MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2ND JULY 1990 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners: None

93. APOLOGIES

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

94. MINUTES

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

95. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
1.	Audit Commission Audit fee for 1989/90	116.03	
	VAT	17.40	133.43
2.	Severn Trent Water Ltd. Pavilion Metered Water supply		97.08
3.	E. H. Bell - wages 4.6.90 - 1.7.90 4 weeks at £20 per week + 5 weeks to 5.8.90		180.00
4.	E. A. Walsh - salary June/July	333.32	
	expenses	95.82	429.14
5.	Society of Local Council Clerks Annual subscription		29.00
6.	W. D. & B. Harding & Son Maintenance charges (June)	734.50	
	VAT	220.18	844.68
			1,713.33

Received:

1.	Newbold Verdon Cricket Club - Use of Alans Way Playing Field	180.00
2.	Customs & Excise - Refund of VAT	193.23
3.	Messrs. Gillivers - Memorial fee re Mrs. H. I. Leonard	15.00
		388.23

96. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A revised proposal for the Council's insurance had been received from Cornhill Insurance requesting early completion by the Parish Council. The new insurance would be underwritten by Alexander Stenhouse UK Ltd. jointly with Cornhill Insurance plc and Commercial Union Assurance. The Clerk was authorised to complete and return the proposal on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. A letter had been received from the County Council's Director of Property confirming that the Parish Council's request for maintenance of the grounds adjoining the library site had been passed to the Libraries and Information Service for their attention. The letter was duly noted.

3. A letter had been received from the EMEB regarding the boundary hedge adjoining the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground confirming that after investigation they believed the section of hedge in question to be the responsibility of the adjoining owner at 2 Preston Drive. However as a gesture of goodwill on this occasion, arrangements had been made to trim the hedge.

4. A letter had been received from Leicester Playscape regarding the Toddler Park Project and apologising for the delay in the completion of the work which had been caused by staffing problems out of their control. The letter confirmed that completion of the installation would be achieved by the week ending 20th June. The letter was noted.

5. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council regarding repairs to the carriageway adjacent to the new bungalows on Dragon Lane. The Director confirmed that instructions had been given to the County Council's Highways Department to undertake the necessary remedial works to the carriageway. The letter was duly noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Trader group of newspapers regarding papers being dumped in litter bins outside 22 Bells Lane. The newspaper group were grateful to the Parish Council for drawing the problem to their attention and confirmed that in fact two of their distributors had now ceased employment and it was hoped that the problem would not recur. The letter was noted.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Administration and Finance requesting confirmation from the Parish Council that the accommodation works requested by the Borough following the diversion of footpath s19 around the new land forming the extension to the cemetery had been carried out. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the Borough that an order had been placed for the work to be carried out and that it was hoped that this would be done shortly.

8. The Leicestershire Rural Community Council had confirmed that the village had reached the semi-final of the Best Kept Village Competition for 1990.

9. County Councillor Mr. P. Caswell forwarded a copy of a letter received from the Director of Libraries and Information regarding the Newbold Verdon library site and the Parish Council's request at its annual meeting for consideration of a more permanent library structure. The letter confirmed that the matter would be drawn to the attention of the Libraries Committee in due course.

10. A contract for the purchase of the land at the junction of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent had been received from the vendors solicitors and the Clerk was authorised to instruct solicitors to proceed with the purchase on the terms agreed.

11. A contract for the purchase of land forming the access to the Alans Way Playing Field had been received from the vendor's solicitors and the Clerk was authorised to instruct solicitors to proceed with the purchase on the terms agreed.

97. NEWBOLD TODDLER PARK PROJECT

The members were pleased to note that the Toddler Park Project had now reached a satisfactory completion and were therefore pleased to confirm the release of the Council's cheque in the sum of £1,000 towards the project costs. After some discussion the members expressed concern about the question of future maintenance of the site and it was agreed that the Clerk should invite members of the project to attend the Parish Council's next meeting.

98. LITTER BIN - MAIN STREET

The Clerk reported that the Principal of the Market Bosworth High School had asked the Parish Council to consider persuading the Borough Council to install another litter bin between 212 and 214 Main Street adjacent to the site where schoolchildren are collected by the school buses. It was agreed that the Clerk should make a formal request of the Borough Council and invite them to give favourable consideration to the request.

99. COUNTY QUESTIONS - QUIZ TROPHIES

This item had been requested by Mr. Kendall who had suggested that the Parish Council should consider providing trophies to the individual team members as a memento of their success in the 1990 County Questions Quiz championship. It was agreed that 6 small shields, suitably engraved with the names of the team members be provided and the Clerk was authorised to acquire these.

100. PLAYWALL - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

Some discussion took place regarding the erection of a playwall on the Alans Way Playing Field and it was finally agreed that Mrs. Spence would establish the cost of providing a suitable concrete wall so that members could then consider this with other alternatives and go out for quotations in due course. The matter was to be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/0657/4 - C.P.L. Ltd., Church View, Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for the demolition of a machinery shed and erection of a single storey building for office use and appurtenances. No comment.

90/0660/4 - Severn Trent Water Ltd. Planning application for permission to construct a new foul sewage pumping station to replace the existing station serving Newbold Heath. No comment.

102. PLANNING APPROVALS/REFUSALS

90/0541/4 - R. Smith, 1 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission to erect a garage at the above address.

90/0252/4 - Mr. Satchwell, 83 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Refusal of planning permission for extensions and alterations to dwelling at 65 Desford Road as it was felt the proposed extensions would result in the dwelling not being in scale and out of character with adjoining dwellings to the detrimental visual amenities of the area; and the proposed extensions to the side and rear would have an undesirable overbearing effect on the neighbour to the east of the site.

90/0506/4 - V. Hodkinson, 26 Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath. Refusal of planning permission for outline permission for a dwelling at the same address as it was felt that (a) the proposal was contrary to the Structure Plan; (b) such approval would set a precedent for further similar applications; and (c) development of the site would form an unacceptable development intruding into the open countryside.

90/0489/4 - Mr. E. J. McSherry, 35 Main Road, Newbold Verdon. Refusal of planning permission to erect a garage and to replace a hedge with a fence at the same address as the proposal lay within a Conservation area and it was felt that it would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area.

103. PLANNING APPEAL - LIONCOVE LTD. - THE PADDOCKS

The Chairman reported that he had attended the planning appeal and that it appeared as though Lioncove might be successful. He expressed concern over the way in which the Borough Council had failed to property apply the accepted delineations of the Newbold Village Plan and as a result the Parish Council expressed a wish to seek the views of the Director of Development on the actual status of the present Newbold Verdon Village Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Director in order to establish the position.

104. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None.

105. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst pointed out that the area outside the Old White Swan Public House was still flooded and was concerned that nothing had yet been done to effect the promised repairs.

2. Mr. Watson raised the following points:-

(a) A local parishioner had been flying a model aircraft from the Alans Way Playing Field. He notified members that he had advised the person concerned that it was unlawful to fly a model aircraft from the Council's playing field. The matter was noted.

(b) He requested that a copy of the Parish Bye Laws be posted at the entrance to the Alans Way Playing Field.

(c) He pointed out that the sign on Alans Way was still missing and asked that the Clerk write once again to the Borough Council requesting its replacement together with the addition of the words 'leading to sports field'.

3. Mr. Davison raised the following:-

(a) He pointed out that one of the sections of the barriers on Mill Lane was missing and appeared to be lying in one of the gardens of the properties nearby which were in the hands of GA Property Services for sale. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the agents accordingly.

(b) He requested permission from the Parish Council for the Leicestershire branch of the Association of Local and Parish Councils to have the use of the Alans Way pavilion facilities for their meeting on Monday 17th September 1990. The members duly agreed.

(c) He pointed out that the footpath at the top of Jubilee Road was in an untidy condition and the hedge was overgrown and requested that this be attended to by the County Council.

(d) He pointed out that there had been some delay in Marshall Fry effecting repairs to the play equipment on Dragon Lane and requested that they be asked to expedite this.

(e) He pointed out that the litter bins in the village appeared only to be emptied on a two-weekly cycle and they were overflowing. The problem was noted.

(f) He pointed out that the drain at the site of the Baptist Chapel was regularly blocked and that this caused a backflow into the Chapel and this was creating an obvious nuisance. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

(g) He pointed out that the following matters still required consideration by the Parish Council, viz. pavilion security railings, Alans Way Playing Field car park surface, cemetery

garden of remembrance, Alans Way car park gate. It was agreed that all these matters be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

(h) He asked whether the Parish Council had adopted any standing orders and, if so, whether these were available for inspection. The Chairman replied that there were no formal standing orders.

4. Mr. Goddard raised the following points:-

(a) He asked whether the Parish Council still had the services of the litter picker provided by the Borough Council and the Chairman replied in the affirmative.

(b) He pointed out that the litter bin outside the Country Fayre shop had no top on it and asked whether a swivel top could be fitted. The Clerk said he would look into the matter.

(c) He pointed out that the drain outside Mr. Davison's house on Mill Lane needed clearing out.

(d) He pointed out that recently a cyclist had suffered injury when his wheel had become jammed in the gully cover which had a diagonal construction and asked whether the County Council could be persuaded to replace the cover with a new one of a diagrid type.

5. Mrs. Spence reported the following:-

(a) that the residents on Bramble Drive appeared to be dumping rubbish at the rear of their properties into Pasture Lane and requested that a letter be sent to the County Council in an effort to alleviate the nuisance.

(b) She also reported that youths had been throwing stones from the car park at the Alans Way Playing Field into the gardens at the rear of properties on Peters Avenue. It was agreed that the problem of the car park surface should be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

(c) She reported that some of the edging stones on the flower beds on the car park had been vandalised. The matter was noted.

6. Mr. Kendall raised the following points:-

(a) He reported that footpath s16 had still not been trimmed by the County Council. The Chairman said that he was quite satisfied that the footpath was comfortably passable and that no further action should be taken.

(b) He reported that a car had been dumped in Bells Lane. It was reported to the Council that this matter had now been reported to the Police and was being dealt with.

7) Mr. Mensley wished to express his thanks to British Gas plc for filling in the hole at the end of Harry's Lane at its junction with Barlestone Road.

8) Mr. Preston pointed out that the Best Kept Village Competition trophy had now been at the County Primary School for some 18 months and suggested that this should now be returned so that it could be displayed in the pavilion. The members duly agreed.

106. NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Newbold Verdon Parish Council would be held on Monday 3rd September 1990.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.28 p.m.