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Minutes and Proceedings of a meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Tuesday, 16th January, 1979, at 7.30 p.m.

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Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Mr. W. Barham  
Miss F. Butler  
Mr. E. Edwards  
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

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mrs. J. Bannister  
Mr. T. Gaunt

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31st October, 1978, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Work Experience Scheme

It was reported that there had been some delay in commencing this scheme and it was now scheduled to begin in the Spring.

(b) Parish Boundaries

The Chairman reported that Bury Parish Council had agreed to the proposals and an acknowledgement had been received from the District Council.

(c) Footpath

The Chairman reported that the footpath had now been cleared.

(d) Old Cemetery

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council in which it was stated that the Parochial Church Council had no record of their responsibility for the upkeep of the old cemetery. After some discussion, Mr. Barham said that the Vicar was making further enquiries and it was agreed to leave the matter until additional information was received.

(e) Eastern Electricity Board

The Chairman said that the full figure for converting the street lights was £52 per lamp. The whole conversion would cost £1,872 for the thirty-six lamps. He said that he felt that it would be bad policy to convert these lamps without bringing them up to County Council standards. He said he had contacted both the Eastern Electricity Board and the County Council and to bring the system up to standard where the County Council would take over responsibility, the Parish Council would need to provide more lamps. The requirement was for lamps to be sited at 40 metre intervals. The County Council would not accept lamps on poles as apparently the Electricity Board could give them ten days' notice to remove the lamps from the poles; therefore these lamps would have to be replaced by concrete standards at an approximate cost of £200 each. He said that Mr. Rosamund at the County Council suggested that the village should be brought up to standard a section at a time and the County Council would take over a road or street as it became up to standard. This could be spread over a number of years.

The Chairman then suggested that a small sub-committee should be formed to deal with this matter. He said that Mr. Rosamund would be willing to come to the village and inspect the lighting with the sub-committee. After discussion, it was agreed that the sub-committee should consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. W. Scarr and Mr. E. Edwards. The sub-committee's conclusions would then be put to the Parish Council.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should ascertain the ownership of the poles on which some of the lamps were fixed as it was thought that these may have been purchased from the Electricity Board by the Parish Council.

(e) Telephone Kiosk

The Chairman read out a letter from the Post Office in reply to the request for a telephone kiosk to be provided at Little Raveley. This request had been refused on the grounds of insufficient cash flow.

(f) Anglian Water Authority

The Chairman read out a letter from the Anglian Water Authority concerning the sewage situation in Upwood and The Raveleys in which it was stated that improvements would be made to the sewage system serving Upwood commencing in 1980. They felt, however, that to install a public sewerage system in The Raveleys would be too expensive. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the question of a public sewerage system for The Raveleys would be left in abeyance for the present.

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4. Appointment of a Sub-Committee to consider the provision of Play Areas

The Chairman said that this item resulted from a telephone conversation he had had with Mr. Chance in the Planning Department of the District Council in which he said he had now identified a number of sites for a playing field. The search would be for an area of sufficient size for a 'kick-about' area for teenagers and a play area for smaller children. This area would be of approximately one and a half acres. The Chairman said that Mr. Chance would be willing to come out and look at the village with the sub-committee. He said that there was also the question of Bentley Close to be finalised. The owners refused to part with the freehold of the play area and could not be forced to do so. He said that he felt that the Parish Council should consider whether to take over the maintenance of this area and to put equipment on it although the owners would have to give their permission for the latter item.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. O. Slote should be formed to consider these proposals.

5. Tree felling and planting on farm land

Mr. Bunnage said that he had received several reports of trees being felled by farmers in the area which were not being replaced. He said he felt that a part of the village's heritage was being lost forever and several members of the village had expressed their concern to him. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to all the farmers within the parish of Upwood and The Raveleys concerning this matter.

6. Correspondence

Department of the Environment : Appeal by Construction Services Company : Reply. The Chairman read out this letter which was a refusal by the Department of the Environment for planning permission for the erection of a dwelling adjacent to No. 1 The Cottage, Wennington Road, Little Raveley.

Eastern Electricity Board : Street Lighting Energy and Maintenance Charges : Notice of increase.

Huntingdon District Council : Lottery Proceeds - Grants for Local Projects. It was agreed that this letter should be dealt with by the Play Area Sub-Committee.

Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Grass Cutting in Villages. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not be willing to undertake verge cutting inside the village.

RoSPA : Water Safety Membership.

Cambridgeshire County Council : Cambridgeshire Structure Plan.

Huntingdon District Council : Town Twinning.

Cambridgeshire Community Council : Cambridgeshire Draw.

Cambridgeshire Community Council : Countryside News and copy of main statutory powers of parish and community councils relating to footpaths and bridleways.

7. Cheques

Eastern Electricity Board : £163-03.

8. Any other business

(a) Allotments

The Chairman reported that Mr. Noble had given notice and that another allotment was expected to become vacant in the near future. Notice had also been given for one of the Great Raveley allotments. It was agreed that the vacant allotments in Upwood should be advertised on the Parish Notice Board and in the press report. A notice concerning the vacant allotment at Great Raveley would be placed on Mr. Edwards' barn.

(b) Sub-Committee for Planning Applications

After some discussion it was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Miss F. Butler should deal with Planning applications and report their findings to the Parish Council.

(c) Transport

Mr. Bunnage reported that the Wednesday 'bus did not now pick up in Great Raveley to take people to Ramsey, nor did it call there on the return journey. People from Great Raveley had to come to Upwood in order to catch the 'bus to Ramsey although there was a service from Great Raveley to Huntingdon. It was agreed to write to the Cambridgeshire County Council concerning this.

(d) Refuse

It was reported that dustbin bags were thrown in gardens by the refuse collectors and on several occasions were found to be blowing about in the village streets. It was agreed to write to the Director of Technical Services concerning this.

(e) Lighting

It was reported that the street light at the top of Church Lane and another at the top of Ailwine Road were out of order.

(f) Planning Application

Approval was given to Planning Application 76H0054/79F - Bruce and Walter Ltd., - Extension to existing workshops producing fishing rods.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting and it was agreed that reports should be requested from the various clubs and associations in the village. The meeting would take place in the village hall on Tuesday, 6th March, 1979, at 7.30 p.m.

*W. E. Johnson*  
8.5.79.

Minutes and Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held  
after the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 6th March, 1979.

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

1. Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Upwood Village Hall	£18-00
JHB North	6-71
Eastern Electricity	30-46

2. Resignation

The Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Mrs. Bannister. He thanked Mrs. Bannister on behalf of the Parish Council for all the time and effort she had given to Parish Council matters during her time as a member of the Parish Council.

3. Allotments : Great Raveley

It was agreed that Mr. Glover would take over Mr. Robinson's allotment.

4. Lighting Committee

The Chairman said that the meeting with Mr. Rosamund would now take place on Thursday, 15th March, 1979, at 4.30 p.m. instead of Thursday, 8th March.

5. Planning

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Huntingdon District Council concerning a planning appeal against a refusal to erect a dwelling at Common Bridge, Ramsey Heights. The Parish Council felt that there were no further comments they wished to add.

6. Village Hall Committee : AGM

The Parish Council had been invited to send a representative to this meeting and it was agreed that Miss Butler would represent them.

7. Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils

The Chairman announced that the Annual Meeting would be held on the 19th April, 1979 at Pathfinder House. The Parish Council were invited to send two representatives. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would attend if at all possible.

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Minutes and Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting of Upwood and  
The Raveleys held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday,  
6th March, 1979.

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

Six members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. N. Bunnage  
Mr. E. Edwards  
Mr. T. Gaunt

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March, 1978, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Street Lighting

The Chairman said that estimates had been obtained for additional lighting in Church Way but that no action would be taken at the moment as the whole question of lighting in the village was under review.

(b) Bentley Close

The Chairman reported that the sign was now in position.

(c) Speed Limit

The Chairman said that a further representation had been made to the District Council and the speed limit on Huntingdon Road had now been extended to the School.

(d) Bentley Close Play Area

The Chairman said that the matter had been clarified but was now under consideration together with the whole question of play areas.



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4. Parish Council Action

The Chairman, Mr. W. E. Johnson, said that the work of the Parish Council fell into three categories - the routine of attending to the matters placed by law under its supervision; i.e. allotments, street lighting, the maintenance of cemeteries, scrutinising of planning applications, the dealing with matters of concern in the parish as they arose or were brought to the Council's attention and the forward thinking and planning for the future.

To those who ask "What does the Parish Council do?" the Chairman then gave the following summary of the year's work.

1. The Parish Council had considered the question of the allotments. The letting of them had been put on a proper basis by issuing a clear and simple agreement for each tenant. It had also been decided not to increase the very moderate rent of these allotments.
2. The Council had considered the rules made for the cemetery in 1966 and decided to maintain them in their present form. It was also decided not to increase the cemetery charges.
3. The Parish Council had expressed opposition to further housing developments in Upwood until improvement in sewage and recreational facilities in the village were made.
4. The Parish Council now has an undertaking from the Anglian Water Authority that sewage improvement will be incorporated in their estimates for 1980.
5. The District Council, whilst pointing out that it is the Parish Council's job to provide play areas, has at last started to be helpful in this respect.
6. Advice from the Trees and Woodlands Officer had been secured concerning the planting scheme for the Ramsey Road corner near Farm Close where a number of unsafe trees had had to be felled. It was hoped to re-plant this area in the Autumn of 1979.
7. A suggestion for lowering of kerbs in strategic places in the interests of users of wheelchairs had been received. There had been good co-operation from the County Surveyor who had met the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and inspected the whole village. As a result kerbs had been lowered at various places thus improving the situation.
8. In response to an invitation from the District Council to suggest Parish Boundary changes under the National Review of Parish Boundaries, negotiations with Wistow and Bury Parish Councils had taken place for a more logical topical boundary at the edge of RAF married quarters in the Canberra Road and Lincoln Road area. The District Council had now called a public meeting to discuss these changes and the meeting affecting Upwood would be held at Bury School on the 11th April, 1979, at 7.30 p.m.



9. The Parish Council had tried unsuccessfully to have a telephone kiosk located in Little Raveley but this had been refused by the Post Office on the grounds that it was uneconomical.
10. The Parish Council learned that their ~~representations~~ representations in respect of a speed limit to Upwood Primary School had been successful.
11. On the question of procedure on the whole the changes to the bus service have been an improvement but there was a problem at Raveley where a bus travelling to Ramsey has been cancelled.

The Chairman said in the question of looking ahead the Parish Council had two schemes under review.

1. On the subject of street lighting there were four options available. He then briefly outlined the various schemes and said that all this was under consideration by the Committee and the Parish Council. An official of the District Council would be visiting the village to discuss the question of lighting with the Committee and would at the same time look into the matter of additional lighting in the village and estimates would be obtained where necessary.
2. On the question of play areas the Chairman outlined the situation concerning Bentley Close. He said that the question of provision of a bigger play area for youngsters to kick balls around was also under discussion. The District council had sent a map which showed where areas were available. Further discussions would, of course, have to take place concerning finance and various other matters.

The Chairman said that the final point which emerges from this is that the Parish Council will have to consider the employment of more labour to maintain the play areas and the trees.

Finally, the Chairman said he would like to thank all members of the Parish Council for their work and support during the year, particularly to Mr. Blacknall, his predecessor as Chairman and member of the Parish Council until he moved from the village, Mrs. Wade for her excellent work as Clerk, Mr. Bunnage, District Councillor, Mrs. Agger for press reports, Mr. Toms for cemetery maintenance and a word of thanks for all who did voluntary work on behalf of the parish. He said that this work was very valuable and there was a great deal of very good work done in the parish in this way.

The Chairman reminded those present that there would shortly be an election held to appoint a new Parish Council. He said that he felt that it was very important that people should vote in these elections and he looked for people to come forward to serve on the Parish Council, to give time and thought and to be willing to continue to take decisions.



5. Reports

Huntingdon District Council  
Mr. N. Bunnage

Mr. Bunnage was unable to be present at the meeting but sent a report which was read out by the Chairman. He said that after being elected as District Councillor just over twelve months ago he had been put on the Leisure and Amenities and Land Resources Committees. Later in the year he was appointed a Governor of the Ailwyn School and became the first old pupil to be made a Governor. He said a lot of development was going on in the Huntingdon, St. Neots and St. Ives areas for Industry, Riverside Parks, etc., which should bring both jobs and pleasure to the surrounding villages. He said we had been lucky in this area with refuse collection and paid tribute to the Ramsey crew who had worked throughout the dispute, despite aggravation from pickets. During the past twelve months Mr. Bunnage had few complaints to deal with, mostly with council properties. He also reported that there was still a great deal of tree felling taking place in the North end of the village.

Upwood School  
Mrs. Wells

There had been two changes in the staffing of the school since the last report. Mrs. Denny, Head of Infants, retired after over thirty years of teaching. Mrs. Lee had been appointed Head of Infants and Mrs. Slater Reception Class teacher. A programme of in-service training is still being carried on and topics covered included language and mathematics development as well as the work developed around the Upwood teaching model. Staff have also attended courses locally and those organised by the Cambridgeshire LEA. The school's catchment area now includes the parish of Wistow from January, 1979. Visits had been made by the pupils to the Laser Exhibition at the Royal Academy, the Science Museum, Woburn Abbey, the Forestry Commission, Thetford, the Claypits, Ramsey Heights, and Woodwalton Fen. Among the activities which had taken place at the school were a Sculpture exhibition, a pre-school years exhibition, a writer's workshop with Edward Storey, Fenland author and poet. A creative skills session had been introduced which took place on each Friday afternoon and anyone in the catchment area who was interested in helping to lead a small group of children were asked to contact the school. The PTA continues to develop and several successful functions had been held during the year including a Mathematics for Parents Evening, a Christmas Fair and a Winter's Eve Supper Dance. In conclusion Mrs. Wells said that the school continued to flourish because it existed in a community interested in the work achieved by its young people, and members of the parish were reminded that all PTA functions are open to them and it was hoped that villagers would continue to support the school in the future.

Women's Institute  
Mrs. Salmon

Mrs. Salmon said that the W.I. had started the year with a very small balance of funds. She said that they had been successful in improving the situation. Two or three active members had been lost during the year due to movement away from the village. Some of the year's efforts had been outstanding for various reasons. A Fashion Party held in the Spring had attracted over one hundred people including members from seven other Institutes in the area. A bazaar held in September had raised £100. A Summer outing had been arranged in June to visit the vineyard at Gamblingay. Activities also included a knit-in for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. The Red Cross and the Blind were also supported. Artistic qualities were well demonstrated at a competition at the East of England Show when out of almost eighty entries Upwood secured fourth place with a rosette and certificate.

Cricket Club  
Mr. Mumby

Mr. Mumby said that the Club had had an enjoyable season but not one of the best. The early games were played under difficult conditions when it was cold and wet and later in the season there had been several cancellations. He said they had reached the final of the Smith Barry Junior Cup. The match was played in very difficult conditions and Upwood lost but he felt that had the conditions been more favourable Upwood might have won. The Barham Cup for the most 'Man of the Match' awards had been won by Chris Carter. The Club had held a successful dance at the Ailwyn School in September and the annual draw was also a success. The Club Captain was Mr. F. Edwards and Mr. M. Hempsted was Vice-Captain. The Club was financially sound.

Village Hall  
Mr. Mumby

Mr. Mumby said that this would be his last report on the Village Hall. He said it was hoped that the main room would have been redecorated but there had been difficulty in getting equipment to do the ceilings. He said that the village supported the Village Hall very well and there was a general flow of money coming in from other organisations. He said he would like to thank all who had helped in any way. The Gents toilets had been improved but had been completed for just two weeks before damage had been done which he felt was deplorable. Unfortunately the culprit was unknown. In conclusion Mr. Mumby thanked everyone for the wonderful support they had given him.

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Over Sixties  
Mrs. Greasley

Mrs. Greasley said that it had been a successful year for the Club. The membership was approximately 50 and various activities had been enjoyed including an Area Whist Tournament, slide shows, entertainment by the Ramsey Brownies and Girl Guides and entertainment by the Cambridge Crofters at the Christmas Dinner. The entries at the Produce Show were not quite so plentiful this year but this was due to a poor summer. The mystery tours were popular but the most outstanding visit had been to the London Palladium to see Aladdin. Eight members went to Llandudno during May. The chiropody clinic still functioned at the home of Mrs. Thompson and eight members were attending at regular intervals at a very low cost. The eleven week draw had raised a good sum for club and the financial position was good. In closing Mrs. Greasley thanked the village for its support of the club.

The Chairman then thanked all those present for their reports with a particular word of thanks to Mr. Mumby for his work on the Village Hall Committee.

6, Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 10th May, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

7, Any other business

There was no further business to discuss.

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*W. Johnson*  
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Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Tuesday, 8th May, 1979.

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

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th January, 1979, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Eastern Electricity Board

The Chairman said that Mr. Rosamond has been out and rather than inspecting the lighting had talked about the various possibilities. He said that the Parish Council had requested two schemes to be prepared - the regrading of the existing system and a scheme for simply regrading the footway lighting by the installation of sodium lamps. A map of the village had been marked with the positions of the existing street lamps and the type of lamp and a copy would be returned to Mr. Rosamond marked in addition with the area which the Parish Council required lighting. On return of the map schemes would be prepared. Mr. Rosamond had suggested that the most economical way would be for the materials to be supplied by the Council and the work done by contractors and he estimated that this would cost approximately £45 per lamp.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the area currently covered by street lighting should be the area marked on the map and if the footway scheme were adopted additional lighting would be requested for Huntingdon Road and two lamps in Church Way.

(b) Play Areas

The Chairman said that nothing further had happened regarding this matter. It was agreed that the Play Area Committee would meet before the next Parish Council Meeting.

(c) Tree Felling

The Chairman reported that there had been no response to the Clerk's letter.

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4. Annual Parish Meeting : Parish Council Action

(a) Speed Limit

The Chairman said that the speed limit signs had not yet been moved on the Huntingdon Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Council concerning this.

5. Employment of Additional Labour

The Chairman said that the reason for this item was that over the past year or two the Parish Council had planted a number of trees which were not receiving regular attention and some had died as a result of this. He said that the Parish Council needed someone to keep an eye on the trees and if they ultimately became responsible for the Play Areas then someone would be needed to do odd jobs in this respect also. He felt that consideration should be given to employing someone who would do jobs of this nature as required.

After some discussion Mr. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mrs. Greasley, that Mr. Gaunt should continue in his efforts to find a suitable person.

6. Provision of Noticeboards - The Raveleys

The Chairman said that he felt it was desirable to provide suitable notice boards for Great and Little Raveley. After a short discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Gaunt and seconded by Mrs. Greasley that this should be done. It was agreed that a quotation would be obtained from Mr. V. Edwards for the work.

7. Correspondence

Ely Society : New Windows for Old  
M. Lanman Community Education : Adult Numeracy Scheme  
Eastern Electricity Board : Charges for Street Lighting and Maintenance.  
Huntingdon District Council : Submitted Structure Plan : Interim Settlement Policy.  
Countryside News and Views.  
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Programme of Association Meetings for 1979.  
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Newsletter.  
Cambridgeshire Community Council : Tourism/Employment Relationship  
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Association Conferences.  
Charity Commission : Draft Scheme for Blunt's Charity, The Charity of Jane Taylor and the Charity of Elizabeth West.

8. Precept

The Precept in the sum of £1,600 was signed.

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9. Cheques

Upwood Village Hall	£18-00
J. H. B. North	6-71
EEB	30-46
Anglian Water Authority	3-34
Mrs. Wade	200-00
Mr. Toms (to 31.3.79.)	10-00
Mrs. Wade (Postages)	19-74
EEB	142-67
Mr. Toms	15-00

10. Any other business

(a) Dogs

The Chairman said he had had several complaints about the fouling of pavements and in some cases, private property, by dogs. He felt the Parish Council should express their strong disapproval and asked Mrs. Agger to stress this in her report to the Hunts Post.

After some discussion, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to every householder in Upwood village drawing their attention to this nuisance and requesting their co-operation.

(b) Allotments

The Chairman said that a request had been received for an allotment for a person living in Bury. After a short discussion Mr. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mr. Scarr, that the Parish Council would not let allotments to persons residing outside the Parish. The motion was carried unanimously.

(c) Village Hall Committee

Mr. Gaunt raised the question of appointing a representative from the Parish Council to serve on the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed, after a short discussion, that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(d) Cemetery Chapel

Mrs. Slote reported that the lock on the door to the little chapel in the cemetery had been broken and it was impossible to lock the chapel. It was agreed that a new lock would be put on the door to replace the old fitting and that Mr. Gaunt would ask Mr. V. Edwards to attend to it. It was agreed that the keys to the chapel would be held by Mrs. Slote, the Chairman and Mr. Toms.

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(e) Mr. W. Barham

The Chairman said that Mr. Barham had decided not to seek nomination to the Parish Council for the next session. Mr. Barham had served on the Parish Council for over twenty years and the Chairman paid tribute to the time and care Mr. Barham had always given to Parish Council matters.

11. Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman reminded those present that the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting had been arranged for Tuesday, 5th June, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

*W. E. Johnson*  
5.6.79.



UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Residents of Upwood Village

The Parish Council has recently received several complaints that dogs are being allowed to foul private property while under the control of their owners, and that others are being allowed to roam around the village uncontrolled.

In fairness to all residents, not least to the many who control their dogs and do not allow them to be a nuisance to others, we ask all dog owners in the village to ensure that their animals are at all times under control and that fouling of footpaths and other people's property, including grassed areas in front of houses, does not occur.

On behalf of the Parish Council.

W. E. Johnson  
Chairman

7 Helen's Close,  
Upwood.

May, 1979.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 5th JUNE, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. in UPWOOD  
VILLAGE HALL.

Present:

Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Miss F. E. Butler  
Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. E. Edwards  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mrs. N. Greasley  
Mr. H. McCarthy  
Mr. R. Scarr  
Mrs. O. Slote  
Mr. J. Walters  
with Mrs. I. Agger and the  
Clerk.

Mr. N. Bunnage - District Councillor

1. SIGNING OF THE  
DECLARATIONS OF  
OFFICE

The Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Densham,  
Mr. H. McCarthy and Mr. J. Walters to the Parish  
Council and also Mr. N. Bunnage, District  
Councillor. The Declarations of Office were  
then signed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR  
ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Speed Limit

No reply had yet been received to the Clerk's letter.

(b) Employment of Additional Labour

The Chairman said that Mr. V. Edwards had agreed  
to do the work required on behalf of the parish  
i.e. that of general handyman. It was agreed  
that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would negotiate  
with Mr. Edwards concerning rates of pay.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gaunt for his efforts in  
securing Mr. Edwards' services.

(c) Provision of Noticeboards

The Chairman said that a quotation had been received  
from Mr. V. Edwards:

Manufacture and supply of noticeboard	£12-50
Fixed to wall or fence	1-00
Erected on two timber legs	9-20

The Chairman said he felt that the estimate was  
extremely reasonable. Mr. Scarr proposed, seconded  
by Mr. Gaunt, that the estimate should be accepted  
for the supply of two noticeboards.

(d) Village Hall Committee

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had no representative on this committee. He said he would leave members to consider the matter and perhaps anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Council representative would notify him.

(e) Cemetery Chapel

Mr. Gaunt reported that Mr. V. Edwards would attend to this matter.

(f) Play Area

The Chairman said that the Play Area Committee had met and discussed the question of play areas and that some action had been taken.

(g) Dogs

The Chairman read out the letter to be sent to all residents of Upwood Village concerning the problem of dogs. The contents of the letter were approved.

5. ELECTIONS

(a) Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Scarr, that Mr. W. E. Johnson be re-elected as Chairman. This was agreed unanimously.

Mr. Scarr proposed, seconded by Miss F. Butler, that Mr. T. Gaunt be re-elected as Vice-Chairman. This was agreed unanimously.

(b) Committee Members

The undermentioned Parish Councillors agreed to service for a further term.

Planning	Miss F. Butler
Lighting	Mr. E. Edwards
	Mr. R. Scarr
Play Areas	Mrs. O. Slote

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Huntingdon District Council : Parish Review

7. CHEQUES

Welcher and White    £5-40

8. HOME DEFENCE

The Chairman said that this item was the result of a meeting attended by himself and the Clerk at Huntingdon in which the question of Home Defence in the event of war was explored in some detail. Briefly, Parish Councils were being asked to find someone who would be willing to be a Community Advisor. Community Advisors would be people who would have some idea of

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the circumstances that would obtain should this country be involved in nuclear war and would also have some idea of the sort of tasks that would need to be done. He said that one's first reaction was that it might be too late to do anything but in point of fact this was not a responsible view to take and the people concerned with Home Defence saw the need to have trained people who might not themselves in a dire emergency of this type emerge as natural leaders but would be in a position to advise the leaders.

The Chairman then read out "Requirements for Parish Council Communities Advisers" from the County Secretary's Department of the Cambridgeshire County Council which gave brief details of the training to be undertaken.

After a short discussion, the Chairman said he would be grateful if members would think the matter over, or should they know of someone in the Parish whom they felt would be a suitable candidate, perhaps they would notify him.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Allotments : Great Raveley

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Gaunt that the outstanding amount on Mr. Robinson's allotment should be written off. This was agreed unanimously.

(b) Upwood - Vacant Allotments

The Chairman said that he and Mr. Gaunt had inspected the allotments. There were now four vacant plots - formerly those of Mr. Pivanka, Mr. Slinn, Mr. Noble and Mr. Walters. It was felt that the condition of some of these plots was deplorable but no suggestions to avoid this were forthcoming. It was agreed that the Chairman would place a large notice on the Parish Noticeboard to advertise the vacancies.

(c) Cemetery

Mr. Gaunt raised a question concerning the newly placed child's grave. The Clerk made a brief explanation concerning this and explained that this was the first in a small area reserved for children.

The question of the old cemetery was then raised. It was agreed to ask Mr. V. Edwards to clear it.

After some discussion it was also agreed that the Chairman should see Mr. Toms concerning his work in the cemetery. It was felt that he should be asked to work only in the new cemetery and also be requested to tidy those grave spaces which were not kept tidy.

Mr. Gaunt reported that the Service Graves in the old cemetery had been neglected and it was agreed that Mr. V. Edwards should be asked to attend to these.

10. DATE AND TIME OF  
NEXT MEETING

Monday, 2nd July, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

*W. B. Johnson*  
2.7.79.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I Rodney William Scarr .....

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 5th June 1979.

SIGNATURE *R. W. Scarr* .....

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me:

*T. M. J.* .....

Member of the Parish Council

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I .....Freda Elizabeth Butler.....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE.....*F. E. Butler*.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before  
me:

.....*G. Lote*.....

Member of the Parish Council

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I .. Norah May Greasley .....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE... *N.M. Greasley* .....

This declaration was made and subscribed before  
me:

*John J. Law*  
.....

Member of the Parish Council




DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I Denis William Densham.....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before  
me:

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Member of the Parish Council

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I Olive Slote .....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE.... *O. Slote* .....

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me:

*J. E. Butler* .....

Member of the Parish Council

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DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I . William Elvin Johnson .....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before  
me:

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Member of the Parish Council

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I .. Edgar Charles Edwards .....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE..... *E. C. Edwards* .....

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me:

..... *H. C. McCarthy* .....

Member of the Parish Council

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I ..Howard.Charles.McCarthy.....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE..H.C..McCarthy...E.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before  
me:

.....*H. C. Edwards*.....

Member of the Parish Council

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I ..... John Trevor Walters .....

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 5th June, 1979.

SIGNATURE.....  .....

This declaration was made and subscribed before  
me:

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Member of the Parish Council

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DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I ..... Thomas Michael Gaunt .....

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 5th June. 1979.

SIGNATURE.....  .....

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me:

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Member of the Parish Council



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

SIGNATURE.....*S.E. Cousins*.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me:

.....*G. Lott*.....

Member of the Parish Council