

**Minutes of the Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council Meeting –
4 April, 2011.**

Councillors present: Mr. C. Byrce, Mr. N. Gowler, Mr. R. Howe, Mr. D. McCreadie, Mr. D. Oldale, Mr. D. Palne (Chairman), Mrs. J. Paxton, Mr. A. Perkins, Mr. C. Racey & Mr. K. Sisman.

Also present: Ms. J. Haggart (Clerk) & 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies received from Victor Lucas and Terry Bell.
2. No declarations of interest made.
3. Mr Howe enquired about letter to HDC and the clerk confirmed the letter was sent.
4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting - Cllrs Gowler and Racey voiced concerns over the Chairman's annual report and stressed it should have been more detailed.

5. Matters arising:

The adoption of telephone box discussed, matter ongoing.

Cllr Gowler enquired about village sign, clerk confirmed quote received from Andy Davis.

Water in Road at Great Raveley, clerk advised George Hay from CCC Highways is looking into it. Clerk to report pot holes and laying water in Little Raveley.

Discussion of debris left behind after hedge trimming opposite Clover Cottage. Cllr Racey requested £50 at last meeting for Mr Papworth, who quoted £85 but agreed to undertake work for £50.

Cllr Racey presented picture of Mr Youlds, former clerk, who had passed away. Council agreed how sad they were at the news. Funeral 5th of April.

6. Correspondence: Cllr Racey read out letter advising that he was retiring as a parish councillor. Cllr McCreadie also advised he was stepping down. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Racey and Cllr. McCreadie for all the work they had done over many years.

7. S137 request from Upwood Youth Club. Cllr Howe proposed a one off payment of £500, provided the Youth Club could show that they had raised the remaining £2000 needed and could confirm that a Youth Leader has been employed. Seconded by Cllr. Sisman, all agreed.

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8. Cheques: Cllr. Howe advised that he had been attending other PC and Town meetings to see how they conduct their financial affairs. Cllr. Howe felt that Upwood PC needed to be more transparent about how the Parish Council spends the Precept. He suggested that a sub committee may need to be put in place. Cllr Paxton advised there will be a new council put in place at the next meeting and requested an agenda item is made for a sub committee.

9. Maintenance. Cllr Racey advised as he is retiring, Mr Papworth will no longer be undertaking any more work on Charters Spinney free of charge.

Proposed by Cllr Sisman, seconded by Cllr Perkins that repair work should begin on village sign as per the quote from Andy Davis.

Cllr Gowler advised that hedges should be done at a certain time of year to protect wildlife and that the allotment hedges should be trimmed with this in mind.

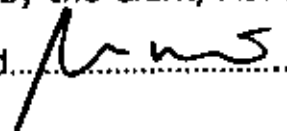
Dog fouling on path from the school to Fairmead. Clerk to enquire at HDC re by-laws and to contact parishioner reporting the problem for further information.

10. Allotments: Notice board is now up. All allotment holders should be informed of the new allotment group. Cllr. Howe proposed that water harvesting and open shelters are to be allowed and must be not more than 1.8 meters high, 1.5 meters wide and 2.5 meters in length. Seconded by Cllr. Sisman, 1 abstention, remaining councillors in agreement. Cllrs Bryce and Sisman to liaise with the allotment group.

11. Planning application 1001728FUL, Erection of two storey dwelling and garage, 66 High Street, Upwood (Amended plans) – Councillors approved of the plans objects to the use of Cambridge Cream facings and recommends the use of building materials more in keeping with the adjacent house and wall.

12. Any other business: Cllr. Mccredle commented that the Wistow Road was "diabolical" and had not improved as promised. Clerk to write to Highways and County Cllr. Lucas.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm. Minutes produced by Cllr. Sisman from notes made by the Clerk, Ms. J. Haggart.

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Date.....9.5.11.....