MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners: 9

201. APOLOGIES

None

202. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 1991, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

203. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

		£
Leics. County Council - Amstrad computer & printer	825.00	
Sheet feeder & colour kit	73.00	898.00
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Building reg. fee for pavilion.	84.00	
VAT	12.60	
	96.60	
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Non-domestic rates - Pavilion	277.03	
" " " Cemetery	13.51	
Planning app. Bus shelter, Dragon Lane	23.00	410.14
Severn Trent Water Ltd. Pavilion unmeasured sewerage	11.89	
Churchyard water supply	26.00	37.89
Electract Ltd. - Attend to fault on Pavilion heater	55.42	
VAT	8.31	63.73
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd. - Repairs to DLRG Fencing	76.50	
VAT	11.47	
Pavilion repairs	26.93	
VAT	4.03	118.93
E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages - 4.3.91 - 7.4.91 at £20 per week		100.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerk's Salary	166.66	
Expenses	47.91	214.57
D. W. Wright - Dismantling bus shelter - Dragon Lane	25.50	
VAT	3.75	29.25
		1,872.51

Received:

Swan FC - Pitch fees	72.00
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Pitch fees	72.00
Gillivers, Funeral Directors Memorial fee - William Henry Brooks	15.00
Jubilee Inn FC - Pitch fees	198.00
	357.00

204. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club requesting use of the Alans Way facilities for the forthcoming cricket season. It was agreed that the club should be allowed to use the wicket on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. It was acknowledged that the season would commence on 28th April 1991 and also that there would be a six-a-side competition all day on Sunday 18th August.

2. A letter had been received from the Sub-Divisional Commander, Leicestershire Constabulary confirming that P.C. Simmons would be contacting the Parish Council regarding possible attendance at future meetings. The letter was noted.

3. A formal notice of transfer of the drinks licence in respect of the Dragon Inn had been received transferring the licence from Mr. Edwards to Mr. M. Russell and Mr. D. Maher.

4. A letter had been received from Messrs. Edward Hands and Lewis, Solicitors advising the Council that its purchase of the land at Alans Way was progressing slowly. The letter was noted.

5. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council confirming that an inspection was to be made of the numbering system on Sparkenhoe and, if possible, a sign would be erected indicating where particular numbers could be found.

6. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council informing the Parish of a survey of village services which was to be carried out in conjunction with the Census in 1991. It was agreed that the Clerk should complete the survey questionnaire on behalf of the Parish.

205. ALANS WAY - PRIVATE ACCESSES

The members had attended a site meeting in order to assess the extent of the problem of private accesses from the rear gardens on Peters Avenue into the Alans Way Playing Field. The members acknowledged the difficulty in practical terms of preventing the occupiers from continuing their practice; however the Council were concerned that residents should be made aware that no private rights to maintain an access into the field should be established by the occupiers and the Clerk was asked to write to the residents concerned informing them of this.

206. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

A site meeting was held to consider the future use of the new Garden of Remembrance and some views were expressed that there was no need for a specific place to be allocated for the burying of ashes. It was, however, agreed that at this stage the Parish Council had no idea what the demand would be like for small plots for the purpose of burying caskets. The Clerk also pointed out that some early consideration was needed to establish the next area of the cemetery that would need to be utilised for burials generally. It was agreed, therefore, to adjourn this matter for two months and to reconsider it thereafter.

207. DOG FOULING - PLAYING FIELDS

Mr. Davison pointed out that dog fouling on the playing fields was getting considerably worse and that he felt that there were a lot of stray dogs around the village. Some general discussion of the problem ensued and suggestions made that notices should be erected that no dogs were to be allowed on the playing fields. It was pointed out that this was unlikely to bring about an improvement in the situation and the general feeling was that the parish should be seen to be attempting to address the problem seriously by adopting bye laws which would enable the Council to consider prosecutions in cases where known perpetrators could be established and witnesses found. Accordingly the Clerk undertook to obtain the present model form of bye laws to accommodate the problem from the Home Office and to report back to the Council once this had been received.

208. NEWBOLD VERDON CRICKET CLUB

The cricket club had forwarded a copy of its proposed constitution to the Clerk pointing out its suggestion that upon dissolution of the club, after payment of debts and liabilities and sale of assets, any residual capital should be paid to the Newbold Verdon Parish Council to be held in the name of the Council upon trust to enable the funds to be used towards establishing a new cricket club or for the benefit of cricket in the village generally. The members agreed to the club's proposals subject to the Clerk confirming the terms upon which the trust should be established.

209. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The members agreed that the annual parish meeting should be held at the Pavilion, Alans Way at 7.45 pm on 20th May 1991.

210. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/0209/4 - T. B. & J. Bates & Sons, Fields Farm, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for the erection of a tin tank slurry store. No comment.

91/0276/4 - Mr. & Mrs. S. Webb, 41 Meadow Lane, Coalville. Application for planning permission for a small motor garage at 92 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

91/0247/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Tipper, 1 Red Lion Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for alterations to the above address. No comment.

91/0203/4A - Leicester Housing Development Services Ltd., 44 Princess Road West, Leicester. Application for planning permission for the retention of an advertising gantry at Jubilee Court, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

91/0197/4 - Mr. R. Newton, 45 Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for vehicular access at the above address. No comment.

91/0188/4A - Everards Brewery Ltd., Castle Acres, Narborough. Application for consent to display an advertisement in the form of name signs at the Dragon Public House, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

91/0210/4 - Mr. B. Partner, 81 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a garage at the same address. The Parish Council noted the application but would like to restrict the proposed use for the parking of cars only and not larger road vehicles.

91/0245/4 - Mr. A. Statham, Cuthbert's Yard, Newbold Road, Barlestone. Application for outline permission for two detached bungalows adjacent to 35 Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon. The Parish Council wished to object to this application on the basis that there will be an unacceptable level of vehicle movement gaining access to and egress from Dragon Lane immediately next to the local primary school and this will present a danger to school children and pedestrians generally as a result.

91/0246/4 - Mr. A. Statham, Bagworth Road, Barlestone. Application for planning permission for the change of use of 129 Main Street, Newbold Verdon from a shop to a restaurant. The Parish Council had received an amended application showing revised parking facilities by the applicant. However, the Council wished to register its objections to the present application along the same lines as it had previously given.

91/0238/4 - Lioncove Ltd., 36 Evington Road, Leicester. Application for planning permission for residential development on plots 9-13 The Paddock, Newbold Verdon. The Parish Council wished to strongly object to this proposal. Whilst the Newbold Verdon village plan has no statutory recognition, it has generally been adhered to in the majority of cases where possible. Clearly the present proposals are outside the village plan and would constitute development in open country-side. In allowing the previous planning consent to this developer in respect of earlier plots, the Borough Council did stress that no further approval would be given to develop beyond plot No. 8 and the Parish Council strongly request that the Borough now adheres to its statement of intention.

91/0258/4 - Mr. A. C. Hawksbee, The Leas, Leicester Lane, Desford. Application for planning permission for private garage and parking facilities at land off Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath.
It was clear to the Parish Council that the proposals for the erection of five blocks of four garages at this location appeared to resemble not garages but bungalows and it appeared that this was in fact a surreptitious attempt to build residential dwellings by calling them garages. Local enquiries had revealed that at most only three residents of Newbold Heath required vehicle parking and those that required garages could not afford the type proposed by the developer. The members agreed that they would strongly object to the proposals and, indeed,to any further development at Newbold Heath which was regarded by both the Parish and Borough Councils as a hamlet and should remain so.

211. PLANNING APPROVALS

91/0046/4 - Mr. A. G. Jordan, 32 Mill Lane, Newbold Verdon. Renewal of planning permission to site a caravan at Mill Lane, Newbold Verdon.

212. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

Mr. Law took the opportunity of thanking the Parish Council for the excellent extension to the Pavilion facilities.

213. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst raised the following:

(a) The waste bin on the corner of Mill Lane required re-concreting at its post. The Clerk was asked to notify the Borough Council accordingly.

(b) He pointed out that the local resident responsible for parking and driving a vehicle over the grass verge at Lord Crewe Close was Mr. Andrew Jones of 15 Lord Crewe Close and the Clerk was asked to notify the County Council accordingly.

2. Mr. Davison raised the following:

(a) That the waste bin adjacent to the library was loose and the Clerk was asked to notify the Borough Council.

(b) That the improvement works being undertaken by the Borough Council at the corner of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent did not seem to agree with the plan submitted by the Borough Council. He also said that the Arnolds Crescent road sign required resiting as it now stands in the middle of the pavement.

(c) He asked that the representative of the Borough Council in relation to the question of village litter picking be invited to attend the Parish Council's next meeting in order to determine the level of litter picking services in the Parish.

3. Mr. Watson asked when the grass cutting contract was due to commence and the Chairman informed him that it was April. It was agreed that Mr. Watson should liaise with the Clerk for any additional cuts that were required to facilitate the needs of the cricket club within reason.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.14 p.m.