Cambridgeshire County Council : County Planning Officer. Parish
Planting in Upwood.

Cambridgeshire Community Council : Work Experience Scheme. It
was agreed to write to the County Planning Officer to suggest
that help could be given to the tidying up of the old cemetery
and the cutting of weed growth and checking of stakes on trees
planted recently in the village.

National Association of Local Councils : Circular 352 - Parish
Reviews.

Huntingdon District Council : Local Government Act 1972 : Parish
Reviews.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to suggest to the
District Council that Upwood boundary should be extended to the
RAF Camp boundary and to include all the married quarters instead
of only part as it does at present. This was agreed.

5. Cheques and Documents

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| Welcher and White | £9-84 |
| Department of the Environment | £20-52 |
| Mr. Toms | £10-00 |

Street Lighting Charges - Eastern Electricity Board

Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate - Mr. Hoy.

6. Accounts for the Financial Year 1977/78

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Accounts for the
Financial Year 1977/78 had been audited and found to be correct.

The following observations had been made by the District Auditor -

- (a) The amount of the Fidelity Guarantee should be
increased to £1,000. This was agreed.

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- (b) Quotations for Fidelity Guarantee and Public Liability Insurance should be obtained from the Cornhill Insurance Company thus having all the insurances with the same company. This was agreed with the amendment that a quotation should be obtained from another Insurance Company.
- (c) That the Allotment rents and Burial Fees should be reviewed by the Parish Council to bring them into line with current charges. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed in full at the next Parish Council Meeting when more information would be available.
- (d) That a proportion of the money held in the current account at Barclays Bank Ltd., should be transferred to the Parish Council's Deposit Account. This was agreed.

7. Any other business

- (a) A query was raised concerning the number of rats seen on the haystack belonging to Mr. Racey of Church Farm. As rats are vermin and represent a hazard to health it was agreed, after discussion, that the Chairman should visit Mr. Racey and express the Parish Council's concern regarding this matter.
- (b) A complaint was made about the condition of the footpath at the bottom of High Street opposite Welcher and White which was badly overgrown. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would ask Mr. Toms to clear the footpath and to offer him a fee of £3-00 for so doing.
- (c) A complaint had been received concerning the condition of the cul-de-sac in Ailwine Road - the paths being uneven and the grass not cut. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor concerning this.

8. Time and date of next meeting

Tuesday, 5th September, 1978, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

W. E. Johnson
5.9.78.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I, Susan Elizabeth Cousins, having been elected
to the office of Parish Councillor, hereby
declare that I take the said office upon myself,
will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof,
according to the best of my judgement and ability.

Dated this 4th July, 1978 .

Signature.....*S. Cousins*.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before me:

.....*A. Blackwell*.....
Member of the Parish Council

Minutes and Proceedings of a meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Tuesday, 5th September, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr. W. E. Johnson : Chairman
 Mr. W. Barham
 Miss F. Butler
 Mrs. S. Cousins
 Mr. T. Gaunt
 Mr. R. Scarr
 Mrs. O. Slote
 with Mrs. I. Agger and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs. N. Greasley
 Mr. A. Blacknall

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1978, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Parish Notice Board

The Chairman reported that the repairs had now been completed.

(b) Kerb at the corner of Huntingdon Road

The Chairman reported that the kerb had been lowered at the corner of Huntingdon Road and also at the corner of Ailwine Road and at Meadow Road. A white line had been painted at the bottom of Ailwine Road.

(c) Parish Tree Planting Scheme

The Chairman said that it had proved difficult to get in touch with Mr. Megginson due to holidays etc., but he had arranged for Mr. Megginson to meet Mr. Gaunt and himself on Thursday, 14th September at 4.15.p.m.

(d) Work Experience

The Chairman reported that a reply had been received agreeing in principle to the requests made by the Parish Council, but no commencing date had been mentioned.

(e) Parish Boundaries

A request would be sent to the Huntingdon District Council as a map showing the boundaries of the parish had now been obtained.

(f) Insurances

The Chairman reported that quotations had been obtained for the Fidelity Guarantee and the Public Liability Insurance and that the Cornhill Insurance Company quoted the most favourable terms.

He said that the lamp posts had been quoted separately by the Royal Insurance Company.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Fidelity Guarantee and the Public Liability Insurance should be taken out with the Cornhill Insurance Company and that the lamp posts would be insured with the Royal Insurance Company who had quoted the most favourable terms for this particular item.

(g) Vernin

The Chairman reported that this matter had now been resolved satisfactorily.

(h) Footpath

The Chairman reported that Mr. Toms and himself had inspected the footpath. He said that Mr. Toms had agreed to clean up this path but felt that the work involved was worth more than the £3-00 offered. The Chairman said that he had asked Mr. Toms to keep a note of the time spent on this job so that a mutually satisfactory price could be agreed. The Chairman's action was approved.

A point was also raised about the disposal of rubbish in the cemetery and it was agreed to write to the Technical Services Department to ask if a collection could be made from the cemetery.

(i) Cul-de-sac : Ailwine Road

The Chairman reported that the grass had been cut and a letter had been received from the County Surveyor to say that the matter would be attended to.

4. Cemetery

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council to clarify the responsibilities in regard to the old cemetery and to say that the condition of the cemetery was giving the Parish Council cause for concern.

With regard to the proposed amendments to the cemetery regulations, it was agreed after some discussion that no amendments should be made.

After some discussion, Mr. T. Gaunt proposed that the fees charged for the cemetery should be left as they are but should be reviewed in two years' time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barham and carried.

5. Eastern Electricity Board

The Chairman said that the quotation discussed at the previous meeting only referred to the connection of services and not to the cost of providing the lamp post.

After some discussion, it was agreed that a complete quotation for an additional lamp in Huntingdon Road should be obtained but the request for a lamp to be supplied in the High Street and in Church Way should be left in abeyance for the time being.

The Clerk was requested to enquire if a meeting between one of the Eastern Electricity Board's technical experts and members of the Parish Council would be possible in order to go into the possibility of improving the whole lighting system in Upwood and The Raveleys - perhaps with the installation of sodium lighting.

6. Allotments

(a) Rents

After considerable discussion Mr. R. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mrs. O. Slote, that the allotment rents should not be raised. The motion was carried.

(b) Other matters

Mr. Gaunt reported that Mr. Robinson of Great Raveley had informed him that he wished to give up the tenancy of the allotments at Great Raveley.

It was confirmed that Mr. W. Taylor should enjoy a fixed tenancy of three years in consideration of the work he had done in keeping the Upwood allotments clean. The motion was proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt, seconded by Mrs. O. Slote and was carried.

7. Mr. Toms - Salary

The Chairman said that Mr. Toms' present salary was £40-00 per annum. Mr. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Scarr that Mr. Toms' salary should be raised to £60-00 per annum. This was agreed.

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8. Correspondence

County Surveyor's Department : Bus Service Changes
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Notice of Annual Meeting.
Best Kept Village Competition : Results.
Age Concern - Cambridgeshire Community Council Draw Results
Association for Neighbourhood Councils. After some discussion
it was decided that no action should be taken.
SMP (Landscapes) Ltd. Catalogue of Playground Equipment.
Booklet : Planning Permission : A Guide for Householders.

9. Cheques

V. G. Edwards £6-30
Mr. Toms £10-00
Welcher and White £1-71
An Anglian Water Authority £3-31
Cornhill Insurance Co. £11-00

Mr. Gaunt said that Welcher and White were not happy about booking small amounts incurred by Mr. Toms when purchasing petrol, etc., for the mower. It was agreed that Mr. Toms would be requested to pay cash at time of purchase and would be reimbursed.

10. Any other business

- (a) The Chairman said that the Clerk's Salary would be discussed at the next meeting.
- (b) The Chairman reported that Mr. Sortwell of Great Raveley had written concerning the state of the road in the village. He said that he had been to see Mr. Sortwell and felt that he had cause for complaint. Mr. Sortwell had been advised by the Anglian Water Authority to contact the Environmental Health Officer. It was agreed that the Parish Council should also write to the Environmental Health Officer in support of Mr. Sortwell's complaint.
- (c) Planning Application 76H1309/78/0 - After discussion it was felt that no comment could be made.
- (d) Planning Application 76H0600/78/0. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would inform the Director of Planning that the Parish Council regarded the introduction of septic tanks as a retrograde step and would therefore be unable to reverse their original decision.

It was further agreed that a separate letter should be sent to the Director of Planning expressing the Parish Council's opinion that there should be no further development in Upwood as there were no amenities in the village, especially places for children to play in safety.

- (e) Telephone Kiosk - It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Telephone Manager requesting provision of a Telephone Kiosk in Little Raveley.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 31st October, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

W. Johnson
31.10.78.

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Tuesday, 31st October, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Mrs. J. Bannister
Mr. W. Barham
Miss F. Butler
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. N. Bunnage - District Councillor
with Mrs. I. Agger and the Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th September, 1978, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Parish Tree Planting Scheme

The Chairman reported that Mr. Gaunt and himself had met Mr. Megginson from the County Council and had inspected the site near Farm Close. Mr. Megginson had made a suggestion that a total of seventeen trees should be planted on this site consisting of Lime and Oak. There was some felling of existing trees necessary which would be done by the County Council first. As the meeting did not take place until 14th September the Chairman and Mr. Gaunt felt it would be advisable to defer any planting until the following year when the job could be done properly. This action was approved.

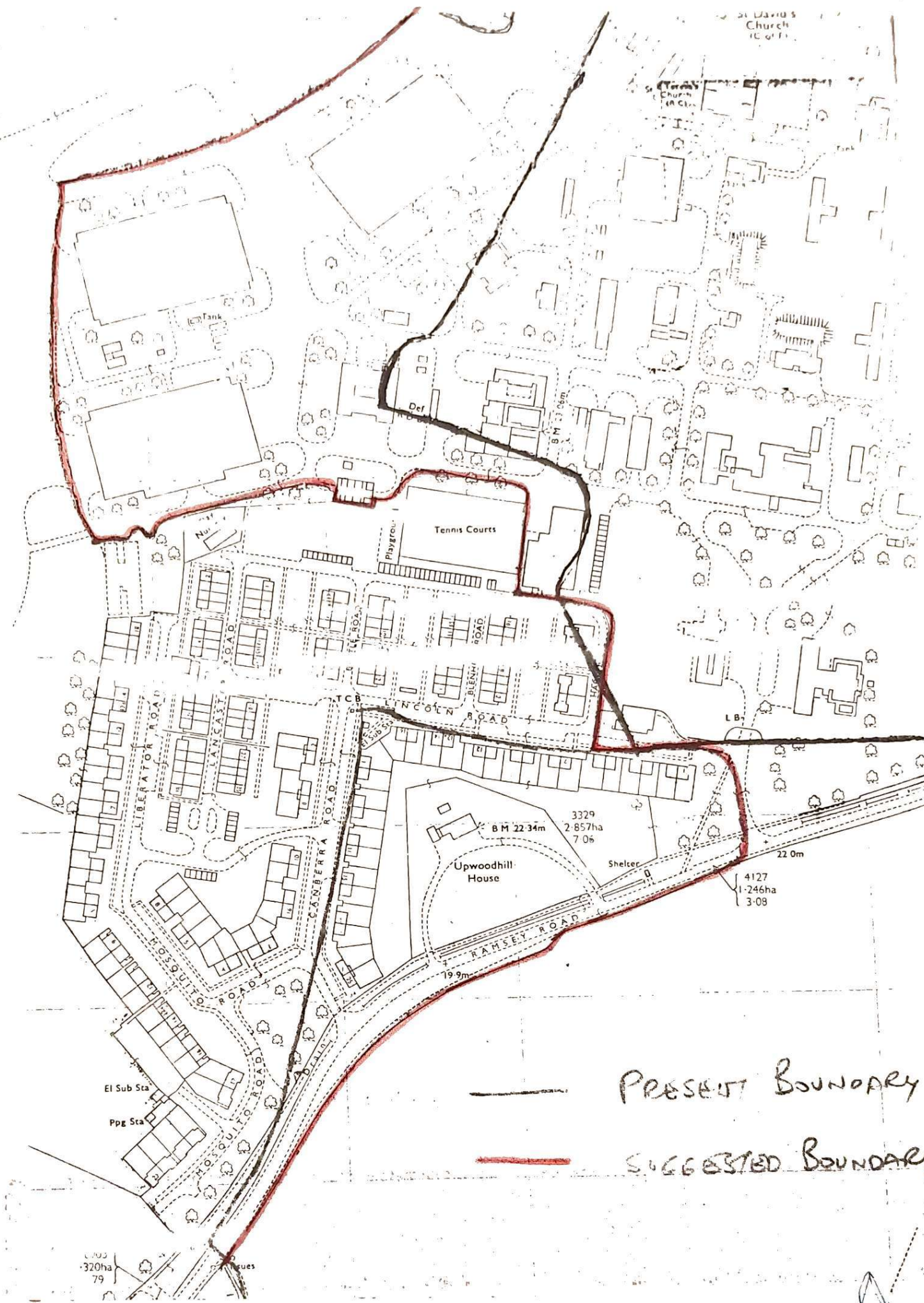
(b) Work Experience

It was reported that a letter had been received from the County Planning Officer stating that the tasks mentioned in the Parish Council's letter would be suitable for inclusion in the Work Experience Scheme but no commencement date had yet been decided.

(c) Parish Boundaries

The Chairman said that he had had a meeting with the Chairman of Bury Parish Council and had spoken by telephone to the Chairman of Wistow Parish Council concerning the alteration of the boundaries where the three parishes join. He said that Wistow Parish Council had agreed to the proposals that the two roads of RAF houses at present in Wistow Parish should become part of Upwood. The amendments as outlined on the attached map were agreed.

W.E.J.



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The Chairman said that the matter had not yet been discussed by Bury Parish Council who did not meet until 1st November. The Chairman said that the Chairman of Bury Parish Council would let him know of their decision and they would then notify the District Council.

The suggestions as outlined were agreed.

(d) Footpath

The Chairman said that nothing had been done to the footpath to date and he felt that Mr. Toms was not going to do it. He said that he felt that the Council would have to consider employing further labour to get these jobs done.

(e) (i) Disposal of Rubbish

It was reported that the Director of Technical Services had agreed that a refuse collection could be made from the cemetery.

(ii) Old Cemetery

The Clerk had received a letter from the secretary of the Parochial Church Council stating that this matter would be raised at their next meeting.

(f) Eastern Electricity Board

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Eastern Electricity Board concerning the proposed change-over of electric lamps to sodium. He said that sodium lighting was very cost effective and he had been informed that the County policy was to convert all lighting over a period of the next two years and to restore all cuts. He said that the County were willing to take over existing lighting where it had been brought up to standard. This would cost approximately £40 per lamp. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Scarr and seconded by Mr. Gaunt that the Parish Council should ask the Eastern Electricity Board to inspect the lighting system in the villages and to provide quotations for the work to be done. This was agreed.

(g) Water on road at Great Raveley

The Chairman read out a letter from the Director of Environmental Health concerning this problem, in which he stated that the matter would be kept under review.

(h) Telephone Kiosk

A reply was still awaited from the Telephone Manager.

(i) Letter to Director of Planning

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Director of Planning in reply to the Parish Council's letter concerning the lack of amenities in the village. He said that he had also been contacted by Mr. Chance of the Huntingdon Planning Department who would be willing to suggest areas on the map which could be used for purposes of play spaces. The procedure was that the Parish Council

would negotiate the same with the owners. Should this not be successful then a compulsory purchase order could be set in motion. If it were possible to negotiate the sale of land in a suitable place Mr. Chance said that the Parish Council would buy the land and be reimbursed by the District Council who would then claim repayment over a period via the Parish rates. Mr. Chance had also mentioned the matter of Bentley Close and said he would investigate it.

It was felt that the remarks in the Director of Planning's letter concerning the sewerage should not apply to The Raveleys as there were only septic tanks in this area.

After considerable discussion it was agreed:

- (a) to attempt to get Bentley Close area settled as to who should own it and who should be responsible for its maintenance.
- (b) The size of playing area required was for a children's play area rather than an adult sized recreation ground.
- (c) To leave the matter to see what Mr. Chance would suggest.

The Chairman said that a letter had been sent to the Anglian Water Authority concerning the overloaded sewage and a reply was awaited. It was felt that a most retrograde step was the introduction of septic tanks into the village. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Planning Officer concerning the granting of planning permission for a bungalow in Church Lane with a septic tank.

4. Salary of Clerk

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £200-00 per annum and to keep the amount under more frequent review.

5. Huntingdon District Council : Annual Estimates 1979/80

It was agreed that the following amounts would be requested:

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| Lighting | £1,200 |
| Cemetery | 100 |
| General | 300 |
| | <u>£1,600</u> |

6. Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

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| Eastern Electricity Board | £142-67 |
| Welcher and White | 0-85 |

7. Application for Memorials

The applications for memorials submitted were approved. It was agreed that in future these would be dealt with by the Chairman and Clerk.

8. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils: Autumn Conference to be held on Thursday, 23rd November, 1978, at Patherfinder House. Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr. A. Blacknall - resignation from the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Blacknall thanking him for his services to the Parish Council.

Huntingdon District Council: Sport for All. The Clerk said that a notice concerning this had been placed on the Parish Notice Board.

Planning Application 76H1581/78F: M. J. Perkins - erection of extension to replace existing garage and formation of pitch roof over existing rear kitchen block - Church Cottage, 1 Church Lane, Upwood. There was no objection.

Huntingdon District Council: Appeal to the Department of the Environment concerning proposed dwelling Wennington Road, Little Raveley ref APP/5140/S/78/08233. After some discussion it was felt that a letter should be sent stating that:

- (i) The Parish Council disagreed with point 2 and felt that the proposal would be a desirable infil.
- (ii) With regard to point 1. The Parish Council could not understand why permission had been given for the use of the Church and at the same time the application under discussion was opposed.

The Parish Council agreed that they would, in fact, support the appeal.

9. Speed Restriction

The Chairman read out a letter from the County Surveyor's Department in which it was stated that the statutory machinery would be set in motion to extend the 40 mph speed limit in the vicinity of Upwood School.

10. Any other Business

Mrs. Greasley said that there were rats in the area of Huntingdon Road where the grass had been cut by the Council workmen and put into the ditch. She said that an old TV set had also been dumped in the ditch. It was agreed that the matter would be dealt with.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 16th January, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

K. Johnson
16.1.79.