

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council
held in Upwood Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th January, 1982.

Present:

Mr. V. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. E. McCarthy
Mrs. C. Slete
Mr. J. Walters
with Mr. H. Ramage : District Councillor
and the Clerk.


1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Cousins, Mr. E. Edwards and Mrs. I. Agger.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2.11.81, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

- (a) It was reported that repairs had been made to Church Lane but the surface of Ailwine Road still appeared to need attention.
 - (b) The Chairman said he had been in touch with Professor Smith and the Committee had raised £345 to date and they thought they would need another £250/300. It was hoped that there would be some money over to buy a seat to be placed near the sign. It had still to be decided where the sign would be placed and this would be done in conjunction with the Parish Council. The top of Church Lane or the bottom of Ailwine Road had been suggested and after a short discussion Mr. Walters suggested that the top of Church Lane might be suitable as the sign would then be seen by all who passed through the village.
 - (c) The Chairman said that the vacant allotment had been advertised but to date no applications had been received.
 - (d) A reply had been received from the Highways Division concerning the sharp bends on the Huntingdon Road near the USAF camp in which it was stated that additional reflector posts would be erected. After some discussion it was felt that this would not solve the problem and that warning signs were required. It was agreed to write to the Department of Transportation in Cambridge requesting these.
 - (e) A letter had been received from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary stating that speed checks had been in operation in Great Raveley in which it had been found that in the majority of cases, the speed of those passing through the village was not excessive.
 - (f) It was agreed that Mr. Ellington, who represented Upwood on the Road Safety Committee, should be invited to give a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - (g) Mr. McCarthy reported that the hedge at Great Raveley had now been trimmed.
 - (h) The Chairman reported that the leaves round by the Church had been cleared shortly after the previous meeting.
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4. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24.11.31. were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising

(a) Bentley Close

The Chairman said he had been in touch with Mr. Slater who was going to get a professional opinion concerning the boundary wall and if this opinion was favourable, he would write and confirm that he was taking over the wall.

(b) Old Rectory Paddock

The Chairman read out a letter received from Joliffe, Andrew and Ashwell in reply to the Parish Council's letter of 10.12.31.

After considerable discussion the following points were established:

- (i) The extent of work which the Parish Council felt was necessary to improve the access would consist of clearing the builders' rubbish and levelling the ruts. Mr. McCarthy offered to have a look at the site and to give the Parish Council an estimate for carrying out the work.
- (ii) It was agreed that a figure of £500 would be suggested as compensation in the event of the Parish Council having to surrender the lease of the paddock.
- (iii) It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr. Gaunt would deal with the question of ownership of the various boundaries.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter which would be replied to in full as soon as the necessary information was available.

It was agreed that the Committee of Management for the Playing Fields would consist of the Chairman and Vice Chairman (ex officio) and Mr. T. Gaunt. The committee would have the power to co-opt local residents if they so wished.

6. Nomination of Charities Trustee


It was proposed by Mr. T. Gaunt and seconded by Mr. H. McCarthy that Mr. W. E. Johnson be re-elected. The decision was unanimous.

7. Emergency Planning Working Party Report

The Emergency Planning Working Party Report was given by Mr. Densham and was a draft plan for the village to be put into operation in the event of an emergency.

The Chairman said that the plan would have been impossible without the work of those who had trained as Community Advisers and the meetings held over the past two to three months. He said he wished to express the Council's thanks to all concerned, especially Mr. Elliott for his very assiduous work as secretary and Mr. Densham for acting as Chairman of the Committee.

It was felt that the Parish Council needed time to study the plan before any recommendations could be made and it was agreed that a copy would be distributed to every member for their consideration. It was also felt that no firm decisions should be made until after the forthcoming Parish Council elections.



Minutes and Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys held in the Village Hall, Upwood, on Monday, 1st March, 1982, at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. W. Densham
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
with Mrs. I. Agger and the Clerk

Approximately twelve members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mr. R. Scarr

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd March, 1981, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Parish Council Action

The Chairman, Mr. W. E. Johnson, reported on the work of the Parish Council throughout the year.

The Parish Council had met seven times during the year including two special meetings.

A special meeting had been held in June when the Parish Council met with the Community Advisers when it was decided to set up a Working Party to produce a Parish Emergency Plan to deal with major emergencies such as an imminent nuclear attack.

The Working Party which consisted of four Community Advisers, the Chairman and two members of the Parish Council had produced a plan to be presented to the Parish Council in April, 1982, although no firm decisions concerning it would be made until after the election of new Parish Councillors in May. Mr. Densham, Chairman of the Working Party and Mr. Elliott, Secretary, were thanked for the amount of very hard work they had put in on the Plan.

Another special meeting had been held in November to discuss the play areas. The Parish Council was moving to finally taking over the Bentley Close Play Area. In their efforts to get a larger play area for older children, the Parish Council had succeeded in principle in persuading the Ely Diocesan Board to rent them the old vicarage paddock and negotiations concerning this were currently taking place.

Meetings had been held between the Parish Council, the Anglian Water Authority and the District Council concerning

the disposal of sewage in the village. Improvement work by the A.W.A. is scheduled for 1983.

In September the Parish Council had been very glad to accept the proposals of a committee headed by Professor Smith concerning the commemoration of the Royal Wedding.

In November the topic of road safety had been discussed and it was agreed to request that warning signs be placed on the sharp bends on the Huntingdon Road. These signs were at present being manufactured.

Another matter dealt with was that of the electoral divisions for the election of County Councillors. In their efforts to equalise the population in the various electoral divisions, the County Council had grouped Upwood with various other parishes situated on the other side of the A1. The Parish Council had notified the County Council that a more appropriate grouping would be with the local villages of Ramsey and Bury.

There were now two vacant allotments; one at Great Raveley and the other at Upwood.

The Chairman had attended the ceremony at RAF Upwood on behalf of the Parish Council when the station was handed over to the USAF.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked all those who had served the Parish Council both as members and in other ways during the year. He reminded those present that during the coming year the Parish Council would be re-elected and he hoped that many people would come forward to be candidates. The village needed people who were prepared to attend meetings, express opinions and carry responsibilities for the parish.

5. Reports

(a) The School : Mrs. S. Wells

Mrs. Wells was unable to attend the meeting and her report was read by the Clerk.

The school continued to be active and progressive and the number on role remained at around 160, some of which were from the USAF families living in Farm Close. Further cuts were due to take place in September when the junior department's four classes would be reorganised into three. Mrs. Slater had been appointed Head of the Infant Department and the Deputy Head, Mrs. R. Poulton had gained an Advanced Diploma.

Staff and children would be presenting the Pirates of Penzance on the afternoon of 24th March and the evening of 25th March. Tickets available from the school.

In April the school will have been at its present site for twenty-one years and celebrations are planned including a party for the children on 1st April and on 7th May a special evening of Words and Music with Edward Storey at which wine and cheese will be served. An Exhibition of Nostalgia is to be mounted and anyone who has photographs or mementoes which they would like to contribute are asked



to send them to the school by the end of April. To mark the occasion in a more practical way the school intends to turn one of its redundant classrooms into an audio-visual room and a special 21 appeal is being launched. Donations in units of 21 - pence or pounds will be welcome.

(b) Women's Institute : Mrs. Elliott

Mrs. Elliott reported that since the previous year, there had been an increase in numbers. Locally the WI had won first prize at both the Spring and Autumn Group Meetings, a second at Inter-County Level at the East of England Show and first in the Driver of the Year Competition organised by the Federation and the Cambridgeshire Police Force. A very active year had been enjoyed and funds were raised by baking cakes for two stalls in Ramsey and a sponsored sunflower competition. For other funds the WI had collected house to house for the British Red Cross and held a coffee morning for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. 1982 brought a new WI President and some new faces on the committee and plans for the year were forging ahead.

(c) Playgroup : Mrs. A. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor reported that the Playgroup was run at Upwood School for four days each week with a Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor. A rota system is worked for the mothers who all do a duty at least twice each term. The aims of the Playgroup were to provide safe and satisfying group play, to teach the children new skills, to be an extension of home life providing experiences that would otherwise prove difficult, and finally to provide a smooth transition from Playgroup into Infant School. The children have been on many outside visits and prior to Christmas 1981 were asked to create a frieze for the childrens' ward at Papworth Hospital.

In closing, Mrs. Taylor said that she felt the Playgroup had become a great asset in the community, providing the children who attended it with the opportunity to partake in many stimulating activities, and visitors to any of the sessions would be welcomed.


(d) Village Hall

The Chairman said that the Village Hall Accounts for the past year had been presented and there was a very healthy balance which seemed to suggest that the Village Hall Committee was running the Hall on a very business-like basis.

(d) Royal Wedding Commemoration Committee : Professor H. Smith

Professor Smith reported that a number of fund-raising events had been held and the total stood at £348-76. Preliminary enquiries had suggested that the final total needed would be between £500-700 but as there were several more events planned between the present and June, the Committee were fairly confident that it would raise an adequate sum.

The siting of the sign had been discussed in a preliminary manner but no definite decision had yet been made although the most favoured position seemed to be at the top of Church Lane near the entrance to the fete field.



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(e) Cambridgeshire Constabulary : P.C. Heasman

P.C. Heasman, our local policeman, commented on the past year's events which had concerned the parish and then answered a variety of questions posed by those present.

6. Any other business

None.

W.B. Johnson
7.3.83.

Minutes and Proceedings of a Special Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1982, in the Village Hall,
Upwood, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. C. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
Mr. N. Pummage - District Councillor
and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. I. Edwards
Mrs. S. Cousins

2. Play Areas - Reconsideration of Policy

The Chairman said he had called the meeting for the following reasons:

Through a chance conversation he gathered that play areas were a considerable problem in many areas because of abuse which took place. He said he had not realised this and he did not think that the Parish Council had realised this as this aspect had not been discussed previously. He had consulted the Police who had, in fact, confirmed what he had heard. Unfortunately play areas become the focal point for undesirables - vandals, noise, motor bikes, etc., which tended to be at its worst in the late evening. He said that the point was that although he himself had been in favour of the play area, it seemed right that the Parish Council should be called together to put these points but the issues were such that they needed very careful consideration.

There was a further point that the play area would require supervision and this was a very long term thing which the Parish Council's successors would inherit. He said that this point had been reinforced by the question of the Village Hall where the problem of getting people to look after the place was getting extremely acute as people did not come forward to help out. This was another thing which had the same aspect as the play area.

The Chairman then said that having thought things over, he felt the Parish Council should not attempt to set up a large play area although he felt it would be possible to go ahead with Bentley Close which, although smaller, would still need supervision. He had been in touch with Huntingdon District Council where the planning application had been held up on a technicality and had also been in touch with Mr. Joliffe.

At this point the matter was open to discussion.

Mr. Scarr felt it should be a matter for the new council after the election. He also raised the question of Third Party Insurance.

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Mr. Gaunt asked what evidence the Chairman had ^{that} with local play areas had caused trouble. The reply was - motor bikes, bikes, a broken fence, equipment moved, trouble with bad language.

Mr. Dammage asked if involvement by children would help to avoid the problem.

The Chairman said that at no time had the Parish Council any objection to genuine play but were they to set up a larger play area were they to give themselves the problem which was almost universal. The Parish Council must bear in mind that the problem would come back to themselves or their successors.

Mr. Walters said noise might be a problem with the Nursing Home.

Mr. Gaunt said that if the Parish Council lost the Vicarage field they would have lost the only chance they would have to have a play area. He felt there was a moral obligation to have the play area.

Mr. Densham asked if motor bikes could be excluded but after a short discussion there did not seem to be a solution to this question.

Mr. Dammage suggested that a circular should be sent to all the people in the parish to see what sort of response would be given.

Finally after further discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Gaunt and seconded by Mr. Scarr, that the Parish Council declares its intention to defer on the decision of its policy on both the projected play areas until the new council has been elected. This motion was passed unanimously.

After a further discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with informal consultations with the village.

W. Scarr
26.4.82

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Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and
The Raveleys Parish Council held on Monday,
25th April, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

Present:

Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss W. Butler
Mrs. S. Cousins
Mr. E. C. Edwards
Mr. I. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
Mr. N. Bunnage - District Councillor
with the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. D. Densham
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. I. Agger

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January, 1982,
were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Village Sign The Chairman had attended a meeting
of the Village Sign Committee on 15th April. The amount
raised to date was approximately £400. It was envisaged
that the sign could cost approximately £1,000, the
design currently favoured by the Committee being of
steel with a brick plinth. The site provisionally chosen
for the sign was at the top of Church Lane against Church
Farm and the Chairman said that he had agreed to consult
the Highways Department of the County Council concerning
its suitability.

(b) Dangerous Bends It was reported that the warning
signs had now been erected.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March, 1982, were
confirmed and signed by the Chairman.


5. Matters arising

Old Vicarage Paddock : Play Area It was agreed to continue
with the discussion of this matter since the election of
a new Parish Council would not now take place until 1983.

A letter had been received from the owner of the Manor
House Nursing Home, whose property adjoined the site of
the proposed playing field, a copy of which had been
circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

After a long and full discussion of the correspondence
received and the suitability of the Old Vicarage Paddock
as a Play area, it was resolved that:

- (i) The Parish Council carried on in the search for
a play area for the village - one of a sufficient
size to kick a ball about. The motion was proposed
by Mr. J. Walters, seconded by Mr. T. Gaunt and
was carried.
- (ii) The Parish Council should carry on with its attempt
to secure the Old Vicarage Paddock as a play area.
The motion was proposed by Mr. I. Edwards, seconded
by Mrs. S. Cousins and was carried.

 It was agreed that the owner of the Manor House Nursing Home
should be notified of the Parish Council's decisions.

6. Bentley Close
Play Area
- Confirmation had been received from Huntingdon District Council that the green area at the end of Bentley Close was approved as a play area on the estate development. The clerk was instructed to write to the Parish Council's solicitors requesting them to proceed with the Deed of Dedication.
7. Changes in Local
Government Areas
- The Parish Council took receipt of various maps and documents relating to the recent boundary changes.
8. Parish Emergency
Plan.
- It was agreed that, due to shortage of time, that this item would be placed on the agenda for the following meeting.
9. Parish Council
Action
- The Chairman reported that correspondence had been received from the District Council outlining the Parish Council's position regarding the nuisance of dogs in the parish.
10. Correspondence
- Huntingdon Centre - request for a Parish Council Representative for the District Advisory Committee. There were no volunteers so the Chairman offered to attend meetings until such a volunteer was found.
Huntingdon District Council - Community Advisers - new course.
Cambridgeshire County Council - notification of increase in street lighting maintenance charges
Eastern Electricity Board - notification of increase of energy charges.
Community Health Council
Glasgow Winter Products - catalogue
Eastern Electricity Board - street lighting lamp count 1982
BBC Radio Cambridge - request for correspondent for the village. It was agreed to ask Mrs. Agger if she would undertake to do this.
Cambridgeshire Community Council Newsletter
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils - Newsletter
11. Cheques and
Documents
- Eastern Electricity Board : New terms for the supply of electricity from 31.3.82.
Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate : Mrs. Beach
Cambridgeshire County Council (Oct/Dec maintenance) 109-78
Public Works Loan Board 159-63
Eastern Electricity Board (February) 20-14
Huntingdon District Council 40-03
Upwood Village Hall 48-83
Mrs. Wade (salary) 275-00
Vergettes 20-15
Eastern Electricity Board (March) 51-58
Mrs. Wade (postages etc.) 34-67
Cambridgeshire County Council (Jan/Mar maintenance) 109-76
Eastern Electricity Board (April) 33-14
Mr. Toms 23-70
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils 39-35
Mrs. Wade (stationery) 8-38
12. Allotment rents
- It was agreed to accept the valuers' figures concerning the new allotment rents and the 10 pence would be notified in due course.
13. Application for
Assistant :
L. Rawdon Smith
- The Chairman read out a letter from Richard Rawdon Smith requesting financial help forwards his costs for taking part in the British Schools Exploring Society's 1982 expedition to Greenland, the total cost of which would be £1,400 for fares and insurance plus the cost of equipment. The Parish Council felt that it was a considerable honour for Richard Rawdon Smith and the village, to be accepted as a member of the expedition and it was unanimously agreed to allow him a grant of £50 from the free 2p rate.

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14. Any other business

It was confirmed that Mr. Glover would take over the vacant allotment at Great Laveley with effect from 1st April, 1982.

It was reported that the slabs were not put back in the correct positions when the drains in the High Street were cleaned out. The Chairman said he would deal with the matter.

15. Date and time
of next meeting.

The next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting which would be held on Tuesday, 18th May, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

W. Johnson
18.5.82

Minutes and proceedings of the Annual Parish Council
Meeting of Upwood and the Vicarage Hall in Upwood Village Hall
on Tuesday, 18th May, 1982, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mrs. S. Cousins
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. E. McCarthy
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
with Mrs. I. Agger, Mrs. F. Clyne and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. I. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
P.C.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April, 1982, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

Village Sign The Chairman had attended a further meeting of the Village Sign Committee. The Committee had raised approximately £600 with the possibility of a further £250. Since the previous meeting they had received further designs and had decided that a decision would be taken sometime in June when all the designs would have been received. The Chairman commented that he had not yet received a reply from the Highways Department.

Vicarage Paddock

It was confirmed that the planning application had been acknowledged by the District Council and that a decision should be expected by the end of June.

Bentley Close Play Area It was confirmed that the Parish Council's solicitors were now dealing with the documentation. Mr. Walters had been in contact with Mr. Slater who was now willing to take over the boundary wall.

Changes in Local Government Areas The Chairman felt that this item should be qualified - the changes were in the Parish Boundary areas. The relevant maps outlining these changes were held by the Chairman.

High Street It was reported that the slabs had been attended to and were now satisfactory.

4. Election of Chairman

Mr. D. Densham proposed, seconded by Mr. R. Scarr, that Mr. W. E. Johnson be re-elected as Chairman. Voting was unanimously in favour and Mr. Johnson re-took the Chair.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman said his attention had been brought to the question of relationships with USA personnel in the parish since this was going to assume some importance with the moving in and development of RAF Upwood now that it was in American hands. The Chairman said that he felt it was necessary for a member of the Parish Council to have responsibility for this and that he felt it would be appropriate for it to become the concern of the Vice-Chairman. After a short discussion it was agreed that liaison between RAF Upwood and the Parish Council should become the responsibility of the Vice-Chairman and voting then took place. Mr. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mr. Walters that Mr. Densham be re-elected. Voting was unanimously in favour.

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6. Mrs. E. Clyne

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Frances Clyne, Central Development Officer for the Cambridgeshire Community Council. Mrs. Clyne then gave a brief and extremely interesting talk concerning the aims of the Community Council and her part as Development Officer. This was followed by a short discussion.

7. Parish Emergency Plan

The outline emergency plan had already been circulated to members for their perusal. The Chairman reminded members of the three main recommendations of the plan and after a short discussion Mr. Walters proposed, seconded by Mr. M. Scarr, that the plan, together with its recommendations should be accepted. The motion was carried.

The Chairman said he felt that the first recommendation should be dealt with immediately and after a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Scarr and seconded by Mrs. Cousins that the original members of the Working Party should continue as members of the Emergency Committee, subject to their agreement to serve, with power to co-opt as required. The motion was carried.

8. Correspondence

Eastern Electricity Board - Street Lighting Agreement
Huntingdon District Council - copy of planning application for Play Area returned for reference.

U.S.A.F. - News release.

C.A.L.S. - Newsletter

Cambridgeshire County Council - Schools Transport reorganisation.

Alexander Towden Insurance Brokers - Current Insurance Topics.

After a short discussion it was agreed to increase the Parish Council's Public Liability Indemnity to £500,000.

Mr. Reynolds, Huntingdon Olympic Gymnastic Club - after a short discussion it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the September meeting.

9. Cheques and Documents

The Precept for £2,800 was signed.	
Cornhill Insurance	£12-00
R. Rawdon Smith	£60-00
Mr. Toms	£1-70
B.E.D. (May)	£3-14

10. Any other business

Planning Application 72 Huntingdon Road. After a short discussion it was agreed that there were no objections and the plan was approved.

The Village Facilities record was completed for transmission to the Cambridgeshire Community Council and the question of a telephone kiosk for Little Deneley was raised. It was agreed to pursue the matter if at all possible.

A complaint was received concerning the nuisance of motor cyclists in the village and to one incident in particular to which the Police had been called. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable requesting that police presence in the village be increased.

It was reported that the area of 'no man's land' near the Church and the corner against Farm Close were in need of attention. The Chairman said he would arrange for this to be dealt with.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 5th July, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

W. E. Johnson
5.7.82

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held on Monday, 5th July, 1982, in Upwood Village
Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
with
Mr. N. Bunnage - District Councillor
P.C. B. Gibb
The Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mrs. S. Cousins
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mrs. I. Agger

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 18th May, 1982,
were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Play Areas

It was reported that the Conveyance for the Bentley
Close Play Area had been received from the Parish
Council's Solicitors and would be signed after perusal.

No information had yet been received from the District
Council concerning the Parish Council's application
for use of the Old Vicarage Paddock as a Play Area.

(b) Emergency Committee

It was reported that all the original members of the
Emergency Working Party had agreed to serve on the
Emergency Committee.

(c) Motor Cycles

A reply had been received from the Chief Superintendent's
Office and was read out to those present.

(d) Grass Cutting

A reply had been received from the Divisional Surveyor
in which it was stated that the areas in question would
be cut once or twice per season. Mr. Bunnage offered
to supplement this if necessary.

(e) Village Sign

A letter received from the Divisional Surveyor concerning
the possible siting of the sign, procedure, etc., was read
out by the Chairman.

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(f) Telephone Kiosk - Little Raveley

The Chairman reported that a letter concerning the possible provision of a telephone kiosk for Little Raveley had been sent to British Telecom but to date only an acknowledgement had been received.

4. HDAPC - Report

The Chairman said he had attended a meeting of HDAPC on 24th May and gave a brief report. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Densham and seconded by Mr. Scarr that the Parish Council should make a grant of £5.00 to HDAPC for the current year. This was agreed unanimously.

5. Rolls Wood

The Chairman said that he had attended a meeting concerning the above area. The owners had approved a programme of management which would entail some clearance of undergrowth and removal of some trees where necessary. He said it had been stressed that the wood was private property but permission to visit the wood could be obtained from Mr. Papworth. He confirmed that the path around the perimeter linking it with Harris Lane to Wistow was open.

6. Wages and Salaries

After a brief discussion Mr. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mr. Densham, that the wages and salaries paid to Parish Council employees should be increased by 5% with effect from 1.4.82. This was agreed unanimously.

7. Cheques and Documents

Nil.

8. Correspondence

Huntingdon District Council - Parish Tree Planting.
HDAPC - Copy of the Constitution.

9. Any other business

- (a) The Chairman reported that he had received a verbal request from an allotment from someone outside the Parish. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting, when it was hoped that more members would be present.
- (b) The Chairman reported that he had attended the Change of Command Ceremony at USAF Alconbury on behalf of the Parish Council.
- (c) The Chairman said he had received notification of Mrs. Wells' resignation from the Board of Governors of Upwood Primary School. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- W.S.

- (d) It was reported that the path from the top camp to the bottom camp on Upwood Road was very overgrown. After a short discussion it was agreed to approach the DOE at Cambridge to enquire who was responsible for maintaining it.
- (e) It was reported that there was a bad hole in the High Street opposite the Ailwyn Road junction.
- (f) It was reported that there was a considerable amount of rubbish in the High Street, especially in front of the Spinney and that the footpath to Longholme Road was very overgrown.

The Chairman said he would deal with these matters.

- (g) It was reported that certain dogs in the village had again become a nuisance. PC Gibb asked for details and offered to assist.
- (h) Mr. Bunnage reported that he had received complaints from some Great Raveley residents concerning the unsightliness of the street light in the main road. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council owned the light but it was not certain whether the pole belonged to British Telecom or the Post Office. He said that enquiries would be made concerning this.
- (i) Mr. Densham reported that he had received a letter, as Community Adviser, from the County Emergency Planning Officer concerning Exercise Hardrock planned for 29th September to 5th October 1982. After a short discussion it was felt that the Parish Council should support any action the Emergency Committee would wish to take.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 6th September, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

Addendum : Minute 6

The increase of 5% in wages and salaries are as follows:

Mr. E. W. Toms	£92-40 p.a.
Mr. V. Edwards	1-73 per hour
Clerk	288-75 p.a.

W. Johnson
6.9.82

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held on Monday, 6th September, 1982, in Upwood Village Hall

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Mrs. S. Cousins
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. I. Edwards
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. I. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
with
The Clerk
Mrs. I. Agger
P.C. Gibb

One member of the general public was present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. T. Gaunt.

2. Minutes

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

3. Matters arising

- (a) Play areas - The Chairman reported that the Conveyance for the Bentley Close Play Area had now been signed.
- (b) Grass cutting - it was reported that the grass had been cut at the junction of Huntingdon Road/Ramsey Road and at Bentley Close.
- (c) Telephone Kiosk at Little Raveley - The Chairman read out a letter received from British Telecom in which they stated they were unable to provide a telephone kiosk at Little Raveley due to the very high cost. After a short discussion it was felt that there was no point in pursuing the matter further.
- (d) Path from top camp - it was reported that the path had now been cleared.
- (e) It was reported that the hole in the road at the High Street/Ailwine Road junction had now been repaired.
- (f) Footpath to Longholme Road - The Chairman reported that this had been cleared but not very thoroughly. He had consulted Mr. V. Edwards who had agreed to clear it.
- (g) Dogs - It was reported that the problem still existed and PC Gibb said he would take further details.
- (h) Street Lighting - Great Raveley - The Chairman said he had raised the matter of shortening the pole with British Telecom who were prepared to carry out the work for the sum of £118 + VAT. After a short discussion it was agreed to leave things as they were.
- (i) Mr. Densham reported that Exercise Hardrock had been cancelled.

4. Allotments

The Chairman said that this item had been brought forward from the previous meeting to discuss the question of allotments being let to persons outside the parish. Mr. Scarr said that he understood that the original applicant had now obtained an allotment in his own parish and it was agreed that there was now no need for discussion.

It was agreed that Allotment 1 would be transferred from Mr. Taylor of Ailwine Road to Mr. Taylor of 2 High Street.

5. Cheques and Documents

Anglian Water Authority	£12-00	Cornhill Insurance	33-00
Mr. Toms	4-75	Mr. V. Edwards	41-04
Mr. Toms	25-30	Public Works Loan	
Cambs C.C.	17-40	Board	153-00
EEB (July)	33-14	EEB (June)	33-14
Mr. Toms	26-35	Department of the	
Cambs C.C.	123-13	Environment	46-00
Mr. Toms	1-85	JHB North	210-00
EEB (August)	33-14	Mr. Toms	1-85
Royal Insurance Co.	46-00	Mr. W. E. Johnson	3-00
Cornhill Insurance	2-40		

6. Purchase of Mower

The purchase of Hayterette Rotary Mower from J. H. B. North of Stamford, at a cost of £210-00 including discount and part exchange was approved, the existing mower being uneconomical to repair.

7. Annual Estimates

After a short discussion it was agreed to submit a precept for £2,800 for the 1983/4 Financial Year.

8. Planning Applications

76/HO926/82F - Dwelling Plot 2 Church Lane Upwood. Approved.

76H0897/820 - Outline permission for one dwelling at Great Raveley. The Chairman said that although it was not District Council policy to grant planning permission for other than agricultural dwellings in The Raveleys the Committee felt, after some discussion, that the application should be supported as the site was unsuitable for agricultural purposes.

HO/954/82F - 74 High Street Upwood - permission to retain first floor rear bedroom. The Chairman said that the owner of the house had authorised the workmen to add another storey to the extension being built without realising that planning permission would be needed. The Committee had inspected the site and felt that in the circumstances they would not object.

76H1067/82D - Plot 3 adjacent to 18 High Street Upwood. Approved.

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9. Correspondence

Cornhill Insurance Group
Mr. L. Brown - termination of allotment tenancy.
USAF - News Release.
EEB - Street Lighting
Huntingdon Olympic Gymnastics Club - After a short discussion it was felt that the Parish Council could not make a donation as requested.
Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils
Leaflets - Stubble Burning and Horses on Highway.
MPC Property Company.
Point Five Aluminium Windows
Jewson and Sons Ltd
Cambridgeshire Community Council - Newsletter.
Upwood W.I. - re provision of a bottle bank. After a short discussion Mr. Walters volunteered to make further enquiries.
Notice re Day Conference on Childrens' Play.
Huntingdon District Council - Village Sports Competition 1983. After a short discussion it was agreed to publicise this to see if the villages were interested in taking part.

10. Governor for Upwood School

The Chairman said that Mrs. Isobel Howell had been suggested as a suitable candidate and it was unanimously agreed that she should be asked if she would be willing to represent the Parish Council in this capacity.

11. Tree Planting

After a short discussion it was agreed not to apply for any trees.

12. Chapel of Rest


The Chairman said that the Chapel of Rest in the old cemetery needed some attention. He had discussed the matter with Mr. V. Edwards who had offered to repair the windows and would submit an estimate. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would obtain estimates for the repair of the guttering and renovation of the interior.

13. R.A.C.A. representative

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would continue to attend meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

14. Village Sign

The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Professor Smith concerning the village sign for which the sum of approximately £800 had been raised. The contents of the letter were thoroughly discussed and in conclusion Mr. R. Scarr proposed, seconded by Mr. I. Edwards that, should the committee decide to adopt the steel sign, the Parish Council would donate the sum of £50 towards its cost. This was agreed unanimously.



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15. Vicarage Paddock

The Chairman reported that planning permission had been granted for the use of the area as a Childrens' Play Area. A letter had been received from Joliffe Andrew and Ashwell concerning the amount of work the council deemed necessary to put the entrance to the field into usable condition.

The Chairman said that the area had been inspected by Mr. Densham, Mr. Scarr and himself and quite a considerable amount of work would be necessary to clear the area and then level and mow it. He felt that the best course of action would be to contact the County Authorities to see if they could help and if not to contact local contractors to see what sort of costs would be involved. After a short discussion this course of action was approved. Approval was also given to the draft reply to the Agents.

It was finally agreed that the Chairman would make the necessary enquiries re clearing the ground, etc., and then consult with Mr. Walters.

16. Any other business

It was reported that there was no light in the phone kiosk in Upwood High Street.

It was reported that the footpath running across Mrs. Gowler's land was being abused and people were not keeping to it. After a short discussion it was agreed that some notices would be provided.

It was reported that rubbish was still being dumped in the spinney.

17. Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 1st November, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall.

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Parish Council held on 1st November, 1982, in the Village Hall,
Upwood, at 7.30 p.m.

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. O. Slote
Mr. J. Walters
with Mrs. I. Agger and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. Scarr and
PC Gibb.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th September, 1982,
were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

- (a) Bottle Bank The Chairman read out a letter received from
Cambridgeshire County Council concerning bottle banks in
which it was stated that it was unlikely that a bottle
bank scheme could be operated economically in the
Huntingdon area. It was agreed to send a copy of the
letter to the Upwood W.I. who had originated the enquiry.
- (b) Vicarage Paddock The Chairman said he had telephoned
the Divisional Surveyor who would be willing to do
flail mowing of the paddock as a Saturday morning job
against payment. The work could not be done until May
as the mowers had been laid up for the winter.
It was agreed that when the Parish Council had the
official right to do anything about the paddock that
they would organise voluntary labour to deal with the
initial clearing up.
- (c) Public Footpath The Chairman said that Mr. V. Edwards
had agreed to make notices for the footpath on
Mrs. Gowler's land. This was approved.
- (d) Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils - A.G.M.
Mr. Densham had attended the meeting on behalf of the
Parish Council and gave a short report of the proceedings.

4. Cheques/Documents

Cornhill Insurance	£3-00	Serjeant and Son	£191-46
EEB (Sept)	£33-14	Mrs. W. A. Wade	£100-00
EEB (Oct)	£33-14	M. Gillespie	£100-00
Mr. V. Edwards	£58-79		

The Clerk reported that the major part of the Parish Council's
funds had been placed on deposit at Barclays Bank to be transferred
to the current account as and when necessary with a small
working balance left in the current account. This was approved.

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5. Correspondence

Mutual Insurance - after a short discussion it was felt that the insurance arrangements already operated by the Council were satisfactory.

6. Chapel of Rest

Mr. V. Edwards had supplied an estimate for repairs to the windows - making new sashes, supplying and fixing new glass and painting sills etc. £85-00. Renewal of guttering and downpipes £65-70. Supply of downpipes and clips only £19-00. Rubbing door/windows down inside and out and repainting £45-00.

An estimate had not yet been obtained for the removal of the old plaster but would be available for the next meeting.

After a short discussion the Council were generally in favour of putting the building in order and it was agreed that the matter would be decided at the next meeting when all the necessary estimates could be considered.


7. Village Sign

The Chairman reported that the sum raised to provide the village sign had been deposited in the Council's Deposit Account at Barclays Bank. The design had been approved and the Chairman had spoken to Mr. Racey about the site and it appeared that there would be no problems. The most important step was the preparation of the site and it was agreed that the Chairman would consult with Sqn. Ldr. Slinn concerning this. It was also agreed to notify British Telecom, Anglian Water Authority and EEB in order to ensure that access to services would not be impeded.

8. Any other business

(a) Bonfire - Bentley Close Play Area Sqn. Ldr. Slinn had asked for permission to use the area for a Bonfire Party. The Chairman said that he had agreed to this as the area had been used for the same purpose in other years. The question of adequate insurance cover was raised and after considerable discussion the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should telephone the Council's insurers to find out how their insurance stood in connection with a Bonfire Party being organised by village people on a council owned play area. Would the present insurance meet any claim against an injury either to participants or to others and damage to property. It was agreed that if the reply were negative then the appropriate cover should be arranged.

(b) Litter in Ailwine Road The Chairman said he had been approached by Mr. Gowler of Ailwine Road who had complained about the amount of litter left about after visits by the Fish and Chip Van. He asked if it would be in order to provide a litter bin to be placed on the grass at the bottom of Ailwine Road. The Chairman said he had agreed to this. After a short discussion it was felt that mention of this should be made in the Hunts Post report in the hope that residents would be discouraged from leaving litter in the streets.



- (c) A request was made for a light on the edge of the Bentley Close Play area as at night it was not possible to see the footpath. The Chairman said he thought that the lighting in this area was provided by the County Council and that a request would be made to them.
- (d) Emergency Planning Meeting Mr. Densham had attended the Emergency Planning Meeting in Huntingdon on behalf of the Chairman and Clark which was to launch a new concept on emergency planning in peacetime entitled EPIC. After considerable discussion it was felt that the Parish Council did not wish to pursue this.
- (e) Miss Butler raised the question of cremated remains in the new cemetery. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Miss Butler would consult the cemetery plan with a view to providing a separate area for this purpose.
- (f) Emergency Planning Committee The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 29th November 1982 at 8.00 p.m.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 11th January 1983, at 7.30 pm. in Upwood Village Hall.

W. Johnson
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