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

Held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr D Paine Chairman

Mr T Bell Mr G Hillman Mr D Oldale Mrs J Paxton Mr A Perkins Mr C Racey Mr J Rignall

Clerk and two members of the public

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr D McCreadie and Mr K Sisman. It was advised that Mr N Gowler was in hospital.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

# 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009

The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. Matters arising

Mr Rignall was brought up to date on various matters reported on in June Minutes.

Mr Paine advised that he was still getting nowhere Dan Smith with regard to the trees in the churchyard and possible funding forwards the work needed.

Mr Paine advised that he had heard nothing further from Mr Lack in connection with the works on the cemetery entrance/gates.

It was queried whether the hedge between the old and new cemetery could be removed. Mr Racey advised there is an old ditch in between and area would have to be lower there.

# 5. Adoption of Accounts

Agreed and signed by Chairman and Parish Clerk ready for submission to auditors.

### 6. Correspondence

Letter - Mr Gordon Slinn - trees in churchyard - see under maintenance

Letter – CCC – in response to clerk's letter of 21<sup>st</sup> May in connection with overhanging vegetation at property in Huntingdon Road

Letter – Doug McLeod and Stephen Howes – in response to clerk's letter in connection with website - Agenda item for next meeting

Email – quotation from Ben Lane, Drayton Tree Care – tree works in churchyard

Letter – HDC – street naming and numbering

Email – RJH Interiors

HDC - Arts Diary - July/August

Stagecoach – Service changes to various bus routes

HDC – Public Meetings Schedule – July/August

Newsletter – Society of Local Council Clerks

COPE – Newsletter No 57

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## 7. Cheques

Mr D W Yardley	£50.00
Mr L Gray	£639.00
Village Hall	£46.60
Mr B C Edwards	£74.49
Clerk (inc postage & Aug payment)	£473.63

#### 8. Maintenance

#### • Trees in St Peter's Churchyard

Letter received from Mr Gordon Slinn in connection with trees in churchyard. Mr Racey advised that the dead tree at the edge of the churchyard had been dealt with. Mr Ogden had inspected the very large horse chestnut tree about five years ago and Mr Racey suggested it may be prudent to call him out again. Tree surgeons suggested taking some out of the top. A branch of the large chestnut tree on the corner of the High Street overhangs and Mr Ogden only agreed to trim at the time.

Mrs Paxton advised that as it is a closed churchyard responsibility is devolved to Parish Council. Mr Paine suggested whole matter is reviewed before progressing further. Mr Rignall advised that he may have a book which may give guidance on this.

Further discussion took place regarding responsibility. Mr Place advised that an area of churchyard had been left as a wildlife area.

Quotes presented by Mr Papworth £340 and Mr Lane £550. Work can be delayed until the autumn. Agenda item for next meeting.

Clerk advised that she had been contacted by a resident in Fisherman's Close who had advised of overhanging branches from trees adjoining the playing field. It was agreed that the residents could cut back and clerk to advise.

# 9. Trees in Mr Moxon's spinney in High Street

Mr Paine raised the question whether the PC responsible for the tree in the spinney. Mr Paine feels that the PC must be seen to be doing something in this connection. Mrs Paxton suggested a letter to Mr Moxon to cite certain dangers and that the PC becoming more and more concerned about the trees in the spinney and overhanging the public footpath and road. The canopy of trees causing problems in both summer and winter. Should there be no response then matter will be referred to the appropriate authority.

## 10. Planning

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended): Outline planning application: Demolition and clearance of redundant buildings, removal of redundant fixed infrastructure, reclamation and remediation and redevelopment for mixed uses, including housing (at least 650 units), employment (at least 10 hectares) Neighbourhood Centre and landscaped open space: Former RAF Upwood, Cambridgeshire – replacement Technical Appendix 8.B within Volume 2, Book 2 of 5 – handed to Mr Hillman as he is custodian of all volumes at present

0900772FUL – Erection of general purpose agricultural building at land adjacent to 'Colwyn' Upwood Road, Ramsey Heights, Huntingdon (Mr Racey declared interest) – no observations either in favour or against the proposal

0900552FUL – Erection of open sided barn to store hay and straw – Land west of Longholme Road Upwood Cambridgeshire – no observations either in favour or against the proposal

0900719FUL – Change of use of land for temporary mobile home – Greatlands Farm Wennington Road Little Raveley - – no observations either in favour or against the proposal

0900764FUL – Two storey extension to dwelling – 22Bentley Close Upwood – no observations either in favour or against the proposal

### 11. Any Other Business

Mr Paine advised that he had been notified that a new allotment user had attached a hosepipe to the tap at the allotments. Discussion took place on providing an additional tap and a possible increase in allotment rental. Clerk advised that review due in 2010. Agenda item for next meeting.

A resident of Barley Way, Fiona Redhead, had advised of problem with child setting light to grassed area, also reported to Muir Housing and the police. Concern also for crop in adjacent field.

Mr Hillman advised that he had had meeting with representatives of County Council. Reassurance has been given that the situation involving the treacherous road conditions seen earlier in the year will not happen again. PC to consider providing additional salt bins?

Mr Oldale had been approached by a couple living in Ramsey St Mary's about having an allotment. Clerk advised that priority is given to Upwood residents, but if no one on waiting list and allotments are available it is better to have them cultivated rather than festooned with weeds. Mr Rignall proposed that no further allotments be let to non-Upwood residents. This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.