MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 1989 AT 7.30pm AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON.

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

Parishioners: 4

858. APOLOGIES: None

859. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 1989 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

860. ACCOUNTS.

PAID.

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| Leicestershire County Council Pavilion cleaning utensils etc. | 55.73 |
| H. Bell Caretakers wages 1.1.89 to 5.2.89 | 100.00 |
| E.A. Walsh salary and expenses January 1989 | 129.51 |
| E.M.E.B Electricity Account for pavilion Alans Way | 84.75 |
| | 369.99 |

RECEIVED:

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| G.Seller & Co Ltd memorial fees for Kathleen Hart decd. | 7.50 |
| Newbold Verdon Junior F.C. Pavilion fees for Nov/Dec. 1988 | 8.00 |
| Jubilee Inn F.C. pavilion fees Nov/Dec 1988 | 36.00 |
| Swan F.C. " " " | 12.00 |
| | 63.50 |

861. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. A letter had been received from Divisional Highways Surveyor informing the Council:
   (a) The drainage system outside the Old White Swan Public house now works but that a gulley will be installed in a low area of the carriageway which is the main cause of the problem. Overflows from the downpipe at the Old Swan is also aggravating the situation and he will write to the brewery accordingly.
   (b) The road to Manor Farm Brascote had been patched and further patching would be carried out in the summer.
   (c) He noted the Council's wishes to have a footpath installed outside the Old White Swan. A scheme will be prepared for his maintenance programme for 1989/90 subject to available monies.

The letter was duly noted.

2. A formal premium receipt for insurance cover for the pavilion had been received from Cornhill Insurance and the members noted that insurance had been provided.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration & Finance at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council enclosing a summary of the conclusions andrecommendations of a report published by an organisation called ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) on village halls in England. The letter was noted and it was agreed that the recomendations be circulated among members.

4. The East Midlands Electricity Consultative Council Report for 1988 had been received and it was agreed this should be circulated among members.

5. The new constitution for the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils had been received (as amended in 1988) and it was agreed that it should be circulated among members.

6. An invitation had been received from the University of Leicester to attend a seminar on 11th February 1989 on the proliferation of waste products. It was agreed that anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Development at the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the travellers site Costa Lot/Costa Bit. The Director pointed out that there are currently four unauthorised sites within the Borough and that planning permission been refused on all four sites. A planning appeal result was awaited in respect of one of the sites at Almond Way. The Borough Council had resolved to take enforcement action on all the other sites but this would take a great deal of time to follow through. The Director had written to the local member of Parliament Mr D. Tredinnick to enlist his help to ward off the pressure that the unauthorised sites are placing on the area. The letter was noted and it was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highway Surveyor informing the Council that he had written to the owner of land adjoining the public footpath between Red Lion lane and Peters Avenue requesting that the overgrown hedge on the footpath be cut back. The letter was noted.

9. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the 1st Newbold Verdon Scout Group requesting the use of the recreation ground for the annual Gala Day and Horticultural Show on Saturday 20th August 1989.
It was agreed that the Scout Group be allowed to book the facilities on the same terms as in previous years.

862. JUBILEE INN F.C. USE OF ALANS WAY FACILITIES:

The Clerk had received a request from the secretary of the Jubilee Inn F.C. that this matter be placed on the agenda. A letter was subsequently received from the secretary requesting use of the above facilities both pitch and pavilion usage on Saturday afternoons instead of Sunday mornings for the forthcoming 1989/90 season. The Clubs application to join the Leicester District league needed to be submitted before the middle of February. The members unanimously agreed to the Clubs request and the secretary Mr Dowell was duly notified at the meeting.

863. CONSERVATION AREA:

This matter had been left on the agenda from the Council's last meeting to enable members to consider the extent that they would wish the proposed conservation area to affect the village. Considerable discussion took place on the nature and effect of a conservation area.
The members finally agreed on the extent of the proposed conservation area and a street map of the village was accordingly marked. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward a copy of the marked map to the Borough Council for consultation purposes.

864. ALANS WAY PAVILION ACCOMMODATION WORKS

It was agreed at the Council's last meeting that this matter be placed on the agenda. Members made suggestions for improving the general areas around the pavilion. Mr. Watson suggested that the members consider the erection of a small white picket style fence with a notice affixed depicting it as Parish Council property. The Chairman suggested that the Council consider imposing a curfew on usage of the playing field after the hours of dusk and discussion then took place on the problem of enforcing such a restriction. Mr. Mensley suggested that two steel security gates be erected at the site of the two gates near the car park, that could be locked. It was agreed that these gates should stand the same height as the present main car park gates. It was agreed that the clerk should endeavour to obtain a quotation for the provision of these gates.
Mr. Watson was also concerned over the poor state of the flower beds in and around the car park area.
It was agreed in this respect that the Clerk write to the Community Service Unit at the Probation Service in order to ascertain whether they would be willing to attend to this. If the Probation Service were willing to deal with the problem it was agreed that a site inspection be organised with the Unit to determine the extent of the Council's detailed requirements.

865. PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING

The agenda item had been requested by the Chairman who invited suggestions from the members for the purpose of planning an official opening of the Council's sports pavilion.
It was generally agreed that a sports personality should be invited as a guest of honour and the Clerk should write to the Secretaries of both the Leicester City Football Club and the Leicestershire County Cricket Club in order to ascertain whether a guest could be offered to attend to open the pavilion on 22nd or 23rd April 1989.

866. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/0052/4 T. A. Statham & Mrs. H. Bennet, 68 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for erection of two dwellings on land off Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath. No comment.

89/0110/4 Mr. & Mrs. A. Harrison, 19 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for construction of new garage and general improvements at 19 Desford Road. No comment.

867. PLANNING APPROVALS

88/1532/4 Mr. & Mrs. D. G. C. Bacon, 5 Pine Tree Close, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for enlargement of the applicants own dwelling at 5 Pine Tree Close.

868. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME: None.

869. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME:

1. Mr W.W. Goddard informed the meeting that a street lighting column was inoperative at Merrylees. The Clerk would notify the County Council accordingly.

2. Mr Goddard was also concerned that local heavy lorries were abusing the existing weight restriction order operating in the village. The Chairman pointed out that the lorries belonged to a local company who had agreed access and rights over Kirby Lane to drive lorries.

3. Mrs Spence pointed out that an old car seat and pieces of timber had been abandoned on the Dragon Lane playing field. A parishioner kindly offered to arrange their removal and the Chairman expressed his gratitude.

4. Mrs Spence requested whether notices advertising a casual vacancy on the Council had been dealt with. The Clerk replied by pointing out that new regulations on advertisements had been introduced by the Borough Council and that the form of notice had now been received. The notices would be posted shortly.

5. Mr Davison requested whether the members had been given an opportunity of seeing a breakdown of the quotations received for the forthcoming maintenance contract for 1989/90. The Clerk pointed out that an analysis had been prepared and was produced at the Council's last meeting.

6. Mr Davison requested whether the siting of the Best Kept Village Shield could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Chairman duly agreed.

7. Mr Davison was concerned that there seemed to be no progress in relation to the non performance of the Council's litter picker. Mrs Francks pointed out that she had been in touch with the Borough Council. She reported that the litter picker had deposited litter at her premises on at least two occasions which was an improvement on his previous performance. He is definitely not coming to the village five times per week but he is at least coming. It was agreed that a request be made to the Borough Council that the litter picker be asked to collect litter during daylight hours when it would be easier to monitor his performanc generally.

8. Mr Davison also requested if information could be sought on the question of tree replacement on Mill Lane between Mill Lane and the service road. The Clerk was requested to check the position.

9. Mr Watson informed the meeting that a theft of the stakes and rope had occurred on Alans Way playing field. He agreed to report on the matter once again at the Council's next meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

CHAIRMAN.