MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 1990 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (in the Chair), B. R. Davison, J. R. Watson, H. M. Francks, D. Colledge, S. Spence, A. Hurst, E. A. Walsh (Clerk).
Parishioners: One M. Nanslay

151. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Borough Councillor Mrs. J. Crookes.

152. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

153. ACCOUNTS

Payable:		£
EMEB - Pavilion Electricity charges		93.02
Marshall Fry Ltd.		
Play equipment repairs	769.00	
VAT	115.35	884.35
E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages		
5.11.90 - 2.12.90 - 4 wks at £20		80.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerk's Salary		
November	166.66	
Expenses	47.91	214.57
		1,271.94

Received:		
Swan FC - Pitch fees		72.00
Leic. Co-op Funeral Services Ltd.		
Memorial fee - George Sharratt decd.		15.00
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Pitch fees		72.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd.		
Interment fees - Mary Statham decd.		15.00
		174.00

154. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from Mr. P. Casswell, CC, requesting information regarding the proposed extensions to the pavilion on Alans Way Playing Field. The letter was noted but members expressed their concern that Mr. Casswell would be better informed of these matters if he was to attend the meetings.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation once again detailing the provision of a "Waste Line" confidential 24-hour telephone service upon which members of the public could report cases of illegal dumping within the Parish. A small placard with the telephone number was also enclosed and this was left with the Clerk to site as necessary. The letter was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Principal Chief Officer of the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council giving details of the proposed appeal against an adverse planning decision by CPL Ltd. in respect of the Borough Council's refusal of permission to erect a single storey office building at Church View, Dragon Lane. The members had no objections to make and the appeal and the letter were noted.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Development at the Borough Council notifying the Parish of the need to re-apply for temporary planning consent in order to retain the wooden storage shed on the Alans Way Playing Field. The Clerk was authorised to complete the necessary application forms prior to the expiry of the existing consent on 28th Jan 1991.

5. Letters had been received from the Director of Public Service in respect of the following:-

a) Litter bin at the junction of Mill Lane and Main Street - instructions had been given for the bin to be repainted as soon as possible. The letter was noted.

b) Alans Way street name plate - arrangements were being made for the name plate bearing the words 'leading to sports field' to be erected and the Parish would be invoiced in due course. The letter was noted.

c) Drainage gully, Dragon Lane Recreation Ground - The Director pointed out that the free drain cleansing service was not available to the Parish Council in respect of the blocked gully to the rear of the Baptist Chapel as the service in question was only for clearing of blockages within private sewerage systems and not storm water drains. The members discussed the matter and Mr. Mensley kindly offered to look into the problem and report back to the Council's next meeting.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Development enclosing a letter from the Faculty of Law at the University of Bristol where research was being undertaken to establish evidence of the old inclosure awards. As any records of these awards affecting the Parish were retained by the County Archivist it was agreed to forward the letter to that office for a direct reply.

7. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior FC indicating that the football goal posts are not taken down because they are jammed into the base and cannot be removed. Members generally disagreed with

with this view and it was agreed that Mr. Preston and Mr. Watson would undertake to remove the posts in the hope that subsequently the club would do likewise.

8. A letter had been received from Mr. Philip Powell, a local parishioner, seeking the approval of the Parish Council to the private hire of the sports pavilion for a New Year Eve's party. Mr. Powell suggested that the party would be on an invitation basis only and numbers would be unlikely to exceed 20. No cars would be involved and, therefore, use of the car park would not be required. It was agreed that subject to the Clerk obtaining details of insurance from Mr. Powell and subject to the condition that the hire would cease at no later than 1.00 am on 1st January, the hire should be approved at a cost of £30.

155. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - ARNOLDS CRESCENT

The Director of Development at the Borough Council had recently forwarded details of the hard and soft landscaping schemes for the Parish's only category A scheme forming part of the overall Environmental Improvement Programme. The hard landscaping scheme included the cost of providing and installing a public seat at the location of the site (being the corner of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street). It was unanimously agreed that there should be no public seat at this location since it was felt that this would form a meeting place for undesirables and it was suggested that as the cost of the seat was included in the programme, perhaps this could be relocated to a site on the Alans Way Playing Field. It was agreed that the Clerk should make these views known to the Borough Council.

156. STREET SIGN - CADLE STREET

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Crookes had made enquiries in relation to this matter and had confirmed that the existing Montague Close sign would shortly be replaced by a sign depicting that it was Cadle Street. The matter was noted.

157. SITING OF "NO TIPPING" SIGN

There being no suggestions as to the location for this sign, it was agreed that this be left to the Clerk to determine as necessary.

158. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - 1991/92

The Clerk reported that tenders in respect of the maintenance contract for the next financial year had been received. The Clerk had evaluated them and reported that the lowest was that of W. D. &. B. Harding & Son. The members resolved to accept the tender.

159. PAVILION EXTENSION

The Clerk reported that Messrs. Moore & Gibson had confirmed that they would be able to commence work on the pavilion extension in the first week of February and that the work

would take approximately 3 weeks to complete. Following an evaluation of all the tenders received, the members agreed to accept Moore & Gibson's quotation subject to them confirming that the building works in terms of materials would all match the existing ones.

160. HALL FARM

The Chairman explained to the members that he had been approached by the new owner of Hall Farm with his outline proposals for general improvement and redevelopment works on the site. The owner wished to advise the Parish Council that he wants to keep members fully informed of his plans in order to gain the support of the Parish in advancing his ideas through to a planning application. It was the owner's intention to attend a Parish Council meeting with his planning agent, however at this stage his plans had not been furthered along sufficiently to make a comprehensive presentation.

The Chairman pointed out that some of the owner's proposals included a tree planting scheme, some development and restoration of the Hall itself, the removal of a Dutch barn and cobbling of the front yard. The members agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the January meeting in the hope that the matter could be discussed then.

161. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/1278/4 - LWK Ltd. High Tor West, Keates Lane, Earl Shilton. Planning application for a new unit of shop/office for building society use. The Parish Council objected to this application on the basis that it would be prejudicial to the amenity of the adjoining Ivy Cottage which is a listed building. A similar objection was made by the Council in respect of the recent proposal to develop the land on the corner of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent and also to an application in September.

90/1239/4 - Lioncove Ltd., 36 Evington Road, Leicester. Application for planning permission for revised house type at Plot 8 The Paddocks, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

90/1265/4 - Mr. A. Statham, Bagworth Road, Barlestone. Application for planning permission for the change of use of shop premises at 129 Main Street, Newbold Verdon to a restaurant. No comment.

90/1225/4 - D. J. Perridge, 103 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a sunroom at the above premises. No comment.

90/1202/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Barns, 7 Gilberts Drive, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission to add a porch and replace existing flat roof with a pitched roof at the above premises. No comment.

90/1178/4 - Mr. M. Dixon, 145 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a first floor bedroom

conversion of garage to living room and new garage. No comment.

162. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None.

163. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Mensley raised the following points:

a) He pointed out that the rubbish that he had reported at the last meeting had been removed from Harrys Lane.

b) He reported that another accident had occurred at the junction of Harrys Lane with Barlestone Road. The Parish Council had recently reported this dangerous location to the Divisional Surveyor and it was suggested that another letter be sent to him requesting that at the very least appropriate signs, e.g. concealed entrance/slow signs, should be erected.

c) He pointed out that visitors to Pine Tree Close were experiencing difficulty locating the road owing to the fact that Oaks Drive only states that it leads to Peters Avenue. The problem was noted.

2. Mr. Hurst reported that he had attended a meeting at the Coalville Police Station where a "Vehicle Watch Scheme" was discussed. Apparently participants in the scheme have a sign fixed to their vehicle windows and any cars displaying this sign will thereafter be stopped by police patrols. Apparently the idea of the scheme is that the police will then be able to confirm that the driver of the car is either the owner or duly authorised to be driving it. Any parishioners interested in participating in the scheme should contact Mr. Hurst.

3. Mr. Davison raised the following:

a) He reported that Playscape had relaid the liner at the site of the toddler park project.

b) He pointed out that litter bins were still not being locked back onto their stands. He further pointed out that the village litter picker is not performing his duties as required. He is apparently collecting shop waste and not litter and there was further evidence that he was still collecting leaves, the litter being left behind. The Chairman pointed out that the Borough Council's competitive street cleansing services were due to commence in January 1991 and it was agreed that these problems should be left until the performance of the Council's new contractor could be established.

4. Mrs. Spence raised the following:

a) She reported that she had seen a programme on the television advertising the use of a graffiti removal spray and suggested that the Parish Council seek to obtain a similar solvent for use in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek to establish what products and services were used by the County Council.

b) She reported that she had received a complaint from a parishioner who had seen a gang of youths in the village kicking the litter bins at 11.30 pm. The Chairman said that this was a police matter and that it was hoped that an increased police profile would help to alleviate this problem.

5. Mr. Watson asked whether the Clerk had yet been able to obtain a copy of the Parish Council's Bye Laws and, if so, why a copy of these had not been displayed. The Clerk confirmed that he had obtained copies of the Bye Laws and Mr. Watson agreed to display these in a size and form that would prevent their deterioration.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM