



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

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An extra-ordinary meeting of Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council was held on Monday 17 October 2022 at 7.00pm in Upwood Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: J. Edwards, R. Howe, R. Mashford.

In Attendance: Mrs. C. Silverstone (Clerk), Councillor Costello (Huntingdonshire District Council) and no members of the public.

Minutes

In the absence of the chairman, this meeting was presided over by Councillor Howe, Vice-Chairman.

73-10/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Councillor D. Awit: work commitment; Councillor J. Burgess and Councillor W. Chatfield: personal commitments. Councillor Milner: reason undeclared. Councillor Corney (Cambridgeshire County Council) and Councillor Lowe (Huntingdonshire District Council): attendance required at other meetings.

74-10/22 To receive declarations of interest.

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

75-10/22 To receive and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 03 October 2022.

The minutes of the meeting of Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council held on 03 October 2022 had been circulated in advance following the informal approval of the chairman. Councillor Mashford proposed that the minutes be approved. Councillor Howe seconded the proposal and it was **resolved** to do so (Councillor Edwards had not been present). The chairman signed the minutes after the meeting.

76-10/22 Public participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes (2 minutes per person) for any members of the public and councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda. There was no public participation.

77-10/22 Notification of planning items.

77-10/22.1 21/00572/FUL | Application for full planning permission for demolition of existing redundant building and infrastructure and residential development of 321 dwellings with associated highways, infrastructure and open space | Upwood Hill House and part of RAF Upwood (deferred from minute ref.: 154-04/21.1). This application remains in abeyance.

77-10/22.2 22/01802/FUL | Replacement of agricultural barns with 5 dwellings | Agricultural Buildings, Old Manor Farm House, Great Raveley.

Councillor Howe summarised the key points of this application noting the proposal to replace eight existing agricultural buildings with five 4–5-bedroom homes which would reduce the built area by 36% and lower the existing rooflines. Councillors agreed that the proposal for brick-built dwellings with timber cladding and slate roofs would be sympathetic in design to the neighbouring Grange Farm development.

Councillors noted that no vehicle movement data had been provided but access would be via the wide splayed existing entrance on Raveley Road which has been used by large agricultural machinery. Visibility is good but this would be further improved by the felling of tall Leylandii trees to the west of the entrance. The plans allow for parking of 20 cars.

Water drainage appears to be good and a packaged sewage plant is proposed.

No adverse biodiversity impact is anticipated and bat roosting and bird nesting provision has been made, together with the provision of designated fence holes for hedgehogs. Councillor Mashford suggested that provision should also be made to replace the felled *Leylandii* with a more suitable alternative.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) presumes in favour of sustainable development; and the planning department of Huntingdonshire District Council responded to a pre-application enquiry with the statement "there would be in principle support for the scheme".

Councillor Howe confirmed that comments had only been received from one household in Great Raveley and that these were in favour of the development.

On the basis of these considerations, Councillor Mashford proposed that the parish council supports this application. Councillor Howe seconded the proposal. Councillor Edwards noted that the proposed development doesn't provide for younger people wishing to stay in the community; or for older residents wishing to downsize and thus abstained from voting. It was **resolved** by a majority vote that the parish council would support this application.

78-10/22 Date of next meeting: Monday 07 November 2022.

Close of meeting: 7:25pm

R. Howe. 7 Nov 2022