## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL Held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present	Mr D Paine	Chairman
	Mr T Bell	
	Mr N Gowler	
	Mr D McCreadie	
	Mr D Oldale	
	Mrs J Paxton	
	Mr A Perkins	
	Mr C Racey	
	Mr K Sisman	
	Clerk, and 1 member	of the public

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Gowler declared an interest in item number 9.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010

There was an omission of the name of the seconder under item 6, which was duly amended to read Mr Perkins. The Minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Mr Paine advised that some of the allotments had now been renumbered and presented the Clerk with a small invoice for the new numbers he had purchased. Allotment numbers 15 to 32 inclusive still to be done.

Mr Paine also advised that a new tap had been installed at the entrance to the allotments.

5. Correspondence

HDC – Register of Electors 2010/11 letter and poster Dept for Communities and Local Government – appeal decision re Strawsons Cambridgeshire ACRE – AGM and Big Society event invitation HDC – Current enforcement cases within parish HDC – appeal decision re Manor Farm Bungalow, Great Raveley

HDC – Fact and figures about Huntingdonshire Mr K Sisman – Allotments and water CCC – Reply to clerk on various matters Upwood and Raveley HDC – Balancing the Budget CCC - Mobile library services and route HDC - Advice of new road name ~ Royal Oak Close, Upwood CCC – Winter service ~ gritting arrangements (Clerk to follow up order of grit bins) PCC – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan CCC – Protected Road Verge newsletter CCC – Library Service Review ~ LAPs and Mobiles HDC - Huntingdonshire District Council ~ Statement of Licensing Policy BT Payphones – K6 Adoption HDC – Broadband ~ help us to help you Mr F R Bibby - Maintenance of St Peter's Churchyard Mrs D Hudson - Rant to the Parish Council ~ wording of interpretation board Mrs F Hopkins – black poplar tree (letter passed to Mr Racey for action) CCC - List of all Protected Road Verges Open Gardens National Directory - Open Gardens Headlines - Luminus Group newsletter SMP Playgrounds newsletter Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd – brochure COPE Newsletter No. 69

6. Cheques

Arboreal Services	£399.50
RNW Plumbing & Heating	£70.50
Clerk	£158.64
Mr D Paine	£29.90

Invoice for £1597.50 received from Mr L Gray in respect of five previous cuts. Accompanying note stated there had been problems with receiving payment on time. Clerk stated that all invoices received to date had been paid and advised there had been a slight delay with one cheque being sent to Mr Gray. It was thought that Mr Gray had been paid in advance for August, but that the cut had not been done. It was agreed, after discussion, that the current invoice would be deferred for payment until the dates for the previous cuts had been clarified. Also why was Mr Gray not invoicing the Parish Council for two cuts per month when two cuts were being made? Clerk advised that in 2009/10 season the dates for the cuts were annotated on the invoices and two invoices were received during the month when two cuts were made. Mr Paine agreed to write to Mr Gray. Amendment: Parish Clerk asked to write to Mr Gray.

7. Vacancy on Parish Council

Clerk advised that Mrs Pauline Rignall had expressed an interest in being considered for a vacancy on the Parish Council. Mr Gowler advised that he knew of someone who would also like to be considered. The question was raised with regard to a representative from either Farm Close or the Fairmead Estate being invited to join the Parish Council. Clerk stated that notices advising of a vacancy had been placed on all three notice boards and no one else had expressed interest. Agenda item for next meeting.

- 8. Maintenance
  - Tenders for cemetery hedge

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Robert Ayres, Andy Davis and Andy Papworth to request quotations for a usual trim to the hedge; both sides and the top, from the top of the new cemetery to the end of the old cemetery. Clerk to also ask for a quote for a reduction in height to 4' 6", but this to be taken to the new gates only.

Clerk advised that several tiles were stacked around the base of the village sign. Gary Merrell has undertaken work of this nature previously. Clerk to contact him to get quotation for repair.

- 9. Allotments
  - Review of allotment rental

General discussion. Mr Sisman proposed an increase to £15 for the allotments, seconded by Mr Oldale. Vote: those in favour 6, abstentions 2.

10. Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Schemes - 2011/12

Mr Sisman advised that the proposal made at the July meeting for better road safety signs near Longholme Road junction is being dealt with by Safer Routes for Schools scheme. No further action on this matter.

11. Display board

Complaints made to Councillors, in particular an email to Mr Paine from Deana Hudson, with regard to the interpretation board recently installed. Wording invites visitors to Ramsey and not Upwood. Clerk to write to Vera Woolmer for a change to wording.

12. Planning

1001285CAC – Demolition of existing bungalow – 69 High Street Upwood

1001284FUL – Replacement of existing derelict bungalow with new bungalow – 69 High Street Upwood

Plans inspected. Mr Paine advised that he had heard unofficially that planning had been deferred as Tree Officer needs to attend the site. Clerk still to submit comments. **1001284FUL**: *"Recommend refusal because the proposed building far too large and in conservation area. Drainage is also of concern"*.

**1001285CAC:** Recommend refusal until acceptable application received for the new build".

13. Any other business

Mr McCreadie advised there are deep potholes in Great Raveley, after the 30mph sign, travelling towards Wood Walton.

Mrs Paxton expressed concern that trees have been removed at the building site in the new Royal Oak Close.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.