

Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Councillors: Extra-Ordinary Trustees' Meeting

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**An extra-ordinary meeting of Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Councillors, the Trustees of:
Upwood & the Raveleys Allotments (Charity no. 264373)
was held on Monday 04 April 2016 at 6:30pm at Upwood Village Hall.**

Carol Bilverstone – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

Present: Councillors J. Edwards, J. Noble, R. Howe (Chairman), H. Nel, J. Paxton, A. Perkins, G. Slater.

In Attendance: Mrs. C. Bilverstone (Clerk), URCAA Committee members: Mrs L. Carter, Mrs J. Evans, Mr T. Brown

Minutes

09-03/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Councillor R. Singleton: Personal commitment.

10-03/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the trustees' meeting held on 07 March 2016.

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 07 March 2016 had been circulated in advance following their informal approval by the chairman. Councillor Nel proposed acceptance of the minutes. Councillor Paxton seconded the proposal. All who had been present were in favour and it was **resolved** to do so. The chairman signed the minutes.

11-03/16 To consider a request from PHA Communications Ltd. (working on behalf of O2) to list the allotments site on Meadow Road as a potential location for a communications installation.

Trustees and URCAA committee members reviewed the limited information provided by the company and the pros and cons of entering into the preliminary stages of this agreement. The following points were raised:

- Concerns for the health and safety of those living and enjoying leisure time in the vicinity.
- Concerns regarding the specific design, dimensions, location and appearance of the mast and the visual impact it would have on the landscape.
- Questions regarding the exact remuneration payable and its duration.
- Clarification on how such remuneration should be received and how it could be spent (with regard to the charity's governing document and the ethos of the allotments charity).
- Concerns that this is a significant responsibility for the trustees and that although mobile phone coverage may be improved, it is recognised that parishioners may be strongly opposed to such a development.
- Mr Brown suggested re-visiting the Community Led Plan to consider how such a development might be incorporated and to get a feeling for how it might be received.
- Mrs Carter confirmed that the URCAA committee would have no objection in principle to the siting of a mast providing that the development does not interfere with the cultivation of the land and the growing of produce.


The chairman suggested that it is difficult to be unequivocal at this stage as there are too many unknowns. Until such time as this were to be brought into the public domain as a planning application, there is not enough information, and no forum through which to gather residents' views. He proposed that the trustees allow PHA Communications Ltd. to list the site as a potential location but that further consideration would be subject to the provision of detailed information addressing the concerns above, all of which would have a material impact on local opinion. Councillor Slater seconded the proposal. All were in favour and it was **resolved** to do so. The clerk agreed to write to the company to this effect.

12-03/16 Matters for future consideration.

No decisions can be made under this item. There were no further matters for consideration.

13-03/16 Date of next meeting: 06 March 2017.

Close of meeting: 6:55pm


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