MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2ND APRIL 1990 AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners: 6

53. APOLOGIES - None

54. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 1990, having previously been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

55. MONTAGUE CHARITY

Mr. A. Hurst, a member of the Trustees, presented the Montague Trust Award in the form of a shield for this year's best kept allotment to Mr. John Henry Neville.

56. ACCOUNTS

Payable:	£
1. Leicestershire Rural Community Council - Best Kept Village Comp. Entry Fee 1990	6.00
2. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Non-domestic community charge - Pavilion Period of charge: 1.4.90 - 31.3.91	216.64
3. Severn Trent Water Ltd. (A/c Payee) a)Unmeasured sewerage charge (Pavilion) Period of charge: 1.4.90 - 31.3.91	10.33
b)Churchyard Water Supply Period of charge: 1.4.90 - 31.3.91	22.50
4. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Invoice No. 0199885 - Replacement public seat Dragon Lane	145.00
5. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council - Non-domestic community charge - Cemetery Period of charge 1.4.90 - 31.3.91	12.18
6. Leicestershire County Council Maintenance contract charges 1.4.89 - 31.3.90 (including brook and ditch work excl. plant hire). Plus all additional works	4,861.72
7. E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages - 5.3.90 - 1.4.90 - 4 wks. at £20 per week	80.00
8. E. A. Walsh - Clerk's salary March 145.83 expenses " 25.20	171.03
9. Coalville Crime Prevention Panel	300.00
TOTAL	5,825.40

Received:

	£
1. Jubilee Inn FC - Hire fees Alans Way Playing Field: Dec 89, Jan & Feb 90	180.00
2. Swan FC - Hire fees Alans Way Playing Field: (same period)	90.00
3. Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Hire fees Alans Way Playing Field (same period)	56.00
4. Gillivers - Memorial fee re Joseph Nutting (decd.)	15.00
TOTAL	341.00

57. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Chief Executive of the Leicestershire County Council inviting two members of the Parish Council to attend the Annual County Service due to be held at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Melton Mowbray at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 22nd April 1990. It was agreed that any members interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

2. The Clerk reported that the annual notice of audit had been received and that he would deal with the posting of the public notices in due course.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Development, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in relation to the Cadeby Homes development and their removal of an ash tree at the residential development site. The Director pointed out that it was not possible to save the tree because the roots were in close proximity to one of the intended dwellings and Building Control Officers had required its removal. The Director further pointed out that a landscaping scheme for the general treatment of the development had not yet been completed and that he hoped to finalise arrangements on this matter shortly. Mrs. J. Crooks, Borough Councillor confirmed that the next planning meeting of the Borough Council was due to take place on 17th April and undertook to confirm whether or not the Council's previous concerns in relation to delays on landscaping schemes were going to be addressed by the Planning Committee.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services confirming that the problem with the fencing in Pasture Lane was being dealt with by the Council's Property Maintenance Controller. Secondly, that the question of street lighting on the garage sites at Preston Drive would be considered by the Council's Housing Committee after the budget meetings at the end of the current calendar year had been held. The question of dog fouling was being dealt with by the Council's dog warden.

5. A letter had been received from the County Council's Director of Property regarding tree planting in Mill Lane confirming that a further four standard trees were to be planted in the grass verge and that the work would be completed by the end of March 1990.

6. An annual appeal letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council requesting a contribution towards the general funds of the Council. The members noted the letter and it was agreed that no further action should be taken.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Development regarding the proposed environmental improvement programme. The Borough Council had allocated a sum of £4,900 for the Parish to be spent on environmental improvement schemes and the Council were placed on notice that these monies should be spent by the end of March 1991 at the very latest. The members agreed that the proposal to purchase the corner plot at the junction of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street as a general improvement programme should be passed to the Borough Council with a request that the purchase cost and accommodation works form a charge on the sum made available by the Borough Council for the Parish under the scheme. As far as any remainder of the sum was concerned, the members requested that the Clerk write to the Borough Council requesting that as many of the outstanding items from the Borough Council's last environmental improvement programme that were not completed be attended to, viz: (a) improvement works at the junction of Bells Lane and Main Street to form a cobbled footpath, (b) general improvement of the 'butcher's corner', Main Street.

It was also agreed that if members had any further suggestions to be included within the programme they should be submitted to the Clerk before the end of April 1990 to enable him to notify the Borough Council as soon as possible.

8. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club requesting permission for the use of both the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground pitch and the Alans Way football pitch for the forthcoming 1990/91 football season. The members confirmed their agreement and instructed the Clerk to notify the Secretary accordingly.

9. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance regarding the overdrawn Parish balance for 1989/90 and informing the Council that the 1990/91 community charge had now been set and included the additional amount to recover the outstanding balance of £247.89. This would have the effect of increasing the charge per charge-payer by approximately 10p. Members were also notified that the sum representing the Parish Council's election costs for filling its casual vacancy by election in May 1989 were also included. The letter was noted and the Clerk was instructed to increase the Parish Council's precept demand when calling for payment from the Borough Council.

58. COALVILLE CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

The Clerk reminded the members of their resolution to support the programme for fitting door guards to provide

additional security to the elderly within the community. At the Council's November meeting it was agreed that the Parish would contribute the sum of £300 to the Panel by way of sponsorship for the fitting of door guards to residents' homes in Newbold on the understanding that the Panel would refund to the Parish any unspent balance. The Clerk was asked to pay the contribution as agreed.

59. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Chairman reported that a site meeting had been held on 11th March 1990 when the members had taken the opportunity of inspecting the play equipment and comparing the quotations received from Marshall Fry Ltd. and Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. in relation to the remedial costs for the damaged equipment. After some considerable discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should accept the quotation from Marshall Fry Ltd. since it was more comprehensive in terms of the amount of work that could be done to rectify the damaged equipment. The Clerk was asked to place an order accordingly in the sum of £769 + VAT. It was agreed that a separate quote be sought in an attempt to remedy defects in the Moonprobe.

60. ACQUISITION OF LAND - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD ENTRANCE

The Clerk reported that it was now necessary to make an approach to the owners solicitors to confirm the Council's intention to purchase the land between the entrance to the playing field and Alans Way. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a plan together with a description and exact area of the land proposed to be sold and that, upon receipt thereof, the Clerk be authorised to instruct the District Valuer to confirm his acceptance of the purchase terms.

61. PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

It was agreed that the Parish Annual Meeting should be held on 21st May 1990.

62. NEWBOLD VERDON CRICKET CLUB - PAVILION EXTENSION

Mr. R. Watson declared his interest in this item. Mr. Graham Law produced a plan showing his proposal for the extension of the pavilion which had been completed by professional architects. The proposals received favourable consideration from the members and it was agreed that the Council should proceed with a planning application. Mr. Law confirmed that the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club would be happy to pay for the preparation of any necessary plans and the Clerk was authorised to liaise with Mr. Law with a view to arranging for completion of the plans and any necessary building control requirements that would be needed. The members agreed to the appointment of Messrs. Ashley John Architects for the purpose of the plan preparation.

63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/0272/4 - Mr. J. Bibby, 12 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Planning application for extension to rear of property with pitched roof. No comment.

90/0348/4 - Mr. M. Matson, 33 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a two storey extension at rear of property and a conservatory. No comment.

90/0339/4 - Mr. A. Rogers, 6 Mallory Close, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for an extension to the side of the property above existing garage.

64. PLANNING APPROVALS

89/0390/4 - Planning permission to Mr. A. Statham, of 26a Newbold Road, Barlestone to build a detached house (outline) adjacent to 35 Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon.

89/1445/4 - Planning permission for Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, 63 Arnold Crescent for a two storey extension to dwelling with a garage.

89/1459/4a - Planning consent to Leicester Housing Development Services to display advertisement in the form of a single gantry board sign adjacent to 80 Main Street, Newbold Verdon.

65. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

A Parishioner asked if the Parish Council could write to the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council to request the removal of a soil heap that had been left in the public highway adjacent to Hill Street/Taylor Street in the village. The Clerk was asked to write accordingly.

66. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence reported that a lorry had collided with the branch of a tree outside 37 Arnolds Crescent and that the branch had been left in a dangerous state. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council Highways Department requesting immediate attention.

2. Mrs. Spence reported that the recent village litter pick had resulted in 18 bags of rubbish being collected and that the majority of the litter had been found outside shops and business premises in the village. Mrs. Spence suggested that in view of the fact that the Parish Council had recently entered the Best Kept Village Competition, letters should be sent to every shopkeeper and business proprietor in the village asking them to assist in the Council's campaign to keep the village tidy by ensuring that their own sites were maintained in a tidy state. The members generally agreed that this was a good idea.

3. Mr. Hurst reported that children had been witnessed throwing crisp bags from the school site into the cemetery and that on one occasion alone, seven crisp bags had been deposited. The Clerk was asked to write to the Headmaster of the school pointing out the Parish Council's objection to this and requesting that he take immediate action to ensure that it did not recur.

4. Mr. Davison pointed out that there were not only two shrubs left on the planted areas on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and wondered if the members would be willing to consider planting further shrubs. After some discussion it was agreed that this should be addressed again after the completion of the Toddler Park Project.

5. Mr. Davison reported that a concrete section from a public seat had been deposited in the middle of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and that it required removal. The members agreed to attend to this personally.

6. Mr. Davison pointed out that another bollard had been snapped off at the site of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground public footpath adjacent to the Baptist Chapel and the Clerk was once again asked to attend to the replacement.

7. Mr. Davison pointed out that the hedge on the north side of the recreation ground towards the Dragon Lane boundary was considerably overgrown and overhanging the footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to both the Borough Council's Housing Department and the East Midlands Electricity Board as owners of the adjacent sub-station site requesting immediate attention.

8. Mr. Hurst informed the meeting that the hedge of the property at 41 Main Street was considerably overgrown and overhanging the footpath. It was reported that the property was vacant and was in the hands of local agents, G.A. Property Services Ltd. The Clerk was asked to write to the agents requesting early attention.

9. The Chairman pointed out that during the recent storms, the bus shelter on Desford Road had toppled over and requested the Clerk to arrange for it to be re-erected. The Clerk confirmed that an order had recently been sent.

10. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a complaint from a local resident that buses were failing to step on Desford Road owing to the fact that a City Bus stop had been removed. The Clerk was asked to write to Leicester City Bus to request that it be replaced.

11. Mr. Watson reported that the 'No Through Road' sign for Pasture Lane had been seen lying on Oaks Drive and further that the Alans Way name sign had still not been replaced. The Clerk was asked to notify the Borough Council accordingly.

12. The Chairman also reported his concern that a tarmac lorry belonging to Fosse Tarmac was constantly being parked on Main Street opposite the junction with Brascote Lane, and the Clerk was asked to write to the Company requesting that this practice cease.

13. Mrs. Spence asked the members to commend the excellent service being provided by Mr. Bell in the performance of his duties as Caretaker and the members all agreed.

AT THIS POINT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

67. ACQUISITION OF LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF MAIN STREET/ARNOLDS CRESCENT

The Clerk reported that the District Valuer's report and valuation had been received in respect of the proposed purchase of the above land from Mr. G. E. Alton. The members agreed that they should proceed with the purchase but that in view of the Borough Council's environmental improvement programme, the District Valuer's report should be made available to the Director of Administration and Finance at the Borough Council with a request that the Borough Council proceed with the purchase of the land together with the necessary accommodation works to form a substantial part of the Parish Council's allocation within the current year's environmental improvement programme.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 P.M.