

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 12th May at 7.30 p.m.
at Upwood Village Hall

Present Mr C Racey (Chairman)
 Mr T Bell
 Mrs F Hopkins
 Mr D Paine (Chairman Elect)
 Mrs J Paxton
 Mr A Perkins
 Mr James Rignall
 Mr K Sisman
 Clerk

1. Apologies

Mr David McCreadie.

2. Appointment of Officers

Chairman: Mr David Paine – proposed by Mr Bell, seconded, Mr Racey;
Vice Chairman: Mrs Jo Paxton – proposed by Mr Racey, seconded, Mr Bell;
Tree Officer: Mr Colin Racey – proposed by Mrs Paxton, seconded, Mr Perkins;
Police Consultation Representative: Mr Keith Sisman – proposed by Mr Perkins,
seconded, Mr Bell;
Village Hall Representative: Mr Andrew Perkins – proposed by Mr Sisman,
seconded, Mrs Hopkins.
All appointments were unanimous.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes of meetings held on Monday, 7th April 2008.

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 7th April were confirmed, subject to one amendment to show that Mr A Perkins did attend, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising

Mr Rignall queried date of decrease in number of Councillors. Clerk confirmed in the year 2011.

Mr Racey reported that he now had a coded lock for the gate at Vicarage Paddock playing field. The number 1471 was agreed as the combination. Mr Racey further advised that the lock may not fit the chain and it was agreed that an amount of £30 maximum could be used for the purchase of a more suitable chain if it proved necessary.

Mr Perkins queried situation with regard to hedge at the top of Meadow Road. Mr Racey yet to be in contact with Mr Papworth which he will deal with.

Mrs Hopkins queried situation with regard to replacement glass for notice board. Clerk advised that Ramsey Glass had quoted £30. This figure was agreed and Clerk to inform Ramsey Glass to go ahead with the work.

6. Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council – Whistleblowing publicity
Great Fen Project – Presentation for Ward Members/Parish Councils (Mr Sisman expressed interest in attending)
Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, Northants & Peterborough – launch of Magical Meadows project – several members expressed interest in attending
Huntingdonshire District Council – refuse and recycling collection arrangements
Huntingdonshire District Council – Current enforcement cases within parish
Letter – Mr Colin Bryce – application for allotment at Great Raveley (agenda item for next meeting)
Luminus Group Newsletter
Energy Saving Trust – Village Green 2008
COPE Newsletter May 2008
Huntingdonshire Arts Diary

7. Cheques

L Gray	£319.50
Clerk	£211.68

8. Maintenance

Mr Paine mentioned again the grass cutting. Suggested that the ride-on mower being used not really ‘man enough’ for the job.

Mr Racey suggested the cuts were not low enough at present in the playfield field.

The question of the hedge at the top of Meadow Road had already been addressed under matters arising.

Mr Paine advised that he had been contacted by a lady who visits the cemetery and requested that a path be laid to the area where ashes are interred. She advised that she was experiencing difficulty pushing a push chair across the grass. It was felt that no action need be taken on this occasion.

Mrs Hopkins advised that the hedge of the adjoining property causing concern for users of the Village Hall leaving the property. Chairman agreed to approach occupier on an unofficial basis without the need for a letter to be sent in the first instance.

Clerk advised no response forthcoming from Muir Housing in respect of the letter sent with regard to the Bridge at Farm Close.

Likewise, no response from Highways Department. Clerk to send follow-up letter.

9. Patient and Public Involvement Forum – The Patient’s Journey

Chairman advised that the lengthy document was essentially a report of anecdotal items from members of the public experiencing difficulty getting to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. Bottom line really an unsolvable problem.

10. Planning

0800995FUL – Extension to cricket pavilion – Upwood Cricket Club Cricket Pavilion Huntingdon Road Upwood – *no observations either in favour or against the proposal*

0801053FUL – Erection of part single and part two storey extension to dwelling – 4 The Cottage Wennington Road Little Raveley Huntingdon – *no observations either in favour or against the proposal*

0801204FUL – Erection of dwelling – Land rear of Rose villa Raveley Road Great Raveley Huntingdon – *recommend refusal because inappropriate development of back-land. Road safety issues.*

Copy of Appeal Decision – 69 High Street Upwood Huntingdon PE26 2QE

Letter - Huntingdonshire District Council – Erection of grain store and general purpose agricultural building – Land north east of 65 Huntingdon Road, Upwood – advising that the Development Control Panel resolved to Refuse the application

11. Any Other Business

Mr Sisman advised of Cambridgeshire JAC meeting on 7th July 2008, which he will be attending to support the local area. Mr Sisman will advise of date and place of meeting which will appear in Newsletter.

Mr Bell requested that the Clerk provide a list of amounts paid by the Parish Council to the church.

Mr Racey advised that the sign at the top of the village, Ramsey Road, had been pushed over. Also the sign at the bottom of Ailwine Road completely knocked down. There are still potholes in front of the houses at Tynedale. Wennington Road to Little Raveley in unsatisfactory state of repair. Continuing sinking trenches along Longholme Road.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.