MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 1990 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (in the Chair), M. B. Mensley, J. R. Watson, W. W. Goddard, H. Francks, D. Colledge, S. Spence, B. R. Davison, E. A. Walsh (Clerk). Mrs. Crookes (Borough Councillor)
Parishioners: 9

124. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. Hurst.

125. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed.

126. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
W. D. & B. Harding & Son Grass cutting (September)			393.31
E. H. Bell - wages from 3.9.90 - 30.9.90 (4 weeks at £20)			80.00
E. A. Walsh - Salary - September	166.66		
Expenses	47.91		214.57
		TOTAL	687.88

Received:

Second moeity of precept for 1990/91	11,636.00

127. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Development, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, in reply to the Council's query regarding the landscaping costs of its category A scheme at the junction of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street forming part of the Borough Council's environmental improvement programme. The members were not satisfied with the Director's breakdown of estimated costs and it was agreed that the Clerk should invite him to attend a site meeting with Council members.

2. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils detailing its new Parish Councils' Handbook (4th edition) which was now available. Members agreed to purchase one copy at a cost of £3 for general circulation.

3. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor regarding the blocked drainage gully on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground at the rear of the Baptist Chapel. The Divisional Surveyor suggested that the Borough Council's Drainage Section be invited to use its jetting service in an endeavour to clear the obstruction. If this revealed an obstruction then the County Council's DLO would be willing to undertake the work for the Parish on a rechargeable basis. The letter was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Borough Council and request the jetting service to establish whether this would clear the obstruction.

4. A letter of resignation had been received from Mr. R. Kendall to have immediate effect due to personal circumstances. It was agreed that the question of whether or not the casual vacancy should be filled be an agenda item for the Council's next meeting, and further that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Kendall for his contribution to the Parish Council over the last year.

5. The Leicestershire Housing Association had replied to the Clerk's query regarding the lettings policy at Jubilee Court explaining the reasons why flats were initially being let to couples rather than single applicants and detailing the effect of the applicants' entitlement to claim housing benefit in situations where they were not able to make full use of the accommodation. The letter was duly noted.

6. A letter had been received from Edward Hands & Lewis, Solicitors, enclosing the Land Registry form of transfer for execution by the Parish Council in readiness for the completion of its purchase of the land at the junction of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street. The Chairman was authorised to execute the transfer on behalf of the Council.

7. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor in relation to the following:-

(a) The problem of weed growth to the rear of the shop premises on Main Street at the top of Jubilee Road - This will be included in the list of weed treatment for October.

(b) The problem with the blocked gully drain in Mill Lane has been checked by the engineers and no defects have been found.

(c) Arrangements have been made for the gully cover between the Jubilee Inn and the hairdressers on Main Street to be replaced with a different design.

The matters were duly noted.

8. An invitation had been received from the Chief Executive and County Clerk of the Leicestershire County Council for two members to attend the County Gathering to take place at

the Great Hall, Loughborough College on Sunday 7th October 1990 at 11 o'clock. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

9. A letter had been received from the Director of Public Services regarding the proposed resiting of the litter bin outside the Newbold Verdon County Primary School to the other side of the road. A request had been made for the Controller of Highways to make the appropriate arrangements. The letter was noted.

10. A quotation had been received from W. D. &. B. Harding and Sons for the sum of £1,945 + VAT for the proposed new Garden of Remembrance in the cemetery. It was unanimously agreed that the quotation be accepted and Mr. Harding be instructed to commence the works.

11. A letter had been received from the Director of Development indicating that a site inspection would be carried out by the Borough Council's Planning Committee on Tuesday 2nd October and it was agreed that Mr. Preston should attend the meeting to make representations on behalf of the Parish Council.

12. A letter had been received from the Director of Development in reply to the Parish Council's concerns regarding the lack of consistency displayed by the Borough Council in applying the Newbold Verdon Village Plan. Members expressed grave concern that the Borough Council's Planning Committee had sought to rely on the Plan in refusing a considerable number of applications over the last 20 years and the Clerk was asked to write to the Director for information on the criterion, if any, applied by the Council in relation to the Village Plan when considering planning applications.

13. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council indicating that a shopkeeper in the village had been successful in reaching the final of the 1990 Village Shop Competition and two members of the Council were invited to attend the presentation being held on 17th November at Newtown Linford Village Hall. It was agreed that Mrs. Francks and Mrs. Spence should attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

128. AWARD OF TROPHIES - COUNTY QUESTIONS TEAM

The Clerk presented individual trophies to commemorate the success of the village County Questions Team in the Radio Leicester 1990 Competition to the following: Mr. M. H. Francks (Captain), Mrs. D. Hilton, Mr. C. Hill, Mr. T. Spence, Mr. M. W. Preston and Mr. M. B. Mensley. The duly-engraved County Questions Champions Shield was also presented to the captain of the team.

129. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - AWARD CEREMONY

The Clerk reported that the presentation of trophies would take place at 10.00 am on Saturday 20th October 1990 at the

Pavilion, Alans Way. Mr. P. Gilbey of the Leicester Mercury would introduce the guests and present the trophy. It was agreed that Mrs. Spence would prepare a poster to inform parishioners of the presentation and that she and Mrs. Francks would organise light refreshments to be served in the Pavilion. Mrs. Spence kindly presented the Parish Council with a mounted photograph of the village centre which appeared in the Leicester Mercury following the village's success for display in the Pavilion.

130. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - PLAY WALL

Mr. T. Spence, on behalf of J. P. Naylor & Co. Ltd., indicated that his company was very kindly willing to supply all of the elements required to provide a 12' wide by 8' high play wall which would require installation by the Parish Council on the playing field. It was agreed that the company would provide the Clerk with a full specification for the concrete structure to enable him to obtain tenders for its installation. Mr. Spence also agreed to provide a quotation for fixing the wall via his own sub-contractors.

131. EXTENSION TO THE PAVILION

Following receipt of the formal planning permission from the Borough Council, it was agreed that the next stage for this project was to seek formal quotations by tender for the building works to be carried out and the Clerk was asked to do this.

132. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/1013/4 - Mr. E. Pateman, 41 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a proposed ground floor parents annexe to above address. No comments.

90/0970/4 - Magna Industrials Ltd., Mill Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for an extension to existing industrial premises at the same address to provide covered storage. No comment.

133. PLANNING APPROVALS

90/0833/4. Mr. M. Harding, 57 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extensions to above dwelling.

90/0783/4. Newbold Verdon Parish Council. Planning permission for extensions to pavilion to provide equipment store.

90/0903/4. Mr. B. R. Papworth, 11 Rush Close, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extensions to dwelling.

134. Parishioners' Question Time - None

135. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Mensley raised the following points:-

(a) He pointed out that the moles in the churchyard were now a considerable nuisance and asked whether anything could

be done to alleviate the problem. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if there were any molecatchers in the area or if County Hall could help.

(b) He pointed out that from a road traffic point of view, the junction of Mill Lane and Barlestone Road with Harrys Lane presented very grave danger to vehicles gaining egress from Harrys Lane. The Clerk was asked to inform the Divisional Highways Surveyor of the problem and at the same time ask whether warning signs or even vehicle speed restrictions could be erected. A copy of the Clerk's letter was to be sent to Mr. Casswell, CC, for his information and comments.

(c) He reminded members that no action had yet been taken about the poor condition of the road surface to Manor Farm from Brascote Lane and the Clerk was asked to chase up the Divisional Highways Surveyor on this work.

2. Mrs. Spence raised the following points:-

(a) She expressed her gratitude to the Council on behalf of the Association of Local and Parish Councils for being allowed to use the pavilion for its last meeting.

(b) She brought to the attention of the Council the fact that some local youths had recently been fined following their conviction for criminal damage to private property in Preston Drive and that compensation orders had been imposed in order to recover the cost of the damage caused.

3. Mrs. Francks asked for details of the incident in the pavilion when a young man suffered injury. The Clerk reported that the matter had been discussed with Mr. Mensley who was looking into the matter.

4. Mr. Watson pointed out that the hedge between Preston Drive and Montague Close on the footpath was overgrown. The Chairman asked Mr. Goddard to check the position and report back.

5. Mr. Goddard pointed out that some concern had been raised by local residents in Montague Close over the difficulty in ascertaining where Cadle Street began and Montague Close ended. It was apparent that the problem had been precipitated by the fact that the street sign for Cadle Street had been erected by the Borough Council in a position adjacent to the flats when in fact their postal address was Montague Close. It was agreed that the problem could be resolved by the Borough Council re-positioning the sign for Cadle Street. Mrs. Crookes promised to discuss the problem with the Borough Council and report back to the next meeting.

6. Mr. Davison pointed out that there appeared to be an increasing parking problem at the entry to Chadwick Close adjacent to Johnny's Kebab House in that users of the Close

were having difficulty gaining egress from the Close because of customers parking across the entrance. He asked whether contact could be made with the Police for assistance in the matter. The Clerk pointed out that until such time as the Close was formally adopted it did not form part of the public highway and as such the Police would be unable to be of assistance. It was agreed that once the road was adopted, if the problem persisted, the Police would be asked to assist.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 P.M.