MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 1989 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), A. Hurst, R. Watson, B. Goddard, H. Francks, D. Colledge, S. Spence, B. Davison, M.B.Mensley. J. Crookes (Borough Councillor,) E. A. Walsh (Clerk). Parishioners: 3

996. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from R. Kendall.

997. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November, having previously been circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

998. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
1. Marshall Fry Ltd. Playground equipment inspection		35.00	
	VAT	5.25	40.25
2. E. H. Bell - Caretaker's Wages 6.11.89 - 3.12.89 - 4 wks at £20 per wk			80.00
3. E. A. Walsh	Clerk's Salary	145.83	
	Typing expenses	20.00	
	Postage	4.05	169.88
	TOTAL		290.13

Received:

		£
1. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. Interment fees re Violet Lorenda Clements		15.00
2. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. Memorial fee re Alan P. Smith decd.		15.00
	TOTAL	£30.00

999. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Severn Trent Water Company regarding the water leak in Bells Lane and pointing out that the leak was found to be on the private side of the water supply pipe. The Water Company were requested to effect repairs on behalf of the owner's insurers and the work was completed on 16th November. The letter was duly noted.

2. A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Newbold Verdon Toddler Park Project enclosing costings, a constitution, accounts and plans to enable the Parish Council to consider their request for a contribution towards the project when the precept is agreed.

3. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council asking if the Parish Council considers there is any significant demand for hackney carriage services

within its area. It was decided that the Council had no objection to the Borough Council imposing a limit on the number of licences as had been indicated.

4. The draft register of electors had been received from the Borough Council. It was agreed that the register, together with forms of objection, be lodged with the Librarian accordingly.

5. An inspection schedule had been received from Marshall Fry Ltd. following their inspection of the play equipment on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. It was agreed that photo-copies of the schedule be circulated among members for their comments.

6. Agendas for the next meeting of the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils had been received and these were duly passed to Mrs. Spence and Mr. Davison to attend as representatives of the Parish Council.

7. A formal notice had been received from the Director of Development, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council informing the Parish that the Borough Council had resolved on 14th November 1989 to designate the historic core of Newbold as a conservation area.

8. Notification had been received from the Rural Community Council of the Village Ventures Competition for 1989/90. It was agreed that if any member of parishioner wished to put forward a proposal for entry into the competition they should contact the Clerk accordingly. It was noted that the closing date for entries was 28th February 1990.

9. Notification had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council of an appeal by Mr. and Mrs. P. Allen of Welton Lodge, Newbold Verdon against a refusal of planning permission to erect a house and garage on land adjoining Welton Lodge. The grounds of appeal and the Borough Council's statement of response thereto were duly noted.

10. A formal notice under Section 14(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 had been received in respect of the temporary closure of Preston Drive and Statham Street, Newbold Verdon to enable drainage works to be undertaken. The notice was duly noted.

11. Notice of compensation had been received from the Market Bosworth Magistrates Court following the conviction of an offender for criminal damage to the Parish Council's public seat in Dragon Lane. The notice was duly noted.

12. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council notifying the Council that his original quotation of £145 for the replace-ment of the seat would not, in fact, provide a seat of similar quality to the one damaged. A revised quotation of £195,

together with an additional charge of £30 for delivery and fixing was given. It was agreed that by accepting the Director's earlier quotation, a contract had been made and that the Borough Council were effectively attempting to rescind the same after acceptance by the Parish Council. Accordingly the Clerk was requested to write to the Director in an attempt to obligate him to be bound by his earlier quotation.

13. A formal notice of application for the transfer of the liquor licence had been received in respect of the Dragon Inn, Dragon Lane. The notice was duly noted.

14. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, regarding precept arrangements for the forthcoming financial year. A request was made that the parish finance statement be completed no later than 1 January 1990. The letter was duly noted.

15. A further notice had been received under Section 14(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in respect of the temporary closure of Newbold Lane to facilitate work throughout a period of 14 days from 4th December 1989. The letter was duly noted.

16. Another letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, regarding the Parish Council's application for discretionary rate relief for the pavilion premises. It was pointed out that as the Parish Council is the rateable occupier it is not eligible for relief on the grounds that the Parish have the power to levy a rate. The letter was duly noted.

1000. STREET CLEANSING FROM 1 JANUARY 1990

The Clerk reminded members that a letter had been received from the Director of Public Services dated 11th November 1989 regarding the transfer of functions for street cleansing to the Borough Council from 1st January 1990. The matter was discussed at some length and it was agreed that the Parish Council would hope to see a better service from the Borough than it had enjoyed from the County. Mr. Mensley expressed the view that the standard of service should be similar to that provided for urban areas. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to establish what the Borough Council's proposed programme of street cleansing was and to establish whether any formal litter picking would be done in the village and whether this would in turn affect the continued need to employ a separate litter picker. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council accordingly, and to report back when the relevant information was available.

1. FOOTPATH S.19 - ACCOMMODATION WORKS

The Clerk reminded members that a letter had been received

from the Director of Administration and Finance at the Borough Council dated 6th November 1989 in which the Director criticised the alternative route of the footpath in that it was obstructed by a nettle bed. The Director also asked whether consideration could be given to some form of hard surfacing for the footpath. The members agreed that the Council's forthcoming maintenance contractor be requested to supply a quotation to carry out the works required by the Borough Council. The Clerk was asked to confirm to the Borough Secretary that the work would be put in hand shortly.

2. PAVILION SECURITY RAILINGS

It was agreed that this item would be adjourned to the Parish Council's February meeting.

3. VERDON IN BLOOM 1990

This agenda item had been requested by Mrs. Spence in her capacity on the Verdon in Bloom Committee. Mrs. Spence duly declared her interest on behalf of the Committee and made a formal request for a contribution towards their funds for the next year's competition. It was agreed that the matter would be considered when the Parish Council precepted for the next financial year.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) 89/1445/4 - Mr. & Mrs. S. Morgan, 63 Arnolds Crescent, Planning application for a 2-storey extension to side of existing property at 63 Arnolds Crescent. No comment.
(ii) 89/1337/4 - Mr. A. Rogers, 6 Mallory Close. Planning application for extension at side of existing property at 6 Mallory Close. No comment.
(iii) 89/1407/4 - Mr. R. DeCasembroot, The Old Rectory. Planning application for the conversion of the coach house into a self-contained flat. No comment.
(iv) 89/1421/4 - Mrs. Clinton, 50 Sparkenhoe. Planning application for a new bungalow on land adjoining 50 Sparkenhoe. No comment.

5. PLANNING APPROVALS

None

6. PLANNING REFUSALS

89/0937/4 - Refusal of planning permission to Mr. G. Singh, 4 Merrylees Road, Newbold Verdon for a proposed first floor extension to the rear of the property. The grounds of refusal were that the extension to the rear of this semi-detached dwelling house, projecting 3.2 metres along the common boundary was likely to overshadow the adjoining property (2 Merrylees Road) resulting in a loss of light and the creation of an oppressive environment to the detriment of the residential amenities enjoyed by those occupants.

7. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1990/91

The Clerk reported that tenders in respect of the contract for the next financial year had been received. The tenders were evaluated and the Clerk reported that the lowest was that of W. D. & B. Harding and Son. The members duly resolved to accept this tender accordingly.

8. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None

9. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Watson pointed out that the goal posts on the Alans Way Playing Field still needed to be moved to the bottom end of the field. The Clerk was requested to write to the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club to ask them to effect the removal.

2. Mr. Watson also asked that the siting of the proposed garage for the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club be made an agenda item for the Council's next meeting.

3. Mr. Watson pointed out that two mature conifers adjacent to the Alans Way Playing Field entrance had been snapped off by vandals. The matter was duly noted.

4. Mrs. Spence asked whether it would be possible to obtain quotes for a small metal or stile gate to replace the wooden gate at the entrance to the Alans Way Playing Field. It was agreed that this matter should be an agenda item for the next meeting and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the cost.

5. Mr. Goddard raised the question of resiting the bus stop adjacent to the new bungalows on Preston Drive/Dragon Lane. It was suggested to Mrs. Crookes that the Parish Council would be willing to contribute 50% of the cost of providing an alternative bus shelter to be constructed in brick if the Borough Council would be willing to meet the balance. The Clerk agreed to write to the Director of Development with this proposal.

6. Mr. Davison reported that complaints had been received from local parents regarding the Borough Council's litter picker. Concerns were duly noted and Mrs. Crookes suggested that parishioners should write direct to the Borough Council to express their concern.

7. Mr. Davison reported that a parishioner occupying the bungalow adjacent to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground on Bells Lane had asked that the public seat adjacent to his boundary fence be moved. It was agreed that in order to give proper consideration to this request the matter should be made an agenda item at the next meeting.

8. Mr. Mensley reported that a vehicle had been abandoned in Sparkenhoe and that it was an Austin Mini. The Clerk was requested to contact the County Council accordingly.

9. Mr. Mensley reported that despite assurances from the Divisional Highways Surveyor to the contrary, the hedge adjacent to Barlestone Road still required cutting. The Clerk was asked to check with the Divisional Surveyor that the work had been programmed.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT ITEM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE.

10. CLERK'S SALARY

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary be increased to £2,000 per annum for the next financial year plus expenses.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 p.m.