MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 1990 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. Francks, R. Kendall, M. Mensley, D. Colledge, A. Hurst, B. R. Davison, S. Spence, R. Watson.
Mr. Lee (Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council)
E. A. Walsh (Clerk)
4 Parishioners

37. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Crookes.

38. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 1990, having previously been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

39. ACCOUNTS

			£
Payable:			
1. Public Works Loans Account Loan payment due 18.3.90			1290.87
2. Leicestershire County Council Envelopes			9.54
3. Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd. Pavilion light repairs/door stops VAT	87.21 13.08		100.29
4. E. H. Bell = Caretaker's wages 4.2.90 - 4.3.90 (4 weeks at £20)			80.00
5. E. A. Walsh Salary & expenses Feb Expenses	145.83 23.15		168.98
6. Leics. Assoc. of Parish and Local Councils - Annual subscription			147.58
			1797.26
Received:			
G. Seller & Co. Ltd.			
Memorial fees: A. J. Bates	15.00		
M. Langton	15.00		
N. Poole	15.00		45.00
			45.00

40. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Winged Fellowship Holidays for Disabled People requesting a contribution. The letter was noted.

2. The Clerk reported that invitations had been received to attend the Lord Mayor's Civic Ball on 28th April. It was agreed that anybody interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

3. A letter had been received from Allen Bostock (Builders) informing the Council that the Company were still intending to paint the bollards adjacent to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground but were at present awaiting more favourable weather conditions.

4. The Clerk reported that quotations had been received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. and Marshall Fry Ltd. in respect of remedial works to the play equipment on Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. A site meeting was arranged for 11th March.

5. A letter had been received from the Rural Community Council regarding the Best Kept Village Competition for 1990. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should enter this year's competition and the Clerk was authorised to complete the entry form.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Development at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council regarding the Lioncove residential development at Church Farm. The Director pointed out that the company's planning application had not demonstrated eight trees within the plot 1 site. A copy of the report of the Borough Council's officer of the Parks Section was annexed to the letter in support of the reply. The Director went on to say that he was in the process of seeking to agree the landscaping treatment for the development but that this was not formally agreed yet with the developers. Mr. Hurst offered to produce photographs of the development site prior to the commencement of the works which would, hopefully, clarify the position as far as the existence of the trees was concerned.

7. A letter had been received from County Councillor Paddy Casswell enclosing a letter from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that the improvement works to alleviate flooding outside the Old White Swan had been programmed by the County Council's Direct Labour Organisation to be completed prior to the end of March 1990. The letter was noted.

8. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council confirming that the matters of the litter bin outside the Old White Swan and the replacement nameplate for Alans Way had been sent to the Borough Council's Highways, Sewers and Cleansing Controller for his attention. The letter was noted.

9. A letter had been received from Mr. B. M. Childs of 16 Gilberts Drive, Newbold Verdon asking in principle whether the Council would be willing to consider the sale of a strip of land forming part of The Green at Mallory Close for the purpose of providing a site for a private single storey garage and off-street parking. After some consideration the

members agreed that the Council's policy in the past had been not to sell Parish Council land and it was proposed and seconded that this policy be confirmed. The members felt that the sale of land would set a precedent an therefore requested the Clerk to convey the Parish Council's regret to Mr. Childs.

41. NEWBOLD VERDON TODDLER PROJECT

The Clerk read a letter which had been received from the Chairman of the project pointing out their desire to avoid the construction of a fence round the proposed playing area. It was now proposed that treated gravel boards held in place by pegs should be used to retain the bark. Members of the project also sought advice from the members on what the Council would wish to be done with the top soil which was proposed to be excavated during the construction of the play area. Members considered this point and it was agreed that the majority of the top soil should be placed in the dewpond area of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground adjacent to the rear of the Baptist Chapel and the turf that would be removed from the play area be placed on top of the relocated top soil. Members of the project pointed out that Playscape would be responsible for erecting the play area and that the project members themselves would undertake the excavation of the site. It was hoped that the work would commence at the end of April 1990 or the beginning of May. It was pointed out that the fencing of the recreation ground adjacent to Dragon Lane was in need of some repair and a suggestion was made by Mr. Davison that a screen hedge be planted at this location. The members agreed to look at the safety element of this boundary at a later date. Members were generally in approval of the Toddler Park Project's requests.

42. STREET CLEANSING SERVICES

In response to an invitation from the Clerk, Mr. D. Lee, the Highways, Sewers and Cleansing Controller of the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the Borough Council's cleansing services, the function of which was due to be transferred from the County Council to the Borough Council from January 1990 onwards.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the Borough Council would be responsible for all of the cleansing through its direct labour organisation. He said that another Cleansing Inspector had been appointed recently and that two were, therefore, available for supervisory duties. He advised the members that whereas the County Council had paper picked and emptied litter bins in the village once a week, the Borough Council would undertake this work in the centre of the village once per day. Mechanical road sweeping would stay a function of the County Council and would be undertaken twice yearly along with gully emptying. All the de-littering of the village would be the function of the Borough Council and the rubbish will be packed and carted away. Mr. Lee explained that it would be unlikely

that an individual paper picker would be required in the village after formal contracting out had taken place which it was anticipated would be in January 1991. Weed-killing, it was pointed out, was a highway agency matter and the County Council would continue to undertake this work.

Mr. Lee promised that until formal contracting out was achieved, the Borough Council gangs would be responsible for street cleansing: he further promised improved monitoring of the Parish Council's present litter picker. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee for his attendance.

43. PRECEPT 1990/91 - ADJUSTMENTS

The Clerk advised the members that the Borough Treasurer had asked him to write to the Borough Council requesting an increase in the Parish Council's precept in the sum of £247.89. The Borough Treasurer pointed out that this sum represented an overdrawn balance in respect of the village which had arisen by virtue of the Parish precept not covering all expenditure. Whilst the Treasurer could not be specific, it was anticipated that the increase, in fact, represented parish election costs which had been made by the Borough Council. The Treasurer intended to invoice the Parish for the sum involved and, therefore, proposed to increase the precept to meet the anticipated expenditure.

The members expressed some disquiet over the accrual of the overdrawn balance and agreed, in view of the relatively small sum involved, that Parish reserve funds be used to meet the cost rather than increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year. The Clerk was asked to request the Borough Treasurer to furnish a breakdown of the sum involved.

44. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1989/90

The Clerk advised the members that the County Council's Technical Services Unit had now furnished an invoice for the cost of maintaining the Parish grounds for the last financial year. The account showed no breakdown of the work undertaken by the Technical Services Unit and the members were naturally concerned to know whether this covered all of the contractual requirements of the Technical Services Unit on the Council's maintenance contract and, more particularly, whether the invoice included the cost of additional works undertaken viz. the clearing out of the brook and ditch on the Alans Way Playing Field. The Clerk was asked to obtain a detailed breakdown of the account and also to clarify with the TSU whether payment of this invoice would represent full and final payment of all the sums due from the Parish to the County Council.

45. PECKLETON CRICKET CLUB

The Clerk reminded members of the Peckleton Cricket Club's request for the use of the Alans Way cricket pitch for the forthcoming cricket season. This matter had been deferred from the Council's last meeting to enable the request to be considered at the AGM of the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club.

Mr. Watson declared his interest in this matter and confirmed that the AGM had unanimously agreed to reject the application. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the Cricket Club's decision and the Clerk was asked to notify the Secretary of the Peckleton Cricket Club accordingly.

46. HIRING FEES

The Clerk reminded members of the Parish Council's rates which had been set in the previous financial year and, after some discussion, it was agreed that the hiring fees should remain at their present levels as follows:-

DRAGON LANE	£
1. Use of football pitch for season (per match)	50.00
2. Use of recreation ground for the day (10 hours) including closing the ground	30.00
3. Use of the whole recreation ground for less than a full day without closing the ground and used for fund raising (per hour)	5.00
4. Use of football pitch for casual matches	7.00
5. Other events of a non-fund raising nature (per hr)	2.00

ALANS WAY	
Senior Football Teams (per match)	18.00
Junior Football Teams " "	8.00
One-off matches by non-village teams (per match)	25.00

47. CEMETERY FEES

It was agreed that the cemetery fees should remain the same as in the previous financial year, i.e.

1. Purchase of adult grave in cemetery	27.00
2. Interment fee in cemetery	11.25
3. Interment of ashes in casket in purchased plot	11.25
4. Scattering of ashes by lifting turf in purchased plot	11.25
5. Purchase of child's grave in children's corner	18.00
6. Interment fees in children's corner	6.75
7. Memorials	11.25
8. Vases	6.75
9. Further inscription	No fee

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/0252/4 - Planning application from Mr. Satchwell of 83 Arnolds Crescent for permission for rear/side extensions at 65 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon - No comment.

90/0230/4 - Planning application from Mr. E. J. McSherry, 35 Main Street, Newbold Verdon for permission to replace garage and replace hedge with 6 ft. fence at same address. - No comment.

90/0201/4 - Planning application from Severn Trent Water Ltd. for permission for extensions to existing water reclamation works off Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon - No comment.

49. PLANNING APPROVALS

89/0479/4 - Cadeby Homes Ltd. & Leicester Housing Association. Planning permission for residential development of sheltered housing for the elderly at Main Street, Newbold Verdon.

89/1032/4 - Mr. B. Towers, School House Farm, Desford Road Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for barn conversion to form two dwellings at School House Farm.

50. PLANNING REFUSAL

Mr. R. Taylor, 40 Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon. 89/1288/4 Refusal of planning permission for the erection of one dwelling (outline), adjoining 40 Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon as the proposed site lies within a row of older, single-storey properties standing in relatively spacious plots. The site is considered to be of insufficient size to satisfactorily accommodate a dwelling together with appropriate amenity and off-stree car parking space. If approved a new dwelling would appear as an unduly cramped and unsympathetic element which would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the street scene.

51. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked whether the Parish Council had considered further the question of a store/garage or alternatively an extension to the existing pavilion for use by the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club. After some discussion, members agreed that the best way forward would be to extend the existing pavilion and the Clerk was asked to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting so that members could discuss the feasibility of such a project.

52. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst pointed out that Lioncove, the developers of the Church Farm development, had taken the 'No Through Road' sign down and asked whether this could be re-erected. The Clerk was asked to contact the developer accordingly.

2. Mr. Watson advised the members that on 18th February, he had seen a car parked by the side of the Alans Way Playing Field, the occupants of which were watching a boys football match. He asked the owner to move the vehicle. He pointed out that the previous week he had seen two other cars parked on the playing field in similar positions during the rain. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the football club secretaries to state the Parish Council's objection to this abuse.

3. Mr. Watson pointed out that the improvement works being carried out by the Borough Council on Preston Drive had caused a considerable mess and he hoped that the Borough Council would repair the damage they had caused to the pavements. It was agreed that members would wait and see.

4. The Clerk advised the members that the bollard across the footpath adjacent to the Baptist Chapel had been broken off and that he had had to attend the site to make safe the jagged remains. It was agreed that the Clerk should place an order for the bollard's replacement at an early date, and also that a padlock and chain be purchased to secure the gates on to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground at the end of Bells Lane.

5. Mrs. Spence advised the members that the fencing repairs which had been carried out on Pasture Lane by the Borough Council had resulted in pieces of fence being left on the highway. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council requesting them to clear up the site.

6. Mr. Davison asked whether any street lights could be erected at the rear of the garages on Preston Drive and Mill Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Borough Council to establish whether any lighting could be installed at these locations.

7. Mr. Davison asked whether the Parish Council could have 'No dog fouling' signs placed around the village, in particular at certain locations, e.g. Mill Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council's Dog Warden accordingly.

8. Mr. Colledge pointed out that an ash tree had been removed from the site of the development being undertaken by Cadeby Homes in conjunction with the Leicester Housing Association, contrary to the developers' undertaking and the planning permission given by the Borough Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the Director of Development for his comments.

9. Mr. Mensley pointed out that in view of the recent warm weather, the grass sites in the village had grown considerably and asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to consider an early cut before the commencement of its new maintenance contract on 1st April. The Clerk was asked to request W. D. & B. Harding & Son to arrange for an early cut. It was agreed that the playing fields need not be cut before April.

10. Mr. Hurst asked whether anything had yet been done to arrange the removal of the concrete blocks at the site of the dustbins in the cemetery. The Clerk replied and advised that an order had been placed and anticipated that the work would be done shortly.

11. Mrs. Spence advised that the Newbold Verdon Community Association had arranged an organised litter pick on 17th March and requested Parish Council support. The matter was noted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

AUTHORITY
NEWBOLD VERDON P.C.

SITE
DRAGON LANE

Marshall Fry Limited

INSPECTION SCHEDULE

No: /

REF	EQUIPMENT	CORRECT INSTALLATION	FOUNDATIONS	COMPOSITION OF GROUND SURFACE	CONDITION OF SURFACE	SHARP PROTRUSIONS	PROTECTIVE FINISH	CORROSION	LOOSE FRAMEWORK	BROKEN COMPONENTS	CRACKING OF WELDS ETC.	BEARINGS: WEAR	BEARINGS: LUBRICATION	BEARINGS: SEIZURE	BEARINGS: MISSING PARTS	SHACKLES & PINS	CHAIN CONDITION	SEAT CONDITION	FOOTBOARD CONDITION	HANDLES/GUARD RAILS	GUARDS	ACCESS/TREADS/RUNGS	SLIDE SURFACE	CORRECT CLEARANCE	ENGINEER'S REMARKS
1	10' 2-BAY 4-SEAT SWING WICKSTEED MODERN 4 o/seats	A	A	TAR	C	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	A	B	-	-	-	-	-	A	Top bar rotating. Eye bolts loose on all seats. Pot holes in tarmac.
2	18' 6" ALL METAL SLIDE WICKSTEED	A	A	"	B	A	B	C	C	C	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	A	A	A	1 main leg corroded through. 1 short leg broken away at ground level. Step bolts corroding in side fixings.
3	8' MERRY-GO-ROUND WICKSTEED	A	A	"	C	A	B	A	A	C	-	A	A	A	A	-	-	C	A	A	A	-	-	*	2 footboard castings broken. 1 top panel (seat) has large hole. Pot holes. * Clearance should be 4.5" - 5.5"
4	MOON PROBE	A	A	GRS	B	C	C	C	A	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	A	1 leg very corroded. Bolt holes for seats corroding creating very nast finger traps.
5	NON-BUMPER SEE-SAW WICKSTEED	*	A	TAR	A	A	B	C	C	C	-	A	A	A	A	-	-	A	-	A	A	-	-	*	1 side panel broken. 1 link pin nut not fully tightened, allowing link pin to rotate in link arm. Installed too low in ground. Seat strikes ground. Staunchion very corroded.
6	8' 2-BAY 6-SEAT SWING WICKSTEED	A	A	"	A	A	B	C	A	A	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Head studs & bearing block bolts badly corroded. Legs corroding at ground level. Probably beyond economical repair.

SATISFACTORY R... SERVICEABLE AT PRESENT ... REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

SIGNED [signature] DATE [illegible]