MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH MARCH 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners: - 3

189. APOLOGIES

None

190. MINUTES

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

191. ACCOUNTS

Payable		£
1. Public Works Loan Board - payment due 18.3.91		1,290.87
2. Leics. County Assoc. of Local Councils - Annual subscription		157.09
3. EMEB Pavilion Electricity charges		93.14
4. Leics. County Council		
Inv. No. 7A172455 - files	8.88	
Inv. No. 7A173116 - floppy discs	8.58	
Inv. No. 7A173117 - cards	60	18.06
5. E. H. Bell - caretaker's wages - 4.2.91 - 3.3.91 (4 wks at £20)		80.00
6. E. A. Walsh - Salary (Feb)	166.66	
Expenses	47.91	214.57
		1,853.73

Received		
1. G. Seller & Co. Ltd.		
Interment fee - G. I. Bray decd.		15.00
New grave D. A. Statham	36.00	
Interment fee	15.00	51.00
2. Messrs. Gillivers		
Sale of new grave	36.00	
Interment Fee - W. H. Brookes	15.00	51.00
		117.00

192. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor on the following points:-

(a) He was reluctant to install bollards across the grass verge at Lord Crewe Close because both of the access element and the visual aspect. The Divisional Surveyor asked for details of the identity of any person known to be driving across the verge and for any details to be given to his office should they be known.

(b) Reinstatement works to the carriageway in the estate and off Dragon Lane are currently being undertaken and when these are completed, permanent reinstatement of the carriageway on Dragon Lane will be undertaken.

(c) As far as the Parish Council's request for information regarding graffiti remover is concerned, the Divisional Surveyor suggested that contact be made with Rid Chemicals requesting their assistance.

(d) The road gully on Mill Lane had been cleaned out and flushed in January and no faults had been reported. If the gully floods again, arrangements will be made for the system to be jetted.

Members noted these points and confirmed that the road gully had recently flooded again as well as the road gully outside the Jubilee Inn on Main Street. The Clerk was asked to notify the Divisional Surveyor accordingly and also to contact Rid Chemicals for any information on graffiti solvent.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council enclosing the draft replacement Structure Plan for public consultation. The Director pointed out that further copies of the plan were available at a cost of £6 each and it was agreed that two further copies of the plan be obtained.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services regarding the retail development on Main Street adjacent to No. 92 (Ivy Cottage). In refusing the original application for development, the Borough Council took the view that the proposed unit would have been too close to the thatched cottage and also lacked adequate car parking. The revised application showed the required off-street car parking spaces and the proposed building located away from the adjacent cottage and accordingly the proposal was approved. The members expressed their concern that the Borough Council had failed to properly invite the Parish to the site meeting that was held by the Planning Committee prior to the approval being granted and expressed the view that the Parish should always be invited to such meetings in future.

4. An invitation had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for 1991. The members agreed to enter for the forthcoming competition.

5. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor regarding the Parish Council's concern in relation to the danger

at the junction of Mill Lane with Barlestone Road and Harrys Lane. The Divisional Surveyor indicated that the hedge to the right-hand side of the road was not overgrown and that there was no action that could be taken to have it cut back. He, however, suggested that the Council request the owner to reduce the height of the hedge as the owner himself would, no doubt, be affected by lack of visibility. He further pointed out that the road to Manor Farm from Brascote Road would be resurfaced in the next financial year.

Members noted his comments but agreed that the Clerk should remind the Divisional Surveyor that his views on the installation of road signs showing that there was a concealed entrance or a speed restriction limit at Harrys Lane were requested.

6. A letter had been received from Severn Trent in reply to the Parish Council's concern over their repair works undertaken in Mill Lane. The District Manager confirmed that an inspection of the site would be made and any necessary remedial works be put in hand. The letter was noted.

7. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Scout Group requesting permission to use the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground for approximately 45 minutes on 17th August 1991 as a means of disembarking the Gala Day floats to prevent congestion on Dragon Lane. The members discussed this request and agreed to allow it subject to the organisers taking care to ensure that the playing field was not damaged by heavy vehicles.

193. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - PRIVATE ACCESSES

It was agreed that a site meeting should be held to consider this problem at 10.30 am on 10th March and the matter would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

194. HIRING FEES

It was agreed that the hiring fees for the next financial year should be:

DRAGON LANE	£
1. Use of football pitch for season	50.00
2. Use of recreation ground for the day (10 hrs)	30.00
3. Use of the whole recreation ground for less than a full day and used for fund raising (per hour)	5.00
4. Use of football pitch for casual matches	7.00
5. Other events of a non-fund raising nature (per hour)	2.00

ALANS WAY	
Senior Football Teams (per match)	18.00
Junior Football Teams " "	8.00
One-off matches by non-village teams (per match)	25.00

195. CEMETERY FEES

It was agreed that the cemetery fees for the following financial year should be:-

1.	Purchase of adult grave in Cemetery	36.00
2.	Interment fee in Cemetery	15.00
3.	Interment of ashes in casket in purchased plot	15.00
4.	Scattering of ashes by lifting turf in purchased plot	15.00
5.	Purchase of child's grave in Children's Corner	24.00
6.	Interment fee in Children's Corner	9.00
7.	Memorials	15.00
8.	Vases	9.00
9.	Further inscription	No fee

NB Fees are doubled if the body is brought from outside the Parish and the deceased was a non-resident.

196. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Some discussion took place over the proposed use of the Garden of Remembrance and the allocation of plots to accommodate caskets. It was agreed that a site meeting be held at 10.30 am on Saturday 23rd March to discuss the proposals and the matter would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

197. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/0155/4A - Everards Brewery Ltd. - Application for planning permission to erect new sign at Old White Swan Public House. No comment.

198. PLANNING APPROVALS

None

199. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

A parishioner pointed out that dog fouling in the village is particularly bad at present and asked what could be done about it. Mrs. Spence pointed out that there is shortly to be a national publicity campaign regarding the matter. Questions were asked as to whether or not the Parish would be willing to stop people going onto Alans Way Playing Field with dogs. The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council could adopt bye laws and that the Borough Council had been willing to prosecute transgressors subject to members of the local public being willing to act as witnesses. It was agreed that this matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

200. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-

(a) She pointed out that the village litter problem is quite severe at the moment and it appeared that the village litter

picker was no longer being employed. The Chairman pointed out that a litter bin adjacent to his own property had been emptied several times recently but that gutters and roads were still badly littered. The matter was noted and it was hoped that there would be some improvement shortly under the Borough Council's new contract.

(b) She pointed out that the local Drama Group wanted to erect an advertisement banner over Main Street. The Clerk pointed out that this would need the approval of the County Council as Highway Authority.

2. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the grass verge at the top of Mill Lane was being damaged by misuse in that the Gas Board lorries were driving on to it and parking. The Clerk was asked to request the Gas Board to refrain from this practice.

3. Mr. Colledge informed the meeting that Mr. Farmer had contacted him and asked him why the Clerk called him a liar. The Clerk read the letter of reply that had been sent to Mr. Farmer following the letter received from him prior to the Council's last meeting. In no way could the content of the letter be construed so as to indicate that Mr. Farmer had been regarded as dishonest in any way by the Clerk and the members were satisfied with the reply that had been sent.

4. Mr. Hurst advised the members that the bus shelter on Barlestone Road had now been removed but that some retaining brackets still required removal which he promised to attend to. The Clerk was asked to contact Alan Bostock, Builders, for a quotation for the replacement of the bus shelter in due course.

5. Mr. Goddard raised the question of bad litter in the village and the Chairman pointed out that members should use their best endeavours to do such litter picking themselves as could be managed.

6. Mr. Davison pointed out that the steel barriers that had been erected around the EMGAS bivouac on Mill Lane looked unsightly and that the Gas Board had installed a wooden fence around its similar installation at Market Bosworth. The members agreed that cosmetically the installation on Mill Lane would be greatly improved by the erection of a wooden fence and the Clerk was asked to invite the Gas Board to consider this.

7. Mr. Watson raised the following:-

(a) He pointed out that the replacement sign at Alans Way with the words 'leading to sports field' had been erected on the wrong side of the carriageway. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council requesting them to move it.

(b) He asked that an item regarding the proposed constitution of the new village cricket club be made an agenda item for the Council's next meeting.

8. The Clerk reported that quotations had been received from two of the three invited tenderers for the installation of new wrought iron gates at the Bells Lane entrance to the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. It was resolved to accept the quotation received from Burbage Gates because a more substantial specification had been submitted and an extremely satisfactory job had been undertaken by this firm in installing wrought iron work at St. James Church in the village.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 p.m.