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

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

Parishioners - 2

933. APOLOGIES - None

934. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 1989, having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

935. ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that a payment to the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 5th July 1988 in the sum of £293.25 required the approval of the members for audit purposes and the payment was duly authorised.

Payments

		£
1. Leics. County Council		
2 litter pickers	18.69	
crockery & cleaning equpt.	70.96	
aluminium jug	4.76	94.41
2. Audit Commission		
audit fee 1988/89	99.00	
VAT at 15%	14.85	113.85
3. E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages from 5.6.89 - 30.7.89 - 8 weeks at £20		160.00
4. E. A. Walsh - Salary June and July	291.66	
Expenses June	17.55	309.21
5. H. Johnson - Typing & administration - June		20.00
6. Joseph Bentley Ltd.		
2 watering cans	12.84	
VAT	1.93	14.77
7. NAC Rural Trust - book purchase		20.00
		732.24

Received

1. G. Seller & Co. Interment fees for	
(a) Phyllis May Statham	15.00
(b) John Henson	15.00
	30.00

936. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1.A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor informing the Council that the Keep Left bollard on Mill Lane was to be repaired. The letter was noted.

2. A letter had been received from the Leicester Housing Association Ltd. apologising for their Development Services Manager's non-attendance at the Parish Council's last meeting. The letter expressed gratitude on behalf of the Association for the Parish Council's support in respect of the planning application for the retirement scheme off Main Street, Newbold Verdon. It was pointed out that local residents would receive details of the properties and lettings policies before others. The letter was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council asking whether the alternative route had now been provided following the diversion of the public footpath no. S.19. It was agreed that this should be confirmed to the Borough Council.

4. A letter had been received from the Technical Services Unit apologising to the Council for the earlier problems at the beginning of the summer maintenance season. The letter was noted but concern was still expressed over the lack of strimming that was being carried out throughout the village generally. The Clerk pointed out that a further letter had been sent to the contractor regarding strimming and that a reply was awaited.

5. Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils due to be held on 7th July had been received. This was noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Development of the Borough Council informing members that the Borough Council's Planning Committee had resolved to proceed with a public consultation exercise with a view to designating the historical core of the village as a conservation area. Any observations of the Parish were requested to be received by the Borough Council by 28th July. The members expressed their concern that Cob Cottage and the butcher's corner on Main Street appeared to be excluded from the proposals and wished these concerns to be expressed to the Director. The Clerk was authorised to write accordingly.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council notifying the Parish that a Borough-wide paper bank scheme was to operate. A report on the scheme and details of the Borough Council's contractor were provided and it was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

8. A letter had been received from the Severn Trent Water Authority notifying the Parish of the need to carry out improvements to local sewage works in order to obtain a better quality effluent. It was agreed that a representative of the Water Authority be invited to attend the Council's next meeting to discuss their proposals.

9. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council notifying members that the village had been successful in getting through the preliminary round of the Best Kept Village Competition 1989. The letter was noted.

10. A letter had been received from the Borough Council in reply to the Clerk's request for a price to fix two free-standing litter bins in the village. It was generally felt that the quotation was quite high and the Clerk was authorised to establish whether a more competitive quotation could be found elsewhere.

11. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club requesting permission to erect a 12 ft. marquee and fun castle on the Alans Way Playing Field on Sunday 20th August. A similar request was also made for Sunday 27th August. Members unanimously agreed to grant permission and to point out that this would be free of charge.

937. **COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW OF MINERAL POLICIES**

Mrs. Spence confirmed that she had inspected the plan deposited at Desford regarding the County Council's review proposals and confirmed that these did not affect Newbold Verdon at all. It was agreed that the key issues document would be circulated amongst members if and when received from the Director of Planning and Transportation.

938. **PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Clerk reported that a formal invitation had been sent to Mr. Les Taylor requesting his attendance for the purpose of the official opening of the pavilion on a date to suit his own busy schedule. Unfortunately Mr. Taylor had replied to the effect that he did not have a date available in order to attend such a function at least before September. Mr. Watson pointed out that a major six-a-side cricket competition was due to be hosted in the village on 20th August 1989 and the Chairman offered to contact the Mayor of the Borough Council in the hope of persuading her to accept an invitation to officially open the pavilion on that date. In view of the fact that this would precede the Council's next meeting, the Chairman undertook to deal with this matter direct and to liaise with the Clerk accordingly.

939. **CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

In view of the fact that none of the members had adequately prepared plans to support their ideas for the Cemetery Garden of Remembrance, it was agreed that this matter be left on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

940. **CEMETERY RAILINGS AND TREE PLANTING**

Mr. Hurst and Mr. Davison reported that all the bolts supporting the old railings in the cemetery had now been removed and that the sections of railing were ready to be pulled up and placed in storage on the cemetery site. Members agreed that they would meet at the cemetery at 7.30 pm on Monday 10th July with a view to carrying out these works.

As far as tree planting was concerned, the Clerk reported that he had contacted the Forestry Depot at County Hall in order to establish whether it was possible to plant a maintenance-free hedge. The advice

that had been received was that a slow-growing tree such as beech could be planted but that this would take some six to seven years in order to mature as a hedge. Alternatively Leylandi was suggested as a means of providing a more mature hedge within a shorter time scale although the drawback was that this would require more maintenance. It was accordingly agreed that a beech hedge be planted and the Clerk was requested to ascertain approximate costs and the best time for planting. This would be reported back to the Council's next meeting.

941. **PROPOSED BYE-LAW FOR DOG FOULING**

Mr. Davison reported that the Barlestone Parish Council were still awaiting the erection of their bye-law notices and that as a result it was unlikely that the Parish Clerk was seeking to enforce their recently-adopted dog fouling bye-laws. The Clerk reported that he had not been successful in contacting the Parish Clerk at Barlestone and it was, therefore, agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for the November meeting when, hopefully, some experience of the degree of success or otherwise of the bye-law could be reported by the Barlestone clerk.

942. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

89/0832/4 - Lioncove Ltd. - Application for planning permission to erect detached houses on plots 6, 7 and 8 The Paddock, Newbold Verdon: Members voiced strong objections to further development by the applicant on plots 6, 7 and 8. The basis of objection amongst members was that the development was outside the line of the accepted village plan. One of the properties already erected by the applicant was outside the village plan and further development would merely represent further incursion into the adjoining countryside. The members pointed out that the original application for the erection of five dwellings was itself objected to and further development is therefore objected to in principle. The members pointed out that the developer had previously felled trees that should have remained in situ and also felt that the highway, namely Main Street, was not wide enough to accommodate the increased traffic flow that would arise if the development were permitted. It was further generally felt that the housing needs of the village were not sufficient to support this application. The Clerk was requested to notify the Director of Development of these objections.

89/0709/4 -Mr. & Mrs. M. Ewen - Application for planning permission to erect a two-storey extension to dwelling at 29 Gilberts Drive, Newbold Verdon - No comment.

943. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

89/0316/4D - Planning permission to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to erect three bungalows at 1 and 3 Preston Drive, Newbold Verdon.

89/0552/4 -Planning permission to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Spencer to construct an entrance porch at 11 Alans Way.

944. **PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME**

1. A parishioner reported that the site of garages at Preston Drive adjacent to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground was considerably overgrown and in need of maintenance. The Chairman requested the Clerk to contact the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council accordingly.

2. A parishioner also asked whether the Borough Council could be requested to erect a new sign indicating that the site of the garages was a 'private' site.

945. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

1. Mr. Goddard reported that grass cuttings had been allowed to pile up outside the old people's bungalows on Main Street. The Chairman requested the Clerk to write to the Borough Council requesting their removal.

2. Mr. Kendal asked whether the bollards at the end of Bells Lane adjacent to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground could be painted. The Clerk was authorised to place an order for this work to be carried out.

3. Mr. Watson reported that the wooden shed on the Alans Way Playing Field required re-felting. The Clerk was authorised to place an order for this work to be carried out.

4. Mr. Watson pointed out that the maple tree on the Alans Way Playing Field had been killed as a result of strimming and asked whether this could be replaced. The Clerk was requested to contact the Technical Services Unit to ask whether a replacement could be planted.

5.Mr. Watson raised the long-standing problem of drainage on the Alans Way Planing Field and the question of responsibility for clearing out the brook at the end of the playing field. Considerable discussion took place over the possibility that the drainage installation had been sub-contracted by the Technical Services Unit some time ago and that plans of the actual drainage were not available. The Clerk was requested to contact the Technical Services Unit to ascertain whether any details of the drainage plans could be found and also to establish whether Technical Services could arrange for the general clearing of any debris or overgrowth within the brook.

6. Mr. Watson pointed out that the ground at the corner of Hornbeam Road in the village was considerably overgrown. It was established that the land was the property of the East Midlands Electricity Board and that two further sites in the village, namely on Brascote Lane and Enston Street, were also considerably overgrown. The Clerk was requested to ask the Electricity Board to arrange for the general clearing up of the sites.

7. Mr. Davison reported that the Parish litter bins were not being properly locked back in situ by the County refuse collectors. The Clerk was requested to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor in an effort to ensure that the bins were properly locked into position to avoid vandal damage.

8. Mr. Davison asked whether the local village plan could be published for the benefit of the local community as there was general concern being expressed about development outside the accepted village plan. The Chairman replied by stating that a new village plan was being prepared but that in any event the village was regarded as a rural settlement within the County Council's Structure Plan and would be protected from adverse development accordingly.

9. Mr. Davison asked whether any reply had been received from the County Council regarding the planting of replacement trees on Mill Lane in the village. The Clerk replied by stating that no reply had been received but offered to chase the matter up.

10. Mrs. Spence pointed out that the question of the erection of security gates at the Alans Way Playing Field was still unresolved. It was generally agreed that this matter would be put back on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

11. Mrs. Spence reported that she had recently attended a meeting on Low Cost Housing and that it was interesting and that the Parish Council's recently purchased book on the subject was indeed recommended. She requested the Chairman of the Parish Council to offer the pavilion facilities at Alans Way as a possible future venue for a meeting of the Association of Local and Parish Councils. The members generally agreed.

12. Mr. Hurst asked whether an approach could be made to the Divisional Highway Surveyor for sand and/or gravel to be spread on the road surface at the junction of Main Street and Dragon Lane owing to damage by a combination of the hot weather and heavy vehicles servicing the nearby development. The Clerk was requested to contact the Divisional Surveyor accordingly.

13. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the churchyard bins were considerably overflowing and the Clerk was requested to contact the Borough Council's Director of Public Services to ensure that collections were regularly made. The members felt that it might also be appropriate to consider installing additional bins if this proved necessary.

14. Mr. Mensley reported that the parapet wall adjacent to the stream on the Newbold-Cadeby bridle path (Brascote to Naneby section) was severely dilapidated and in a dangerous condition. The Clerk was requested to notify the Divisional Highway Surveyor of the situation and to request early remedial work.

15. Mrs. Francks asked whether any reply had yet been received from Mr. Alton about the land at the corner of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street. The Clerk reported that a letter had recently been sent and a reply was still awaited.

946. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 4th September 1989.

947. **VILLAGE LITTER PICKER**

It was agreed that this matter should be dealt with in committee and parishioners were, therefore, asked to leave the meeting. Following discussion of this matter it was agreed that the Parish should notify the Borough Council that it no longer wished to have the services of the present litter picker. If, however, alternative arrangements could be agreed with the Borough Council, this would be regarded as beneficial.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.