

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS  
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present                      Mr D Paine                      Chairman  
                                    Mr N Gowler  
                                    Mr G Hillman  
                                    Mr D Oldale  
                                    Mrs J Paxton  
                                    Mr A Perkins  
                                    Mr C Racey  
                                    Mr K Sisman  
                                    Clerk and three members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr D McCreadie, Mr J Rignall, and Mr Sisman to advise he would be late arriving. Mr T Bell was absent.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Racey declared an interest in the Strawsons planning matter as a neighbour to the development.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009

The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Clerk advised that litter bin for play area had been requested from HDC (reference 1154966).

Mr Paine advised that he was still trying to get a reply from Dan Smith with regard to the trees in the churchyard and possible funding forwards the work needed.

Mr Paine advised that he had met Mr Lack from HDC, together with Mr Oldale. Mr Lack was impressed with the work the Parish Council wanted to carry out. Breheny to also quote on behalf of HDC, together with Mr Paul Larter, a contact put forward by Mr Gowler.

Mr Paine advised that he attended the Control Panel Meeting in connection with the planning application for 88 High Street, Upwood. Lost by one vote.

Mr G Hillman advised that water 'works' at junction of Ramsey Road/Longholme Road now completed.

Mr Racey advised that he had met with Mr Papworth who will tidy up the areas raised by Mr Gray in previous email correspondence with the Clerk.

5. Adoption of Accounts

Item adjourned to next meeting as accounts not yet returned from internal auditor.

6. Correspondence

Letter – Mr R Cutting – advising Parish Council of further anti social behaviour of children in play area. Mr Oldale advised that his son-in-law (police officer) visited Mr and Mrs Cutting. Mr Paine and Mr Oldale had visited the play area that evening and found evidence of the broken canes which could constitute health hazard to young children using the play area. Clerk to check through previous Minutes to ascertain whether Council responsible for cleaning the play area. Mr Hillman kindly volunteered to tidy up in this instance.

Email – Alison Gilbert – expressing concern over UKIP signage around entrance to Fairmead Estate. Also voiced concern with regard to the pruning of the hedges and bushes undertaken by Robert Brown. Mr Paine replied stating that although the areas in question are responsibility of County Council the work is not carried out because of lack of funding. Suggests Mrs Gilbert contacts Resident's Association. Mr Hillman advised that he will speak to Robert Brown on this matter as Chairman of the Resident's Association.

Email – Helen Taylor – enclosing approved Executive Responsibility list

Letter – HDC – Street naming and numbering

Copy Email – via Victor Lucas – E-cops – House burglaries

Letter – Luminus Group – Inspired to Succeed: Leadership and Service Excellence

Letter – Cambridgeshire ACRE – Service User Survey follow-up and information

Glasdon UK Ltd – Various leaflets

COPE Newsletter June 2009

Clerks & Councils Direct – Newsletter May 2009

HDC – Riverside Music leaflet

HDC – Arts Diary – May/June

Fenland District Council – Start Now leaflet

Cambridgeshire DAAT – letter and posters

Letter – Gordon Slinn – St Peter's Churchyard trees

7. s137 Payments

- Contribution to website  
Clerk to write Doug McLeod for further information. Mr Paine and others agreed it is a valuable resource for the Parish Council.
- Rotary Club of Ramsey – Christmas Float  
After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would decline the request for funds on this occasion.

8. Cheques

The Clerk was temporarily without cheque book, despite being assured one was ordered back in May. Mr Paine and the Clerk to meet at Barclays Bank on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am to withdraw funds to allow outstanding and current invoices to be paid.

Upwood and The Raveleys Newsletter	£500.00 (o/s from May)
Sean Edwards	£380.00 (o/s from May)
Clerk (inc stationery/postage)	£259.57
Lee Gray	£639.00

9. Allotments

The question of an additional tap for the allotments was raised. It was the opinion of the majority of members that the tap was originally meant for use in the cemetery and not for the allotments. Clerk to write to allotment holders again to request that they use water sensibly and point out that no charge is made for this in the allotment rental charge.

The topic of fruit trees being allowed on the allotments was discussed and it was the general opinion that small trees would be OK as long as they were removed when the allotment holder ceased to rent the allotment.

10. Maintenance

- Trees in St Peter's Churchyard  
There is a dead tree just inside the churchyard. Mr Racey advised that Mr Papworth quoted £70 for its removal. Expenditure agreed, proposed by Mrs Paxton and seconded Mr Hillman. Clerk to write to three people from contractor list for quotations. Agenda item for next meeting.
- Telephone box and litter bin  
Mr Perkins thought that the litter bin was sited too close to the bench. Members to look at possibility of moving litter box, but if not possible then will contact HDC.  
Mr Perkins stated that the telephone box was in a terrible state, having been vandalized and with a considerable amount of litter in it. BT did advise of late of their intention to remove telephone box, but Parish Council heard no more.
- Quote for refurbishing village notice boards  
Received from Sean Edwards in the sum of £135. Agreed that he may go ahead. Clerk to confirm.

- Maintenance of the grass and hedges from Fairmead to Upwood School  
Members discussed this item. Clerk to write to Strawsons to suggest that they take on the responsibility of maintaining the verge between the Fairmead Estate and Bury Village.

11. Play area at Farm Close

It was suggested that the fencing, adjacent to the farmer's field, needs to be higher to prevent balls from going over onto farmland.

Clerk to write to Muir Housing in connection with the responsibility of the fence, pointing out there could potentially be a problem with the children climbing over to retrieve balls etc.

12. Speedwatch

Mr Hillman advised that 40 mph equipment has now been provided by the police, in addition to the 30 mph kits already in use. Circle has been widened to encompass other local areas. High vis signs and speed boards currently in use and it is firmly believed that it is making a difference. Repeat offenders will be reported to the police. It was proposed by Mr Gowler and seconded by Mr Perkins that Speedwatch is officially invited to operate in Upwood.

13. Planning

0900342OUT – Demolition and clearance of redundant buildings, reclamation and remediation of land and redevelopment for mixed uses including housing (at least 650 units), employment (at least 10 ha), neighbourhood centre and open space. RAF Upwood Ramsey Road Bury Cambridgeshire – *recommend refusal because of overall effect on local roads; increased volume of traffic, urban traffic being brought to local roads through village of Upwood and surrounding villages; present roads totally inadequate and are not built to accommodate volume of traffic at present, let alone more. These are 'C' class roads.*

Mr Sisman stated that the main issue is the roads and increased traffic flow.

Mr Hillman advised that the Residents Association undertook survey recently and advised that 63% were in favour of some form of development; 85% felt the development too big; 70% could envisage problems and of that 70%, 90% felt that traffic was the biggest issue. Mr Hillman further advised that a traffic count undertaken approximately agrees with the count Strawsons advise in their documentation at approximately 12 vehicles per minute.

Clerk to write to Bury Parish Council and Ramsey Town Council to advise of initial thoughts conveyed to HDC.

Email correspondence received from Mr Neil Tuffin supporting the proposed plan;

Email correspondence received from Mr Neil Tuffin on behalf of Upwood Cricket Club supporting the proposed plan;

Email correspondence received from Barbara and Dominic Murphy registering their objection to the proposed plan;

Email correspondence received from Colin Pryke registering his objection to the proposed plan.

Email correspondence from Peter Bucknell, HDC, advising that Wistow Parish Council recommended approval at their recent meeting.

14. Any other business

Mr Paine mentioned the hedge at the top of Meadow Road. Clerk advised that she had written to Highways, but with no response as yet.

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