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Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys  
Parish Council held on Tuesday, 13th January, 1981, at 7.30 p.m.  
at Upwood Village Hall

Present:

Mr. W. E. Johnson : Chairman  
Miss F. Butler  
Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. R. Scarr  
Mrs. O. Slote  
Mr. J. Walters  
Mr. H. Bunnage : District Councillor  
with Mrs. I. Agger and the  
Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mrs. N. Greasley  
Mr. T. Gaunt

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th November, 1980, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Bentley Close Play Area

The Chairman said that there had been no notification from the District Council that the wall had been inspected since it had been re-built. It was agreed to write again concerning this.

(b) Street Lighting

The Chairman outlined the three possible schemes of maintenance. The schemes submitted by the Eastern Electricity Board were in accordance with the current street lighting agreement for the sum of £445-95 per annum and a modified version of this scheme for the approximate sum of £200-00 per annum. The scheme submitted by the Cambridgeshire County Council differed only slightly from the present scheme and would cost approximately £331-50 per annum. After considerable discussion it was agreed that, subject to a final re-scrutiny of the estimates by the Chairman, that the Cambridgeshire County Council scheme should be adopted.

(c) Planning Application : Manor House

The Chairman said that the Parish Council had approved a similar application from Mr. Corney in 1975 and in the light of that it seemed illogical to maintain objections to the new scheme particularly as the new scheme was less ambitious. It was pointed out that the load on the sewage system would not be increased as the improvements outlined were meant to improve the existing facilities rather than to increase the load on them. In the light of these observations it was agreed that the objections should be withdrawn.

(d) Lopping of trees round lights and briars in Church Lane

Mr. Walters offered to deal with these matters.

W.E.J.

4. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire County Council : Structure Plan.  
Department of the Environment : Proposed dwelling, Luntingdon Road, Upwood.  
Cambridgeshire County Council : Capital Loan.  
Ely Diocesan Board of Finance : Glebe Paddock.  
Director of Planning : Pt.OSE 3017 Great Daveley.  
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils.  
Water Report 1979-80.  
Cambridgeshire Community Council.  
Countryside News and Views.

5. Cheques and documents

EEB : 1968-65.

Mr. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mr. Walters that approval be given to the transfer of £1,000-00 from the deposit account to the current account in order to finance the payment in part of the street lighting improvements. All in favour.

6. Any other business

Planning Application 76H0018/81 0  
Outline permission : dwelling and Garage  
Mr. T. Poulter, Great Daveley

The Chairman said that the original plan was rejected. This was a re-application which included the demolition of the present dwelling. After a short discussion the application was approved on the grounds that the present dwelling was in poor condition and was unsuitable for the needs of its occupants and would also be uneconomic to repair.

Planning Application 76H 1917/80 F  
Extension to dwelling : Old Manor Farm Great Daveley  
Mr. D. G. Smetheram

This application was approved as it was felt that this would be an improvement to the property.

Planning Application 76H 1918/80 F  
18 High Street Upwood : formation of vehicular access to serve existing dwelling : Mr. R. Edwards

This application was approved as it was felt it would improve access to the dwelling.

Planning Application 76H 1919/80 0  
Erection of three dwellings and garages land to North and East of 18 High Street, Upwood : Mr. R. Edwards

After considerable discussion it was felt that the Parish Council could not give their approval. Further connections to the overloaded sewage system were not desirable and there were also problems with land drainage in that part of the village.

7. Date and time of Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, 2nd March, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

*S. S. Johnson*  
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Minutes and Proceedings of a Special Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys  
Parish Council held on Monday, 16th February, 1981, at 6.00 p.m. in the  
Village Hall.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Miss F. Butler  
Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. E. Edwards  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mr. E. McCarthy  
Mr. R. Scarr  
Mrs. O. Slote  
with the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from

Mrs. I. Agger  
Mr. J. Walters

Planning Application - High Street Development and Correspondence from  
Huntingdon District Council  
Parish Council Policy on Planning Applications

The Chairman said he felt that the two items could be taken together as they related to one another. He then read out a letter dated 9th February, 1981, from the Director of Planning concerning the proposed erection of three dwellings and garages for R. Edwards Esq., on land adjoining 18 High Street, Upwood. In this letter it was stated that an additional one dwelling would be added to the sewerage.

After considerable discussion Mr. Densham suggested that a list should be made of all the applications which had been turned down solely on sewerage grounds and present this to the Anglian Water Authority for their acceptance. The Chairman said that this would not make a simple reversal of policy but solely taking Mr. Densham's point to review the development being held up by Parish Council objection to connecting the sewer. He said he felt that a visit from the Anglian Water Authority was essential as a technical opinion was needed.

It was decided to reply to the Planning Department as follows:

1. There was only one house being taken off the sewer with the development of 15 17 and 19.
2. The Parish Council were not prepared to make a single exception to their policy on planning applications and therefore their original decision still stood.

It was felt that a separate letter should be sent to the Director of Planning concerning the Parish Council's general policy. The Chairman said he felt the Director of Planning should be reminded that he was told some years ago that the sewerage system was seriously overloaded and that the Parish Council's reason for opposing planning applications on the grounds of overloading the sewerage system were simply to protect the interests of the inhabitants of Upwood. The following conclusions were reached:

1. The Parish Council were reviewing the number of planning applications being held up by this particular point and the number of applications granted which had not yet been implemented. They estimated that approximately 24 connections to the sewerage system were involved and would ask the Planning Department to confirm that this was the situation.
2. The Parish Council would approach the A.W.A. to ask for their professional opinion about the degree of overloading of the sewerage system and then have their representative to meet the Parish Council to discuss the matter.

3. It is the Parish Council's feeling that they would want to sanction all the outstanding connections if at all possible or alternatively to maintain their present policy. The Parish Council would notify the Planning Department as soon as they have taken the opinion of the A.S.A.

This was approved.

Planning Application 76E0150/81F : Grain Store : Green Farm, Little Hoveley

The application for erection of a grain store was approved.

W E Johnson  
5.5.81.

Minutes and Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting of Upwood and  
The Raveleys held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Monday,  
2nd March, 1981, at 7.30 p.m.

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Present : Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Miss P. Tutler  
Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mrs. C. Slote  
Mr. J. Walters  
with the Clerk

Eight members of the public were present.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. R. Scarr  
Mrs. I. Agger

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5th March, 1980, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

None.


4. Parish Council Action

The Chairman said that looking back on the year there seemed to be three major concerns of which the Parish Council had been much occupied.

The first was the Bentley Close Play Area. The problem here was the boundary wall which was unsafe and to cut a long story short it had been rebuilt and thus removed an obstacle to the transfer of land to the Parish Council. It was intended to get a professional report on the wall which should be favourable and it would then be the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain the Play Area, for which offers of help had been received from local residents living nearby.

The second item was the street lighting. There had been several alternatives but in the end it was decided to upgrade the present system. This work had been carried out by the Eastern Electricity Board but the maintenance contract from April onwards would be transferred to the Cambridgeshire County Council. This would be slightly cheaper and there would be some improvements to the service. Three new lights had been installed - one in the High Street, one on Huntingdon Road and one on Huntingdon Road at the Great Raveley junction.

Thirdly, a lot of Parish Council time had gone on matters of planning applications. The full Council had considered every major planning application and much concern in this had been our policy on the sewage system. The Parish Council had come to the conclusion some time ago that in view of the overloading of the sewerage system they could not sanction any more connections to it. This had meant a ban on development by the Parish Council which was inevitable but not their intention. On 16th February 1981 a special meeting of the Parish Council was called and the problem was very carefully discussed. It was discussed with a good degree of care and informed comment. The conclusion reached was that the Parish Council would not make any single exception to their



decision but they would review their policy in that they would firstly get an estimate of the potential new load on the sewage system should all the applications pending being held up on this one point be granted. The Chairman estimated that there were about 24 applications. The Anglian Water Authority would then be invited to give their opinion on the overloading of the system and send their representative to meet the Parish Council. The last time an opinion was given was as reported in the minutes, the overload is in the proportion of 4 to 1. If the A.W.A. were willing to accept a connection of all these twenty-four instances then the Parish Council would agree with that but they felt that it should be done for everyone or not at all. Septic tanks were also discussed and it was decided that on principle the Parish Council were against them. Although it would not be the Parish Council's responsibility if the sewage overflowed, the Parish Council felt that they would be held responsible by the village. The A.W.A. had improvements to the sewage system scheduled in the 1982/3 programme.

A lot of time had gone on routine business and minor matters brought to the Parish Council's attention. One of the Parish Council's responsibilities is allotments and there was at least one vacant for anyone who was interested. The Chairman said he felt that on the subject of tidiness the allotments were better than they were as most of the land was now cultivated and the tidiness of the new and old cemeteries maintained.

As to future aims, the matter of the sewage system settled, completed arrangements for Bentley Close, to look more actively at getting a larger play area for older children if financially possible.

The Chairman thanked the many people who had helped with Parish Council work, in particular their most efficient Clerk, Mrs. Wade, Mr. Gaunt for his support as Vice Chairman, all members for their attention to business, especially Mrs. Greasley who has found it necessary for health reasons to tender her resignation from the Council, Mr. and Mrs. Densham and Mr. Elliott as Community Advisors, Mr. Toms and Mr. Edwards and finally, a welcome for Mrs. Buttery who is now the WRVS representative for the village.

A question was then raised concerning the positioning of certain street lights in the village. The Chairman said that when one started filling in gaps in a system which already existed, anomalies would be created. He agreed that there were other parts of the village where more lighting would be desirable but the limitation was cost as each lamp cost approximately £300. It was however agreed that the new street lighting system was a great improvement.

## 5. Reports

### Over Sixties Club : Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green said that the Club had a few less members got a good attendance at monthly meetings. It was still financed from the Draw and Bingo sessions. There had been slide shows, a demonstration of sequence dancing which had had everyone up on the floor and several live entertainers, mystery tours and days out. The Chiropody Clinic was still going well and the chiropodist also attended Ramsey Clinic. Mrs. Green asked if anyone had relatives who would be interested in joining the club as they would be very welcome. She thanked the village for its support.

### School : Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells said that the school had enjoyed a challenging and exciting year. The numbers had remained constant with three infant and four junior classes. The school was due to lose a teacher from September due to the educational cuts but as one of the infant teachers was leaving in July she would not be replaced, thus avoiding making anyone redundant. Mrs. French had retired and her place had been taken by Mrs. Baker. The Headmaster had taken a



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term's study leave in the summer and the school had benefitted greatly. The school now had its own micro computer which was in daily use. In the summer term an ATV production team spent a week at the school filming a series of programmes for use in schools called 'Starting Science'. Visitors were numerous and included visits from Mr. John Major, M.P., the Principal of Homerton College, Cambridge, and visitors from Hong Kong and Australia. Pupils had visited the Ramsey Heights field centre, the House of Commons, the Key Theatre. The PTA were as active as ever and there were two forthcoming events mentioned. The self financing craft club had been extended to include the infant department with great success.

W.I. : Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green said that the W.I. was a small but happy group and had had an active year. Visits to the Key Theatre and the Wildfowl Trust at Peakirk had taken place. Speakers had covered such topics as antiques, pork pies, herbs. It was their 10th Anniversary and they would be pleased to see more members. The membership fee is now £2-75 per annum. There is also the opportunity to attend courses at the W.I. College, Denman, Oxford. They had taken part in a one-day show at Huntingdon and were entered in the General Knowledge and Scrabble competitions. Funds had been raised for the Red Cross, the Blind and a sponsored knit-in for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council had raised £53. A demonstration by Egon Flaschburger had also taken place and two members had had a free hair-do.

Playgroup : Mrs. Perkins

As Mrs. Perkins was unable to be present her report was read out by the Clerk. In it she said that although there was nothing particular to report, the Playgroup was progressing very well, was well attended and was gradually getting better equipped. Some of the Playgroup outings included leaf picking and fruit picking, the pantomime at Wyton, a farm where they helped to feed the goats, Westways fish and chip shop, the Fire Station, Clay Pits, Wickstead Park, Hunstanton, and this last Christmas, a trip on the Santa Special at the Nene Valley Railway. Activities included a super Nativity Play at Christmas which was very highly praised. It was hoped to have another Junior Disco for children of the Playschool and another Supper Dance for the parents. The Playgroup is looking forward to further activities in the summer including a mini sports day and plenty of dips in the swimming pool which the school kindly allows the Playgroup to use.

Village Hall : Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards said the Village Hall was functioning satisfactorily. Electricity costs were now charged to the hirers and in some cases came to more than the hire fee for the hall. There had been a satisfactory number of lettings during the winter months both locally and from outside the village. The financial situation is a little up on last year as there had not been so many repairs etc., carried out. Mr. Edwards said that the number on the committee had dwindled down to seven in all which was rather a small number to form a good working committee. He would welcome anyone who was interested. The Village Hall AGM would be on Monday 16th March.

The Chairman said he hoped that Mr. Edwards' appeal for members of the committee would meet with some response. He felt that it was a very good thing and certainly deserved support.

6. Any other business

Mr. Ivor Edwards raised the question of the rent on the part of the Parish Council allotments rented to the farming community. He said he felt that these rents were not realistic and felt they should be increased to the maximum amount the Parish Council could get.

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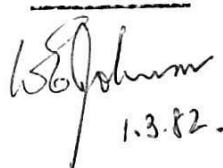
After a short discussion it was agreed that an item concerning a review of allotment rents would be placed on the agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting.

After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. I. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Puttery, that a proposal be put to the Parish Council concerning the need for a review of these rents. This was agreed.

A complaint was received concerning the footpath in the High Street which was being fouled by dogs and the Chairman said he would take whatever action he could.

7. Date and time of Annual Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, 5th May, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Upwood.

  
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Raveleys Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th May, 1981, at 7.30 p.m.  
in Upwood Village Hall

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Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Miss F. Butler  
Mrs. S. Cousins  
Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mr. H. McCarthy  
Mr. R. Scarr  
Mrs. O. Slote  
Mr. J. Waters

Mr. N. Dunning : District Councillor

with Mrs. I. Agger and the  
Clerk.

One member of the public was present.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. E. Edwards

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January, 1981 and the  
special meeting held on 16th February, 1981, were confirmed and  
signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Bentley Close Play Area

The Chairman said that as far as he was aware the District  
Council had not yet inspected the wall. However, he would  
contact Mr. Slater and ask if he was going to take over the  
wall.

(b) Street Lighting

The Chairman said that the estimates from Cambridgeshire  
County Council for maintenance of the street lighting were  
the most favourable and had been adopted.

(c) Lopping of trees round lights and briars in Church Lane

Mr. Walters said he had reported this to the County Surveyor.  
The briars in Church Lane had been dealt with and the County  
Surveyor would contact the owner of the trees in question.

(d) Grain Store : Little Raveley

Mr. Scarr said he had received some adverse comments concerning  
the erection of the grain store in Little Raveley. In  
retrospect the Parish Council felt that there should be some  
trees planted round it. It was agreed to approach  
Mr. John Stokes, the owner, concerning this.

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(c) Annual Parish Meeting : Action

The Chairman said that the complaint re dogs had been dealt with. It was reported that there was a great improvement. Mr. Bunnage reported that a bye-law had been passed by the District Council relating to these matters and was now awaiting Home Office approval.

4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. W. E. Johnson was elected unanimously as Chairman. Proposed by Mr. R. Scarr and seconded by Mr. T. Gaunt.  
Mr. D. Densham was elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt and seconded by Mrs. O. Glote.

On resuming the chair, the Chairman thanked Mr. Gaunt for his help during his time as Vice-Chairman.

5. Vicarage Paddock

The Chairman said that the District Council had said that it would be unlikely that planning permission for residential development would be forthcoming for the paddock. This information had been communicated to the Ely agent in Peterborough who had in turn forwarded it to the Diocesan Secretary. It was agreed to write to the agents again as nothing further had been heard from them for some time.

6. Thanks to Community Advisers

The Chairman said that Mr. P. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. D. Densham had now completed the course at Huntingdon and he felt that a formal letter of thanks should be sent to them. This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman said that a letter had been received from the District Council asking for nominations for a further session for next winter. Nominees were Mrs. S. Cousins and Mr. A. Buttery.

7. Anglian Water Authority

The Chairman said that he had been contacted by Mr. Reeve of 26 Helen's Close to say that he had had trouble with flooding from the pumping station. The Chairman said that he had advised him to write to the Anglian Water Authority with a copy to the Parish Council.

8. Acceptance of Plans against Parish Council advice

It was agreed to write to the District Council asking for the Planning Officer's comments and expressing concern that plans are being passed against Parish Council recommendation.

9. Correspondence

Upwood Village Hall : Accounts for 1980/81 Financial Year  
Catalogue : SFP Landscapes  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils  
Countryside News and Views  
Huntingdon District Council : Parish Tree Planting.

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10. Cheques/Documents

Eastern Electricity Board : Energy Charge Agreement  
 Cambridgeshire County Council : Maintenance of Street Lighting.  
 Ailwyn Community Association : Affiliation.

Village Hall	£27-28
Mrs. Wade	£250-00
E.E.B. (street lighting imp.)	£906-40
EEB (energy charge)	£68-65
Mr. Toms (80/81)	£20-00
Mrs. Wade (postage etc.)	£29-85
EEB (energy charge)	£31-53
Mrs. Gibbins	£5-00
Cornhill	£12-00
C.A.L.C.	£40-15
Cambridgeshire County Council	£6-56
Mr. Toms (81/82)	£20-00

11. Any other business

(a) Wages/Salaries

This item was discussed in the absence of the Clerk when it was agreed that the wages of the Clerk, Mr. Toms and Mr. V. Edwards should be raised by 10% for the 1981/82 financial year.

(b) Rent of agricultural land

The Chairman said that this matter was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. After a short discussion it was agreed to write to the County Land Agent to ask for his advice and to arrange a meeting with the County Land Agent, the Chairman and Mr. Scarr. It was also agreed that the form of agreement should be looked at.

(c) Planning Application 76H0864/81/LB

This related to the division of Upwood House into two dwellings and after a short discussion, it was recommended that this should be accepted as it was an improvement to the property and would assist to keep Upwood House occupied.

(d) Planning Application 76H0847/81F

The plans did not appear to relate to the application and this fact would be brought to the attention of the District Council.

(e) It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the Eastern Electricity Board for their work in restoring power when a tree fell on the transformer in the High Street on Saturday 25th April.

(f) It was reported that there were two drain gratings broken in Great Raveley, one opposite the noticeboard and one half-way up Great Raveley Hill. Mr. Walters said he would deal with this.

(g) Mr. Densham said that it was the intention of the community advisers to set up a community advisers association, the first meeting to take place on 30th June, 1981. Their first project was to make arrangements in the respective parishes in terms of planning for the village community, with particular reference to local resources and all things that must be associated with a major emergency. It was felt that a special meeting should be arranged to discuss this and it was decided that 16th June at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall would be acceptable.

12. Date and time of next meeting

7th July. 1981. at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

W. Johnson  
7.7.81.

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Parish Council held on 16th June, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. R. Scarr  
Mr. J. Walters

2. Community Advisers : Village Resources

Mr. Densham briefly outlined the aims of the Cambridgeshire County Council's Emergency Planning Department and said that the next step was for a local plan which would, in fact, back up the County thinking on the subject of a major emergency. He suggested that the way to approach this would be to set up a working party, i.e. a small group of people who would be prepared to look at the problem in some depth.

The Chairman said that he felt this would be a very sensible approach and after some discussion Mr. Densham proposed, seconded by Mr. Gaunt, that a working party be set up to draw up a draft plan for the Parish for action in case of a major emergency. This was approved unanimously.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the composition of the Working Party should be as follows

Mr. and Mrs. D. Densham  
Mr. P. Elliott  
The Chairman of the Parish Council  
Mrs. S. Cousins

Mr. H. McCarthy  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mr. A. R. BATTERY

Community Advisers  
Community Adviser  
ex officio  
Trainee Community Adviser/  
Representative of Little Raveley  
Representative of Great Raveley  
Representative of Upwood village  
Trainee Community Adviser

This would be subject to the agreement of the people recommended to serve.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Elliott, Mr. BATTERY and Mrs. Cousins who were not present at the meeting to enquire if they would be willing to be members of the Working Party.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Emergency Planning Working Party would be convened by the Chairman and would take place on Thursday, 10th September, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

*W E Johnson*  
7.7.81.

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Laveleys Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th July, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson : Chairman  
Miss F. Butler  
Mrs. S. Cousins  
Mr. D. Denham  
Mr. I. Edwards  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mr. E. McCarthy  
Mr. E. Scarr  
Mrs. C. Slote  
Mr. J. Walters  
with Mrs. I. Egger and the Clerk

Mr. East and Mr. Child : Anglian Water Authority } Guests  
Mr. Hutchinson : E.D.C. Planning Department }

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. Edwards.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May, 1981, and the Special Meeting held on 16th June, 1981, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Trees

Nothing further had been heard from the County Surveyor concerning the lopping of the trees in Church Lane. Mr. Walters volunteered to look into the matter.

(b) Grain Store at Little Laveley

Mr. Scarr said that he had seen Mr. Stokes who had already agreed to plant trees round the grain store. The Clerk was asked to send Mr. Stokes details of the District Council's tree planting scheme.

(c) Emergency Planning Working Party.

The Clerk had received written acceptances from Mr. Buttery and Mr. Elliott and a verbal acceptance from Mrs. Cousins was given at the meeting.

4. Declaration of Office

Mr. Ivor Edwards was welcomed to his first Parish Council Meeting by the Chairman and signed the Declaration of Office.



5. Anglian Water Authority

The Chairman welcomed Mr. East and Mr. Child from the Ely Sewage Division of the Anglian Water Authority.

Mr. East began with a very interesting brief talk on how the Sewage Division was financed and how the money was spent. This was followed by a brief but interesting film showing how the Ely Sewage Division worked. After the film, the problems of the Upwood Sewage system were discussed together with their alternative solutions. General discussion followed, and in conclusion the Chairman thanked Mr. East and Mr. Child for attending the meeting.

6. Huntingdon District Council : Planning Department

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Hutchinson from the District Council Planning Department. Mr. Hutchinson talked about consultations in general with Parish Councils and the way in which the Planning Authority operated. A general discussion followed during which a great many questions were asked and answered. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hutchinson for attending the meeting.

7. Cheques/Documents

Mr. Toms                   ✓ 83-36  
E.E.B. (May)           ✓ 84-53  
L.N.L.                   ✓ 87-98  
Mr. Toms               ✓ 827-36

Department of the Environment   ✓ 841-40  
E.E.B. (June)                   ✓ 831-53  
Bensley Ailwyn Community Centre   ✓ 85-00  
Mr. V. Edwards                   ✓ 857-79

The Precept for £2,800 for 1981/82 was signed.

8. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire Probation and After Care Service  
Cambridgeshire : Tree Planting Scheme 1981-82  
U.S.A.T. News Release  
Countryside News and Views  
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Newsletter

9. Audit

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the financial year 1980/81 had been audited by the District Auditor and had been found to be correct.

10. Royal Wedding Celebrations

After a short discussion it was felt by the Council that the Royal Wedding Celebrations should be left to individuals to organise if they so wished.

11. Any other business

It was unanimously agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Childs and Mr. East from the Anglian Water Authority and to Mr. Hutchinson from the District Council Planning Department to thank them for their attendance at the meeting and it was agreed that their visit had been well worth while.

12. Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 10th September, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

*W. Johnson*  
7.9.81

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

I ..IVOR..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 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 1981

SIGNATURE.....*I Edwards*.....

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me:

*W E Johnson*  
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Member of the Parish Council



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Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Miss F. Butler  
Mrs. C. Cousins  
Mr. I. Edwards  
Mr. T. Mount  
Mr. R. Scarr  
Mrs. C. Slote  
Mr. J. Walters  
with Mrs. I. Agger and the  
Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Densham.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th July, 1981, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Trees

Mr. Walters reported that the trees would need to be trimmed with a tower lift and this would be done shortly

(b) Anglian Water Authority

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Anglian Water Authority concerning the Upwood Sewage Treatment Works in which it was confirmed that the Parish Council would be kept informed of the progress of the sewage treatment works and also confirming that they would consult with the District Council on the number of planning applications that had been approved since the embargo on development due to sewage treatment problems. They would also appreciate any information on the sewage problems referred to at the meeting.

4. Upwood Royal Wedding Commemoration

The Chairman said he had, in the first instance, been approached informally concerning the Commemoration. Since then a committee had been formed of which Professor E. Smith of Milwyn House was the Chairman. He then read out a letter he had received from Professor Smith outlining the Committee's proposals concerning the proposed gift of a village sign for Upwood. After a short discussion it was agreed -

- (a) that the Parish Council had no objection to funds being raised through the private initiative of the Upwood Royal Wedding Commemoration Committee.
- (b) that the Parish Council would be prepared to accept as a gift from the Committee a decorative village sign, and to undertake its future maintenance.
- (c) that the Parish Council was prepared to approve in principle the erection of such a village sign.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Professor Smith to accept with pleasure the gift of a village sign for Upwood.

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5. Cheques/Documents

Mr. Toms        \ £25-58  
Cambs C.C.       \ £109.78  
Public Works  
Loan Board       \ £166-25

B.E.B. (July)  
B.E.B. (August)

\ £31-58  
\ £31-58

6. Correspondence

Cambs C.C. : Parish Tree Planting. After a short discussion it was agreed that no trees would be ordered for the 1980/81 year.

U.S.A.F. : News Release

Cambs C.C. : Public Transport Guides for Great Hoveley.

Huntingdon District Council : Byelaws : Good Rule and Government.

Cambridge Association of Local Councils : Notice of A.G.M.

Cambs County Council : Working Party Review of Primary Schools : Guidelines.

Play in Rural Areas

Council for the Protection of Rural England : Notice of Autumn Open Meeting.

Countryside News and Views.

Cambridgeshire Village Ventures

National Association of Local Councils : Circular 1/81.

Cambridgeshire County Council : Allotment Rents : After some discussion it was agreed that a letter should be written to tenants of the smallholdings stating the Parish Council's intention to increase the land rent from Michaelmas 1982. Proposed by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Gaunt and all in favour. It was also agreed to consult the Director of Land and Buildings before proceeding.

Huntingdon District Council : Annual Estimate for 1982/83. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that estimates should be submitted for the sum of £2,800 which was the same amount as that requested for the current financial year.

7. Any other business

- (a) Mr. Gaunt reported that Mr. V. Edwards had tidied the land adjoining the churchyard and the road at no cost to the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed by the Chairman.
- (b) In reply to a question from Mrs Cousins, Mr. Gaunt said that the piece of land at the back of the houses in Ailwyn Road was not a public right of way.
- (c) The Chairman said he had received a letter from Mr. Perkins asking if something could be done to repair Church Lane. The Chairman said that there was no doubt that the surface of Church Lane did need some attention and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Adnams at the Stilton Depot concerning this.
- (d) Mr. Gaunt reported that the footpath at the bottom of Ailwine Road had been damaged due, it appeared to the drainage having fallen in. It was agreed that this should also be reported to the Highways Department.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 2nd November, 1981, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.  
Allotment Rent Collection on the same day from 7.00 - 7.30 p.m.

*W. E. Johnson*  
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Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd November, 1981, at 7.30 pm in Upwood Village Hall.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman  
Miss F. Butler  
Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. E. Edwards  
Mr. T. Gaunt  
Mr. E. McCarthy  
Mr. E. Scarr  
Mrs. O. Slote  
with the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Igger.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th September, 1981, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising.

- (a) A letter had been received from the Highways Division confirming that repairs would be made to Church Lane and Ailwyn Road when labour was available.
- (b) A letter had been received from the Upwood Royal Wedding Committee confirming that fund-raising would ~~not~~ go ahead and that the Parish Council would be kept informed of the progress made.
- (c) The Chairman said he had telephoned the District Council concerning the liaison with the Anglian Water Authority and that they had promised to look into the matter.
- (d) It was reported that some of the trees in question had been trimmed but not others. The Chairman said he would contact the District Council.

4. Allotments

The Chairman said that a letter had been sent to all tenants concerning the forthcoming rent review and advised by the County Council who had also suggested that the land should be valued for rent purposes by a professional valuer. It was agreed that Vergettes of Ramsey should be asked to do this.

It was reported that Mr. Kennel has given up his allotment and it was agreed that Mr. Moulds' request to take it over should be confirmed.

5. Correspondence

Tree Council : Saplings in Hedgerows.

Footpath Problems

Cambridgeshire Community Council : Best Kept Village Draw results.

Department of the Environment - Huntingdon District : Parish Review.

Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. After a short discussion it was felt that the Parish Council were satisfied with the present insurance cover.

Ramsey Ailwyn School : Social Committee. After a short discussion it was decided to take no action on this.

Cambridgeshire County Council : Mobile Library Service.

Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils : Newsletter. With reference to item 2, it was proposed by Mr. Scarr and seconded by Mr. Gaunt that the local Police Beat man be invited to attend Parish Council Meetings.

Cambridgeshire Community Council newsletter : Harvest.

5. Cheques/Documents

E.E.D. (September)	£31-53	Royal Insurance	£16-00
Mr. Toms	£1-84	E.E.D. (October)	£31-53
Canbs C.C.	£109-78	T. Edwards	£54-39
Mr. Toms	£22-00		

7. Planning Applications

76M1537/81F. Dr. Steele, Old School House, Great Raveley.  
Single garage to match existing buildings.  
Approved.

76M1560/81F. Mr. Medlock, Overdale, Great Raveley.  
Extension to lounge to match existing building.  
Approved.

8. Any other business

- (a) The Chairman said he felt that a dangerous bend sign should be erected at either end of the two sharp bends going past the RAF camp. After a short discussion it was agreed to ask the County Surveyor if this could be done.
- (b) Mr. McCarthy reported that there had been a considerable amount of speeding through Great Raveley village, particularly between 8.00 - 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. It was agreed to notify the police and request that they take the appropriate action.
- (c) Road Safety Committee - the question of receiving reports from this committee was raised and it was agreed to ascertain whether the local representative for Upwood still attended this committee and to ask for a report. In the event of this not being the case, Mr. Gaunt offered to take his place.
- (d) Association of Local Councils - Annual Meeting. Mr. D. Densham attended this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and gave a short report. He was thanked by the Chairman.
- (e) Emergency Working Party: The Chairman reported that the Chairman of this Working Party was Mr. D. Densham and the secretary was Mr. P. Elliott. Mr. Densham said that five meetings had been held to date and among the subjects discussed were health and sanitation, preservation of law and order, local resources. The next step for the Working Party would be to endeavour to draw up an outline plan for the parish, after which the actual work of the Working Party would be completed. It was hoped to have the plan completed before Christmas ready for presentation to the full Parish Council.
- (f) It was reported that there had been complaints from bus and lorry drivers concerning the hedge on the Great Raveley allotments overhanging the road. It was agreed to write to the tenant concerned and ask him to trim it.
- (g) A question was asked concerning the clearing of dead leaves from Church Corner and the Chairman said he would deal with the matter.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 13th January, 1982 at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

*W. E. Johnson*  
13.1.82

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Minutes and Proceedings of a Special Meeting of Upwood and  
The Raveleys Parish Council held on Tuesday, 24th November, 1981,  
at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. D. Densham  
Mr. E. Edwards  
Mr. J. Walters

2. Play Areas - Upwood Village

The Chairman said there were two areas to consider.

(a) Bentley Close Play Area which was an area intended for small children. The matter had moved two years ago to the point where the owner had agreed to let the Parish Council take over this area free of charge, except for legal charges, and this matter had been put in hand with Serjeant and Son. The hold-up had been caused by the unsatisfactory condition of the boundary wall on Mr. Slater's house. This wall had now been rebuilt and now appeared to be in a satisfactory condition and Mr. Slater was now prepared to take it over as part of his property.

(b) Former Vicarage Paddock. A letter had been received from Joliffe, Andrew and Ashwell, agents to the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance, dated 12th November in which the broad terms and conditions of the lease would be offered to the Parish Council.

The Chairman said there was now the need to decide whether the Parish Council wanted to go ahead. He said that a committee would have to be set up to be responsible for getting the areas into use, arranging for upkeep and any day to day routine work which needed to be done. There would also be some initial expense and also expense of maintenance. The Parish Council would be accepting responsibility not only for themselves but also for their successors.

After considerable discussion, the Chairman said that the Parish Council had been trying to get a piece of land as a playing field for at least ten years and that the Parish Council would probably meet all sorts of objections if they let this opportunity slip through. He did not feel that, at the present time, any other scheme would be likely to present itself, nor, if it did, that the Parish Council would be able to afford it. He did not feel that that the Parish Council was in the position to buy any land.

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It was finally decided that with regard to the Bentley Close play area, that the Parish Council should ask Mr. Slater to confirm to them in writing that he was now ready to take over the boundary wall and on receipt of this the Parish Council could then instruct their solicitors to go ahead. The motion was proposed by Mr. R. Scarr, seconded by Mr. T. Gaunt and was unanimous.

With regard to the Old Vicarage Paddock it was agreed that it should be pointed out to the agents that the access area was in an extremely bad state and should be put into a useable order before the lease was taken over. It was felt that a clause enabling compensation for any expense undertaken before surrendering the lease should be inserted. The lease to run for a period of twenty years and not ten. All of these conditions to be subject to obtaining planning permission.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt and seconded by Miss F. Butler that the broad terms of the lease, subject to the above mentioned amendments should be conveyed to Jolliffe, Andrew and Ashwell. The motion was unanimously agreed.

Mr. Gaunt volunteered to inspect the paddock and report on its condition to the Chairman within a few days.

It was also agreed that a committee of management for the Playing Fields should be set up at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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*W. E. Johnson*  
13.1.82.