# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr C Racey Chairman

Mr T Bell Mr N Gowler Mr D McCreadie Mr D Paine Mrs J Paxton Mr A Perkins Mr J Rignall

Mr K Sisman

Clerk and one member of the public

# 1. Apologies

Mrs F Hopkins.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

# 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007.

The minutes were confirmed with one minor amendment under Section 10 (the word 'Upwood' replaced by 'the Parish') and signed by the Chairman.

#### 4. Matters arising

Mr Racey confirmed that Mr Papworth was available and the trees in the Vicarage Paddock had been cut back and two dead trees were cleared.

# 5. Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Murray - letter

HDC – email, together with copy letter sent to John Healey, MP

CCC – Jointly Funded Minor Improvements 2007/2008

HDC – Public Meetings Schedule February 2008

HDC – Capital Grant Aid Application

HDC - Upwood and The Raveleys Parish Council - Number of Councillors

HDC – Parish Electoral Review: Final Recommendations

HDC – meeting of Standards Committee

HDC - Parish Charter

PPI Forum – Press Release and Transport Report

HDC - Council Tax - Precept 2008/09

HDC – email Parish Councils' Model Code of Conduct and attachments

Comp slip – WREN copy correspondence from Mr M Sturgess re play are

MAGPAS – letter thanking PC for donation

HDC – Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) Study on access for those with disabilities to public areas

Communities and Local Government – Consultation on orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England

Email – Brian Grey re grass cutting contract

M & D Plumb – grounds maintenance

#### 6. Cheques

Anglian Water £38.34 Clerk £298.58

#### 7. Maintenance

*Grass cutting*. Quote received from L T Gray General Builders discussed further following confirmation that the quote per cut is not dependent upon the number of cuts suggested in his quotation. Mr Paine proposed that the PC award the grass cutting contract to Mr Gray, seconded Mr Gowler, all in favour. Clerk to write to Mr Gray to confirm his successful bid and to BGN to thank him for his past help.

*Hand gate and lock for large gate*. Mr Racey inspected the existing large gate and advised that the top rail is rusting/rotten. Small gate is missing. Suggests courses of action:

- a) do nothing until large gate needs replacing;
- b) install small gate now verbal quote for approx. £150;
- c) buy new large gate and hand gate now; or
- d) buy lock to secure large gate

Mention was made that the PC needs to ensure the small gate is wide enough for wheelchair access.

Mr Sisman suggested that just a lock for large gate is purchased and there is in fact no need for a small gate. Mr Paine proposed purchase of lock, seconded Mrs Paxton, all in favour.

Mr Paine queried situation with BUPA Homes boundary. Clerk advised that letter received in January response to hers in December 2007, boundary fence to be replaced at some future date.

# 8. Hedging and ditch along Farm Close

Mr Bell updated meeting and advised that Mr Michael Lee is Project Manager for the development. Farm Close residents in favour of play area, but unhappy with proposed site. Balance needs to be drawn between near to housing or safe area for the children to play in. Possible extension in street lighting. Muir to be responsible for any future maintenance.

Bridge installed, but needs to be repositioned as it is not sited near safety barriers.

Action needs to be taken with regard to hedging and ditching. Mr Bell requested to take matter up with Mr Lee. Clerk also to write to Highways Department.

#### 9. Decrease in number of councillors on Parish Council

Clerk read out two letters received from HDC advising of reduction in number of Councillors to coincide with next scheduled Parish elections, to take effect from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

# 10. Planning

0800080FUL – Extension and alterations to dwelling – 54 High Street Upwood – recommended as extension will be in keeping with neighbouring houses and gardens.

### 11. Neighbourhood Management

Penny Litchfield addressed the meeting. Information sheet handed out to members. Parish Council confirmed its position that it is happy for Mr Keith Sisman to be a member of the Board.

#### 12. Any Other Business

Mr Racey advised that the Cricket club had planted a tree in memory of Mr Rodney Scar.

Mr McCreadie advised of pot hole in Great Raveley, and in fact all through village road is in poor state of repair.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.