

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 1st November 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Mr D Paine	Chairman
	Mr T Bell	
	Mr N Gowler	
	Mr D McCreddie	
	Mr D Oldale	
	Mrs J Paxton	
	Mr A Perkins	
	Mr C Racey	
	Mr K Sisman	
	Clerk, Cllr Victor Lucas and 17 members of the public	

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Perkins declared an interest in Item 9, but remained in the room to answer any questions Councillors may have.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 4th October 2010.

Item 3. First paragraph, third sentence. Mr Racey would prefer sentence to read “It is essential ...” rather than “He would prefer...”

Item 9 Maintenance. Sentence to be amended to read “... fire hydrant cover is broken ...” rather than “... fire hydrant was buried ...”

Item 10 Allotments. Third paragraph, first sentence, to be amended to read “Mr Racey invited the Chairman to ask the two members of the public ...”

The Minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Racey commented that the cemetery hedge was looking neat and tidy after the trim by Andy Davis.

5. Vote of No Confidence in Chairman

Clerk advised that advice was sought of Peterborough & Cambridge Local Council Association and read out correspondence received and asked for comments from Councillors present. Mr Bell agreed that this was a matter for the Standards Committee. Mr Oldale advised that he would contact appropriate Department within HDC.

6. Vacancy on Parish Council

Clerk advised of two vacancies within the Parish Council and invited each candidate to speak in turn; a little about themselves and why they wish to become a Parish Councillor. Ballot papers were handed to all Councillors present and the voting was as follows:

Mr A Devine	2 votes
Mr C M Bryce	4 votes
Mr D Smith	2 votes
Mrs P Rignall	3 votes
Mr R Howe	5 votes

Mr Bryce and Mr Howe were duly selected as Councillors for the Parish of Upwood and The Raveleys.

7. Correspondence

HDC – Appeal decision ~ Land rear of Rose Villa Raveley Road Great Raveley
HDC – copy correspondence appeal decision ~ Site at Manor Farm Bungalow, Great Raveley
Ramsey TCP – response to email from Clerk ~ interpretation board
Peterborough CC - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan – Examination of the Core Strategy
Sawtry PC – email correspondence
HDC – email correspondence re Sawtry PC
HDC – Current enforcement cases within Parish
Bradgate Fencing Specialists Ltd – email introducing services offered
CCC – public path signposting and waymarking improvements under the Fens Adventurers Rural Development Programme
Cllr Lucas – email correspondence ~ Reporting ASB
HDC – Christmas waste collections
CPALC correspondence
HDC – demolition of existing bungalow 69 High Street ~ HDC consented to application
Wicksteed Playscapes brochures
CCC – mobile library literature/posters
Luminus Group – Annual Report and September Newsletter
Fenland Leisure Products – letter and brochure
TEAM Building Systems Ltd – letter and brochure

8. s.137 Payments

- Magpas

Letter received requesting sponsorship. Mr Sisman spoke on this matter and suggested that the Parish Council should support such a worthy cause. Mr Oldale commented that Magpas had in fact received a donation earlier in the year. Clerk confirmed that this request was for sponsorship for either a training course or one of the full time Doctors from Magpas Helimedix. Mr Paine asked for a proposal to support Magpas on this occasion. Members voted not to donate at this time.

9. Request from Village Hall for funding

Letter received from Heike Penny, Secretary of Upwood and The Raveleys Village Hall requesting assistance from the Parish Council. Clerk advised that sum of £1,000 donated in previous years. Mr Howe proposed the sum of £1,000, seconded Mrs Paxton. Mr Sisman proposed a small increase to £1,050, seconded Mr McCreadie. Mr Howe agreed to amend his proposal to £1,050 – 4 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

10. Replacement printer for Parish Clerk

Mr Sisman had undertaken some research on behalf of the Clerk and proposed that an Epson AcuLaser C1600 colour laser printer be purchased which would be adequate for the Clerk's needs. Mr Sisman therefore proposed this purchase go ahead, seconded Mrs Paxton – 7 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

11. Cheques

Jolliffe Daking	£159.50
A Davis	£245.00
L Gray	£319.50
Clerk	£239.28

Mr Oldale suggested that the Parish Council take advantage of the free cut offered by Mr Gray when he was accepted for the tender last year.

12. K6 Adoption

Mrs Paxton advised that she knows of a telephone box that has been refurbished and shelving installed, providing a resource for villagers to deposit their unwanted books and in turn take others left. Mr Sisman offered to donate a tin of paint. General discussion. Mr Racey queried subject of power to the telephone box. Mr Sisman proposed that the Parish Council adopt the telephone box, seconded Mrs Paxton. All in favour. Mr Oldale asked what had happened to the telephone box in Great Raveley. Advised it was removed. Clerk to write to Derek Seaton at BT.

13. Cemetery entrance/gates

Mr Sisman commented that this matter needs to be drawn to a conclusion. The drop bolt should be altered so that it fits. Mr Paine advised that an engineer who lives in the village has offered to do this work free of charge. Mr Paine will supply details of this person so that Clerk can make contact. Coping stones surrounding the area where the bins are situated have worked loose and need attention.

Mr Gowler advised that the gates were stored in Mr Paine's garage prior to them being installed and the contractor employed should have measured and ensured the gates were correctly installed at the time.

Mr Paine advised that a not-to-scale plan was presented to Mr Lack at a site meeting. Mr Racey asked whether the plan could be retrieved. An amendment suggested from two slabs to one slab only. Mr Oldale commented that Mr Paine was incorrect on this point.

Mr Sisman felt that the Parish Council did not receive value for money for this work. Mr Sisman proposed that the alterations are duly made to the drop bolt, seconded by Mr Bryce. 7 in favour, 0 against and 4 abstentions.

Mr Paine happy to set up a sub-committee to deal with this matter, if this was the wish of the Councillors. Mr Sisman, Mr Oldale, Mr Gowler and Mr Racey prepared to form a sub-committee to deal with outstanding issues and to report back to the next meeting.

Clerk to contact Mr Gray in connection with the remedial work required to the coping stones that surround the area where the bins are situated.

14. Grantscape – Grants for Local Community and Environmental Projects

Literature received. Clerk subsequently researched a little more from the website. Discussed and handed to Mr Perkins who felt it may be of use to the Village Hall.

15. Maintenance

- Tenders for grass cutting contract 2011/12

Andy Davis had offered a two year contract at a discount, but this could not be accepted as the other contractors invited to tender were not offered the opportunity to quote for a two year contract. Tenders received were discussed. Mr Sisman proposed that the quotation from Andy Davis was accepted, seconded Mr Gowler. All in favour.

16. Boundary fence – The Manor House, Upwood

Mr Paine advised that contact was made by BUPA as works were being carried out at the Home and access to rear of property requested. Clerk then made Councillors aware of correspondence outstanding from 2007 when she first wrote to Manor House requesting reinstatement of boundary fence. Mr Racey advised that the gardener removed the original fence which was steel posts with steel wires running through. Mr Racey wanted

to know why the fence was removed and who removed it, and wonders if there is any evidence available as to who owns the boundary fence. Clerk enquired whether she should contact Jolliffes to ask if they have any information on ownership of the fence. Mr Sisman advised that if no satisfaction received from the Nursing Home then the Chief Executive should be contacted in the future.

17. Planning

No plans received.

18. Any other business

Mr Howe enquired whether there were any further developments with regard to the travellers' sites. Rumour had been circulating that some sites have been discounted.

Mr Paine advised that Mr Hillman had taken away various folders in connection with Strawsons' planning application. These had now been returned and are stored in the loft in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm