

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS
PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 5th October 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Mr D Paine	Chairman
	Mr T Bell	
	Mr G Hillman	
	Mr D Oldale	
	Mr D McCreadie	
	Mrs J Paxton	
	Mr C Racey	
	Mr J Rignall	
	Mr K Sisman	
	Clerk and Cllr Victor Lucas	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr N Gowler and Mr A Perkins.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th July 2009

Subject to one minor spelling mistake, in Item 10, eighth line down, 'us' amended to 'is', the Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Racey mentioned the proposed new gates at the cemetery and that the hinges should be rising hinges to allow for the gradient. Mr Paine advised that the posts will be raised to accommodate this, but that the tops of the gates would be level. Comment was also made that the Fleur de Lys the PC had requested should now have a ball on top as a health and safety issue.

5. Correspondence

Members were advised of a telephone call from a Mr Day with a complaint with regard to the condition of the Wistow road after the recent resurfacing. Cllr Lucas advised that the Council have acknowledged the problem; it is in hand, Richard Kingston dealing.

HDC – Register of Electors 2009/10 + poster
East of England Regional Assembly – Newsletter and information pack

Chris Gerrard – The Great Fen Masterplan
 Richard Inman, Rural Services Network – State of rural services in England
 Roy Reeves, HDC – Gambling Act 2005 – Draft statement of principles
 HDC – remittance advice re Precept
 Victor Lucas – email enclosing copy letter from Strawsons
 Amelia Hodson, Papworth Trust – Self- Directed support taster days
 CCC – Draft Ramsey Market Town Transport Strategy Public Consultation
 Victor Lucas – email correspondence, Ramsey and District Neighbourhood Panel meeting
 Colin Leary – demountable stage and lighting
 HDC – Co-option of independent members to District Council Overview and Scrutiny Panels
 HDC – Parish Planting 2009/10
 Victor Lucas – email, re Neighbourhood Panels and condition of recently resurfaced road between Upwood and Wistow.
 Monster Play Systems – letter and brochures
 Kompan – leaflets and price list
 Society of Local Council Clerks – newsletter
 Luminus Group – Newsletter
 HDC – Countryside Events & Activities – October 2009
 HDC – Countryside Events & Activities – November to January
 COPE Newsletter No. 60

6. s.137 payments

- Insurance for St Peter’s Church

Request received from Treasurer for donation towards the annual insurance premium. This request was discussed and Mrs Paxton proposed that the Parish Council does make a donation, seconded by Mr Rignall. A vote was taken, which was lost – 3 votes for and 4 against. Clerk to write to advise PC regrets it is unable to help on this occasion.

- Maintenance of St Peter’s Churchyard

Request received from Treasurer for donation towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard. This was discussed and Mr Rignall proposed, and Mr McCreadie seconded, that this matter be deferred until the PC had clarification from HDC on the question of HDC taking over responsibility for the closed churchyard. Clerk to write to advise and also a reminder that the work being undertaken is not covered by the Parish Council’s insurance.

7. Cheques

Lee Gray	£319.50
Village Hall	£22.00
Mr B C Edwards	£74.49
Clerk	£341.25

8. Maintenance

- Trees in St Peter's Churchyard

This matter in abeyance in view of comments above regarding responsibility of closed churchyard

- Hedge cutting

Coincidentally the Clerk had received a letter from Andy Davis giving quotation for the cutting of the hedge adjoining the cemetery. This was in the sum of £145 and all members agreed this was acceptable figure. Mr McCreadie proposed acceptance and Mrs Paxton seconded. Clerk to write to give the go ahead.

- Grass cutting contract

Included in Mr Davis's letter was also a quotation for the grass cutting contract in the sum of £200 per cut. It was agreed that this was a reasonable figure, but the fear was that if the PC awarded the contract to Mr Davis it may not receive the same level of service currently being given by Lee Gray.

Clerk to write to Lee Gray asking for quotation for 2010 with the request that certain areas are trimmed back further into the hedges, particularly in the playing field.

Whilst on the subject of maintenance the matter of the refurbishment of the BUPA care home was discussed. Mr Paine advised that now that the works have finished the PC should seek reparation in respect of the damage to the playing field entrance and other matters. The access from the road to the playing field has suffered from the movement of trucks down to the back of the building. Soil needs breaking up and area re-seeded to bring it back to original condition. Mr Racey to inspect the area, together with the gate and posts and advise at next meeting.

Clerk to write to the Nursing Home on this matter and also in connection with the boundary fence which has long since been removed and not replaced as had been advised in the past.

9. Interpretation board

Email received from Vera Woolmer, Ramsey Town Centre Partnership, advising that costs had been incurred in connection with the aborted visit to site the board. Clerk to write to advise that PC not in a position to help with the finding, but will be happy to see board sited whenever funding is available. In the meantime, Mr Sisman and Mr Hillman to seek out suitable site for the board.

10. Planning

No plans received.

11. Any other business

Item under correspondence mentioned Neighbourhood Panel. Mr Sisman proposed that we stay with Ramsey, seconded by Mr Hillman.

Mr Oldale had inspected the allotments not being tended. Clerk to provide him with list of names of allotment holders. Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr Rignall queried whether travellers had left, but now on the corner of Chapel Lane, Ramsey Heights there is a field containing dilapidated cars/vans.

Mr Oldale advised that an attempt had been made at cutting back the hedge at the property on Huntingdon Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Mr William Allwood then gave a presentation to those present on the proposed residential development for Church Lane and the land at Huntingdon Road, Upwood.