MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 1989 AT 7.30 pm AT THE PAVILION, ALAN'S WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners: 4

842. APOLOGIES: None

843. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 1988 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

844. ACCOUNTS:

	£
PAID: Sissons & Allen - Xmas tree bulbs	57.80
Harry Bell - wages 3.12 - 10.12	20.00
Cleaning equipment	7.37
Harry Bell - wages 11.12 - 17.12	20.00
Harry Bell - wages 18.12 - 25.12	20.00
Reynard Furniture Manf. Ltd. 25 chairs	188.89
Gopak Ltd. Table	49.61
Harry Bell - wages 26.12 - 1.1.89	20.00
E. A. Walsh: salary & expenses December 1988	127.21
Society of Local Council Clerks	26.00
	536.88

RECEIVED: G. Sellers & Co. Ltd.	
Interment fees - Alice Mary Ramsell	7.50
G. Sellers & Co. Ltd.	
Interment fees of Ivy Elizabeth Mabel Shaw	15.00
G. Sellers & Co. Ltd.	
Interment fees of Edith Madeline Plant	15.00
	37.50

845. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the village litter picker. Mr. Charity had been interviewed by the Director and the Council was promised that in future his work would be closely monitored. The members noted the letter but were still dissatisfied with the litter picker's performance. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council pointing out that the members would also monitor the litter picker's performance.

2. A letter had been received from the pavilion caretaker, Mr. Harry Bell, confirming his acceptance of the Council's request that he be paid monthly in arrears from January onwards. The letter was noted.

3. A further letter had been received from the Director of Public Services, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, regarding the litter bins status report. The Council were notified that no monies were presently available in the current year's estimates but in view of the effort that had been put to the preparation of the report, the Director promised to give his consideration to our requests. The letter was duly noted.

4. A letter had been received from Talbar Ltd. advising the members why no tender for the forthcoming maintenance contract had been received from them. Apparently the Company had closed down for its annual holiday. The letter was duly noted.

5. A letter of resignation from her position on the Parish Council had been received from Mrs. Lareen Cheshire. The members agreed that the vacancy be filled and that the Clerk arrange to advertise the vacancy soon.

6. The winter 1988 edition of the Local Councils Review had been received and it was agreed that this should be circulated amongst members.

7. Letters had been received from the football club secretaries notifying the Council of their forthcoming football fixtures. As the first two months of bookings had now passed, it was agreed that accounts be sent to the club secretaries for their use of the pavilion to date.

846. **GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

Members agreed that the proposals considered so far be left for the present in order to give the members a further opportunity to inspect the site and to reconsider the project generally. It was agreed that this matter be left on the agenca to be dealt with once again in April 1989.

847. **PAVILION FLOODLIGHTING**

The Clerk reported that a formal quotation had been received in the sum of £180 for the provision of an outside floodlight. Members agreed that an order should be placed in this sum and requested the Clerk to deal with the matter direct.

848. **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1989/90**

The Clerk reported that two quotations had been received for the forthcoming year's maintenance contract. One from W. D. & B. Harding & Son, the other from the Leicestershire County Council Technical Services Unit. It was proposed and seconded that the lower of the two quotations, that of the Leicestershire County Council Technical Services Unit, be accepted.

849. **PRECEPT 1989/90**

It was resolved that the Parish Council approve a total precept of £19,399 equal to a rate of 6.59p in the £. The estimates as approved are attached to these minutes as Schedule A.

850. **BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

This matter had been left on the agenda from the previous meeting. The Chairman moved, and it was seconded and duly resolved, that the sum of £500 as a contribution from the Parish Council, be precepted towards the cost of entering the 1989 competition.

851. **CEMETERY FENCING**

The Clerk reported that the closing date for tenders for the construction of fencing to the additional cemetery land had passed. The Clerk notified the members of the quotations received and it was duly agreed to accept the lowest tender, being that of Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd. and that the Clerk communicate the Council's acceptance to the Company.

852. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

88/1532/4 - Mr. & Mrs. D. G. C. Bacon - Application for planning permission for alterations and extensions to 3 Pine Tree Close, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

88/1595/4 - Mr. G. E. Biggs - Application for planning permission to erect a porch and WC extension at 38 Jubilee Road, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

853. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

88/0707/4 - Tilcon Ltd. - Planning permission for the extension of existing sand and gravel quarry, Brascote House Farm, Newbold Verdon.

88/1381/4 - Mitchell J. & Catherine M. Moore - Planning permission for change of use from hairdresser on ground floor to residential house at 185 Main Street, Newbold Verdon.

854. **PLANNING REFUSAL**

88/1467/4 - Midshire Homes Ltd. - Refusal of planning permission to erect five dwellings and garages on land adjoining 4 Merryleas Road, Newbold Verdon.

855. **CONSERVATION AREA**

It was agreed that this item be added to the agenda. The Chairman informed the members that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council had requested whether all or part of the village could be considered as a conservation area. The Borough Council requested that the Parish Council make a suitable application to apply for the necessary status. Considerable discussion took place on the extent of the proposed conservation area and it was finally agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting when the Clerk could supply copies of the village plan in order that the extent of the conservation area could be determined.

856. **PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME**

1. Mr. P. French, Treasurer of the Newbold Verdon Community Association, informed the meeting that the Association was setting up a working committee to consider the Britain in Bloom competition. He invited members of the Parish Council to participate and it was provisionally

agreed that a meeting would take place at the Newbold Verdon County Primary School at 8.00 pm on Monday 16th January 1989.

2. A parishioner requested whether the bollards at the end of Bells Lane had yet been painted. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Divisional Surveyor and that no reply had been received to date.

857. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

1. Mrs. H. Francks requested whether there had been any further progress in clearing the footpath between Red Lion Lane and Peters Avenue. The Clerk promised to contact the Divisional Surveyor's office again in the hope of obtaining some early response.

2. Mrs. S. Spence reported that there had been stone-throwing on Alans Way both on the playing fields and into her own rear garden. She also reported that motor bikes had been driven round the pavilion area. It was agreed that the Clerk write a formal letter of complaint to the Coalville police in the hope of obtaining some assistance.

3. Mrs. S. Spence reported that the residents of Bramble Drive had been dumping rubbish in Pasture Lane. She also reported that the resident of No. 7 Pasture Lane had been dumping rubbish into the ditch at the end of Pasture Lane. The matter was noted and the Clerk undertook to check the position and to write to the resident if necessary.

4. Mrs. S. Spence expressed some concern over the increasing size of the itinerants' site at Bagworth which, she reported, was getting larger all the time without formal planning permission. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Director of Development at the Borough Council expressing the members' concern over the size of the site and its potential effect on the local amenities of Newbold Verdon.

5. Mr. Watson requested whether the junior football club could have the benefit of the use of the pavilion for its pre-AGM meeting on 16th January. It was agreed that the football club could use the building at a fee of £3 subject to the club liaising with the Clerk and the Caretaker as appropriate.

6. Mr. Watson requested whether anything had been done to improve the fixing of the timber bench seat on the playing field at Alans Way. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Leicestershire Rural Action requesting that they remedy their defective workmanship as soon as possible.

7. Mr. Watson requested whether some use of the Parish Council reserve funds could be made to provide security fencing of some description round the pavilion. The Chairman replied by saying that some considerable thought needed to be applied to this problem and it was suggested that this matter be left until later in the year. The question of accommodation works in and around the pavilion area, it was agreed, would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Mr. Davison requested whether the Clerk had made any contact with Marshall Fry Ltd. in relation to the playground equipment on Dragon Lane playing field. The Clerk replied that he had and that he was shortly to send an inventory of the equipment to the company who would be making a visit shortly.

9. Mr. Watson requested whether the trustees of the Silver Jubilee 1977 Fund had decided upon what to spend the remaining funds. A suggestion was made that a wooden bench type seat be provided for use outside the pavilion. Mr. Mensley, as one of the trustees, undertook to call a meeting of the Treasurer and Secretary of the fund in order to attend to this. He could see no reason why the available funds could not be used to purchase possibly two seats. A suggestion that the other seat be placed on the cemetery Garden of Remembrance was also made.

10. Mr. Watson requested whether any action was intended to be taken to replace the broken light outside the pavilion on Alans Way. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the immediate replacement of the light and that he make the appropriate insurance claim if possible.

11. Mrs. Spence reported that a street light was not working opposite the surgery on Arnolds Crescent. Further, that a pot-hole had developed in the carriageway between the butchers on Main Street and the Brascote Lane junction.

12. Mr. Mensley reported that two street lights were not working, one outside 47 Mill Lane and the other opposite The Bungalow on Barlestone Road.

13. The Chairman also reported that street lights were not working near the brook on Bagworth Road and near the bus shelter on Barlestone Road next to the Heath turn.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SCHEDULE 'A'

NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXPECTED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1989/90

	1988/89 ESTIMATES	1989/90 ESTIMATES
PLAYING FIELD DRAGON LANE		
Mowing, Debris removal, Fertilising, Reseeding	819	760
Repairs and Maintenance	750	750
Inspection	-	45
Additional equipment	-	-
Trees	229	50
MALLORY CLOSE		
Mowing, Debris removal, Forking of Beds	184	245
WAR MEMORIAL		
Maintenance	51	69
CHURCH YARD		
Mowing and maintenance charges	650	611
CEMETERY		
Mowing and maintenance charges	795	1088
Rates	40	50
Additional works 1. Garden of Remembrance	250	500
PARISH FLORAL TRIBUTE		
Britain in Bloom 1989		500
CEMETERY		
Fencing		1000
PLAYING FIELD ALANS WAY		
Mowing, Debris removal, Fertilising, Reseeding	1446	2096
Annual Fee - Access Agreement	5	5
Repairs and Maintenance	1000	1250
Additional Equipment	-	500
Trees	76	100
PAVILION		
Loan Repayment on £25,000	2750	2750
Heating and Lighting	500	500
Rates	550	550
Water Rates	150	150

	1988/89 ESTIMATES	1989/90 ESTIMATES	
PAVILION (cont)			
Cleaning	520	1000	
Maintenance	500	500	
Insurance	150	150	
GENERAL EXPENSES			
Clerk's salary	1260	1750	
Clerk's travelling expenses	300	200	
Clerk's expenses	200	200	
Photocopying	75	75	
Audit fee	60	75	
Hire of Meeting Rooms	140	50	
Subscriptions, L.A.PC. Reviews, Society of Local Council Clerks	150	150	
Bus Shelters	600	600	
Notice Boards	100	100	
Record and Document Books	40	40	
Christmas Tree (less grant)	40	40	
Insurance	350	400	
Sundries, Legal Costs, Land Registry Fees, Adverts, Typewriter service and repairs	500	500	
	see Note 1 15,580	19,399	see Note 2

Note 1: Precept for 1988/89 was £15,580 equal to 5.31p in the £.

Note 2: Product of 1p rate in 1989/90 is £2,942 equal to 6.59 in the £.