MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST JULY 1991 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners: 2

243. APOLOGIES

None

244. MINUTES

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

245. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.			
Fixing of pavilion downpipe, additional seating & hooks		175.58	
	VAT	30.72	206.30
W. D. & B. Harding & Son			
Maintenance charges (June)		743.00	
	VAT	130.04	873.04
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages			
3.6.91 - 4.8.91 - 9 wks at £20			180.00
E. A. Walsh, Clerk's Salary June/July		375.00	
	Expenses	100.00	475.00
Cornhill Insurance plc			
Insurance premium 1.6.91 - 31.5.92			389.15
Shaw & Sons Ltd.			
Inv.No. LF 366515 - 2 burial receipt books		16.20	
	VAT	2.84	19.04
VIBA - precepted contribution			750.00
			£2,892,53

Received:

Jubilee F.C.			
Pitch fees to end of season			234.00
McCartneys Funeral Service Ltd.			
Sale of children's plot	Abeeku Francis	24.00	
Interment fee		9.00	33.00
Gillivers			
Interment fee - Martha Statham			15.00
J. Swift - Funeral Directors			
Sale of new grave for interment of ashes - Edward Beagrie			51.00
			£333.00

246. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils giving details of the proposed nominated officers for 1991/92 and inviting the Parish Council to submit nominations before Friday 26th July. The nominations were duly completed and the Clerk was asked to return them.

2. A joint letter had been received from the secretaries of the Jubilee Football Club and the Newbold Junior Football Club inviting the members to consider the approval of the installation of floodlighting on the Alans Way Playing Field. The Clubs proposed to jointly finance and install the facility in advance of the forthcoming football season. The members discussed the matter at some length and it was agreed that the Chairman would appoint a Subcommittee to meet over the summer recess if necessary in order to make a decision on the matter. In the meantime it was agreed that the Clerk should ask the secretaries to contact the Chairman so that a mutually convenient meeting could be arranged to discuss the matter.

247. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD SHED

The Clerk pointed out that this matter remained on the agenda following the Council's decision at its last meeting to inspect the present shed on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground in order to establish whether the Alans Way Playing Field shed could be resited to replace the one on Dragon Lane. It was generally agreed that the Dragon Lane shed was neither safe nor secure and that three windows were missing and that it would be best for this shed to be disposed of. Mr. Hurst advised the members that he knew a local parishioner who might be interested in the acquisition of the old shed and it was suggested and agreed by the members that if the parishioner wished to have the shed, he should effect its removal at his own cost. Some concern was expressed about how the removal of the shed could accommodate the Parish Council and Football Club equipment within it and it was therefore agreed that the members would meet at the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground to discuss arrangements immediately after today's meeting. The matter would, therefore, be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

248. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should take place at the Pavilion, Alans Way on Monday 2nd September 1991.

249. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/0301A/4 - A. Statham - Amended plan to show landscaping requirements at the Haulage Depot, Newbold Road, Barlestone. No comment.

91/0579/4 -East Midlands Electricity plc - Planning application for permission to erect an overhead cable. No comment.

91/0616/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Crowfoot, 50 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a two-storey rear extension at the same address. No comment.

91/0549/4 - Mr. Wilkinson, 12 Jubilee Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a first floor extension at the same address. No comment.

91/0565/4 - Mr. A. Paterson, 9 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a dining room extension at the same address. No comment.

250. PLANNING APPROVALS

91/0424/4 - Newbold Verdon Parish Council - Permission to erect a bus shelter on Dragon Lane.

Members agreed that the Clerk should proceed to obtain quotations from local builders for the erection of the bus shelter.

91/0498/4 - Mr. F. Blower, 78 Preston Drive, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for an extension to dwelling.

91/0247/4 - Planning permission for extensions to dwelling at 1 Red Lion Lane, Newbold Verdon (Mr. & Mrs. Tipper).

251. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None

252. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following:

a) She stated that she had received a complaint from a local parishioner that the mobile youth club from Desford had operated one Friday evening entirely from Alans Way not having gained access to the Pavilion car park area. It was pointed out that this was not accurate as the Clerk confirmed that he had in fact opened the gate on the night in question.

b) She pointed out that a Scania lorry had recently commenced parking overnight in the entrance to Chadwick Drive off Main Street adjacent to the Jubilee Inn. Members expressed concern at the number of heavy lorries now parking in the village generally and the Chairman suggested that perhaps an approach should be made to the Borough Council on environmental grounds to establish what could be done about the problem.

c) She drew the members' attention to a recent article contained in the community association publication 'Verdon News' regarding the problem of dog fouling on playing fields. Mrs. Spence asked what progress was being made in relation to the suggested adoption of bye laws to deal with the problem. The Clerk stated that he had been in touch with the Environmental Health Officers of the Borough Council who advised him that the Department of the Environment had recently issued a new model form of bye laws which had been sent out to district councils for consultation. These bye

laws had not yet been approved but the Borough Council had promised to send a copy for consideration by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to chase the matter up with the Borough Council.

2. Mr. Goddard raised the following:

a) He advised members that the road surface on Dragon Lane adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to the Recreation Ground pools unacceptably during heavy rainfall. The problem was duly noted.

b) He raised his concern at the problems encountered with parked cars at the junction of Enston Street with Mill Lane. The Chairman responded by stating that the Police have checked the situation and are continuing to monitor it.

c) He pointed out that he would be away on holiday from 13th - 20th July and would welcome any volunteer assistance with litter picking on the Dragon Lane Playing Field during his absence.

3. Mr. Watson raised the following:

a) The No Through Road sign which had been erected at the entrance to Pasture Lane had been knocked down and appeared to be standing in the corner of the former Daines Shoe Warehouse property opposite. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department to arrange for its re-erection.

b) He pointed out that the Parish would benefit from the installation of litter bins on the Alans Way Playing Field. He suggested that bins be situated at three locations and the Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council inviting them to supply a price for supplying and /or fixing three litter bins.

4. Mr. Law raised the following:

a) He advised the members that he had recently attended a presentation by the Leicestershire Playing Fields Association and pointed out that other villages certainly had their problems with vandalism. A video had been shown to those attending and he had found it quite illuminating.

b) He expressed his concern regarding the surface of the car park at the Alans Way Playing Field and asked what the Parish Council's intentions were regarding this. The Chairman replied by saying that £10,000 had been included within the Parish Council's precept for this financial year to deal with the matter and it was agreed that this item should be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

Mr. Mensley raised the following:

a) He mentioned his continuing concern at the problem of

speeding vehicles approaching the junction of Harrys Lane with Barlestone Road. The Divisional Highways Surveyor had not responded with any reasons why traffic signs indicating that drivers should slow down or that there was a concealed entrance ahead could not be installed. The Clerk stated that he had written to the Divisional Surveyor on this matter several times and that perhaps the best way forward would be a direct telephone conversation on the matter.

b) He was pleased to note that the Borough Council had installed signs indicating where property numbers on Sparkenhoe could be found and the members were pleased that the Borough had responded quickly to the Council's request.

5. The Clerk pointed out that he had recently had to replace the lock at the entrance to the Alans Way Playing Field and that following this he had received several requests for a key by users of the facility. The Clerk could see no reason why the sports clubs could not have a key but felt it desirable in the interests of security and for insurance purposes to request the Council's caretaker to maintain a key register of key holders. The members duly agreed.

253. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk had received letters from local parishioners interested in being co-opted into the vacant seat on the Parish Council and the members went into committee to co-opt one of the applicants. It was agreed that Mr. Peter Chick be invited to accept the position and to sign a declaration of acceptance of office prior to the Council's next meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.56 p.m.