MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners - 1

164. APOLOGIES

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

165. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 1990, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record, with the addition of Mr. Mensley's name of the list of those present.

166. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

| | | | | £ |
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| 1. Severn Trent Water Ltd. Pavilion water rates 21.6.90 - 13.12.90 | | | | 49.04 |
| 2. Leics. County Council Cleaning equipment and sundries | | | | 24.67 |
| 3. W. D. & B. Harding & Son | | | | |
| Garden of Remembrance | Inv. 005869 | | 1,945.00 | |
| | VAT | | 291.75 | |
| Churchyard hedges & forking beds | Inv. 005868 | | 79.00 | |
| | VAT | | 11.85 | |
| Christmas tree | Inv. 005870 | | 48.50 | |
| | VAT | | 7.28 | |
| Attending storm damage | Inv. 005867 | | 383.00 | |
| | VAT | | 57.45 | 2,823.83 |
| 4. E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages 5 weeks - 3.12.90 - 6.1.91 at £20 p. wk. | | | | 100.00 |
| 5. E. A. Walsh - Salary - December | | | 166.66 | |
| Expenses | | | 47.91 | 214.57 |
| | | TOTAL | | 3,212.11 |

Received:

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| 1. Newbold Verdon Junior FC - pitch fees | | 162.00 |
| 2. G. Seller & Co. - Interment fee - William Thomas Kellam | | 15.00 |
| | TOTAL | 177.00 |

167. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Development at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the environmental improvement scheme to be carried out at the junction of Arnolds Crescent and Main Street and confirming that the Borough Council would be willing to re-site the proposed public seat to a location on the Alans Way Playing Field.

2. A further letter had been received from the Director of Development concerning the Parish Council's complaint of alleged development on Hensons land adjoining Brascote Lane. The letter was noted and Mr. Watson notified the members that Mr. Henson had been apporached by the Borough Council's Planning Officers already.

3. A letter had been received from Marshall Fry confirming the reasons why the see-saw and moonprobe had been removed from the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. The see-saw was in such poor condition that the playground specialists could not recommend the expenditure necessary to bring the item up to the standard required. The moonprobe was badly corroded at several points such that it was impossible to undertake the replacement of the particular tubes required. As both items were in a very dangerous condition they were accordingly removed. The letter was noted.

4. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor confirming that the missing stile on footpath S.16 had now been replaced by a pedestrian gate and secondly requesting details of the exact location of the damaged 50 mph road speed sign on the Desford Road. The letter was noted.

5. A letter had been received from Mr. M. Farmer, a local parishioner, raising various concerns over past council minutes. The members noted Mr. Farmer's comments and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to him expressing the Council's gratitude for his continued interest in Parish matters.

168. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - DRAINAGE GULLY

Mr. Mensley had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council to inspect the problem at the rear of the Baptist Chapel and to report back to the members on a proposed course of action to deal with the persistent blocking of the gully. Owing to recent inclement weather he had not yet been able to attend to the matter and it was agreed that this should remain on the agenda for the next meeting in the hope that he would find time to look at the problem before then.

169. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

90/1279/4 - Mr. A. Hodgkinson, 118 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for retail sales from garden area. Members objected to the application on the grounds of severe parking problems that would ensue if retail sales were permitted. The proposed site was beside an existing

bus stop and there is already severe congestion from customers parking vehicles when visiting the adjacent Co-operative Society stores.

90/1239A/4 - Lioncove Ltd., 36 Evington Road, Leicester - Amended plan submitted in connection with planning application at Plot 8, The Paddocks. No comment.

170. PLANNING APPROVALS

90/1178/4 - M. Dixon, 145 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling and erection of garage at above address.

90/1155/4 - J. Storer, 39 Barton Road, Osbaston. Planning permission for one dwelling and garage at 3 Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon.

90/1202/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Barns, 7 Gilberts Drive, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extensions to above dwelling.

90/1225/4 - D. J. Perridge, 103 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extensions to above dwelling.

90/1239/4 - Lioncove Ltd. 36 Evinton Road, Leicester. Planning permission for erection of dwelling (revised house type ) at Plot 8, The Paddock, Newbold Verdon.

171. PARISH PRECEPT - 1991/92

It was resolved that the Parish Council approved a total precept of £31,776. The approximate product of a £1 community charge rate in 1991/2 is £2,586 = £12.29 per community charge payer. The estimates, as approved, are attached to these minutes as Schedule A.

172. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None

173. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Watson raised the following points:

a) He reported that the road drain outside the Jubilee Inn on Main Street appeared blocked and there was quite severe flooding of the carriageway at this point. This matter had been reported to the Divisional Surveyor but the Clerk agreed to chase the matter up.

b) He also reported that there appeared to be a need for a street light to be erected adjacent to the Jubilee Inn. It was agreed that the Clerk would check with the Divisional Surveyor whether it was possible for this to be considered.

2. Mr. Goddard raised the following points:-

a) He pointed out that the hedge outside 35 Dragon Lane was badly overgrown. A local parishioner informed the members

that the occupier had already been instructed to trim the hedge back.

b) He reported that the surface of the carriageway on Dragon Lane had now deteriorated to a very poor state of repair following the installation of services over the past 12 months. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask whether this would be attended to by the Highways Department.

3. Mr. Hurst wished to commend the Borough Council's domestic refuse collection contractors for the excellent job they had undertaken especially over the Christmas period. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Director of Public Services expressing the Council's appreciation.

4. Mr. Davison raised the following points:

a) He reported that a tree had fallen on Mill Lane in the recent storms and that this had been removed by the Borough Council. He wanted members to ensure that a replacement tree was planted by the Borough Council within the next planting season.

b) He pointed out that the road sign for Chadwick Close did not indicate that it led to Jubilee Court and that visitors were having difficulty in location the whereabouts of the new Jubilee Court. It was agreed that the Clerk should request the Director of Public Services to include the words 'leading to Jubilee Court'.

c) He requested confirmation of the current contractual position of the village litter picker in view of the fact that the Borough Council's contract for street cleaning had now been put out to private tender. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek to establish whether or not the Borough Council's new contractor was intending to continue with the services of the village litter picker.

174. HALL FARM

Mr. Anthony Milner, the new owner of Hall Farm attended the meeting with his business partner in order to discuss with the Parish Council his proposals for the redevelopment and refurbishment of the Hall Farm estate. He produced a plan showing proposals for improvements which included a craft fair, garden centre, rare breeds section, public walks and parkland together with outline proposals for the development of low density housing on part of the site. The outline proposals received very favourable reception from the members and Mr. Milner promised to present each stage of his proposals to the Parish Council as they were established in more detail.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.24 p.m.

SCHEDULE 'A'

# NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF EXPECTED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1991/92

| | 1990/91 ESTIMATES £ | 1991/92 ESTIMATES £ |
|---|---|---|
| **PLAYING FIELD DRAGON LANE** | | |
| Mowing, debris removal, fertilising reseeding | 737 | 670 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 750 | 500 |
| Inspection | 45 | 45 |
| Additional equipment (Toddler Park Project) | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Trees | 50 | 50 |
| **ARNOLDS CRESCENT) BRASCOTE LANE** | | |
| Maintenance | 200 | - |
| **MALLORY CLOSE** | | |
| Mowing, debris removal, forking of beds | 226 | 226 |
| **WAR MEMORIAL** | | |
| Maintenance | 50 | 50 |
| **CHURCHYARD** | | |
| Mowing and maintenance charges | 1,096 | 1,096 |
| **CEMETERY** | | |
| Mowing and maintenance charges | 1,526 | 1,600 |
| Rates-General and Water | 50 | 50 |
| Additional works - Garden of Remembrance | 250 | 1,250 |
| **PARISH FLORAL TRIBUTE** | | |
| Verdon in Bloom 1990/91 (incl. war memorial decoration) | 750 | 750 |
| **CEMETERY** | | |
| Levelling and laying footpath | 500 | - |
| Laying of hedge | | 500 |
| **PLAYING FIELD ALANS WAY** | | |
| Mowing, debris removal, fertilising, reseeding | 1,355 | 1,384 |