MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 1989 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY

PRESENT

M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks, R. Kendall, R. Watson, M. B. Mensley, D. Colledge, W. W. Goddard, B. R. Davison
Joyce Crooks (Borough Councillor)
E. A. Walsh (Clerk) Parishioners: 6

PRESENTATION

The Chairman presented the prizes to children from Newbold Verdon County Primary School in respect of the 'Keep Newbold Tidy Competition 1989'. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

First Prize: Lee Matson

Second Prize: Gary Battle
Mark Willenson

Third Prize: Lyndsey Kendrick
Helen Ivers

948. APOLOGIES - Apologies for absence were received from Paddy Casswell,CC, Mrs. S. Spence and Mr. A. Hurst.

949. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

950. ACCOUNTS -

Payments		£
1. Severn Trent Water (Rates)		68.18
2. Leics. County Council (48 white plates)		24.48
3. H. M. Francks (Pavilion Ceremony)		50.00
4. Public Works Loans Account (½ yearly repayment)		1,290.87
5. Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.		
(a) Fence Repairs/Bollard Painting/New lock		34.52
(b) Main Street Bus Shelter - roof tiles		34.30
(c) Notice Board/Shed Roof - Alans Way (Total: £175.19)		106.37
6. H. Johnson - Typing & Admin. July		20.00
7. E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages		
31 July - 2 Sept 1989 - 5 weeks at £20		100.00
8. E. A. Walsh - Salary (August)	145.83	
Telephone (Apr - Sept)	15.69	
VAT	2.34	
Postal Charges (July)	3.32	
" " (August)	84	168.02
TOTAL		1,896.74

Receipts

1. G. Seller & Co.			
(a) Sale of grave re Allen Percy Smith (decd)		36.00	51.00
interment fees		15.00	
(b) Fees for erection of memorial & vase re Frances Bibby decd.			24.00
(c) Sale of grave re Hilda Amy Prime		36.00	
interment fees		15.00	51.00
2. Swan FC - Fixtures April/May			24.00
3. Newbold Jnr.FC - " " "			16.00
4. Jubilee Inn FC - " " "			12.00
5. Newbold CC - " " "			32.00
6. Gillivers			
(a) Sale of grave re Adelaide Ann Poole		36.00	
interment fees		15.00	51.00
(b) Fees to erect headstone re R.V. Clarke decd.			15.00
7. Leicestershire Co-op - Interment of ashes of Irene Marjorie Davey (decd) (Part payment)			7.50
	TOTAL		283.50

951. CORRESPONDENCE

1. An application form had been received from Radio Leicester's 'County Questions' and this was completed and returned.

2. A letter had been received from Mr. G. E. Alton informing the members of his agreement to a licence for the Parish Council to cultivate the land at the corner of Arnold's Crescent and Alans Way. The letter was noted and the Clerk requested to contact the Director of Public Services in order to get the Borough Council to commence the improvement works.

3. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the site of the garages at Preston Drive. The new sign was to be erected and the area cleaned. The letter was duly noted.

4. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Constabulary Crime Prevention Unit relating to the provision of security catches for the elderly. It was agreed that this letter should be promoted in Verdon Views to get as much coverage as possible.

5. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that the Parish Council's litter bins would be securely locked after future emptying. The carriageway in the vicinity of Main Street and Dragon Lane junction had been inspected and was found to be satisfactory. Remedial works will, however, be undertaken next year. The remedial work to the parapet wall on the Newbold/Cadeby bridle path was to be included in the next bridge maintenance programme. The letter was duly noted.

6. A letter had been received from Messrs. Harvey Ingram, Stone & Simpson, Solicitors, confirming their client's (P. W. Bonsell) agreement to the sale of the land at the access to the Alans Way

Playing Field. The members duly noted this fact, however, the Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Bonsell's colicitors to notify them that although the Council was still interested in purchasing the land, therewere no precepted funds to meet the cost at present. It was agreed that this matter would be addressed again at the end of the year and the Clerk was asked to notify the solicitors accordingly.

7. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor regarding the flooding outside the Old White Swan Public House. Discussions had taken place with the Brewery and it was hoped that remedial work would be undertaken shortly to deal with the problem. It was confirmed that the work would be done in conjunction with the provision of a length of footway fronting the public house.

8. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council notifying the Parish Council that it had been successful in going through to the final round of the Best Kept Village Competition for 1989. The letter was duly noted.

9. A letter had been received from the Borough Council's Director of Public Services regarding the question of emptying the litter bins in the churchyard. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Director also confirmed that the garage site in Preston Drive at the side of the old people's bungalows would be attended to by the Council's Property Manager.

10. A letter had been received from EMEB regarding the overgrown sites in the village. The Board confirmed that they would be attending to the sites as a matter of urgency. The letter was duly noted.

11. A letter had been received from the Council's Bank regarding a new Money Master account which returns a more attractive interest rate than the existing deposit facilities. It was agreed that the Councilshould transfer its funds to a Money Master Account and the Clerk was authorised to arrange this.

12. A letter had been received from the Borough Council's Director of Development regarding the redevelopment of the cottage premises in Mill Lane. The letter was duly noted.

13. A letter had been received from Everards Brewery regarding the flooding outside the Old White Swan. The Company's Surveyor had contacted the County Council and a meeting was shortly to take place. The letter was duly noted.

14. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council informing the members that an estimate for a 'No Ball Games' notice would forwarded shortly. The Council was notified that 'dog fouling' notices are now dealt with by the Dog Warden and accordingly the letter had been passed to the Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer.

15. A letter had been received from British Telecom informing the members that it was their intention to refurbish and repaint the old telephone kiosks in due course. The letter was duly noted.

16. A letter had been received from the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club informing the Council that it no longer needed to use the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. The letter was duly noted.

17. A letter had been received from the Leicester Housing Association regarding the residential development at Main Street. It was proposed that the development be known as "Jubilee Court, Chadwick Drive'. The members had no objection and the Clerk was requested to notify the Borough Council accordingly.

18. The agenda had been received for the Borough Council's Policy and Resources Committee due to be held on 13th September. It was agreed that Mr. Preston would attend the meeting and Mr. Mensley suggested that members should furnish Mr. Preston with details of their concerns before the meeting.

19. A letter had been received from a parishioner regarding several complaints which it was agreed would be the subject of a separate agenda item at the next meeting.

20. A letter had been received from a parishioner complaining about the poor state of the children's play area at the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the members would hold a site meeting to consider the problem on 10th September and report back to the Council's next meeting.

952. SEVERN TRENT SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The District Manager of the Water Authority, Mr. Tricker, and his assistant, Mr. Burrows attended the meeting. A fairly full presentation was given on the Water Board's proposed improvements to the local sewage scheme and the officers responded to questions from members and parisioners.

953. BOROUGH PAPER BANK SCHEME

The members agreed in principle that the Parish Council should join the Borough Council's Paper Bank Scheme. It was proposed that an igloo could perhaps be situated at the site of the library car park but that this would require the consent of the Director of Libraries and the Divisional Highways Surveyor.

954. CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

As insufficient members had prepared plans of their proposals for the garden of remembrance, it was agreed that this matter should be left in abeyance.

955. SECURITY GATES, ALANS WAY

It was agreed that the members would hold a site inspection on 10th September in order to clarify how best this matter could be dealt with. It was agreed that the matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

956. DRAINAGE PROBLEMS - DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND

This matter was discussed at some length. The meeting was informed that the problem related to the fact that it is the site of an old pond which is why drainage is so poor. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council's Technical Services Unit for any advice they might be able to give in the circumstances.

957. PUBLIC BONFIRE

Mr. Kendal requested that a public bonfire be held on the Alans Way Playing Field for the forthcoming bonfire night celebrations. Mr. Mensley pointed out that an old minute of the Parish Council recorded the fact that the Council did not wish to hold any fires on its land. It was thought that this minute might be some 10 years old and the Clerk was requested to find the minute, if possible.

958. PUBLIC SEAT - DRAGON LANE

The Chairman reported that a young man had been caught by local Police having broken the seat on Dragon Lane. An examination of the seat revealed that the cast iron frame had been broken and it would, therefore, have to be replaced. The Clerk was requested to obtain a price from the Borough Council for its replacement and for the purpose of submitting a claim for compensation to the Magistrates Court.

959. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 89/1029/4 - Mr. P. Graczyk, 22 Bells Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a garage, kitchen and first floor extension at 22 Bells Lane. No comment.

2. 89/0992/4 - Mr. & Mrs. D. Duncombe, 6 Barbara Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a new bungalow adjacent to No. 6 Barbara Avenue. No comment.

3. 89/0937/4 - Mr. G. Singh, 4 Merrylees Road. Application for planning permission for a bedroom extension with en suite shower at 4 Merrylees Road. No comment.

4. 89/0929/4 - Mr. J. Mann, 7 Red Lion Lane. Application for planning permission for detached swimming pool at 7 Red Lion Lane. No comment.

5. 89/0871/4 - Mr. & Mrs. J. Haines, 22 Oaks Drive. Application for planning permission for proposed retirement bungalow at rear of 22 Oaks Drive. No comment.

6. 89/1032/4 - Mr. B. Towers, School House Farm, Desfor Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for barn conversions forming two dwellings. No comments.

960. PLANNING APPROVALS

1. 89/0709/4 - Planning permission to Mr. & Mrs. Ewen to erect a two-storey extension to dwelling at 29 Gilberts Drive.

2. 89/0316/4D - Planning permission to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to erect 3 bungalows at 1 & 3 Preston Drive.

3. 89/0629/4 - Planning permission to T. J. Coombes for a garage and cloakroom extension at 46 Brascote Lane.

961. PARISIONERS' QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner pointed out that ball games were still being played on Mallory Close and that the problem was getting worse. He reported that children had been seen damaging plants and shrubs. The Clerk pointed out that a request had been made for a further "No Ball Games" notice to be erected but that the Parish Council were now awaiting an estimate of the cost of such a notice.

2. A parishioner from the Toddler Park Project advised the meeting that their group now had £6,000 of its total figure of £8,000 and requested that the Parish Council consider making a contribution towards their project. It was agreed that this would be considered at precept stage by the Council in December.

962. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Kendall pointed out that residents in Bells Lane had complained that balls kept getting over their walls from the adjoining recreation ground. He further requested that the Parish Council consider moving the seating from its present position on the footpath in the recreation ground to another part of the field and also if the footpath could be effectively moved or fenced off in some way. The Chairman pointed out that this was a public footpath and, as such, outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. Mr. Davison undertook to discuss the problem with the residents concerned.

2. Mr. Goddard reported that the light outside 1 Merrylees Road was inoperative. The Clerk was requested to write to the County Councillor Paddy Casswell in order to obtain County Council assistance as far as repairs and notification of faults was concerned.

3. Mr. Davison pointed out that the waste paper bin at the corner of Mill Lane and Main Street was now out of the ground and that the bin at the library site was also in poor condition. It was also pointed out that the litter bin adjacent to 40 Preston Drive required attention. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council accordingly.

4. Mr. Davison requested information on the results of Marshall Fry's inspection of the playground equipment on Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that this was still awaited.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
AUGUST 1989.

As part of my efforts to work closely with Parish Councils in the Markfield Electoral Division (Bagworth, Barlestone, Markfield, Newbold Verdon and Stanton under Bardon), I hope to produce a regular written report covering recent developments on the County Council.

In these reports I shall include any items of particular local relevance which come up, as well as issues of more general interest which will affect people across the County. If any Parish Council or individual Councillor has an interest in any particular field, I would like to hear of this, in order for me to provide relevant information.

GENERAL.

1. Future Strategy Council passed a jointly agreed Labour/Democrat resolution which included the following priorities:- new approaches on access to information/advice. Consultation with the public. More opportunities for under 5s. Developing education/training for adults. Encouraging use of public transport. Controlling waste disposal. Review of day and residential care. Implementation of a strategy for job creation, training and economic development.
2. Occupational Therapy. A backlog of assessments for aids and adaptations for disabled people continues to increase, caused in the main by a shortage of Occuaptional Therapists who carry out the work. Council agreed to increase salaries, and to look at alternative ways of reducing the backlog, though there is an increasingly serious national problem.
3. Playschemes. Council agreed more money for playschemes in N.E.Leicestershire, but rejected a Labour amendment asking for a look at rural poverty across the county.
4. Heavy Lorries. Council agreed to a Labour amendment objecting to raising of lorry weight limits to 40 tonnes.

LOCAL.

1. Leicester-Burton Railway. Final decision awaits the result of applications for various grants. The most crucial of these applications - from the Dept of Transport - cannot be made until British Rail has confirmed the capital costs. However, response from other sources has been encouraging. District Councils, including Hinckley & Bosworth and N.W.Leics have offered contributions, as have a number of private companies.
2. Casework. Since becoming County Councillor, I have been approached by a number of individuals on various issues, including highways, footpaths, grass-cutting, environmental health, occupational therapy (see above), and housing. Although some matters have not been the province of the County Council, I have taken them up with the relevant authority.
3. Committees. I have been appointed to the following County Council Committees; Environment, Planning, Schools, and Libraries, Arts & Museums. In addition, I am the Council representative on the Cliffe Hill Quarry Liaison Comittee.
4. Newbold Toddler Park Project. I was happy to lend my support for grant aid to help towards the building of a play area for 2-8 year olds. Urban Policies Committee granted £1000 towards the project.

Paddy Casswell C.C.
28/08/89