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Minutes and proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Monday,
4th July, 1983, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. D. Densham
Mr. I. Edwards
Mr. T. Gaunt
Mr. N. Gowler
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mr. J. Rignall
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
with Mrs. I. Agger
Mrs. A. Densham - District Councillor
and the Clerk

1 member of the public

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed two newly elected councillors,
Mr. I. Edwards and Mr. J. Rignall.

2. Apologies

P.C. B. Gibb
Mr. E. Edwards

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 1983 were confirmed
and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters arising

- (a) Mr. Gowler reported he had been approached by the
Beds/Hunts Naturalists' Trust concerning the footpath
notice near the stile and had referred them to the
Chairman.
- (b) Village Sign - it was unanimously agreed that an official
letter of thanks should be sent to the Chairman of the
Commemoration Committee.
- (c) Play Areas - the Chairman confirmed that the lease of
the old Vicarage Paddock had now been signed. Mr. Walters
had been co-opted onto the Play Area Committee
- (d) Bier - a reply had been received from the Rural Museum
stating that while they would be willing to renovate
and display the bier, none of the items in the Museum
were insured. After some discussion it was proposed
by Mr. Scarr and seconded by Mr. Gaunt that the bier
be retained in Upwood until the Museum undertook to
insure it.

5. Report of Emergency Planning Committee

Mr. Densham gave a short report on the progress of the
Committee. Work on the final draft of the complete plan
would commence in the Autumn.

W.E.J.

6. Report of Play Area Committee

The Chairman gave a short report on the progress of the Committee. It was obvious that no quick action could be taken this year with regard to the Vicarage Paddock due to weather conditions, excessive growth, etc. It had been decided that two gates would be needed - one large, to be used for the entry of machinery and to be kept locked, and 1 small gate for pedestrians. Mr. Gaunt reported that Mr. Smith had very kindly donated the gates and that Mr. W. Taylor would spray the field at the end of July.

7. Village Appraisal

The Chairman reminded members this item had been mentioned before. After considerable discussion it was felt that the Emergency Planning Committee should obtain the information it needed rather than the Parish Council attempting a complete appraisal.

A point was raised concerning the possibility of a community communication for the village and Mr. Densham offered to discuss the question of combining Parish Council news and Church news with the Curate.

8. Audit of Accounts

The clerk reported that the accounts had now been audited. It had been suggested by the auditor that the burial fees should be increased but after a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Rignall and seconded by Mr. Gaunt that there should be no increase.

9. Correspondence

Huntingdon District Council - Tree Preservation orders - Survey and Map

Huntingdon District Council - Community Adviser Training Scheme

Cambridgeshire Community Council - Harvest

Cambridgeshire County Council - Parish Planting 83/4

Earth Anchors Limited

Alexander Howden - After a short discussion it was agreed to insure an average of 15 manual volunteers at the premium quoted.

10. Cheques and Documents

Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate for Mrs. Murfin

Serjeant and Son	£155-75	Mrs. Wade	£6-50
David Stuart	23-50	R. Housden	69-00
Mrs. Wade	14-16	Cornhill Ins.	2-66
Serjeant and Son	57-50	A.W.A.	12-50
Shaw and Son	6-31	Mr. Toms	1-75
EEB - June	33-14	Outside Catering	18-42
Serjeant and Son	124-35	Audit Commission	74-75
Mr. V. G. Edwards	54-60	EEB - July	33-14

11. Mrs. A. Densham

Mrs. Densham reported that she had raised the question of increased traffic in Great Raveley at the HDC Council Area Meeting. There was no recommended route from Alconbury but the situation would be watched and monitored with great care.

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Mr. McCarthy commented that articulated lorries were the biggest nuisance as they frequently pushed the verges right over. It was agreed to take the matter up with the County Surveyor.

12. Wages and Salaries

The Clerk was not present for this item.

It was agreed that the following increases should be made:

The Clerk	£300-00 per annum
Mr. Toms	£100-00 per annum
Mr. V. Edwards	£1-90 per hour

to take effect from 1st April 1983.

Appreciation was expressed at the work of the Clerk, Mr. Toms and Mr. Edwards.

13. Any other business

- (a) Mr. McCarthy raised the question of ownership of common land at Great Raveley.
- (b) Proposed Street Lamp - Bentley Close - estimates had been received from Cambridge C.C. for the erection of the column at a cost of £169-00 and from EEB for wiring same at a cost of £94-00. After a short discussion it was agreed to accept these estimates. This motion was proposed by Mrs. Sote, seconded by Mr. Gaunt and was unanimous. The column would come within the County Council responsibilities for maintenance and supply of energy.
- (c) The Chairman reported that PC Gibb has asked if there were any Bye-Laws governing Play Areas. It was agreed to consult the District Council.
- (d) Litter bin at Bentley Close - the Chairman reported that Mr. Leonard of the District Council would inspect the site and decide whether the District or Parish Council would have to provide this item.
- (e) A complaint was received concerning water on land at Mr. Elliott's house. This to be investigated by Mr. Crowson of Stilton Depot
- (f) It was reported that the seat on Church corner was an eyesore and dangerous. It was suggested that it should be removed and replaced. It was agreed that estimates for a new seat would be obtained.
- (g) It was reported that the Church Lane footpath was very overgrown.
- (h) It was reported that the bus notice cabinet had been broken.
- (i) It was reported that the footpath at the top of High Street was very overgrown - the Chairman said he would ask Mr. Edwards to deal with this.
- (j) It was reported that the trees opposite the Cross Keys needed cutting back.

W. J. Johnson
5.9.83.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

X I *John Edwards* X

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 *4/7/88* X
> SIGNATURE..... *J. Edwards* X

This declaration was made and subscribed before

me: *[Signature]*
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Member of the Parish Council

Officer

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

X I JAMES RIGALL X

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.

X Dated this 4th July 1983 X

X SIGNATURE [Signature] X

This declaration was made and subscribed before
me:

[Signature]
Member of the Parish Council

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 1983 at 7.30 p.m. in Upwood Village Hall

- Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
 Miss F. Butler
 Mr. D. W. Densham
 Mr. I. Edwards
 Mr. T. Gaunt
 Mr. N. Gowler
 Mr. R. Scarr
 Mrs. O. Slote

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Mr. E. C. Edwards
 Mr. H. McCarthy
 Mr. J. Rignall
 Mrs. A. Densham
 P.C. B. Gibb

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 4th July 1983 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

- (a) Bier - The Chairman said that a letter had been received from the Ramsey Rural Museum stating that it was not their policy to insure Museum items as no-one is able to put a figure on each individual item. The Bier would therefore remain in Upwood.
- (b) Village Appraisal - The Chairman had had a meeting with the Curate who had agreed to publish Parish Council news in the quarterly Church newsheet.
- (c) Insurance - It was confirmed that insurance cover had been arranged for those persons undertaking any voluntary manual labour on behalf of the Parish Council. The insurance company had suggested that members of the Parish Council and the Clerk should be included in a personal accident policy and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the company concerning this as it was understood that members of the Parish Council would be covered under the policy recently taken out.
- (d) Traffic - Great Raveley - it was confirmed that a letter had been written to the County Surveyor and the local Member of Parliament.
- (e) Bye-laws - Play Areas - A copy of Model Bye Laws and Memorandum Procedure had been received from the Home Office. It was agreed to ask the District Council to send specimens of Bye-laws already in force in the county.
- (f) It was reported that the new street lamp was now operational
- (g) Seat - Church Corner Several items were discussed but it was felt that none were suitable. It was agreed to make enquiries locally i.e. from the District Council and local craftsmen.
- (h) Parish Planting - After a short discussion it was agreed that no trees would be ordered for the village for the coming season.

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4. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire O.C. - Mobile Library Service
C.A.L.C. - Play Scheme Course - details
National Playing Fields Association - Play area course - details
Huntingdon D.C.. - Rural Planning - copy of complete document - Rural
Planning Policy 1983
Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report No. 443
C.A.L.C. - Huntingdon District - Notice of Meeting
U.S.A.F. - News Release
Audit Commission
HDC - Annual Estimates of Parish Council Expenses 1984/85 - After a
short discussion it was agreed to ask for a precept of £3,000. The
motion was proposed by Mr. Scarr, seconded by Mr. Gaunt and was unanimous
Sawtry Print Workshop
BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
Cambridgeshire Community Council - Harvest

5. Cheques/Documents

Mrs. Wade	£100-00	Serjeant and Son	£84-00
V. G. Edwards	5-60	Cornhill Insurance	13-50
Cambridgeshire C.C.	128-00	Mr. Toms	1-75
Public Works Loan Board	139-75	Flowers & Son	17-14
EEB (August)	33-14	Mr. Toms	1-79
Royal Insurance	16-00	Mr. Toms	23-80

6. Any other business

- (a) Numbering of allotments - An estimate to the value of £49-15 was considered for the making and numbering of 29 posts and erecting same. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Densham and seconded by Mr. I. Edwards that the estimate be accepted. Unanimous.
- (b) Planning Application No. 76H1165/83F - Approved - support of local business
- (c) Village Hall - The Chairman read out a letter received from the Village Hall Committee in which a request was made for a contribution towards defraying the cost of work recently undertaken in the Village Hall. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would consult the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee regarding the state of the committee's finances and would report back to the Parish Council.
- (d) Committee Meetings - Emergency Planning Committee 19th September 1983 at 8.00 p.m. Play Area Committee 15th September 1983 6.00 p.m. on site.
- (e) Allotment rents The question of increasing the rents of the allotments in Meadow Road was raised. After considerable discussion Mr. Gaunt proposed that the rents should not be raised. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Slote and was carried by 4 votes to 3.

W. B. Johnson
7.11.83

Minutes and Proceedings of a Special Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys
Parish Council held in Upwood Village Hall on Monday 10th October 1983
at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. W. E. Johnson - Chairman
Miss F. Butler
Mr. N. Gowler
Mr. J. Rignall
Mr. R. Scarr
Mrs. O. Slote
with Mrs. I. Agger and the Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. D. W. Densham
Mr. E. Edwards
Mr. H. McCarthy

2. Discussion of proposals from Play Areas Committee for clearing the entrance
to the Vicarage Paddock and to authorise action

The Chairman outlined the proposals from the Play Areas Committee concerning the clearance of the stretch of land running from Huntingdon Road down to the back of the Manor House to the back of the Paddock itself.

The area had already been treated with weed killer and was strewn with rubbish which would need mechanical means to clear it.

Enquiries had been made by Mr. Walters

- (a) to the Divisional Surveyor of the County Council who had agreed that the Parish Council could hire an excavator and operator to skim the surface and cart away the rubbish at a cost of £14-50 per hour. It would appear that four hours' work on site would be necessary and as time had to be allowed for travel from Huntingdon the cost would be £72-00. It would be necessary to hire two skips at £34-00 each, total cost £64-00 and the overall cost would be £136-00.
- (b) to Huntingdon Plant Hire who would charge £8-75 per hour for the hire of an excavator and operator and the hire of an 8 cu.yd. tipper lorry and driver for two trips at £64-00 or for eight hours at £76-00 in which case the total cost would be £119-75.

The Chairman asked if any member of the Council could do the job more cheaply. The job would also involve some voluntary labour to work alongside the machinery.

After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. N. Gowler and seconded by Mr. R. Scarr that the quotation from Huntingdon Plant Hire should be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman said he would make the necessary arrangements and inform members of the Council in due course.


7.11.83

Minutes and Proceedings of a Meeting of Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council held at Upwood Village Hall on Monday 7th November 1983 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. N. Gowler
Mr. H. McCarthy
Mr. J. Rignall
Mr. R. Scarr

with Mrs. A. Densham - District Councillor
P.C. B. Gibb
Mrs. I. Agger
and the Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs. O. Slote

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 5th September 1983 and 10th October 1983 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

(a) Seat - Mr. Gaunt offered to take charge of this matter.

(b) Village Hall - The Chairman reported that he had met with the Secretary and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee and gave details of the work which had had to be carried out in order to comply with the District Council Fire Officer's requirements, and which had totalled £695-00.

Following a short discussion, it was proposed by Mr. I. Edwards and seconded by Mr. R. Scarr that the Village Hall Committee should approach the District Council Lottery Fund for a grant towards this work and that the Parish Council would match, within reason, any grant awarded. This would not be prejudicial to the giving of a grant by the Parish Council should no grant from the District Council be forthcoming. The motion was carried.

(c) Mr. J. Rignall asked for a breakdown of the precept amount for the coming financial year which was given.

(d) The Chairman reported that an excellent job of work had been done in clearing the Vicarage Paddock. Members of the Parish Council had been helped by Mr. Elliott and Mr. J. Walters. The job had taken longer than estimated and it was thought that the final cost would be approximately £180-00.

4. Cheques/Documents

V. G. Edwards	60-50	EEB (September)	33-14
ERB (October)	33-14	EEB	94-00
Mr. Toms	1-81	Anglian Water	13-58
Cornhill Insurance	6-75	Cambs C.C.	128-00
Mrs. Wade	50-00		

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5. Correspondence

Best Kept Village Competition - report
 Huntingdon District Advisory Play Committee - request for future support
 Huntingdon Community Health Council - introductory letter and leaflet
 Cambridgeshire County Council - Village Maintenance works - 1.10.83 - 5.12.83.
 Cambridgeshire Community Council - Harvest
 Radio Granta
 Arts and Crafts
 Cambridgeshire Education Committee - Proposed four term year
 Cambridgeshire Constabulary - Police Liaison with Town and Parish Councils
 St. Ives Area Road Safety Committee
 Municipal Mutual Insurance
 Future of Telecommunications

6. Any other business

- (a) Street Lighting Maintenance - The Chairman reported that scouting was now on a three weekly basis when faulty lights are repaired. The Eastern Electricity Board no longer scouted and he had asked for contract details and quotations.
- (b) C.A.L.C. - AGM - The Chairman had attended the AGM on behalf of the Parish Council and gave a brief report of the proceedings.
- (c) Play Area - The Chairman reported he had spoken to the Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Advisory Play Committee. Grants for play equipment could only be made to Play Associations, not to Parish Councils, therefore if the Parish Council decided to do more than originally decided a special Association would need to be set up.

The Chairman wais that the work on the Vicarage paddock needed following up as the entrance should be seeded and he felt that advice was needed concerning this. After some discussion Mr. N. Gowler offered to inspect the area and offer advice.

(d) Road through Great Raveley - It was reported that large holes are still appearing in the main road at Great Raveley due, it was felt, to the large number of lorries travelling from Woodwalton tip to the Wisbech By-Pass. After some discussion it was agreed to write a strong letter to the County Council.

(e) There would be a meeting of the Emergency Planning Committee on 21st November at 7.30 p.m.

W.E. Johnson
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