MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 1989 AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners: 11

975. APOLOGIES - None

976. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 1989, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

977. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
1. Leicestershire County Council black polythene dustbin & 2 mops			6.98
2. E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 2.10.89 - 5.11.89 - 5 weeks at £20			100.00
3. E. A. Walsh - Salary, October	145.83		
Typing expenses	20.00		
Postage	3.90		169,73
4. Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd. repair to pavilion	69.96		
VAT	10.49		80.45
		TOTAL	357.16

Received:

1. Leics. Cooperative Soc. Ltd. - Memorial fees for Frank & Gladys Wright decd.	15.00
2. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Interment fees for Ellen Rosetta Johnson	15.00
3. Leics. Cooperative Soc. Ltd. - Balance of interment fee for Irene Marjorie Davey decd.	7.50
4. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Interment fee for Mabel Langton decd.	15.00
5. Newbold Verdon Cricket Club - Playing field fees	96.00
6. Swan Football Club - " " "	36.00
7. Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club - " "	16.00
8. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Fees for new grave Norah Poole & interment	102.00
9. Jubilee Inn Football Club - Pitch fees	54.00
10. Gillivers - Memorial fees for Adelaide Ann Poole	15.00
11. Gillivers - Memorial fees for John Edward Dyson	15.00
12. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Sale of new grave and interment fees for Edmund Walsh (decd.)	102.00
13. G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Fee for erection of vase - Alice Mary Ramsell	9.00
TOTAL	497.50

978. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Technical Services Unit confirming that weed killer had been applied to the flowerbeds and car park at the Alans Way Playing Field. Also that the edges of the field had been strimmed. The letter was duly noted.

2. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that the overgrown hedge on Barlestone Road between Mill Lane and Dragon Lane would be cut back and cleaned up. The letter was duly noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Development at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council confirming that planning permission had not been issued to Cadeby Homes Ltd. in respect of their residential development off Main Street in the village. Apparently the delay was due to the need to complete a Section 52 agreement which would restrict occupation of the premises to people of over 55 years of age. The letter was duly noted and the Clerk also informed members that the Planning Officer had confirmed by telephone that whilst a condition for landscaping the site had not been included in the section 52 agreement, he would endeavour to ensure that such a condition was inserted into the agreement.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council regarding street cleansing in the Borough from 1st January 1990. The Director pointed out that the Borough Council were considering taking over the cleansing function from the County Council and members agreed that this matter should be included on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

5. A further letter had been received from the Director of Public Services regarding the members' complaint over the status of the village litter bins. The matter had been passed to the Borough Council's Highways, Sewers and Cleansing Controller in order that he could deal with the matter. The letter was duly noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council inviting the Parish to send a representative to a presentation at the Borough Council's offices by the Royal Air Force on the need and purpose for continuing low military aircraft flying manoeuvres over the parish. The meeting was due to be held on 20th November and it was agreed that Mr. A. Hurst should attend as the Parish Council's representative.

7. A further letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance informing members that he had inspected the route provided for footpath S.19 and whilst he noted that the stiles and signposting were satisfactory,he was concerned that a nettle bed was obstructing the line of the path around the perimeter of the fencing. The members agreed that this point should form an agenda item for the next meeting.

8. A letter had been received from the Hinckley Area Voluntary Organisations Council regarding a proposed launch of a voluntary drivers transport service known as 'Dial a Ride', enclosing a questionnaire for the Parish Council to respond on the prospective demand for such a service. It was agreed that the Clerk should complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council and return it accordingly.

9. A letter had been received from Messrs. Harvey Ingram, Solicitors on behalf of their client Mr. P. W. Bonsell noting the Council's position regarding finances as far as the proposed purchase of the land at the entrance to the Alans Way Playing Field was concerned. Their client accepted that the Parish would contact the solicitors after the matter had been included in the Council's precept for the forthcoming year.

10. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance regarding the Community Charge detailing estimates of the product for each parish of a £1 community charge. Newbold Verdon's community charge £1 product was stated to be £2,341. The letter was duly noted.

11. A letter had been received from the Severn Trent Water Company requesting the completion of a questionnaire for the purpose of calculating the Parish Council's water service charges for the water supplied to its pavilion. The letter was duly noted and the Clerk requested to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Water Company.

12. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club asking for permission to allow their club to use the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground for the under 11 football team from January onwards. The members agreed to allow this and the Clerk was requested to write in confirmation.

979. NEWBOLD TODDLER PARK PROJECT

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the project requesting that this matter be placed on the agenda to enable the Committee to discuss the progress of the Toddler Park with the Parish Council. Mrs. Johnson presented the meeting with a copy of the proposed plan and advised the members that £6,000 of the target figure of £8,000 had now been raised. She hoped that the project could continue to fund-raise a further £1,000 by April 1990 when it was hoped that the construction work would commence. A request was made to the Parish Council for a contribution towards the balance to be raised and it was agreed that this matter should be considered by the Council when it met to consider the precept for the forthcoming year. A request was made of the project to ensure that all costings for the construction works were produced together with the group's constitution.

980. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - BROOK AND DITCH

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from the Technical Services Unit for clearing out the brook and ditch on the Alans Way Playing Field in the sum of £778. The Clerk was authorised to accept the quotation and request that the ditch

be cleared of all growth right along the length of the brook.

It was also agreed that the Technical Services Unit be notified that the replacement maple tree on the playing field could be a Canadian Maple.

981. VANDALISED SEAT - DRAGON LANE

The Clerk reminded the members of the Parish Council's quotation replacement of the vandalised seat on Dragon Lane in the sum of £145 and further that a compensation claim had been lodged with the local Magistrates Court from whence it was hoped that a compensation order would be made. The Clerk was authorised to place an order with the Borough Council for the replacement of the seat at the price quoted but was also requested to write to the Council's insurers seeking an indemnity under the terms of their third party liability policy for any shortfall between the actual cost of the seat and any compensation received.

982. SLABBING OF CHURCHYARD BIN AREA

It was generally agreed that the area on which the 4 refuse bins stand in the Cemetery should be hard paved. To this end, Mrs. Spence offered the Parish Council 4 3' x 2' concrete slabs. Mr. Hurst offered to collect and transport the slabs to the Cemetery and it was agreed that the members would then liaise in order to arrange their installation.

983. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Plans were submitted by Mrs. Francks and Mr. Colledge of their proposals for a Garden of Remembrance in the Cemetery. These were circulated and generally discussed. It was agreed that Mrs. Francks' proposal seemed the most favourable and the Clerk was authorised to invite tenders from landscape gardeners for the installation of a Garden in accordance with Mrs. Francks' plan in the Spring.

984. NEWBOLD VERDON CRICKET CLUB - SITING OF GARAGE

Roger Watson produced an estimate of the cost of a second hand pre-fabricated concrete garage in the sum of £375 measuring 25' x 14' together with the cost of installing a concrete base for the garage in the sum of £279.50. Mr. Watson pointed out that he hoped that the Parish Council would be agreeable to the garage being sited adjacent to the rear of the car park on the Alans Way Playing Field. The members agreed to hold a site meeting to consider the location of the garage at 10.30 a.m. on 19th November 1989. After the meeting, Mr. Watson confirmed that the cricket club would endeavour to submit an application for planning permission to the Borough Council. Mr. Watson also pointed out that at this point in time, the Cricket Club did not have the funds necessary to purchase and site the building.

985. BOROUGH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September had been received and that it was, therefore, not

necessary for Mr. Mensley to report back to the members. It was agreed that the minutes be circulated amongst members.

986. SENIOR CITIZENS' DOOR GUARDS

Sgt. M. Studley from the Coalville Crime Prevention Panel attended the meeting to give a brief address on their proposals to install, free of charge, door guards on approx. 300 senior citizens' properties throughout the village. An example of the door guard was circulated for members to inspect and approve and the Parish Council were asked to contribute the sum of £300 to the Coalville Crime Prevention Panel in consideration of the service being offered. Sgt. Studley confirmed that if less than 300 senior citizens in the village took up the offer, then the difference would be refunded to the Parish Council in due course. The Chairman thanked Sgt. Studley for his attendance and confirmed that the matter would be considered at the Council's next meeting when the Parish precept was considered.

987. DRAGON LANE PLAYGROUND

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain a quotation for the installation of bark on the playground area at the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. The members requested that the Clerk contact the Technical Services Unit to establish whether or not they could provide a quotation in this respect. The Clerk also reported the return of one quotation for the resurfacing of the playground area in the sum of £1,248 + VAT together with the installation of concrete edging slabs in the sum of £446 + VAT. It was agreed that the re-tarmacing of the area should be left on the table until the question of the bark had been resolved. The Clerk was also requested to ascertain what other alternative play surfaces and costs were available and to report back to the Council as soon as possible.

988. PAVILION SECURITY RAILINGS

The Clerk reported that two quotations had been received for the installation of the proposed wrought iron work to the pavilion. It was agreed that prior to further consideration of these quotations, the members would consider the matter at their site meeting on 19th November and the matter would remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

989. PUBLIC BONFIRE

The Clerk reported that a new resolution of the Council would have the effect of rescinding any previous resolution in the absence of any formal process for rescision of resolutions. Some discussion then took place on the question of a public bonfire generally and the Chairman pointed out that the decision that had to be made was whether members of the Parish Council would agree to a public bonfire or not. Mr. Hurst pointed out that in the past the Scouts used to have permission to hold a bonfire but that large burnt patches of turf then took a considerable length of time to recover. As a consequence, permission for the Scouts was discontinued possibly as long as 20

years ago. Mr. Hurst proposed that no public bonfires should be held on Parish Council playing fields and this proposal was duly seconded. Mr. Davison proposed that a public bonfire should be allowed on the Alans Way Playing Field on the basis of an undertaking by the hirer that no damage would be caused to the grass. This proposal was also duly seconded. Mr. Davison's proposal was defeated by 5 votes to 4 with one abstention and Mr. Hurst's proposal was duly carried.

990. SEVERN TRENT WATER LEAK

The Chairman informed the meeting that two local residents in Bells Lane had reported to the Severn Trent Water Co. that there was a leak in the highway in Bells Lane. Apparently this was reported some two weeks ago when Severn Trent said they would treat the matter as an emergency. So far nothing has been done to remedy the serious leak despite the water shortage presently being suffered. The Clerk was instructed to pass on these grave concerns to the water company and also to notify the local press that in a period when hose pipes were banned, a considerable volume of water was being allowed to wash away down the drain.

991. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/1330/4 -Mr. P. Gracyzk. Planning application for a garage, kitchen and first floor extension at 22 Bells Lane, Newbold Verdon - No comment.

89/1288/4 - Mr. R. Taylor. Planning application for outline permission for one dwelling adjacent to 40 Brascote Lane. - Members expressed some concern over the future of the mature tree standing adjacent to the proposed development site and the Clerk was asked to seek confirmation from the Director of Development to ensure that this tree would not be damaged or removed by the carrying out of any works on the site.

992. PLANNING APPROVALS

None

993. PLANNING REFUSALS

89/0992/4 - Planning permission refused to erect a new bungalow with garage adjacent to 6 Barbara Avenue, Newbold Verdon on the grounds that the proposal appeared to be an unduly cramped element to the detriment of the visual amenities of the street scene.

89/1029/4 - Planning permission refused for a proposed garage, kitchen and first floor extension at 22 Bells Lane, Newbold Verdon on the ground that the window in the proposed first floor front elevation would directly overlook the rear garden area and habitable rooms of 24 Bells Lane and as such would result in a loss of privacy to the detriment of the amenities currently enjoyed by the occupants of the property.

89/1152/4 - Planning permission refused for outline permission for one shop unit on land adjoining 214 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon on the grounds that it is unacceptable without adequate 'off-street' parking in that it would result in

additional 'on-street' parking close to the junction of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent to the detriment of highway safety. Also the erection of an additional shop unit adjacent to an attractive thatched cottage on a corner plot at the junction of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street would, if approved, appear as an unduly prominent element to the detriment of the visual appearance of the street scene.

994. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

1. A Parishioner asked whether anything could be done to improve the poor visibility at the junction of Alans Way with Arnolds Crescent which it was alleged was caused by the siting of a hedge and fence in the corner property which was affecting the visibility splay. In view of the fact that this was a County Council function Mr. Casswell was asked to respond on the matter and confirmed that he would speak to the parishioner after the meeting.

995. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Casswell introduced himself to the meeting and asked whether copies of the Council's minutes could be sent to him as well as agendas which were already sent. It was agreed that Mr. Casswell should receive copies of any approved minutes and that these would be forwarded in the future. Mr. Casswell further asked whether a specific agenda item could be made available on a regular basis for the County Councillor's report. The Chairman was unwilling to agree to this request.

2. Mr. Kendall pointed out that the steel posts and the railings on the footpath from Preston Drive and adjacent to the Baptist Chapel needed painting, preferably white, so that they could be seen in the dark and the Clerk was requested to place an order for this work to be carried out.

3. Mrs. Spence asked for an agenda item to be included for the next meeting on the subject of Verdon in Bloom 1990 and the Chairman duly agreed.

4. Mr. Davison asked that the question of replacement trees on Mill Lane be raised again with the County Council to ensure that they would be planted during the next planting season. He also raised again the question of the flooding outside the Old White Swan Public House. The Chairman replied by saying that the Divisional Highways Surveyor had confirmed that this matter would be attended to shortly when the new length of pavement was installed outside the Public House. Further liaison had taken place between the County Council and Everards Brewery as to the ultimate liability. Mr. Casswell undertook to chase the matter up and agreed to discuss it with the Clerk after the meeting.

5. Mr. Davison expressed some concern regarding the length of highway between Bagworth Road and Dragon Lane, especially in view of the recent death of the lady motorist and asked whether any consideration could be given to a speed restriction being imposed at this point. Mr. Mensley also pointed out that there was no T

junction sign for the Mill Lane junction with Barlestone Road. Mr. Casswell was invited by the Chairman to take these matters up with the Highways Department and to report back to the Parish Council accordingly.

6. Mr. Mensley asked whether ordering of the village Christmas tree could be put in hand and the Clerk agreed to place an order accordingly.

7. Mr. Goddard asked how often the village streets were swept by the County Council. The Chairman pointed out that with the Borough Council's new proposals to become responsible for this function from January 1990, it would be best if a request were made to the Borough Council for a programme early in the new year.

8. Mr. Hurst reported that debris was being tipped into the brook from the rear garden of a property on Arnolds Crescent and this was having an adverse effect on the drainage of the brook through the village allotment area. Mr. Hurst undertook to notify the Clerk of the property in question in order that a letter of complaint could be sent to the occupier.

9. Mr. Watson pointed out that the practice goal posts on the Alans Way Playing Field still needed to be moved to their original position. The members agreed to look at this problem at their site meeting on 19th November.

10. Mrs. Francks asked whether the village litter picker had been seen in the village recently. Mr. Kendall reported that he had been seen on the day of the meeting. Mrs. Crookes reported that the Borough Council's Director of Public Services had been taking a personal interest in this matter and was closely supervising his litter picking activities. The Chairman pointed out that the whole system might be subject to some change on the transfer of functions next year.

11. Mr. Colledge reported that parishioners had been complaining about the conduct of Midland Red bus drivers. The matter was duly noted.

12. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the trees at the site of the building development at The Paddocks had been felled even though the original permission from the Borough Council denied the right to do this. A request was made that any proposed landscaping scheme by the Borough Council should provide for the replacement of these trees with mature trees. The Chairman agreed that a letter should be sent to the Director of Development asking for a full explanation on the reasons why they had failed to provide adequate protection for these trees and asking that the question of enforcement by the Borough Planning Committee of its planning conditions in relation to such developments be made an agenda item at the Borough Council's next planning meeting.

13. Mr. Hurst reported that the damaged tree adjacent to the Baptist Chapel was really beyond saving and needed to be replaced. The matter was noted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.