MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 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, J. Crookes, E. A. Walsh (Clerk). 3 Parishioners.

11. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from B. R. Davison, S. Spence, D. Colledge and R. Kendall.

12. MINUTES

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

13. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

		£
1. Severn Trent Water Ltd.		
Measured water charge - playing field & pavilion	88.39	
Sewage & environmental charge -pavilion	15.23	103.62
2. W. D. & B. Harding & Son		
Provision & removal of Xmas tree	35.00	
VAT	5.25	40.25
3. M. B. Mensley		
Supply of water heater	49.42	
VAT	7.41	56.83
4. E. H. Bell - caretaker's wages 4.12.89 - 7.1.90 (5 wks at £20)		100.00
5. E. A. Walsh - Salary December	145.83	
Typing	20.00	
Mileage (16 miles at 50p per mile - Archivist)	8.00	
Postage	2.30	176.13
TOTAL		476.83

Received:

1. Ginns & Gutteridge - interment fees re Evelyn Edna Morris	15.00
2. Swan FC - Sept/Oct/Nov fees	90.00
3. Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Sept/Oct/Nov fees	88.00
4. Hinckley Magistrates Court - Payment of compensation	40.00

5. Jubilee Inn FC - Sept/Oct/Nov fees		216.00
6. Gillivers -		
Sale of new grave re Mabel Matilda and interment	51.00	
Plus one reserved plot	72.00	
Sale of new grave re Joseph Nutting and interment	51.00	
Interment of ashes of Willoughby Dowell decd.	30.00	
Sale of new grave & interment of Hilda Irene Leonard	51.00	255.00
7. Dukeries Funeral Service - Interment of John Joseph Cave		30.00
8. Hinckley Magistrates Court -		
Compensation	40.00	
Compensation	40.00	80.00
9. G. Seller & Co. - Interment fees for Winifred Mary Statham		15.00
	TOTAL	829.00

14. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A quotation had been received from Messrs. Harding & Son in respect of the proposed accommodation works in the Cemetery extension. The members agreed to accept the quotation in the sum of £1,130 + VAT.

2. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire County Council regarding the proposals for the siting of the new Midlands Forest. It was agreed that this letter should be circulated for members information.

3. A letter had been received from Mr. P. Casswell, CC enclosing a copy of a letter he had received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council. The letter pointed out that subject to there being satisfactory locations for warning signs, they would be provided at the B582 junction. Further, the County Engineer undertook to ensure that overhanging vegetation did not impede visibility at the junction of Alans Way and Arnolds Crescent. The letter was noted.

4. A letter had been received from Cornhill Insurance in reply to the Clerk's request that the Council's insurers indemnify the Council in respect of any shortfall between compensation received and the actual costs of replacing the damaged public seat in Dragon Lane. The insurers pointed out that no cover was provided as the public seats had not been specifically designated as an insurable item. It was at this point also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council again reiterating the nature of the agreement for the replacement seat at a cost of £145.

5. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Association for the Disabled requesting support from the Parish for its forthcoming flag day by asking for volunteers to assist in their house to house street collection. The letter was noted. The Clerk was asked to reply to the Association and any volunteers should contact the Clerk.

6. The Clerk notified the Council that he had received a message from the District Valuer's Office in Loughborough to inform the Council that Mr. G. E. Alton, owner of the land at the junction of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent, was now willing to accept a reduced figure for the purchase price of the land. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm this and report back in due course.

15. MARSHALL FRY INSPECTION SCHEDULE

The inspection schedule following the inspection of the Dragon Lane play equipment had been circulated among members who were pleased with the nature of the report submitted by the company. It was agreed that before action could be taken to remedy the defective equipment, the Clerk should ask Marshall Fry if they could provide a quotation to carry out the repairs to the equipment referenced 1 - 5 on the schedule. The Clerk was also asked to contact Wicksteed in order to obtain an inspection and quotation from them also.

16. PAVILION SECURITY RAILINGS

This matter was again discussed at some length and the Clerk reminded members of the quotations received for installation of the proposed wrought iron work to the front of the pavilion. It was agreed that no further action be taken at this stage and to re-assess the position later in the summer.

17. NEWBOLD VERDON CRICKET CLUB - SITING OF GARAGE/STORE

Mr. Watson, on behalf of the cricket club, reminded the members that it was the Club's intention that the proposed garage would replace the existing storage shed and that, therefore, in addition to the sports equipment currently held in the shed, the new garage would also be used for housing the motorised roller, mower and cricket sight screens. It was suggested and agreed that the proposed site of the garage be just below the site of the old adventure playground against the hedge on the west side of the playing field. It was stressed that the Parish Council wanted to see a cosmetically attractive building and reserved the right to approve the same prior to any form of installation. It was generally agreed that matters in relation to planning requirements would be addressed at a later date.

18. SITE OF PUBLIC SEAT - DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND

This item had been requested by Mr. Davison on behalf of a parishioner who had complained that his fence was being

damaged and also that boys were standing on the public seat peering over the fence into his living room. The parishioner also reported that he had caught two boys shooting air pistols at his property. It was alleged that this nuisance was being precipitated by the position of the public seat and the parishioner was requesting that the seat be moved to a different location. It was pointed out that the public seat had been at that location for nearly 30 years and that the Council exercises a policy of refusing to re-site public seats to avoid setting precedents. The parishioner was advised of his legal right to claim compensation through the magistrates' court if a police prosecution was pursued.

19. SLABS/BIN AREA - CEMETERY

The Chairman pointed out that the concrete slabs that had recently been laid in order to tidy the dustbin area in the cemetery had unfortunately been laid over the site of an existing grave. The Chairman had received two complaints from relatives of the deceased. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the persons concerned to express the Council's regret over this unfortunate occurrence and hopefully seeking the agreement of the complainants to the slabs remaining in situ since they greatly improved the overall appearance of the dustbin area.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/1468/4 - Planning application by Mr. C., Boyes of 19 Brascote Lane to erect a two-storey side extension to his property. No comment.

89/1459/4A -Planning application by the Leicester Housing Development Services Ltd. to display an advertisement on land situate off Main Street. Noted.

89/1520/4 - Planning application by Mrs. P. M. Storer of The Bungalow, Barlestone Road to erect a bedroom extension at The Bungalow. No comment.

21. PLANNING APPROVALS

None

22. PARISH PRECEPT - 1990/91

It was resolved that the Parish Council approve a total precept of £23,025. The product of a £1 community charge rate in 1990/91 is £2,341, equal to £9.84 per community charge payer. The estimates as approved are attached to these minutes as schedule A.

23. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked why the removal of a public seat to a new location would set a precedent when one had already been

moved before. The Parish Council denied any knowledge of this allegation and put the parishioner to prove that this had in fact happened.

24. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Goddard pointed out that the goal post holes on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground did not have their socket covers installed. It was agreed that Mr. Goddard would establish whether or not the Junior Football Club intended to continue use of the football pitch and, if so, whether the sockets were still available for use.

2. Mr. Watson pointed out that the goal posts on the Alans Way Playing Field had still not been removed to the original practice pitch location as had been requested of the Junior Football Club. The Clerk undertook to chase the matter up.

3. Mr. Watson also asked that members inspect the work carried out on the brook and ditch recently by the Technical Services Unit and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting for further discussion.

4. Mrs. Francks requested that the question of allocating plots in the new cemetery extension be made an agenda item for the Council's next meeting.

5. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the street lighting column outside Kingdom Hall on Mill Lane was still inoperative despite recent remedial works by the County Council. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Engineer.

6. Mrs. Francks expressed her concern at the poor lighting at the turning off Barlestone Road towards Newbold Heath and asked whether the County Council could be persuaded to consider installing a lit road sign. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council.

7. The Chairman reiterated his concern regarding the excessive flooding on the footpath outside the Old White Swan Public House and asked that the Clerk once again chase the matter up with the brewery and the Divisional Highways Surveyor.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 P.M.

SCHEDULE 'A'

NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXPECTED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1990/91

	1989/90 ESTIMATES £	1990/91 ESTIMATES £
PLAYING FIELD DRAGON LANE		
Mowing, debris removal, fertilising reseeding	760	737
Repairs and maintenance	750	750
Inspection	45	45
Additional equipment (Toddler Park Project)	-	1,000
Trees	50	50
ARNOLDS CRESCENT) BRASCOTE LANE		
Maintenance	-	200
MALLORY CLOSE		
Mowing, debris removal, forking of beds	245	226
WAR MEMORIAL		
Maintenance	69	50
CHURCHYARD		
Mowing and maintenance charges	611	1,096
CEMETERY		
Mowing and maintenance charges	1,088	1,526
Rates - General and Water	50	50
Additional works - Garden of Remembrance	500	250
PARISH FLORAL TRIBUTE		
Verdon in Bloom 1990 (incl. war memorial decoration)	500	750
CEMETERY		
Fencing	1,000	-
Levelling and laying footpath	-	500
PLAYING FIELD ALANS WAY		
Mowing, debris removal, fertilising, reseeding	2,096	1,355
Annual fee - Access agreement	5	5
Repairs and maintenance	1,250	1,000
Additional equipment	500	500
Trees	100	100

	1989/90 ESTIMATES £	1990/91 ESTIMATES £
PAVILION		
Loan repayment on £25,000	2,750	2,750
Heating and lighting	500	350
Rates	550	300
Water rates	150	150
Cleaning	1,000	1,250
Maintenance	500	250
Insurance	150	150
SENIOR CITIZEN SECURITY	-	300
ACCESS AT ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD		
Purchase of land corner Main St./Arnolds Cresc.	-	1,000
Acquisition costs & professional fees	-	2,000
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Clerk's salary	1,750	2,000
Clerk's expenses	475	575
Audit fee	75	120
Hiring of meeting rooms	50	-
Subscriptions: L.A.PC. Reviews, Society of Local Council Clerks	150	150
Bus shelters	600	500
Noticeboards	100	-
Record and document books	40	-
Christmas Tree (less grant)	40	40
Insurance	400	450
Sundries, legal costs, Land Registry fees, adverts, typewriter service & repairs	500	500
see Note 1	£19,399	£23,025 see Note 2

Note 1: Product of 1p rate in 1989/90 was £2,942 equal to 6.59 in the £.

Note 2: Product of £1 community charge rate in 1990/91 is £2,341 equal to £9.84 per community charge payer.