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

Held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. at Upwood Village Hall

Present Mr D Paine Chairman

Mr T Bell
Mr N Gowler
Mr G Hillman
Mr D McCreadie
Mr D Oldale
Mrs J Paxton
Mr A Perkins
Mr C Racey
Mr J Rignall
Mr K Sisman

Clerk, and 1 member of the public

## 1. Apologies

None

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Sisman declared an interest in item 8.

## 3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Mr Rignall requested a minor change to the wording of the first sentence under Item 8 Maintenance. The word 'the' moved to between 'felling' and 'offshoots'. Subject to this one amendment, these were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

At this point Mr Paine took the opportunity to welcome the two new members to the meeting, Mr Graham Hillman and Mr David Oldale.

## 4. Matters arising

Only one quotation for the felling of the offshoots was received, from Mr Ayres. The original quote was for £200, but it was subsequently discovered that access to the area would be difficult and therefore a further £25 would be incurred. Mr Perkins proposed accepting the quotation, seconded by Mr Gowler.

Mr German commented to Mr Paine that he had trimmed back the hedge adjoining his allotments, for which he was thanked.

Mr Racey advised that he had arranged for an area of Charters Spinney to be flailed back, done by Mr Papworth at no charge to the Parish Council as Mr Papworth had been undertaking work at the time for Mr Racey.

## 5. Correspondence

Letter - Huntingdonshire District Council - confirming refusal of planning permission for extension to dwelling at 22 Bentley Close

Letter – Reed Electrics – offering services to Parish Council

Letter - Huntingdonshire District Council - Local Development Framework Gypsy and Traveller Sites Development Plan Document Issues consultation: Principles and Processes plus leaflet

Email - Huntingdonshire District Council - offering grass cutting and sports field maintenance services

Email - Cambridgeshire County Council - Minerals and Waste public consultation

Email - Huntingdonshire District Council - Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD - Issues consultation – further correspondence

Letter – Peterborough City Council – New sites proposed for mineral and waste development – through the recent Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste (Preferred Options 2) Plan consultation

Letter – Manor House Residential and Nursing Home – in response to Clerk's recent letter regarding boundary fence

Letter – Cambridgeshire Transport Commission

Huntingdonshire District Council – Public Meetings Schedule – February 2009

Letter - Huntingdonshire District Council – Local Development Framework: Development Management DPD: Development of Options 2009

#### 6. Cheques

Clerk £393.02 (inc. postage and various items of stationery)

#### 7. Maintenance

Clerk received a telephone call from Julie Emerson at Anglia Memorials requesting that, after an inscription had been added for the late Mrs Brown to the existing white marble book for Mr Lionel Brown, the book to be moved so that it is between the two graves. The consensus of opinion was to deny such request as there were no other such instances in the cemetery and it would make the grass cutting very awkward.

Mr Racey commented on the fact that an excellent job had been done on trimming back the brambles.

Trees in St Peter's Churchyard. Mr Racey advised that he had inspected the trees and reminded members of the content of the letter received. Mr Racey considered that a meeting with the architect involved may be necessary, plus the Tree Officer from HDC. Mr Racey further advised that this may be a rather costly exercise. Matter needs to be clarified. Mr Place offered to accompany Mr Racey as he advised that he was present when the architect was in attendance. Mr Place can point out the trees in question. Mr Paine advised that he will talk to Dan Smith at HDC.

## 8. Taxis in Huntingdonshire

Mr Sisman left the room for this item. Questionnaire circulated with Agenda will be returned directly by some individual members of the Parish Council.

## 9. Upwood Cemetery

Mr Paine estimated that some 25-28 plots possibly still available.

Clerk to investigate charges of other Parishes. Agenda item for next meeting.

## 10. Emergency Planning Awareness Session.

Mr Sisman advised that no progress made. Criteria now revised and will be brought back to the Parish Council at a later date.

#### 11. A14 Upgrade

Mr Sisman advised that when the upgrade takes place the viaduct will be removed. The A14 will therefore be divided into two and consequently road users will still continue to use the rat runs. Discussion took place amongst members. Mr Sisman to draft a statement to present at next meeting. Agenda item for next meeting.

## 12. Planning

No plans received.

#### 13. Any other business

The hedge belonging to the house at the top of Meadow Road is overgrown. Clerk to write to occupiers.

Entrance to allotments getting churned up in recent wet weather. Mr German suggested Type 1 stone to alleviate the problem. Mr Gowler offered to provide same and put in place.

Mr Sisman advised that the Police would like to see Neighbourhood Watch scheme set up. Mr Paine advised that he does look after Meadow Road. This is an item for the Newsletter.

Mr Sisman advised that speed watch is now in the area.

Mr Hillman advised that Anglian Water are going to replace the pumps.

Mr Oldale advised that there will be a radar speed trap on Meadow Road when the weather improves.

Mr Gowler advised that Meadow Lane is adopted and is in urgent need of repair. Increased usage now. Clerk to write to Highways.

Mr Racey advised of new play area. Is there a need for it to be publicised?

Mr Rignall advised that an area of Farm Close has the appearance of a builder's yard, quite unsightly. Mr Bell advised that Muir Housing is responsible for this area.

Mrs Paxton advised that motorbikes were being ridden from Ailwine Road through to the Churchyard. Mrs Paxton and Mr Oldale to liaise.

Mr Bell advised of blocked drain near gas reduction building. Mr Racey advised that his wife had contacted the Highways Department who advised they would look into the matter.

Mr Perkins advised that Mr Youds had requested that his name be removed from the notice near the play area. Clerk to deal.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Mr Paine produced a plan drawn up by Mr Ingle for comment by members if they wished to do so.