MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JUNE AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

1989

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)
J. Crookes (Borough Councillor)
Parishioners - 4

The Chairman welcomed Mr. R. Kendall to the meeting.

917. **APOLOGIES**

None

918. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 1989, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

919. **ACCOUNTS**

Payable:			£	£
1. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	Inv. 14750	15333 photocopies	7.86	
" " " "	" 14103	15327 "	18.63	
" " " "	" 14103	15330 "	5.00	31.49
2. Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.			869.64	
Cemetery fencing		VAT	130.45	1,000.09
3. EMEB Pavilion Electricity				84.85
4. E. H. Bell - caretakers wages 8.5.89 - 4.6.89				
4 weeks at £20 per week				80.00
5. E. A. Walsh - salary	May 1989		145.83	
	Expenses		3.09	
	Telephone		8.24	
	VAT		1.23	158.39
				1,354.82

Received

Gillivers: Sale of new grave - John George Gillard	36.00
interment fees	15.00
Customs and Excise - refund of VAT April 1988 to March 1989	468.09
J. Deeley & Son - Interment of ashes of the late Caroline Jeffrey	30.00
	549.09

NB Precept credited to Deposit Account on 26.5.89 - £19,399.00.

920. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter had been received from the Verdon in Bloom Association thanking the Council for its donation of £500. The letter was noted.

2. A letter had been received from British Telecom stating that kiosk no. K6 in Main Street would not be replaced as it was a listed building. However, the other kiosk in Newbold Verdon was due for replacement. The letter was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Technical Services Unit regarding the Council's grass maintenance contract. It stated that the areas requiring re-seeding would be done during the week ending 12th May and the field would be rolled during the week ending 19th May at no extra charge. The letter was noted.

4. A ballot paper for the election of officers for 1989/90 of the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils had been received. Votes were received from the members for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The ballot paper was duly completed and returned.

5. The Clerk reported the minutes of the meeting with the Planning and Transportation Department of the Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Constabulary following complaints from a resident on Main Street regarding street parking. The minutes were duly noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council regarding the refuse collection service. It was resolved that the matter should be chased up with the Borough Council.

7. The Draft Derelict Land Local Plan and Draft Waste Disposal Plan had been received from the County Council. It was decided that this would be circulated amongst members.

8. An acknowledgement of the Council's entry for the Best Kept Village Competition had been received and this was noted.

9. An assessment of playing fields needs in Leicestershire had been received from the East Midlands Region of the Sports Council together with a leaflet on "Sport Taking Shape". Both were noted.

10. A letter had been received from the County Council in respect of the review of its mineral policies. It was resolved to obtain a copy of the key issues document and plan which had been published for public consultation. The matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. A notice had been received from Cornhill Engineering, a subsidiary of the Council's insurers, Cornhill Insurance giving details of the inspection of playground equipment. The notice was duly noted and it was decided to leave the matter on the table.

921. **ITEMS FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The only suggestion received for inclusion as an agenda item for the Borough Council's Policy and Resources Committee to be held on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30 pm was an item regarding the Parish Council's continuing concern over refuse collection.

922. **LITTER PICKING**

The Clerk reported that this item had been left on the agenda following apologies received from the Borough Council's Director of Public Services at the Parish Council's last meeting. A letter had also been sent to him on 19th May confirming that this item would remain an agenda item for tonight's meeting. Notwithstanding these points, no-one was in attendance on behalf of the Borough Council. It was resolved that the Clerk should write expressing the Council's concern at the lack of interest by the Borough Council and that the matter would be kept on the agenda. Whilst considering litter in the village generally, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Divisional Highways Surveyor pointing out that the performance of his road sweepers in the village fell far short of the standards achieved in Market Bosworth by the same teams. It was felt that this discrepancy was totally unacceptable.

923. **PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been written to Les Taylor inviting him to attend the Parish Council's official opening of its pavilion. Unfortunately no reply had been received and it was resolved that in the absence of an early reply the Clerk should telephone Mr. Taylor to ascertain whether or not Mr. Taylor would be willing to offer his services.

924. **CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

Various suggestions were put forward by the members, however, no firm plan was agreed. The Chairman requested that the item remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting and that those members interested in putting forward ideas for the garden should bring a plan of their idea to the next meeting.

925. **CEMETERY RAILINGS AND TREE PLANTING**

The Chairman reported that Mr. Hurst had been able to break the old bolts on the cemetery steel fencing and remove one section. It was agreed, as a consequence, that both Mr. Hurst and Mr. Davison would between them crack the old bolts on the railings and report back to the Chairman when the sections of fencing were ready to be removed.

As far as the tree planting of the additional cemetery land was concerned, it was agreed that the Clerk should request advice from the County Council's Forestry Section in order to obtain details of the best maintenance-free trees or hedge plants that could be used and when they should be planted. The matter would accordingly be left on the agenda.

926. **REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED TREES**

Mr. Davison reported that some trees had been damaged through strimming on Alans Way and suggested that perhaps some fences could be installed round the base of the trees. Another suggestion was received that the grass could be killed round the base of the trees to prevent further strimming damage. The Clerk reported that the Technical Services Unit had offered the provision of some whips for planting and it was resolved to take up their offer if these were still available.

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

Mrs. Crookes reported that the Borough Council have now adopted new bye-laws which covered open spaces and grass verges. As far as the urban areas are concerned it was reported that parishes were expected to adopt their own bye-laws. The Chairman reported that the Barlestone Parish Council had recently adopted similar bye-laws and it was resolved to approach the Clerk of the Barlestone Parish Council in order to ascertain what was involved in terms of the adoption and also the degree of success which had been achieved as a result of the bye-laws. It was agreed that the matter should accordingly be left on the agenda.

928. **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REVIEW**

It was reported that there was considerable improvement generally in the performance of the Technical Services Unit. However odd areas of grass were often left uncut which seemed to indicate that individuals cutting the grass had a hit and miss attitude from time to time. It was agreed that the Clerk should request the contractor to attempt a further general improvement. It was also requested that the triangular pieces fronting Dragon Lane Recreation Ground be strimmed as they were now getting considerably overgrown. The Clerk would notify the contractor accordingly.

929. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

89/0628/4 D. J. Coombes, 46 Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon - Application for planning permission for a garage and cloakroom extension at 46 Brascote Lane. No comment.

930. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

None.

931. **PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME**

1. A parishioner reported that ball games were being played on the green at Mallory Close and that as a result damage was being caused to trees and shrubs. Apparently complaints had also been received that balls and frisbees were also hitting parked vehicles. The Clerk was requested to contact the Borough Council to request the erection of a further 'No Ball Games' notice at the Rush Close end of Mallory Close.

2. The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a parishioner concerning the concrete residue in the post holes where the previous adventure playground had stood at Alans Way. Apparently the holes and concrete were obscured from time to time by grass cuttings and presented a danger to users of the field. The Clerk was requested to contact the Technical Services Unit in order to effect the removal of the concrete and the infill of the post holes.

932. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

1. Mr. Watson asked if an approach could be made to British Telecom to secure the repainting of the K6 telephone kiosk on Main Street. The Clerk was authorised to write to British Telecom accordingly.

2. Mr. Watson asked whether any progress had been made in relation to Mr. Alton's land at the corner of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent. The Clerk pointed out that he would write to Mr. Alton again in order to achieve completion of the licence agreement.

3. Mr. Hurst reported that the Crime Prevention Panel at the Coalville Police Station were making door guards available for senior citizens in the village at attractive prices. It was agreed to advertise this fact for the benefit of parishioners in the local VerdoN Views magazine.

4. Mr. Hurst reported that high grass at the junction of Barlestone Road and Heath Road was obstructing the view of drivers travelling towards Newbold from the Heath. The Clerk was requested to contact the Divisional Highway Surveyor accordingly.

5. Mr. Mensley asked whether the County Council's schedule of mechanical road sweeping for the village could be obtained so that this could be monitored in future. The Clerk was requested to contact the Divisional Surveyor's office for the information.

6. Mr. Hurst reported that there was considerable weed growth outside the shops and along Cadle Street and asked whether a complaint could be made to the County Council.

7. Mr. Davison reported that a woman had fallen on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground because of its badly rutted condition. The Clerk was requested to contact the Technical Services Unit with a request that they infill the holes to prevent a recurrence.

8. Mr. Davison reported that there was still surface water flooding outside the Swan Public House on Main Street. The Clerk was requested to write to the Divisional Highways Surveyor and also to Everards Brewery to ascertain what remedial action was proposed.

9. Mr. Davison pointed out that the Parish Council should express their gratitude to Mr. Goddard and his wife for their efforts in clearing the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground of litter and debris. The members all concurred.

10. Mrs. Spence pointed out that the dog fouling signs posted on the lamp posts were either bent or missing. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to effect their repair and replacement as necessary.

11. Mrs. Spence also asked whether anything was yet being done to remedy the graffiti on the bus shelter in Main Street. The Clerk replied by pointing out that an order had been placed with a local contractor for the shelter to be painted with an anti-vandal fleck paint and was waiting for work to commence.

12. Mr. Goddard asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to support the local Post Office in its application for status as a vehicle licensing office. The Chairman replied by pointing out that the Newbold Post Office was a Sub Post Office and that, as such, did not qualify to become a motor vehicle licensing office.

13. Mrs. Spence pointed out that the seat on Dragon Lane opposite the school was still a collecting point for young people and that as a result considerable litter is often found around the area. In addition, cars are often parked adjacent to the seat and Mrs. Spence considered this was a potential source of danger. The Clerk pointed out that these "collecting areas" were being monitored by the Police who were doing the best they could in all the circumstances.

14. Mrs. Spence pointed out that a street lamp outside 50 Peters Avenue was inoperative and the Clerk was requested to contact the Street Lighting Department.

15. Mr. Davison reported that the site of the cottage redevelopment on Mill Lane was still a major problem and that pedestrians were having to negotiate the workings and being forced into the highway as a result. Apparently no lights were erected at the site to highlight this obstruction at night and the Clerk was requested to contact the Borough Council Building Control Department in the hope of obtaining some improvements.

16. The Chairman reported that he had attended a seminar in Oakham on the subject of low cost housing in rural areas. The Chairman pointed out that he had purchased a book on the subject at an approx. cost of £20 and asked whether the Parish Council would agree to fund the purchase. The members all agreed and the book would be circulated in due course.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.