MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 1989 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks (Vice-Chairman), J. R. Watson, A. Hurst, B. Davison, S. Spence, D. Colledge, M. Mensley, E. A. Walsh (Clerk)
Mrs. M. Browning (Borough Councillor) } neither for Newbold
Mr. Clemence (County Councillor)

Parishioners: 6

870. APOLOGIES: Joyce Crookes (Borough Councillor)
W. W. Goddard

871. BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT AWARD: It was agreed that this matter should be an additional agenda item at the Chairman's request.

Mr. A. Hurst presented the Montague Trust Award in the form of a shield for this year's best kept allotment to Mr. Barry Edwards.

872. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 1989 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

873. ACCOUNTS:

			£
PAID	Leicestershire County Council - provision of letterheaded paper		26.10
	Public Works Loan Board repayment		1,290.87
	H. Bell - Caretaker's wages 5.2.89 - 4.3.89 - 4 weeks at £20		80.00
	West End Gallery - Certificate framing		19.55
	E. A. Walsh - Salary & expenses	116.66	
		10.61	127.27
			1,543.79
RECEIVED	Swans Funeral Directors - Sale of Grave and Interment fees in respect of Frank Henry Shaw dec'd.		25.50
			25.50

874. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter had been received from the Mayor's Parlour at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council inviting the Clerk and any other member of the Council to attend the Civic Ball to be held at the Hinckley Golf Club on Saturday 8th April 1989 at 7.00 pm. It was agreed that anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration & Finance at the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council informing the Council that an appeal had been lodged by Mr. & Mrs. Allen against a refusal by the Borough Planning Committee to grant planning permission in respect of plots 14 and 15 Merrylees Road, Newbold Verdon. It was agreed that anyone interested in perusing the grounds

of appeal should contact the Clerk.

3. A letter had been received from Marshall Fry Limited informing the Council that they would be willing to inspect the Dragon Lane Play equipment during the month of June at a cost of £35 + VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk should accept the Company's offer.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council notifying the Council of the benefits of the Bankers Automated Payments System (BACS) method of paying creditors. It was agreed that the system be utilised for future credits due from the Borough Council and the Clerk was authorised to notify the Borough Council and the Parish Council's Bankers accordingly.

5. A letter had been received from the Clerk to the Justices at the Hinckley Magistrates Court informing the Council that a compensation order had been made following the conviction of a youth for criminal damage in the village. The compensation would be credited to the Parish as and when received by the Court. The letter was noted.

6. The agenda had been received for the forthcoming meeting of the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils. This was noted and in view of late delivery to the Clerk it was agreed that a request be made to ensure that earlier notice of the meetings was received in future.

7. A letter had been received from the Sports Council acknowledging receipt of the Council's Form SC20 in relation to the completion of the Council's pavilion project. The Sports Council would arrange an inspection of the pavilion and then make payment of the final 10% grant monies. The letter was noted.

8. A letter had been received from the Chief Constable's office regarding the recent incidents of misbehaviour by youths on the Alans Way Playing Field. An assurance was given that this would be drawn to the attention of the Market Bosworth Police Station and that firm action would be taken against any future wrongdoers. The letter was duly noted.

9. A letter had been received from British Telecom informing the Council of its intention to make alterations to the public call box at the junction of Main Street and Barlestone Road. The letter was noted.

10. The new register of local electors had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and it was agreed that one copy should be deposited at the library and the other retained by the Clerk for future reference.

11. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council informing the Council that he had been able to comply with several of the requests in relation to the village litter bins but that available financial resources had now been exhausted. The remainder would be deferred for consideration in the next financial year. The letter was noted.

12. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council informing the Council of its need to undertake fund-raising to improve their service in improving the quality of life in the rural areas of Leicestershire. The Council were invited to make a donation. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. An application form had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council in respect of the Best Kept Village Competition 1989. It was agreed that the application form be completed and returned with the requisite entry fee.

14. A letter had been received from British Gas plc notifying the Council of its intention to hold a public meeting to consider the demand for the supply of gas to Newbold Heath. The letter was duly noted.

15. A quotation had been received in respect of the Council's proposal to erect security gates at two locations adjacent to the car park at the Alans Way Playing Field. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

16. A letter had been received from Mr. J. Campling complaining once again over the state of the public footpath S.16. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the parishioner of the Divisional Surveyor's earlier response in which the Council were notified that the footpath met the minimum width requirements and that no action was, therefore, necessary.

875. **SITING OF COUNCIL AWARDS**

The Parish Council had a commemorative shield following its success in the Best Kept Village Competition in 1988 and two certificates of merit for the preceding years tree competitions with the Leicestershire Rural Community Council. After discussion it was agreed that in view of the high level of involvement from local school children, the Best Kept Village Award be displayed in the Newbold Verdon County Primary School for at least one year. It was agreed that the certificates of merit be exhibited in the Council's pavilion but that prior to doing so they would be displayed in the window of the local Garton's Estate Agency.

876. **HIRING FEES**

It was resolved that the hiring fees for the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground football pitch be raised to £50 and that the charges for hiring the other facilities at Dragons Lane and Alans Way should remain the same as in the previous financial year. Charges would be as follows:-

Dragon Lane	£
1. Use of football pitch for season per team	50.00
2. Use of the recreation ground for the day (10 hours) including closing the ground	30.00
3. Use of the whole of the recreation ground for less than a full day without closing the ground and used for fund raising per hour	5.00
4. Use of the football pitch for casual matches	7.00
5. Other events of a non fund-raising nature per hour	2.00

Alans Way Playing Field

It was agreed that the hiring fees for the use of the facilities at Alans Way would be made a separate agenda item for the Parish Council's next meeting in April.

877. **CEMETERY FEES**

It was resolved to raise the cemetery fees from 1st April 1989 by 50%. The following will, therefore, apply:-

		£
1.	Purchase of adult grave in cemetery	27.00
2.	Interment fee in cemetery	11.25
3.	Interment of ashes in casket in purchased plot	11.25
4.	Scattering of ashes by lifting turf in purchased plot	11.25
5.	Purchase of a child's grave in children's corner	18.00
6.	Interment fees in children's corner	6.75
7.	Memorials	11.25
8.	Vases	6.75
9.	Further inscription	No fee

NB Fees are doubled if the body is brought from outside the Parish and the deceased was a non-resident.

878. **UNAUTHORISED ITINERANTS SITE**

Mrs. Browning, Borough Councillor, confirmed that the planning appeal had recently failed and that the Borough Council were accordingly seeking to take enforcement action against the owners of the land in question. Apparently the Borough Council were experiencing some difficulty in identifying the owners concerned. The matter was duly noted.

879. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

89/0233/4 P. G. Ebsworth. Application for planning permission for kitchen and utility and lounge extension at 7 Alans Way. No comment.

89/0187/4 C. Hammond. Application for planning permission for bedroom over garage extension at 7 Pinetree Close. No comment.

89/0184/4 E. Pateman. Application for planning permission for extension to house at 41 Peters Avenue. No comment.

89/0147/4A Heath Garage. Application for planning permission to erect an advertisement hoarding, illuminated, to replace existing in adjoining property. No comment.

89/0120/4 L. Hollingworth. Application for planning permission for dining room and conservatory extension at 105 Arnolds Crescent. No comment.

89/0275/4 Mr. and Mrs. Michelson. 62 Peters Avenue. Application for planning permission for front canopy and rear extension at 62 Peters Ave. No comment.

89/0268/4 EMEB. Application for planning permission for overground cable in accordance with drawing no. 32/4703 as approved at the meeting. No comment.

880. PLANNING APPROVALS

88/1595/4 G. E. Biggs. Planning permission for extension comprising porch and w.c. at 38 Jubilee Road.

89/0120/4 Mr. Hollingworth. Planning permission for dining room and conservatory at 105 Arnolds Crescent.

881. PLANNING REFUSAL

89/0052/4 T. A. Statham & H. Bennett, 68 Arnolds Crescent. Refusal of planning permission for two dwellings (outline) on land adjoining 59 Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath.

882. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None.

883. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Davison requested whether anything could be done to improve the muddy area at the end of the footpath through to Mill Lane and the Dragon Lane Playing Field. He suggested that perhaps a hard standing area or the installation of some chippings would resolve the problem. The Chairman suggested that perhaps a fence erected at the point in question would force the public to walk further into the field and thus avoid wearing the turf at this point. Mr. Mensley did point out that the area in question was the site of an old pond and this was why it had a tendency to become waterlogged. It was agreed that a site meeting be held to consider the matter and the date 2nd April was agreed.

2. Mr. Davison pointed out that members of the public were still urinating in the bus shelters adjacent to the Dragon and Swan Public Houses and also the Working Mens Club in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the managers of the pubs and the Secretary of the Working Mens Club requesting their assistance in attempting to avoid these occurrences arising in the future.

3. Mrs. Spence reported that the litter bin at the library site adjacent to the bus shelter had been moved by the County Council. The Chairman replied that this had been done to facilitate the recent fencing works undertaken by the County Council's Department of Property.

4. Mrs. Francks requested that the question of crockery and associated equipment for use in the pavilion be made an agenda item for the Council's next meeting. The Chairman agreed.

5. Mr. Mensley complained that a recent 'Focus' magazine had published an article which seemed to imply that repair works recently undertaken at Brascote Lane in the village had been carried out following the intervention of the Borough Councillor, Mrs. Crooks, and not the Parish Council. The Chairman replied by stating that it was a matter of public record that the Council's minutes in fact showed that the repair works in Brascote Lane had been effected as a direct result of instructions from the Parish Council to the Divisional Highways Surveyor. It was suggested and agreed that the services of the local

'Verdon Views' should be better used to confirm efforts made by the Parish Council to meet local parishioners concerns over matters like highway problems.

6. Mr. Watson expressed his concern over the extent to which the grass was growing throughout the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Technical Services Unit and instruct them to carry out as early an extra cut as possible.

7. Mr. Watson also requested whether the Council had received any replies from the Leicester City Football Club and the Leicestershire County Cricket Club in relation to the proposed opening of the pavilion. The Clerk informed the meeting that no replies had been received to date.

8. The Chairman requested that the Clerk establish from the Divisional Surveyor's office whether any contact had been made with the brewery concerning the flooding problems on the highway outside the Old White Swan Public House in Main Street. The Clerk undertook to check the position and to report back to the next meeting.

883. Mr. Mensley pointed out that a date needed to be fixed for the Annual Parish Meeting and it was generally agreed that this should be on 24th April 1989.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.