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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

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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:

[Signature]
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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:

..........
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:

.....*E. 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

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd July, 1979, in the Village Hall,
Upwood, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. E. Butler
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
with the Clerk.

1. New member of the Parish Council

The Chairman reported that Mrs. S. Cousins of Little Raveley had been elected to the Parish Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. N. Bunnage
Mrs. I. Agger

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th June, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

(a) Speed Limit

The Chairman said that no reply had been received in response to the Clerk's letter. Mr. Walters offered to look into the matter on the Parish Council's behalf.

(b) Employment of additional labour

The Chairman confirmed that Mr. V. Edwards had been employed, on a self employed basis, to do various jobs in the parish. Members expressed their satisfaction with the work done by Mr. Edwards to date.

(c) Village Hall Committee

No volunteer had yet come forward to serve on this committee.

(d) Dogs

The Chairman said the letter had now been distributed to all residents and thanked members for helping with the distribution. It was felt that the letter had produced some improvement.

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(e) Home Defence

The Chairman reported that Mr. Densham had volunteered to attend the course.

(f) Noticeboards

Mr. Gaunt reported that suitable sites had been found and permission obtained where necessary. He said that the noticeboards would be erected during the course of the current week.

(g) Old Cemetery

Mr. Gaunt said that Mr. Densham and himself had spent some time investigating records concerning the old cemetery and the position concerning its upkeep but could find nothing of a definitive nature. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Gaunt and seconded by Mrs. Slote that the Parish Council should re-affirm its minute of 18th September, 1963, item 6, and formally take over responsibility for the old cemetery subject to the agreement of the Parochial Church Council at their next meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

5. Planning - Great Raveley

The Chairman said that a letter had been received from the Director of Planning concerning the Parish Council's recent approval of planning permission for the erection of dwelling O.S. 104 Great Raveley for Pilkington Brothers Ltd. This approval was not in accordance with paragraph 8(5) in the approved Interim Settlement Policy. The Chairman then proceeded to read out the letter and his reply. This action was approved.

6. Report on meeting re Boundary Proposals

The Chairman said he attended the public meeting held at Bury School on 18th June, 1979, conducted by Mr. Bly. No objections to the proposed changes were made, and the financial alteration would be that Wistow would lose £40 of their rate which would be gained by Upwood and The Raveleys. The proposals were now the responsibility of the District Council for further action.

7. Correspondence

Eastern Electricity Board - Notice of increase in street lighting maintenance charges.

Eastern Electricity Board - Street Lighting Services - Manor House and Church Way. It was agreed that a reply would be sent stating that the whole matter of lighting was now under review.

8. Cheques/Documents

Eastern Electricity Board : Statement of Revised charges from 1.4.79.

Mr. Toms (petrol)	£2-97
Cambs Association Local Councils	£25-75
Mr. Toms (wages)	£15-00
Mr. V. Edwards	£55-40

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9. Any other business

(a) Village Hall

Miss Butler reported that there would now be an additional charge for electricity made in addition to the charge for the hire of the village hall.

10. Time and date of next meeting

Wednesday, 5th September, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

W. St. Johnson
5.9.79.

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Parish Council held on Wednesday, 5th September, 1979, at 7.30 p.m.
in Upwood Village Hall

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mrs. S. Cousins
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. Walters
Mr. N. Bunnage - District Councillor
with Mrs. I. Agger and the
Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. S. Cousins, representing Little Raveley, to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. McCarthy

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd July, 1979, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Speed Limit

The Chairman read out correspondence received from the County Surveyor concerning this matter.

(b) Home Defence

The Chairman reported that Mr. Peter Elliott of High Street had agreed to volunteer for the Training Scheme.

(c) Old Cemetery

Mr. Densham reported that at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council it had been agreed that they would accept that the Parish Council would be responsible for the upkeep of the old cemetery. This would be confirmed in writing in due course.

(d) Notice Boards

The Chairman said that these had now been erected and thanked Mr. Gaunt for the attention he had given to the matter.

4. Best Kept Village Competition

The Chairman said that the notice giving the points and comments on the competition had been received. He had not posted the notice as he felt that some of the comments made were no longer relevant. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council felt the criticisms made were not of a constructive nature.

5. Bentley Close Play Area

The Chairman said that this matter had been receiving the attention of a small committee appointed for that purpose. He said that some progress had been made. The developer had agreed in principle to transfer the land to the Parish Council and the matter was being dealt with by their respective solicitors. He said that Sergeant and Son were acting on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman said he had telephoned the Legal Department of the District Council for their advice on the best way in which the land should be taken over. The advice given was that the Parish Council should ask for a conveyance at a nominal fee i.e. £1-00. The solicitors for Huntingdon Builders were querying this point but the Parish Council would instruct their solicitors to ask for conveyance at a nominal fee.

The Chairman said he felt that the Parish Council should be clear on what they were doing since it would then be their responsibility. He said the wall in question was on the Slater's property and not on the Play Area and that the Slaters would take over the wall when it had been put into a satisfactory condition. He said it was essential that the surface of the Play Area should be satisfactory for young children to play on. This was not so at the moment and this would have to be attended to and also suitable equipment provided for which it would be possible to apply to the District Council for a grant.

After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Scarr and seconded by Mr. Densham that the actions of the sub-committee were approved. This was carried unanimously.

6. Tree Planting

The Chairman said that the scheme for planting of trees at the corner of Huntingdon Road had been approved but no further felling had been contemplated by the County Council, although it was thought that several trees on the site had been marked for felling. It was agreed that this matter should be brought to the attention of the Trees and Woodlands officer and it was also agreed to go ahead with the scheme; Mr. V. Edwards to be responsible for planting the trees in due course.

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7. Village Hall

The Chairman read out a letter from the Village Hall Committee asking for a contribution towards the improvement costs of the Village Hall.

Mr. Gaunt confirmed that the money was needed for general improvements i.e. repairs to the roof and surfacing of the entrance. The Chairman said he felt that the Parish Council should support this request as the Village Hall was of benefit to the whole village. After some discussion Mr. R. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mr. Walters that the Parish Council should contribute £200 towards the cost of repairs and improvements to the village hall with the request that the Village Hall Committee would, in due course, notify the Parish Council of the way in which this sum had been spent. It was also agreed to suggest to the Village Hall Committee that further requests for maintenance contributions should be submitted with specific items in mind.

8. Gas Supply

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had been asked by a number of people in the village about the possibility of a supply of gas. A letter had been sent to the Eastern Gas Board concerning this and he read out their reply in which it was stated that the Parish Council's request had been noted and would be dealt with as soon as possible.

9. Housing Policy

The Chairman said that this item had arisen out of a number of comments made from time to time to the effect that it was a great shame that there was no housing available in recent years in a more economic price bracket in the village and this as a result was forcing young people to move out of the village because they couldn't buy a house within their means in Upwood.

Mr. Bunnage said that there were no Council plans for further building in Upwood in the foreseeable future.

After considerable discussion the Chairman said he felt that the subject should be given further thought and would be discussed again at the next meeting.

10. Cheques

Mr. E. W. Toms	£18-08
Department of the Environment	£23-30
Royal Insurance	£23-85
Upwood Village Hall	£200-00
Eastern Electricity Board	£154-49
Anglian Water Authority	£3-31

11. Correspondence

National Pure Water Association re Fluoridation.
Charity Commission : Scheme - Upwood Relief in Need Charity.
Eastern Electricity Board : Charges for street lighting and maintenance.
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Agenda for Fifth Annual Meeting.
Huntingdon District Council : Election of Parish Councils
Cambridge Community Council : Draw Results - Age Concern
Countryside News and Views.
Wistow Parish Council : Bridle Path.
Cambridgeshire County Council : Speed Limit Review.
Huntingdon District Council : Sale of Refuse Sacks. After a short discussion it was agreed not to take action.

12. Any other business

(a) Bentley Close

The Chairman said that several residents in Bentley Close had mentioned the matter of the turning bay at the end of the close which was being used for parking. It was agreed that Mr. Walters would keep an eye on the situation.

(b) The Chairman said he had received a visit from Mr. Walker of Great Raveley who had raised the following points:

(i) The suspension of the bus service to Ramsey on Wednesday. The Chairman said that a letter to Cambridgeshire County Council had been written about this some time ago but a reply was still awaited. After some discussion it was agreed that the bus service in the Upwood and The Raveleys area was extremely poor. The Chairman asked for concise details to be given to him so that a complaint could be made to the authorities concerning this and an improvement requested.

(ii) Lights - It was felt that an extra light in Tyndale nearer the junction was needed and a light at the bottom end of Great Raveley. The Chairman said that these matters were under consideration. The lighting pole at Tyndale formerly supported wires and was extremely high for a street light. It was asked if it could be lowered. It was agreed that the Chairman would deal with this matter.

(iii) Post Box - A post box at Tyndale was requested and it was agreed to write to the Postmaster concerning this.

(c) Accounts

The Chairman reported that the accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1979, had been audited and found correct.

13. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 6th November, 1979, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

W.E. Johnson
14.11.79.

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Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. W. Densham
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mrs. N. Greasley
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mrs. I. Slote
Mr. Walters
Mr. N. Bunnage : District Councillor
with Mrs. I. Agger and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mrs. S. Cousins
Mr. R. Scarr

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5th September, 1979, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Speed Limit

The Chairman reported that the 40 mph signs had now been erected.

(b) Old Cemetery

The Chairman reported that the Parochial Church Council had confirmed in writing their willingness for the Parish Council to accept responsibility for the upkeep of the old cemetery.

(c) Bentley Close Play Area

The Chairman said that negotiations were in hand although since the last meeting the solicitors acting for Huntingdon Builders had notified the Parish Council's solicitors that Huntingdon Builders were not happy about the area being transferred to the Parish Council under the provisions of the ~~Open Spaces Act~~. The Chairman said that a reply had been sent to the Parish Council's solicitors stating that if this method of acquisition was not acceptable to Huntingdon Builders then the Parish Council would agree to acquiring the land under the 1906 Act. The Chairman's action was approved.

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(d) Tree Planting

The Chairman said that twenty trees had been ordered and were due to be delivered at the end of the month. He said that Mr. V. Edwards, who would be planting the trees, was attending a seminar on tree planting at Huntingdon very shortly. He also said that the District Surveyor wished to be notified and would supervise the planting.

The Chairman added that the felling had been completed and the site cleared.

(e) Gas Supply

The Chairman read out a letter received from Eastern Gas in which they regretted they were unable to supply gas to Upwood and The Raveleys in the foreseeable future.

(f) Housing Policy

This item was transferred to item 11 (Any other business).

(g) Transport

The Chairman read out letters received from Eastern Counties, United Counties and Mr. Gallop of the County Surveyor's Department concerning the transport situation as discussed at the previous meeting. It was finally agreed that, for the time being, no further action could be taken.

(h) Postbox

No reply had been received from the Post Office.

4. Allotments

The Chairman said that when the allotments had been checked in May, two and a half plots were vacant and notice had been received from another tenant since then. A notice concerning the availability of allotments had been posted on the Parish Notice Board and as a result Mr. Caunt had taken over Plot 9. The Chairman said he had had an enquiry from a person living in Ramsey for an allotment.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Walters proposed, seconded by Mr. Densham, that the Parish Council should let, at the Parish Council's discretion, allotments which were vacant and not required by residents of the parish, to persons living outside the parish. The tenancy to be fixed at three years and the rent to be £3-00 per plot per annum. The motion was carried.

It was reported that trees had been planted on one allotment and the Chairman agreed to look into the matter.

After further discussion, the question of Mr. W. Taylor taking over the present vacant allotments was discussed. It was felt that he might do so if financial assistance was offered for the cleaning of the land. It was finally agreed that the Chairman and Mr. Gaunt would confer on this matter.

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5. Annual Estimates

After a short discussion it was agreed that no further money would be requested for the current financial year but the Parish Council felt that their estimated expenses for the financial year 1980/81 would be £2,200 and it was agreed to request this amount.

6. County Electoral Review

The Chairman read out a letter received from the County Secretary concerning the review of County Electoral Boundaries. He said that as a reply had been requested by the 26th October, he had provisionally agreed to the proposals outlined subject to confirmation by the Parish Council. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman's provisional reply would be endorsed by the Parish Council.

7. Upwood Church Gate

The Chairman read out a letter received from the secretary of the Parochial Church Council concerning the proposed replacement of the Church Gate. After some discussion, it was felt that the Parish Council would like to see a wooden gate in a simpler style and would recommend the Parochial Church Council to see if the County Council would also be prepared to help with the cost. Mr. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mrs. Slote, that the Parish Council should also contribute towards the cost. The motion was carried.

8. Upwood and The Raveleys Pre-School Playgroup

The Chairman read out two letters he had received from the Secretary of the Playgroup in which they asked if the Parish Council could offer them any financial assistance.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Gaunt proposed, seconded by Mrs. Greasley, that the Parish Council should donate £35-00 to the Playgroup towards the cost of a garden shed in which to store their materials.

This was agreed.

9. Cheques/Documents

V. Edwards	£99-36
Mr. Toms	16-30
Municipal Group	1-00
EEB	158-49
Flowers	5-52

EEB Street Lighting and Maintenance Agreement.

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10. Correspondence

Huntingdon District Council : Sewers/Open Ditches
St. Ives Area Road Safety Committee
Huntingdon District Council : Parish Reviews
Cambridgeshire County Council : Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950
Reinstatement of Road Openings.
Wistow Parish Council : Footbridge
Upwood Village Hall Committee : Letter of thanks for the donation.

11. Any other business

- (a) Mr. Bunnage said that he proposed to remove the hedge bordering on the south side of Helen's Close as his cattle were getting through holes in it which had been made by children. He proposed to replace it with a fence. He also asked if the Parish Council could clean out the dyke on the south side of Helen's Close as he felt that it would be an ideal time for this work to be done. After a short discussion it was agreed to find out who was actually responsible for the maintenance of the dyke.

(b) (b) Street Lighting

The Chairman read out a letter received from the County Surveyor's Department concerning the maintenance of the footway lighting system. He said he felt that the Parish Council could not take action at the moment until the survey at present being undertaken by Mr. Rosamund was received.

(c) Housing Policy

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

12. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday, 3rd January, 1980 .

W E Johnson
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