MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 1990 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

25. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from P. Casswell, CC.

26. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 1990, having previously been circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

27. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

		£
1. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Pavilion rates - 1.4.89 to 31.3.90		175.14
2. EMEB Electricity charges - Pavilion to 31.1.90 (Estimated account)		37.07
3. E. H. Bell. Caretaker's wages 8.1.90 to 3.2.90 - 4 weeks at £20		80.00
4. E. A. Walsh - Salary and expenses		
January salary	145.83	
Expenses	24.25	170.08
		462.29

Received:

Hinckley Magistrates Court Compensation (Final payment)	25.00

28. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letters had been received from Mesdames Murphy and Bates in relation to the installation of paving slabs over their late parents' and grandparents' grave and requesting that the Parish Council remove the same. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should request W. D. & B. Harding & Sons to remove both concrete blocks adjacent to the site and thereafter Mr. Hurst would be willing to consider carrying out further accommodation works to include the erection of a small wattle fence. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the complainants and notify them of the Council's intentions.

2. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the rating of non-domestic properties from 1.4.90. The Parish Council had been notified that the rate in the £ had been fixed by the Government for

1990/91 at 34.8p in the £ and that accordingly rate accounts for the forthcoming financial year would be sent out in March. The letter was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Peckleton Cricket Club requesting a decision in principle from the Parish Council as to whether or not it would be willing for the forthcoming cricket season onwards to allow the Peckleton Cricket Club use of the Alans Way cricket facilities as it was shortly to lose its own wicket. It was agreed that the details of the request would be passed to the Newbold Cricket Club's AGM which was due to be held on 7th February and that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting to be considered further.

4. A letter had been received from the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club stating that it was not responsible for the removal of the practice goalposts from their original position on the Alans Way Playing Field. A request was made for the provision of a further set of goalposts to prevent the need for the practice posts to be moved each match. The members pointed out that a full set of posts is available at the side of the storage shed on the Alans Way Playing Field and the Clerk was requested to advise the Football Club of this.

5. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the Parish Council's suggestion for the joint funding of a new bus shelter at the Preston Drive/Dragon Lane site of the Borough Council's new bungalows. The Borough Council's Management Team considered that the provision of bus shelters was a Parish function and as such were not able to offer any financial assistance. The Parish Council expressed the view that the suggestion had been made really for the benefit of the Borough Council's Housing Department and in view of the Borough Council's response would insist that the bus shelter remain in its present location. The Clerk would write to the Borough Council accordingly.

6. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the residential development at Church Farm by Lioncove Ltd. confirming that the developer had failed to submit details of a landscape scheme for the approval of the Local Planning Authority. However, the District Planning Officer was of the view that there was no evidence of any trees, the subject of the planning consent, having been removed by the developer. The Clerk was asked to write and advise the Planning Officer that at least 8 or 9 trees had been removed to date, albeit that they were not the poplar trees to the south of the site.

7. A letter had been received from the District Valuer's Office regarding the proposed sale by Mr. G. E. Alton of land at the junction of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent to the Parish Council at a price of £750. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Valuer and request him to re-open negotiations.

8. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the replacement of the damaged seat on Dragon Lane assuring the Council that the Borough had every intention of honouring its commitment to replace the damaged seat at the originally quoted price of £145. The Clerk was asked to reply to the Borough Council giving them permission to install the seat.

9. A letter had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council regarding the transfer of functions from the County Council to the Borough Council in relation to street cleansing from January 1990 onwards. It was generally felt that the letter was not very informative and members expressed the wish to invite Mr. D. Lee, the Borough Council's Highways, Sewers and Cleansing Controller to their next meeting.

29. NEWBOLD VERDON CRICKET CLUB - GARAGE/STORE

Roger Watson, as Manager of the Cricket Club, had circularised members with details of the Club's financial estimates for both capital and revenue costs for the forthcoming season. Mr. Watson duly declared his interest in the matter but made himself available to answer the members' questions. Considerable discussion took place on whether the Parish Council wished to provide a separate garage or store. Mr. Watson explained that the cricket club had hoped the Parish would provide the building as it would be sited on Parish Council land. It was generally agreed that the Council would prefer to extend the existing pavilion to accommodate storage of sports equipment rather than purchase a store or garage. In the circumstances, it was agreed that the Council would look at the cost of extending its existing pavilion and that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

30. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - BROOK AND DITCH

Several of the members had inspected the works undertaken by the County Council's Technical Services Unit in clearing out the brook and ditch at the above site. It was generally felt that there was still considerable silting of the brook but that this could not be avoided in view of the fact that the brook would find its own level. Inspection revealed that there was still considerable scrub plants remaining in the brook which could do with clearing away. In addition a large soil heap had been left on the playing field site and the members were in some confusion as to whether or not Technical Services had in fact finished the job. The Clerk pointed out that no accounts had yet been received from the County Council for any of the work undertaken by the Technical Services Unit. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Director inviting him to confirm whether any additional work was required to be done to complete the job in question and also to reiterate the Council's concern about the outstanding maintenance contract accounts.

31. CEMETERY EXTENSION - ALLOCATION OF PLOTS

Mrs. Francks had requested this as an agenda item and asked that the Parish Council consider the allocation of small plots

for the burial of cremation caskets. It was suggested that a half-size plot would provide for approximately 4 caskets. Mrs. Francks wondered if the Council would consider setting aside part of the new cemetery extension for this use. It was agreed that this matter could be discussed again at a future date but in the meantime it was resolved to get the extension landscaped, mown and properly surveyed beforehand.

32. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None

33. PLANNING APPROVALS

89/1330/4 - Planning permission for Mr. P. Gracyzk of 22 Bells Lane, Newbold Verdon to erect a garage/kitchen and first floor extension.

89/1520/4 - Planning permission for Mrs. P. M. Storer of The Bungalow, Barlestone Road, Newbold Verdon to erect a bedroom extension.

89/1468/4 - Planning permission for Mr. Boyes of 19 Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon to erect a two-storey extension.

89/1407/4 - Planning permission for Mr. R. De Casembroot of The Old Rectory,16 Bells Lane, Newbold Verdon to convert the coach house at that address into accommodation for an elderly relative.

34. PLANNING REFUSALS

89/1337/4 - Refusal of planning permission for Mr. A. Rogers of 6 Mallory Close, Newbold Verdon to extend at the side of his dwelling with a garage as it was felt that the proposed first floor side extension sited only 9 m. from the principle rear windows of 14 Willow Close would have an unacceptable overbearing effect on that property which would result in the creation of an oppressive environment to the detriment of the residential amenities currently enjoyed by the occupants of that property.

89/1421/4 - Refusal of planning permission to Mr. Clinton for the erection of a new bungalow adjacent to his property at 50 Sparkenhoe, Newbold Verdon as it was felt that (a) it would form an unduly cramped and prominent element and as such would be detrimental to the visual appearance of the surrounding area, (b) it would be contrary to the policy of the Local Planning Authority which seeks to resist single storey development in excess of 3m along a common boundary in the interests of providing an adequate standard of amenity for existing residential property, and (c) the application made no provision for off-street parking.

35. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME - None

36. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence reported that the litter bin outside the Old White Swan Public House had been fire damaged. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to request a replacement.

Mrs. Spence also pointed out that the road nameboard was missing on Alans Way. The Clerk was asked to write to the appropriate Council accordingly.

2. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the litter problem on Mill Lane was still acute and was pleased to note that Mr. Lee was being invited to the Council's next meeting so that the matter could be discussed with him.

3. Mr. Goddard pointed out that the drains on Hill Street were continually flooding and doubts were expressed that gully cleaning was being adequately carried out. The problem was noted.

4. Mr. Goddard also asked whether the Council would consider writing to the County Council to request the installation of a street lamp midway through the pedestrian alleyway between Preston Drive and Montague Close. The Clerk was asked to write accordingly.

5. Mr. Davison asked whether the County Council had yet responded on the subject of the replacement trees on Mill Lane. The Clerk reported that his last letter to the Forestry Department had been sent on 10th November and that to date no reply had been received although he undertook to chase the matter up further.

6. Mr. Davison also enquired whether there was any further information regarding the flooding outside the Old White Swan Public House. The Clerk reported that Mr. P. Casswell, CC had notified him that the Divisional Highways Surveyor had confirmed that the accommodation works and drainage improvements affecting the footpath and carriageway outside the Old White Swan would be completed by the end of March 1990. This was noted.

7. Mr. Kendall asked whether the posts at the entrance to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground adjacent to the Baptist Chapel could be painted white similar to those on Bells Lane and in addition the posts on the same recreation ground adjacent to the garage site on Preston Drive. The Clerk was asked to place an order accordingly.

8. Mr. Kendall expressed concern on behalf of a parishioner regarding erosion of the carriageway surface in Bells Lane through flooding and asked whether the Parish Council had any powers to remedy the situation. The Chairman pointed out that Bells Lane was an unadopted public right of way and that as such nothing could be done by the Parish Council in the absence of a formal adoption of the land in question.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.