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

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (in the Chair), M. B. Mansley, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, W. W. Goddard, A. Hurst, S. Spence, J. M. Francks, B. R. Davison. J. Crookes (Borough Councillor), E. A. Walsh (Clerk). Parishioners: 3

136. APOLOGIES

None

137. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

138. ACCOUNTS

			£
Payable:			
1. E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages - 1.10.90-4.11.90 (5 weeks at £20)			100.00
2. E. A. Walsh - (Clerk's salary and expenses - October)	Salary	166.66	
	Expenses	47.91	214.57
3. Edwards Hands & Lewis Solicitors	Costs	301.00	
	VAT	37.50	
	Balance purchase monies	1014.25	1352.95
4. W. D. & B. Harding & Son October maintenance			929.78
			2597.30

Received:			
1. Newbold Verdon Cricket Club Fees for season - Alans Way PF			104.00
2. Gillivers Funeral Directors Sale of new grave - D. A. Partridge (decd)		36.00	
	Interment fees	15.00	51.00
			155.00

139. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Chief Constable confirming that investigations had been made to establish whether vehicular speeding was taking place in the village. The Chief Constable confirmed that some speeding was taking place and an increased policing profile in the area would be maintained in the hope of reducing the problem. The letter was noted.

2. It was agreed to accept an estimate from the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for £68.27 in order to have the words 'leading to sports field' inserted on the Alans Way street sign.

3. A Notice of Appeal against a refusal of planning permission had been received in respect of Mr. A. Rogers of 6 Mallory Close, Newbold Verdon detailing the grounds of the appeal. The letter was noted.

4. An invitation to a village sports seminar was received from the Leicestershire Playing Fields Association which is due to be held at the Braunstone Civic Centre on Saturday 17th November commencing at 9.30 am. Any member interested in attending the seminar should contact the Clerk.

5. A letter had been received from a local parishioner expressing concern at the mole infestation in the churchyard. The letter was noted and it was agreed that some attempt should be made at eradication by the Parish Council before instructing a specialist pest exterminator.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Development in reply to the Parish Council's concern regarding the lack of consistency with which the Borough Council applied the non-statutory village plan when considering planning applications. The Director pointed out that a new local plan was being prepared to cover the village, hopefully in the spring of next year. The letter was noted.

7. A letter had been received from Mr. P. Casswell, CC, offering any support that he might be able to give to the Parish Council regarding its recent concern about poor visibility at the junction of Harrys Lane with Barlestone Road. The letter was noted.

8. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council confirming the recent decision by the Countryside Commission that the Needwood/ Charnwood site had been chosen for the new Midlands Forest. The letter was noted.

9. A request had been received from the County Council's Tourism Office asking whether the Parish Council desired to continue receipt of copies of Shire News. The Clerk was instructed to confirm the Council's desire to receive 5 copies of each edition.

10. A letter had been received from the Director of Development regarding the Environment Improvement Programme works to be undertaken at the junction of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street and attached to it a copy of the proposed scheme. The Director pointed out that the 'soft' landscape schemes had still to be put out to tender during November and whether or not the planting schemes would be implemented or not would depend on the value of the tenders received. The members noted that the proposed scheme provides for the provision of a public seat and some

concern was expressed regarding this. It was agreed that the item should be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

11. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Jubilee Football Club expressing his disquiet over the level of charges for the Alans Way facilities and asking whether the Parish Council would consider a reduction. After some consideration of this issue, the members did point out that when the question of setting the hiring fees had been considered as an agenda item in April, no member of the local teams who used the facilities attended the meeting or indicated their wish to see a reduction in the charge. It was agreed that a formal costing exercise be prepared by the Clerk so that members could consider the issue at the same time as the precept for the next financial year.

12. A letter had been received from the local Postmaster requesting support from the Parish Council in respect of his proposed application to the Head Postmaster in Leicester for consideration that the Post Office be regraded to provide a road fund licence facility for local parishioners. The members agreed to support the request and the Clerk was authorised to write a letter indicating this to Mr. Williams.

13. A letter had been received from the Director of Development regarding the National Housing and Town Planning Council Regional Conference which was being held at Callum Hall, Nottingham on Friday 7 December. A delegation fee of £17.50 was payable but it was generally agreed that this should not be paid by the Parish Council as the Conference was not really considering issues which would be of benefit to the Council.

140. CASUAL VACANCY

A casual vacancy had arisen on the Council by virtue of Mr. Kendall's resignation and there was a need to consider whether or not to fill this vacancy. As all the seats were up for re-election in 1991 it was moved by Mr. Mensley and seconded that this matter be left on the table.

141. STREET SIGN - CADLE STREET

Mrs. Crookes reported to the meeting that she had had discussions with the Borough Council regarding this problem and that they had indicated that they would be willing to move the street sign. This did, however, necessitate Mrs. Crookes meeting with officers of the Borough Council in order to establish the revised location and she promised to report back to the next meeting on this matter.

142. BUS SHELTER - DRAGON LANE

The Chairman reported that the wooden bus shelter had been irreparably damaged during a recent storm and that as a matter of urgency he had had to arrange for the remains of the shelter to be dismantled so as not to cause an obstruction or further

damage to the car park of the Dragon Public House. Some discussion took place on whether or not the shelter should be replaced and it was agreed that this was an ideal opportunity for a brick replacement shelter to be constructed similar to the one adjacent to the Working Mens Club. It was agreed that an application for planning permission should be submitted to the Borough Council and that a claim should be submitted to the Council's insurers to offset an element of the building costs.

143. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - PLAY WALL

The Clerk reported that J. P. Naylor and Co. through Terry Spence had informed the Council that their Company would be willing to construct a play wall for the sum of £108 + VAT and further confirmed that the materials used in its construction would be provided free of charge. The members agreed to accept the Company's kind offer and the Clerk was asked to indicate the Parish Council's appreciation accordingly.

144. PAVILION EXTENSION

The Clerk reported that tenders had been received from four contractors. Prior to acceptance of the lowest tender the Clerk was asked to contact the contractor with a view to establishing his proposed start date and the estimated duration of the contract. It was agreed that once this information had been furnished to the Clerk it would be passed to the Chairman for members to make a firm decision on acceptance.

145. STILE - FOOTPATH S16

The Chairman reported that the wooden stile was now missing at the end of the short pathway adjacent to the property on Main Street where this footpath commences. It was reported that five separate people had complained that they had fallen over the fence as a result of the footstool/stile being missing. The Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor in an effort to persuade him to effect repairs.

146. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/1155/4 - Mr. J. Storer, 39 Barton Road, Osbaston. Application for planning permission to erect a dwelling and garage at 3 Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

90/1063/4 -Mr. Deacon, 184 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission to erect a garage at the same address. No comment.

147. PLANNING APPROVALS

90/1013/4 - Planning permission for Mr. E. Pateman of 41 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon to erect extensions to dwelling to form a granny flat.

90/0928/4 - Planning permission to Lioncove Ltd. for the erection of 3 dwellings and associated works at Plots 6, 7 and 8 The Paddocks, Newbold Verdon.

90/0970/4 - Planning permission to Magna Industrials Ltd, of Mill Lane, Newbold Verdon to build a covered storage extension to their industrial premises.

90/1063/4 - Planning permission to Mr. Deacon of 184 Main Street, Newbold Verdon for the erection of a garage.

148. PLANNING REFUSAL

Refusal of planning permission to LWK Ltd., High Tor West, Keats Lane, Earl Shilton for the erection of a single storey building for use as a Building Society Office on land adjacent to 92 Main Street, Newbold Verdon as it was felt that (i) the development would have a seriously detrimental effect upon the amenities of the adjoining dwelling, (ii) there was no provision for off-street car parking, and (iii) the design was incompatible with properties on either side.

149. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None

150. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Mensley reported that plastic bags had been dumped in Harrys Lane and that they contained dangerous steel binders. The problem was noted. The Clerk reported that a 'No Tipping' sign had been received from the Director of Public Services at the Borough Council for use in respect of a similar problem on Pasture Lane and it was agreed that the siting of the sign should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Mr. Watson raised the following points:-

(i) that a young boy was still riding a motor cycle on the playing field at Alans Way. It was believed that the boy was a resident of Lord Crewe Close and Mr. Watson undertook to establish the identity of the child concerned in order that the Clerk could write to his parents.

(ii) that the Newbold Verdon JFC had taken no notice of the Council's request to effect removal of the goal posts after each match.

3. Mr. Hurst raised the following points:-

(i) that he was concerned at solvents being allowed to enter the brook adjacent to the allotments on Brascote Lane. The members and Mrs. Crookes noted the problem.

(ii) that the litter picker had been clearing leaves at the side of the Baptist Chapel but was in fact leaving litter behind. The matter was noted.

4. Mrs. Spence raised the following points:-

(i) that she had noticed the litter picker filling his rubbish bags on 1st November with dead leaves.

(ii) that the turn-out of parishioners for the Best Kept Village Competition award ceremony had been extremely poor and that despite the Parish Council's contribution, no-one was present from the Verdon in Bloom Association.

(iii) that the 50 mph speed restriction sign on the Desford Road was damaged and the Clerk was asked to request a replacement from the Divisional Highways Surveyor.

(iv) that she was concerned regarding the extent of development ongoing adjacent to Brascote Lane and asked whether this was all agricultural development not requiring formal consent of the planning authority. The Clerk was asked to contact the Director of Development to request confirmation of this point.

5. Mr. Goddard raised again the problem of dog fouling of the playing fields and asked whether anything could be done to prevent this. The Chairman replied by pointing out that the Borough Council's signs were clearly in evidence around the village and that little could be done in a practical sense to prevent the problem. Mrs. Crookes indicated that Barlestone Parish Council had adopted bye laws to deal with the problem but that to her knowledge no prosecutions had been pursued. The members agreed to look at the prospect of adopting similar bye laws if it could be established that there would be any benefit in so doing.

6. Mr. Davison raised the following points:-

(i) that the public seat at the corner of Mill Lane and Main Street had been daubed with graffiti and asked whether anything could be done in terms of repainting this seat and also the litter bin adjacent to it. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Borough Council to attend to the litter bin and at the same time replace its lid and that the Clerk should place an order for the seat to be repainted.

(ii) that the plastic liner retaining the bark at the site of the Toddler Park Project was riding up and required re-bedding. The Clerk was asked to contact Playscape in an endeavour to have this attended to.

7. Mrs. Spence reported that she and Mrs. Francks had attended the award ceremony for the Best Kept Village Shop Competition and was pleased to advise members that a local greengrocers shop had taken second place in the competition.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.46 pm