

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 7th December 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Mr D Paine	Chairman
	Mr T Bell	
	Mr N Gowler	
	Mr D Oldale	
	Mr C Racey	
	Mr K Sisman	
	Clerk	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr D McCreadie, Mr A Perkins and Mr J Rignall. Mr G Hillman and Mrs J Paxton were absent.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd November 2009

These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Paine advised that Lee Gray hopes to commence work on the improvements to the cemetery gates etc., agreed under last year's Funding Opportunities, after Christmas; he is busy with his last job. Mr Lack has no problem with this providing the work is completed by the end of the financial year.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Huntingdonshire Flood Forum

HDC – Works to trees Adj 66 High Street Upwood Cambridgeshire PE29 2QE

CCC – Cambridgeshire Highways depot open day

HDC – Neighbourhood Engagement in Huntingdonshire

HDC – Development Management Panel

CCC – Parish Paths Partnership (P3) 2010/11

CCC – Footpath in Meadow Road, Upwood – reply to Clerk's letter

Luminus Group newsletter

Huntingdonshire District Council Arts Diary – November/December 2009

Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter November 2009

Glasdon Products brochures
NHS Keeping in Touch newsletter

6. Meeting dates for 2010

The Clerk had been advised that the dates the Parish Council had requested for April and May were not available as a club had a regular booking for the second Monday in every month. Various other dates were offered, but these were not acceptable to the Parish Council. The Clerk to write to point out that the Parish Council had recently donated the sum of £1,000 and that it is an important and regular user of the Village Hall.

7. s.137 payments

- Citizens Advice Bureau

Request received for funding which was discussed. Mr Oldale proposed that no donation is made, seconded by Mr Racey.

8. Clerk's salary

Clerk advised that the hourly rate with effect from 1st April 2009 is £8.34. As there is a difference of 50 pence between Clerk's current rate of £7.84 and new rate of £8.34, it is assumed that the 2008 rate was £8.09. Upon checking the Clerk's Contract of Employment it is apparent the Clerk should receive an annual review, which was not done for 2008. Mr Racey proposed that the rate is increased to £8.34 with immediate effect, seconded by Mr Sisman. Mr Racey also proposed that a payment for back pay for 2008 should be made, seconded by Mr Sisman. Agenda item for April annually.

9. Cheques

Anglian Water	£71.29
Clerk (inc. annual claim for mileage, telephone and stationery)	£563.76
Clerk (pay increase and back pay)	£202.50

10. Maintenance

No specific items for maintenance, but Mr Racey mentioned that in future Mr Papworth's quotes will now be plus VAT.

11. Precept

Figures agreed and Clerk to submit form to Huntingdonshire District Council.

12. Advisory Route Map for HCVs

There is currently a weight limit from Charter's Spinney to King's Ripton crossroads. The Parish Council would not wish to see any changes to Upwood and The Raveleys parishes.

13. Funding Opportunities - Small Scale Environmental Improvement Schemes 2010-11

Mr Racey suggested improvements encompassing safety and environment aspects. The hedge all along Meadow Road should be pruned back so that during winter months the road is not shaded and sun allowed to shine on it after there has been a hard frost. New tap in cemetery so as to avoid elderly visitors to cemetery crossing the road to collect water from the existing tap near the allotments. Mr Paine to put together a proposal before deadline if possible.

14. Interpretation board

Members could offer no suitable alternative site for this board. Clerk to write to suggest that the posts are not sunk too deeply into the ground.

15. Planning

0901496FUL – part two storey part room in roof extension and garage – 108 High Street Upwood Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE26 2QE – *no observations either in favour or against the proposal.*

16. Any Other Business

Mr Sisman advised that a Speedwatch survey carried out recently revealed that cars approaching Upwood from Ramsey Heights along Longholme Road/Ramsey Road were going rather fast.

Mr Gowler advised that there were large potholes along the road, being made worse due to the tankers using the road on a frequent basis, often through the night. Desperate situation. Clerk to write to Highways.

Mr Racey gave his apologies for the meeting in January 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.