MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 1989 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks (Vice-Chairman), M. Mensley, W. W. Goddard, R. Watson, B. R. Davison, E. A. Walsh (Clerk)
Joyce Crooks (Borough Councillor)

Parishioners - 2

884. APOLOGIES: A. Hurst, D. Colledge, S. Spence.

885. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 1989 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

886. ACCOUNTS:

PAID:		£
Leics. Rural Community Council (Best Kept Village Competition)		6.00
Severn Trent Water - Annual water rates (Churchyard supply)		19.80
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (General rates - Cemetery)		18.30
W.D. & B. Harding (Xmas tree)		35.65
Leics. Assoc. of Parish & Local Councils (Annual subscription)		138.49
H. Bell (Caretaker's wages) 5.3.89 - 2.4.89 - 4 wks at £20 p. wk.		80.00
E. A. Walsh (Salary & expenses)	116.66 2.06	118.72
Allen Bostock (Builders) Bus shelter - 39.21 Pavilion light 210.45		249.66
		666.62

RECEIVED:	
Sports Council - final grant payment	1,606.00
N.V.1st Scout Group - booking fee	20.00
Clerk to Justices, Hinckley (re Adrian Gardner)	19.55
	1,645.55

887. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter had been received from the Winged Fellowship Organisation for holidays for disabled people applying for support from the Parish Council for Skylarks, the Midlands Centre for the Severely Physically Disabled. The letter was discussed and it was generally agreed that it should be left on the table.

2. A letter had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Director of Public Services in reply to the Parish Council's complaint regarding the performance of the village litter picker. The Borough Council were unaware that the litter picker was not performing his duties during daylight hours and informed the Council that this matter would be discussed with the litter picker and that they would report back to us with any action that they

proposed to take. Mrs. Francks reported to the meeting that there had been some improvement although Mr. Charity was certainly not undertaking his required 10 hours per week litter picking in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Director of Public Services and invite him or his representative to the next meeting of the Parish Council in order to explain the position.

3. A playscheme training questionnaire had been received from the Leicestershire Playing Fields Association concerning the prospect of training for voluntary playscheme workers. It was agreed that the letter and questionnaire be sent to Mr. M. Mould, Headteacher of the Newbold Verdon County Primary School.

4. The annual subscription request had been received from the Playing Fields Association requesting the sum of £4. It was agreed, after some discussion, that the subscription be paid for the next year in order that the members could monitor what benefits accrued to the Parish Council as a result of membership.

5. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the Parish Council's casual vacancy and informing the members that the requisite number of electors from the Parish had made written requests to the Borough Council that an election for the vacancy take place. Accordingly, notices of election have been posted by the Borough Council and an election will be held in early course. The letter was duly noted.

888. LEICESTERSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL DONATION

After some discussion about whether a donation should be made by the Parish Council to the Rural Community Council, it was agreed that for the time being the matter be left on the table.

889. HIRING FEES - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

Mr. R. Watson, as Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club, declared his interest in this agenda item and declined to vote on the issue. After some discussion it was agreed that hire fees for the forthcoming 1989/90 football season be set as follows:-

Senior Football Teams	£18 per match
Junior Football Teams	£8 " "
One-off matches by non-village teams	£25 " "

It was generally agreed that the above hiring fees would represent both the cost of hiring the pavilion and pitch fees.

As far as the cricket club were concerned, it was agreed that the sum of £8 per match would be payable.

It was further agreed that the above fees be payable by the clubs in question on demand, monthly in arrears.

890. SECURITY GATES - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that two tenders had been received for supplying 2 6ft x 3ft wide security gates for the Alans Way Playing Field. After some discussion the members generally agreed that the prices were not competitive enough and requested that the Clerk should tender for the supply of the gates to three new contractors and, if tenders were received in time for the next meeting, to report back accordingly.

891. PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING

The previous date for the official opening of the pavilion (22nd April) was cancelled with the agreement of members. The Clerk reported that letters had been received from both the Leicester City Football Club and the Leicestershire County Cricket Club indicating that they were unable to be of assistance in supplying a sporting personality for this date but were more than willing to be of assistance to us should we wish to contact them in future with alternative arrangements.

Mr. Watson suggested that the official opening could take place on a mid-week evening which would perhaps facilitate the sporting clubs ability to assist us in this respect. It was generally agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order to fix a new date and for members to report their ideas on the type of event that they wished to hold.

892. PAVILION DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT

It was generally agreed by the members that crockery was required to be purchased for the use of those hiring the pavilion facilities. The Clerk was duly authorised to purchase the following:-

1) 4 doz. cups and saucers (white)
2) " side plates (white)
3) A quantity of plastic teaspoons
4) A large teapot
5) A large milk jug
6) 2 sugar basins

Mrs. Francks also asked whether the Council would be willing to consider the purchase of a hot water heater and Mr. Mensley kindly offered to report back to the Council's next meeting on the estimated cost of such a heater.

893. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The question of the Garden of Remembrance had been tendered on two previous occasions in the last 12 months for the provision of an ornate brick cross and garden. Unfortunately tenders had come in at a cost well above that which had been estimated by the Council and it had been generally agreed that this matter

be dealt with at this meeting. The Clerk reported that when precepting for the forthcoming financial year, the sum of £500 had been provided and a further £250 from the previous financial year was also available towards the cost. Mr. Davison provided a copy of a plan showing his suggested proposal for a decorative memorial cross built in slabs and to be landscaped with flower tubs and garden seats.

After some discussion it was generally agreed that a site meeting be held to discuss the members proposals and this was fixed for 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th April. The matter would be put on the agenda for the members to report back to the next meeting.

894. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/0354/4 Mr. & Mrs. Stott, 18 Jubilee Road. Application for planning permission for front porch, WC and rear extension. No comment.

89/0314/4 Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Allen. Application for planning permission of reserved matters for erection of a house and garage, Welton Lodge, Hunts Lane. No comment.

89/0311/4 Mr. & Mrs. A. Gayton, Sandalwood, Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension to existing dwelling. No comment.

89/0316/4D Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. Application for planning permission for 3 bungalows at site of 1-3 Preston Drive, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

89/0291/4 B. Davison, 23 Mill Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension and alterations to existing dwelling. No comment.

895. PLANNING APPROVAL

89/0110/4 Mr. & Mrs. A. Harrison. Planning permission for construction of new double garage and improvement of residence. 29 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon.

896. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None

897. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Goddard reported that the swings on the Dragon Lane Recreation ground were suffering from considerable broken glass around the area. Mr. Goddard offered to sweep and generally clear the area as best he could. The members considered requesting the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to fix a litter bin at the Dragon Lane end of the playing field at the edge of the tarmacadamed play area and the Clerk was authorised to contact the Director of Public Services and to place an order for its provision. At the same time it was agreed that a similar litter bin be erected within the Alans Way Playing Field adjacent to the main car park gate. The Chairman also asked the Clerk to arrange for the purchase of a large dustbin for use at the Alans Way Pavilion site.

2. Mr. Goddard also reported that the pavement outside the Newbold Verdon County Primary School was littered with debris from broken trees following the high winds and also general rubbish. The Chairman replied by saying that this was part of the highway and was, therefore, the responsibility of the Leicestershire County Council. However, it was believed that the County Council's Highways Department was dealing with the matter.

3. Mr. Mensley reported that the hedge adjacent to the highway at the top of Hornbeam and Barlestone Roads was in a deplorable condition in that it was full of rubbish which had blown into it from dustbins when they were being emptied by the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's refuse collectors. The Chairman replied by saying that this was really a problem encountered by many local councils as a result of the method in which the Borough Engineers operated when collecting rubbish. He reported that Market Bosworth Parish Council were shortly to purchase a street vacuum cleaner with the intention of effectively providing self-help to deal with the problem. It was therefore considered a possibility that at some point in the future Newbold might be forced to consider doing likewise.

4. Mr. Davison reported that the cottages at the end of Mill Lane were in such a poor structural condition that they now presented a danger to pedestrians. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Building Control Department at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council notifying them that the Parish Council regarded the buildings as dangerous structures and requesting their assistance accordingly.

5. Mr. Davison asked whether British Telecom had notified the Council of its intention to replace the old phone box to the rear of the Rectory opposite Brascote Lane. The Clerk reported that BT had not indicated that this was their intention but undertook to contact them to establish whether they had any plans to replace it.

6. Mr. Davison reported that the litter bin adjacent to the library on Main Street in the village was still not fixed.

7. Mrs. Francks reported that a wooden rail on the post and rail fence opposite the County Primary School on Dragon Lane was missing. The Clerk was authorised to place an order for its repair.

8. Mr. Watson asked when the playing field would next be cut by the Council's contractor. The Clerk reported that he had discussed the matter with the County Council's Technical Services Unit and had been assured that the grass throughout the village would be cut as soon as it was reasonably practical to do so having regard to the present inclement weather conditions. Mr. Watson also asked whether the field could be rolled and whether the centre of the football pitch could be

reseeded. The Clerk undertook to confirm these points with the Technical Services Unit and report back to the next meeting.

9. Mr. Mensley reported that the bus shelters on Dragon Lane and on Main Street were still very smelly from urine. Mrs. Francks reported that some efforts had been made by her to disinfect the bus shelter on Main Street. The problem was duly noted. Mr. Mensley also reported that tiles on the bus shelter adjacent to the library needed replacing as some were missing. The Clerk was authorised to arrange for its repair and also to place an order for the interior of the bus shelter to be painted with a form of anti-vandal fleck paint.

10. At the Chairman's request the members agreed to release the Parish Council's contribution of £500 to the Verdon in Bloom Committee for their forthcoming preparations to enter the Britain in Bloom 1989 Competition.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.