MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY.

PRESENT: M. W. Preston, H. M. Francks, W. W. Goddard, D. Colledge, G. Law, A. Hurst, M. B. Mensley, E. A. Walsh (Clerk), J. Crookes (Borough Councillor), P.C. R. Simmonds

214. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Each elected Councillor present signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

215. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. M. W. Preston be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Preston accepted the Chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

216. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from S. Spence and J. R. Watson.

217. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 1991, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

218. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mrs. H. M. Francks be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs. Francks accepted the Vice Chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

219. ELECTION OF LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES: It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. G. Law and Mrs. S. Spence be elected to represent the Parish Council.

220. ELECTION OF LORD CREWE TRUST REPRESENTATIVE: It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. J. R. Watson be elected.

221. ELECTION OF MONTAGUE TRUST REPRESENTATIVES: It was proposed, seconded and carried that Messrs. Hurst and Colledge and Mrs. Francks and Mrs. D. Statham be elected.

222. ELECTION OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVES: The members confirmed that Mrs. Francks should remain as the Parish Council's School Governor Representative for the remainder of her term as a school governor.

223. CHEQUE SIGNATORIES: The Chairman stated that it was necessary for each Councillor to be authorised to sign cheques and orders on the Council's banking accounts. It was resolved to adopt the following resolution:
That all previous resolutions of the Council in respect of the signing of cheques and any orders on the Council's banking accounts and the authority of previous members of the Council so to sign are hereby withdrawn; and that Michael Brian Mensley, David Colledge, Graham Law, Helen Margaret Francks, William Walter Goddard, Suzanne Spence, Michael William Preston, Arthur Hurst and John Roger Watson be persons duly authorised to sign cheques and any other orders for payment on behalf of the

Council drawn on the Council's banking accounts numbers 50614750, 03007235 and 23016323 with the Midland Bank plc, Market Bosworth. All members of the Council then signed the resolution.

224. ACCOUNTS

			£
Payable:			
Burbage Gates - erection of new gates - Dragon Lane Recreation Ground		292.71	
	VAT 17½%	51.22	343.93
Moore & Gibson - new equipment store - Pavilion, Alans Way		8,670.00	
Larger doors		210.00	
		8,880.00	
	VAT 15%	1,332.00	10,212.00
W.D. & B. Harding & Son - Maintenance costs April		492.00	
	VAT 17½%	86.11	578.11
Replacement trees, etc.		47.00	
	VAT 15%	7.05	54.05
E. H. Bell - caretaker's wages 8.4.91 - 12.5.91 (5 weeks at £20)			100.00
E. A. Walsh, Clerk's salary		187.50	
1/12 precepted exps.		50.00	237.50
			11,525.59

Received:

Gillivers - Sale of double grave - Ivy Lilian Jordan	36.00
Interment fee	15.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Sale of double grave - John Freeman	36.00
Interment fee	15.00
Swan FC - pitch fees	36.00
Gillivers - Interment fee - Dorothy Hilda Cheshire	15.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Interment fee - Robert Norman Freeman	15.00
	168.00

225. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council confirming the village's entry to this year's Best Kept Village Competition and advising that preliminary judging would take place during the period 3rd - 13th June.

2. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that a letter would be written to the person responsible for parking and driving across the grass verge at Lord Crewe Close. Further action would be taken if this practice continued.

3. A letter had been received from Record Playground Equipment Ltd. inviting interested members to attend an Open Day to be held at the Midland Sports Centre, Coventry on Tuesday 21st May from 12 noon to 5.00 p.m. It was agreed that any member interested should contact the Clerk.

4. A letter had been received from British Gas confirming the date and time of a meeting with their District Engineer to discuss the British Gas Governor site on Mill Lane. The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had attended the meeting on 24th April and that the Gas company had agreed to plant a screen of conifers around the site to improve its cosmetic appearance. Mr. Mensley confirmed that this work had been done and was already a great improvement to the area.

5. An invitation had been received from the Leicestershire Playing Fields Association to attend a seminar on village sports. Mr. Law agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council and to report back to the members on any matters of interest.

6. An invitation had been received from the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils for any interested parties to attend a seminar at Ratcliffe College on the subject of Parish Council and Local Government reorganisation. It was agreed that any interested member should contact the Clerk.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council confirming the implementation of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and that, with effect from 1st April, the responsibility for removing litter and cleaning highway channels would transfer to the District Council. The letter was noted.

8. A letter had been received from Marston's informing the Council of their intention to transfer the tenancy of the Windmill Inn and also serving formal notice of their intention to transfer the licence on 6th June. The Parish Council had no objection and the information was noted.

9. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club requesting the Council's consent to use the Alans Way Playing Field and the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground for football matches for the 1991/2 season. The Club informed the members that it was intended that their under 11 and under 12 teams would use Dragon Lane and under 13, under 14 and under 15 proposed to use the Alans Way facilities. After some discussion regarding their

concern for the maintenance of the pitches if they were heavily used during bad weather, the members agreed to permit the use requested subject to the playing areas being in a satisfactory condition to support the usage.

10. A letter had been received from Miss D. Petcher, writing on behalf of the residents of Newbold Heath, together with a list of signatories, and appealing to the Parish Council for its support in the provision of a playing field for the use of Newbold Heath residents. The members discussed the request at some length but it was pointed out that in the past, numerous surveys of the area had been made in an endeavour to identify an appropriate area of land that could be used for recreational purposes. Unfortunately, owners of any such plots identified were unwilling to consider negotiating any sale to the Parish Council and therefore previous efforts had proved fruitless. The members, however, agreed in principle to support the request, particularly if the residents themselves could identify a suitable parcel of land that could be used for such a purpose. The Clerk was asked to inform the residents accordingly and also to write to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the hope of obtaining some advice or support on any way to forward these proposals.

226. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

It was agreed that the Clerk should request W. D. & B. Harding to plant red and yellow roses within the circular stone Garden of Remembrance in the Cemetery.

227. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/0301/4 - Statham Estates, Newbold Road, Barlestone. Application for planning permission for an industrial building adjacent to existing building at 77 Newbold Road, Barlestone. No comment.

91/0424/4 - Newbold Verdon Parish Council - Application for planning permission to erect a brick bus shelter on Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

91/0410/4 - East Midlands Electricity plc. Application for planning permission to erect a 1100/33000 volt overhead line on wooden poles in the Parish of Barlestone and Newbold Verdon. No comment.

91/0426/4 - J. Wibberley, Cottage Farm, Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission to erect one agricultural related dwelling at the same address. Members pointed out that there had already been planning consent granted for the erection of one "agricultural related dwelling" at Cottage Farm (in addition to the farmhouse). Members, therefore, objected to what appeared to be an abuse of the current planning policy to allow agricultural related properties to be erected on more than one occasion at the same location.

228. PLANNING APPROVALS

91/0155/4A - Planning permission granted to Everards Brewery to display 3 externally illuminated signs at the Old Swan Inn, 22 Main Street, Newbold Verdon.

91/0188/4A - Planning permission granted to Everards Brewery to display signs at the Dragon Public House, Dragon Lane.

91/0203/4A - Planning permission granted for the retention of the advertisement sign board at Jubilee Court, Main St., Newbold Verdon.

91/0197/4 - Planning permission granted to Mr. R. Newton of 45 Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon for vehicular access at that address.

91/0209/4 - Planning permission granted to T.B. & J. Bates & Sons of Fields Farm, Newbold Verdon for the erection of a slurry tank.

91/0276/4 - Planning permission granted to Mr. & Mrs. S. Webb of 41 Meadow Lane, Coalville for the erection of a detached garage at 92 Main Street, Newbold Verdon.

229. PLANNING REFUSALS

91/0258/4 - Refusal of planning permission to A. C. Hawksbee of The Leas, Leicester Lane, Desford to erect garages and parking facilities on land off Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath for the following reasons:- (a) contrary to the policy in the Structure Plan that new development in this rural area would only be for agricultural purposes, (b) detriment to visual and rural amenities, (c) inadequate access, (d) being too close to a public sewer.

91/0245/4 - Refusal of planning permission to Mr. A. Statham of Cuthberts Yard, Newbold Road, Barlestont to erect two detached bungalows adjoining 35 Dragon Lane, Newbold Verdon, for the following reasons: (a) loss of privacy detrimental to residential amenities of adjoining dwellings, (b) probable disturbance caused by access drive.

91/0246/4 - Refusal of planning permission to Mr. A. Statham of Bagworth Road, Barlestont for change of use of 129 Main Street, Newbold Verdon to a restaurant for the following reasons: (a) it would be out of keeping with the predominantly residential character of the area, (b) resultant smells, noise and disturbance.

91/0239/4 - Refusal of planning permission to Lioncove Ltd to erect five dwellings on plots 9-13 The Paddocks, Newbold Verdon for the following reasons:- (a) unacceptable extension of development intruding into open countryside, (b) the inadequacy of the shared drive, (c) contravention of Council's

requirements on distances between principal windows and adjacent properties.

230. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None

231. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Goddard raised the following points:-

(a) the liner under the bark in the Toddler Park on Dragon Lane Recreation Ground was again riding up. The Clerk was asked to write to Playscape requesting their attention to the matter.

(b) He pointed out that the parking at the junction of Mill Lane and Enston Street was again causing considerable problems. PC Simmonds pointed out that he was aware of the problem and that he would look into it again.

2. Mr. Mensley raised the following:-

(a) He informed the members that he had received complaints from local residents over the fact that graves in the cemetery appeared as though they had been re-opened owing to the amount of clay and topsoil that had been deposited on top of them together with large stones which would cause considerable problems to the Council's maintenance contractor with the grass cutting. The Clerk informed the members that he had contacted the funeral directors concerned instructing them to ensure that the grave digger did not continue this practice. Members requested that some efforts should be made by the funeral directors to remedy the already unacceptable situation in the cemetery.

(b) He pointed out that youngsters were riding unlicensed motor cycles down Harrys Lane and that this presented a considerable danger to pedestrians. PC Simmonds stated that he was not aware of the problem but that he would monitor the matter and act accordingly.

(c) He informed members that he had been approached by those using the Pavilion facilities on Alans Way saying that there were insufficient seats and coathooks in the changing rooms to support use by up to 30 football players at any time. After an inspection of the changing facilities it was agreed that the partition wall between the door and the changing facilities should remain in situ but that an additional short bench and two additional coat hooks be installed.

3. Mrs. Francks pointed out that she had recently received notification from the Gas Board of their intention to install a new gas main in Main Street and that it appeared that the works were likely to be carried out shortly after the

resurfacing works which were being undertaken at present by the County Council. The Chairman said he had discussed the matter with County Councillor Mr. Casswell and that efforts were being made to ensure that adequate liaison took place between the Gas Board and the County Council.

4. Mr. Law reported that one of the trees on Alans Way Playing Field was down and that it appeared still to be alive. The Chairman had discussed the matter with the Council's maintenance contractor who advised that any efforts to raise the tree to an upright position would damage the surviving roots and that the tree would perish. The members agreed the tree could not remain in its existing position and that an effort should be made to right it. If this resulted in it dying then it should be replaced accordingly.

5. Mr. Hurst pointed out that the brook running by Brascote Lane had been so polluted by a sewer discharging into it that the water now supported no life whatsoever. Mrs. Crookes stated that she had discussed the matter with the Borough Council District Engineer and that he would endeavour to do something to remedy the situation as soon as he could.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.