MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MAY AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners: 2

898. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Only one nomination was received of Mr. M. W. Preston and it was therefore resolved that Mr. M. W. Preston be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Preston accepted the Chair, signed a declaration of acceptance and thanked the members for their continued support.

899. APOLOGIES

Mr. R. Kendall

900. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 1989, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

901. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

A nomination was received in respect of Mrs. H. M. Francks. It was resolved that Mrs. Francks be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs. Francks accepted the position and signed a declaration of acceptance accordingly.

902. LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES

It was resolved that Mr. B. R. Davison and Mrs. S. Spence be elected to represent the Parish Council.

903. ACCOUNTS

		£
PAID: Verdon in Bloom		500.00
Leics. Playing Fields Association		4.00
Cornhill Insurance plc		
Insurance for 1.6.89 - 31.5.90		439.20
H. Bell - Caretaker's wages 3.4.89 - 7.5.89 - 5 weeks at £20		100.00
E.A. Walsh - Clerk's salary & expenses for April	Salary - 145.83	
	Exps. - 3.42	149.25
		1192.45

RECEIVED:				
Newbold Verdon JFC	- Pitch fees	-	Jan/Feb/Mar	14.00
Swan FC	"	"	"	36.00
Jubilee FC	"	"	"	72.00

G.Seller & Co.	Sale of grave - Joseph Bibby (dec)		36.00	
	Interment fees		15.00	51.00
T.Swan & Co.	Interment fees -Gladys Mary Wright			15.00
G.Seller & Co.	Memorial fees - Pauline Ann Perkins			7.50
Gillivers Funeral Directors	- interment fee - Winifred Muriel Twigg			15.00
" "	Sale of grave - John Ed.Dyson		36.00	
	Interment fees		15.00	51.00
				261.50

904. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Development, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council giving notice of the preparation of the North-Eastern Parishes Local Plan under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971. The letter informed the Council that certified copies of the plan had been deposited at the Borough Council offices and also at public libraries in Desford, Groby and Ratby until the 9th June 1989. It was agreed that Mrs. S. Spence would inspect the plan deposited at Desford Library in order to ascertain the extent of any effect upon the village. Mrs. Crookes indicated that the North Eastern Parishes Local Plan did not include Newbold Verdon, however, Mrs. Spence did agree to report back to the Council's next meeting.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council giving advance notice of the forthcoming Annual Meeting between representatives of the Parish Councils and members of the Borough Council's Policy and Resources Committee which was to be held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday 13th September 1989 at 7.30 p.m. The Director requests details of any items for discussion that the Parish Council might wish to raise and it was generally agreed that this matter be included as an agenda item for the Council's July meeting.

3. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club requesting permission for their club to use the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and the Alans Way Playing Field for their forthcoming season 1989/90 which was due to commence on or about 1st September until April of the following year. The members agreed to allow the club this use and the Clerk was authorised to indicate the members' acknowledgement.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Development at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council informing the Parish that telephone kiosk K6 at Main Street in the village had been included on the list of buildings of Historic and Architectural Interest by the Department of the Environment. The letter was duly noted.

5. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council inviting the Clerk and the Chairman to attend at the count following the Election to fill the Parish Council's casual vacancy. The letter was duly noted.

6. A newsletter, annual report and programme of summer walks had been received from the Leicestershire Footpath Association. It was agreed that these should be circulated amongst members.

7. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Council of Churches requesting permission to hold a Christian celebration on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground on Sunday 18th June 1989. The members generally agreed to grant permission and no hire fee would be payable.

8. A notice had been received of an annual general meeting of the Association of Parish and Local Councils requesting nominations for the election of its honorary officers. The notice was duly noted.

9. A letter had been received from Marshall Fry Ltd. confirming the company's intention to carry out the inspection of the Council's play equipment at the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground during the month of June 1989. Further that the company would supply the Parish Council with copies of the inspection schedules prepared. The letter was duly noted.

10. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Probation Service in reply to the Council's offer of work to the Community Service Unit. The Project Co-ordinator apologised for the delay in replying to the Parish Council and indicated that they would contact the Clerk as soon as they were able to carry out any work. It was agreed to leave the letter on the table.

11. A letter had been received from the Principal Officer and Secretary of the Leicester and County Mission for the Deaf requesting a donation for their building fund. The members agreed to leave the matter on the table.

905. VILLAGE LITTER PICKING

At the request of the members at their meeting in April, the Clerk had written to the Director of Public Services at the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council inviting him or his representative to attend tonight's meeting to explain the present position with regard to the Council Litter Picker. The Borough Council were unable to attend the meeting and gave their telephoned apologies to the Clerk and indicated that they would be more than willing to attend the Council's next meeting. It was generally agreed that the matter be left on the agenda for the Council's next meeting in June.

906. SECURITY GATES - ALANS WAY

The Clerk reported that three further tenders for the provision of two security gates had been requested and quotes from Burbage Gates and Ironstyles Ltd. had been received. The quotations were discussed by the members and it was generally agreed that prior to acceptance, a site meeting be held to consider the additional accommodation works

required. It was agreed that the site meeting take place at 7.00 p.m. on 5th June 1989.

907. PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Further suggestions were received from members on their proposals for the type of event that would be held to commemorate the official opening of the pavilion. Mr. W. W. Goddard suggested that a local cricket celebrity, Mr. Les Taylor, who lived at Earl Shilton might be willing to attend the official opening if invited. It was generally agreed that a 'fun' cricket match would be organised and Mr. Taylor would be invited to participate if he wished although his primary task would be to open the pavilion officially. Mr. J. R. Watson undertook to advise the Clerk of Mr. Taylor's address in order that a letter of invitation could be sent. It was generally agreed that the event should take place during the months of June, July or August on a date and time that was most convenient to Mr. Taylor. It was also agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

908. PAVILION HOT WATER HEATER

Mr. M. B. Mensley reported to the Council that a Corvette type heater would cost approximately £100 and would provide about one gallon in total of heated water. He informed the members that he was also waiting for details of a larger heater from his suppliers. It was agreed that Mr. Mensley and Mrs. Francks would liaise in order to determine the best form of heater that would meet the Council's requirements and, if possible, arrange for the acquisition of such a heater in time for the Council's next meeting.

909. REMOVAL OF CEMETERY IRON FENCING
910. CEMETERY TREE PLANTING

It was agreed that these two agenda items be taken together. It was reported that the present iron railings now separate the existing cemetery from the new additional cemetery land recently purchased. The Chairman considered that it may well be easier to maintain the additional piece of land if the iron railings were removed and that there was, accordingly, no real need for it to remain. Alternatively, two or three sections of iron fence could be removed to facilitate both access and maintenance. The Chairman also pointed out that the soil heap in the existing cemetery needed to be removed and infilled into the site of the old pond within the newly acquired land. General discussion then took place on the best method of dealing with access to the new land and it was agreed that a site meeting should be held in order to consider how much of the existing fencing needed to be removed. The Clerk was requested to attend the meeting with details of the Local Planning Authority's conditions in relation to the obligation to plant trees along the boundary of the new land. The members agreed to meet at the

cemetery at 7.15 p.m. on 18th May 1989, and the matter would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

911. CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Clerk reported that a meeting attended by some of the members had been held at the cemetery on 6th April 1989 when the overall measurement of the Garden of Remembrance was agreed. The Garden would measure approximately 30ft x 22ft and be located adjacent to the existing hedge between the churchyard and the cemetery adjoining the new footpath in the cemetery. Methods of delineating the Garden of Remembrance from the cemetery were discussed. Mr. Mensley suggested that a rose bed be planted for this purpose. It was generally agreed that this matter would be discussed at the site meeting to be held on 18th May and accordingly this matter would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

912. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/0479/4 - Cadeby Homes Ltd & The Leicester Housing Association. Application for planning permission for residential development to provide sheltered housing for the elderly at Main Street, Newbold Verdon. - Received favourably.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Local Planning Authority to indicate that the application had received a very favourable response.

89/0552/4 - Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Spencer, 11 Alans Way, Newbold Verdon. Construction of entrance porch on domestic building at 11 Alans Way - No comment.

89/0390/4 - Mr. A. Statham, 26a Newbold Road, Barlestone. Application for erection of detached house adjoining 35 Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon - No comment.

913. PLANNING APPROVALS

89/0291/4 - B. Davison. Planning permission for domestic extension and alteration to existing dwelling.

89/0184/4 - Mr. E. Pateman. Planning permission for extension to house at 41 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon.

89/0275/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Michelson. Planning permission for front canopy and rear extension at 62 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon.

89/0147/4A - Heath Garage. Planning permission to display advertisement of an illuminated pole-mounted sign at Heath Garage, Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath.

89/0187/4 - C. Hammond. Planning permission for bedroom over garage extension at 7 Pine Tree Close, Newbold Verdon.

89/0311/4 - Mr. & Mrs. A. Gayton. Planning permission to extend dwelling - Sandalwood, Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon.

88/0675/4 - Lioncove Ltd. Planning permission for erection of 5 detached dwellings and double garages at Church Farm, Main Street, Newbold Verdon. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Director of Development at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to establish why it had taken so long for notice of this planning permission to be received and further to query planning conditions nos. 7 and 15 attached to the planning permission.

89/0354/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Stott. Planning permission for front porch/w.c. and rear extension at 18 Jubilee Road, Newbold Verdon.

89/0233/4 - P. G. Ebsworth. Planning permission for kitchen, utility room and lounge extension at 7 Alans Way, Newbold Verdon.

914. PLANNING REFUSAL

89/0314/4 - Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Allen, Welton Lodge, off Hunts Lane, Desford. Refusal of planning permission for the erection of a house and garage (outline only) on land adjoining Welton Lodge, Hunts Lane, Desford.

915. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None

916. CHAIRMANS' QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence reported that the Borough Council's refuse collectors left a lot of litter and debris following bin collection. Whenever dustbin liners fall over spreading debris on the highway, the litter is generally left and not picked up. Mrs. Spence asked whether the Clerk could write to the Borough Council notifying the Director of Public Services of the members' disquiet. The Chairman agreed and authorised the Clerk to write accordingly.

2. Mr. Davison asked whether it was correct that the Council's refuse collectors can remove garden refuse from litter bins prior to emptying them. The Chairman replied by stating that the refuse collectors were not authorised to remove garden refuse and that one generally found it lying on the road rather than having been removed.

3. It was reported that the occupier of 55 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon had allowed his fallen garden fence to remain on the Council's playing field at Alans Way. The members agreed that the fallen fence was not an attractive sight on the playing field and further that it represented a danger to users of the field and also prevented the Council's contractors from properly trimming the edge of the grass. The Clerk was requested to write to the occupier requesting the fences removal.

4. Mr. Goddard asked whether any further news had been received

from the owner of the land at the corner of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street, Newbold Verdon in relation to the Parish Council's proposed landscape. The Clerk reported that although a licence to cultivate the plot had been generally agreed, no formal licence was yet in existence. The Clerk undertook to contact the owner in the hope of regularising the position as soon as possible.

5. Mr. Goddard also asked whether it was possible to obtain litter bins for erection on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. The Clerk confirmed that he had requested that litter bins be erected at Dragon Lane and Alans Way and that, although no reply had yet been received from the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council, he hoped to see some response shortly. The Chairman pointed out that members should wait and see what is installed by the Borough Council before requesting further litter bin installation.

6. Mr. Goddard asked whether it was possible for the Parish Council to obtain any mechanical litter sticks and the Clerk was authorised to obtain two if at all possible.

7. Mr. Watson asked whether a noticeboard could be erected inside the pavilion on Alans Way which he hoped could be installed in the lobby area. It was agreed that a cork or similar material noticeboard be installed and the Clerk was duly authorised to place an order accordingly.

8. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the Parish Council were in need of two new watering cans for use in the cemetery and churchyard. The Clerk was authorised to purchase two plastic watering cans and to arrange for the Parish Council's name to be marked on them.

9. Mr. Davison pointed out that the area around the library site on Main Street in the village again required some considerable tidying up. The Clerk was authorised to write to the County Council to request their assistance accordingly.

10. Mr. Davison also reported that trees were being damaged by strimming and grass cutting on the Alans Way Playing Field. and asked whether the members would be willing to consider some form of protection for trees and shrubs on its land and also consider the replacement of damaged or dead trees and shrubs. The Chairman agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the Parish Council's next meeting.

11. Mr. Davison pointed out that there was considerable graffiti on the play equipment on the Dragon Lane Playing Field. He asked whether the members would be willing to allow him to advertise in the local Verdon Views that any person known to be offending in this way would be prosecuted accordingly. The Chairman agreed.

12. Mr. Davison asked whether any Parish bye-law had been passed in respect of dogs fouling the village. Mrs. Crookes

pointed out that the Borough Council's bye-law applied to open spaces and to parklands in urban areas and that if the Parish Council wished to include playing fields and adjoining land it would need to consider passing its own bye-law. It was, therefore, generally agreed that the question of a bye-law for this purpose be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

13. Mr. Davison asked whether it would be possible to obtain replacement trees for those damaged on Dragon Lane. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Council's Forestry Department to seek their comments accordingly.

14. Mr. Davison requested details of funds available in the Council's "Reserve Account". The Chairman pointed out that there was no reserve account and that any monies that remained to the credit of the Parish merely represented funds that had not been spent on the precept.

15. Mrs. Francks asked whether any action had been taken in relation to the repair works to the bus shelter adjacent to the library on Main Street and whether or not it was anticipated that anti-vandal fleck paint could be used on the inside. The Clerk said that an order had been placed and he hoped that the work would be undertaken shortly.

16. Mr. Goddard, along with most of the other members, expressed his grave concern at the poor performance of the Technical Services Unit in relation to their obligations under the Council's maintenance contract as far as it related to grass cutting in the village. It was reported that no strimming had been done at all in the village and that as far as the Alans Way Playing Field was concerned none of the surrounding areas that could not be reached without a tractor had, in fact, been attended to. It was also reported that the cemetery was in a poor state owing to the fact that it should have been cut twice in April and was now considerably overgrown. The Chairman replied by pointing out that the cemetery was, in fact, being cut at the moment but the quality of the work being done left quite a lot to be desired. It was also reported that a large pile of grass cuttings had been left under the oak tree in the churchyard and had not been removed as per the contract. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Technical Services Unit and point out the concerns of the Parish Council in relation to their work to date. It was also agreed that if this matter was not satisfactorily resolved by the Parish Council's next meeting in June, the Council would consider its contractual position accordingly.

17. Mr. Davison pointed out that the rubbish bin next to the bus shelter adjacent to the library still required re-fitting. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council Director of Property accordingly.

18. Mr. Davison also pointed out that the Keep Left sign on Mill Lane had a panel missing and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Divisional Surveyor accordingly.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN