MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD JUNE 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), M. B. Mensley, W. W. Goddard, H. M. Francks, S. Spence, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, G. Law, J. Crookes (Borough Councillor), E. A. Walsh (Clerk).
Parishioners: 1

232. APOLOGIES

None

233. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 1991, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

234. LITTER

Mr. McGovern, the Borough Council's Liaison Officer between the client and the Borough Council's litter contractor, attended the meeting at the invitation of the members. He informed members that the Council's contractor's responsibilities were in zoned areas and that Zone 1 included the shopping areas on Main Street and Arnolds Crescent and that they would be litter-picked and waste bins emptied daily. The rest of the village fell within Zone 3 which meant that litter picking and bins would be dealt with on a weekly basis. He pointed out that the Borough Council had had problems with mechanical sweeping of the kerbs and roadsides which had been inherited from the County Council. Mechanical sweeping should be carried out four times a year but some areas had not been dealt with for over a year and had certainly not been weed killed as required. The County Council would have to complete a weed killing programme before mechanical sweeping could commence. Mr. McGovern indicated that whilst the Council's contractor was not responsible for clearing out bus shelters, he could see no reason why this might not be done in the future. The same applied to litter in hedge bottoms. The Chairman also asked Mr. McGovern to ensure that another Alans Way road sign was erected to replace the missing one.

235. ACCOUNTS

Received:		£
1.	Swan FC - Pitch fees to end of season	54.00
2.	Newbold Verdon Jnr. FC - Pitch fees "	24.00
3.	Newbold Toddler Park Project - surplus funds - donation	226.40
4.	Messrs. Gillivers. - Interment fee Kathleen Daisy Gillard	15.00
	TOTAL	319.40

PAYABLE

			£
Leics. County Council			
2 mops & handles	5.04		
Box envelopes	14.72		19.76
(Inv. Nos. 7A180143/ 7A180020)			
East Midlands Electricity plc			
Pavilion electricity charges			92.19
Beckshire Products DIY			
2 padlocks + extra keys			16.00
Cornhill Insurance plc			
Insurance renewal premium 1.6.91			389.15
E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages			
13.5.91 - 2.6.91			60.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerk's salary - May		187.50	
expenses "		50.00	237.50
W. D. & B. Harding & Son			
Maintenance Charges - May		1,227.50	
	VAT	214.83	1,442.33
Hinckley & Bosworth BC			
Inv. No. 0301631 - Alans Way sign			59.34
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.			
Painting seat - Mill Lane			
Metal brackets - Pavilion		86.13	
	VAT	15.07	101.20
		TOTAL	2,417.47

235. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire County Cricket Club detailing the Club's intention to build an indoor cricket school on the County ground at a cost of £400,000 and requesting a donation towards the building fund. The letter was noted.

2. A letter had been received from the County Secretary regarding the proposed temporary diversion of footpath s.23 which would facilitate a planning application for the extraction of sand and gravel at Becks Farm, Newbold Verdon by Tilcon Ltd. The members considered the proposed route of the footpath diversion and confirmed that they had no objection. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the County Secretary accordingly.

3. A letter had been received from the Herald and Post newspaper informing members of their proposed Village Green competition for 1991. The letter was noted.

4. A letter had been received from the Principal Chief Officer of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council notifying members of an appeal to the Secretary of State by Mr. A. Statham in respect of a refusal of planning permission for

change of use of the site at 129 Main Street to a restaurant. The members had no additional objections beyond those already registered with the Borough Council in opposing the original planning application.

237. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD SHED

Mrs. Spence requested this item to be placed on the agenda to consider the future use of the shed and whether it should be moved or sold. The members agreed that they would find time before the next meeting to inspect the existing shed on Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and consider whether or not it should be replaced by the newer shed from Alans Way Playing Field. The matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

238. VERDON IN BLOOM ASSOCIATION

At the request of the Chairman the Clerk had discussed with the Insurers the prospect of Verdon in Bloom volunteers being covered for personal accident insurance whilst fulfilling their watering duties over the forthcoming months. The Clerk made it clear that as the Association was an independent, unincorporated body there was no way that the Council's insurers would provide cover through the Parish Council unless it was agreed by the Association and the Parish Council that Verdon in Bloom should become a Subcommittee of the Parish Council. After some discussion the members agreed in principle that Verdon in Bloom should become a Subcommittee of the Parish Council if this was felt to be desirable by the Association at a future date.

239. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/0498/4 - Mr. F. Blower, 78 Preston Drive, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission to erect a porch and toilet for a disabled person at the same address. No comment.

91/0465/4 - A. M. Woodward, 'Hawthorns', Alans Way, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for an extension to garage for store and first floor playroom. No comment.

240. PLANNING APPROVALS

None

241. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None.

242. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Goddard pointed out that there appeared to be no strimming being done by the Council's maintenance contractors on either Dragon Lane Recreation Ground or Alans Way Playing Field. The Clerk pointed out that there was no specific item

in the maintenance contract for strimming but what was required was that the contractor should cut the grass up to the edge of the fields.

2. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-

a) That the fire hydrant on Sparkenhoe was lying on the ground and required re-erection. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the Chief Fire Officer to arrange for this work to be done.

b) She pointed out that the graffiti on the bus shelter adjacent to the Working Men's Club had still not been painted out. The Chairman confirmed that a quote had been received from a local contractor and that he had requested the work to be done and that he would chase the matter up. As far as graffiti generally around the village was concerned, it was agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to obtain information from the contractor and, indeed, a quote for the removal of graffiti generally around the village. As far as the graffiti on the road sign on the Barlestone Road opposite Bosworth Lane was concerned, the Clerk was asked to contact the County Council's Highways Department to arrange for this to be removed.

c) She confirmed that she had sent her apologies to the Leicestershire Association of Local and Parish Councils for her non-attendance at the meeting on 3rd June which coincided with the Parish Council meeting.

3. Mr. Mensley raised the following:

a) He pointed out that another accident had occurred at the top of Mill Lane opposite Harrys Lane along the Barlestone Road and that despite members' requests no road signs indicating that drivers should slow down or that they were approaching a junction had been installed. The Clerk was asked to write again to the Divisional Highways Surveyor requesting this.

b) He informed members that he had seen young motorcyclists again on Harrys Lane but had been unable to inform the Police as he only saw them when they were coming back and not going. The Clerk was asked to write to the Divisional Highways Surveyor requesting a footpath sign indicating no motor cycling to be erected at the commencement of the public footpath at the bottom of Harrys Lane.

4. Mr. Watson pointed out that the mobile youth club from Bosworth under the control of Mr. Rowley from the Bosworth College had commenced their use of the car park facilities at the Alans Way Playing Field on Friday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30. He pointed out that the children attending the club did not have the use of any toilet facilities on the bus and were, therefore, urinating at the back of the

Pavilion and in the hedge adjoining the car park. The members agreed that if the Community Tutor wished to continue his use of the car park then he would have to supply toilet facilities for children attending the club. The Clerk was asked to inform him that unless this was complied with then the use of the facility would be terminated.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.