MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 5th January at 7.30 p.m. at Upwood Village Hall

Present Mr D Paine Chairman

Mr N Gowler Mr A Perkins Mr C Racey Mr K Sisman

Clerk, and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Mr D McCreadie and Mrs J Paxton.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 1st December 2008.

These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

The Meadow Road/High Street parking issues had been resolved.

Clerk advised that the notice boards in Great and Little Raveley were also in need of attention. Mr Paine advised that Mr Sean Edwards had offered to look after the notice boards on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Paine to deal.

5. Co-option of new member

Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Mr Graham Hillman of Upwood, and Mr Paine had received a letter from Mr David Oldale, also of Upwood. Clerk read out both letters to those present and discussion took place. Mr Paine proposed that the two new members be co-opted, seconded by Mr Perkins. Clerk to write welcome letters.

6. Correspondence

Letter – Jolliffe Daking LLP, enclosing copy letter sent to previous Clerk in July 2008. (Clerk to check previous Minutes with regard to Paddock rental).

Letter - Cambridgeshire County Council - A141 King's Ripton Junction - proposed accident remedial scheme

Letter – Information Commissioner's Office – Freedom of Information, Fulfilling your obligation to disclose information

Letter and leaflet - Cambridgeshire County Council - Winter gritting and snow clearing

Letter – Luminus Group enclosing Group Performance Report 2007-08 In Touch newsletter

Letter and brochure – The Complete Sports Field & Landscaping Service Huntingdonshire Countryside Services – Events and Activities 2009 brochure Luminus Group – Headlines newsletter

Huntingdonshire District Council – January/February Arts Diary and Hinchingbrooke Spring Music 2009

7. Cheques

Village Hall £38.00 Mr B D Edwards £74.49 Clerk £ 228.15

8. Maintenance

No quotations received as yet for the felling offshoots of the tree behind Mr Silcock's house/garden. Clerk to chase.

Letter received from Mr Stephen Douglas, PCC Secretary with regard to the trees in St Peter's Churchyard. Mr Racey advised that he will inspect the trees and Mr Paine to follow up. Clerk to write to acknowledge letter.

9. Boundary Fence – Manor House Nursing Home

Previous correspondence discussed. Clerk to write again to enquire when fence will be re-instated.

10. Upwood Cemetery

Clerk advised that the four spaces were taken up in 2007, with 2 in the cremation row, and 12 taken up in 2008. Four plots were purchased in 2007 and six were purchased in 2008.

Concerns were raised at the amount of space left in the cemetery. Mr Paine and Mr Perkins to measure area and assess future requirements. Revision of fees also to be discussed. Agenda item for next meeting.

11. Emergency Planning Awareness Session.

Agenda item for next meeting.

12. Planning

No plans received.

13. Any other business

Mr Sisman advised that the A14 around Huntingdon, when re-developed, the viaduct will be removed. Mr Sisman concerned that vehicle users will still continue to use 'rat runs' through the villages and there will be no encouragement for road users to continue to use A1/A14. Requested Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr Racey commented that Muir Housing appear to have completed work on the bridge and that the ditch has been cleared. All agreed that a good job had been done.

Comments also made on the guided bus way and the fact that it was going to be further delayed.

Consideration given to the final two points in Mr Hillman's letter. He is happy with the response received from Anglian Water, but will call upon the Parish Council if the need arises. Mr Hillman to be asked to give presentation on Magpas at a future meeting.

Jill, the PCSO from Ramsey also attended the meeting and advised that she is happy to attend future meetings if the Parish Council thought it necessary. Advised that she is trying to arrange surgeries for Upwood and Ramsey.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.