MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 p.m. ON 3RD NOVEMBER 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chair), J. R. Watson, S. Spence, D. Colledge, G. Law, M. B. Mensley, P. Chick, E. A. Walsh (Clerk). P. Hunt.

287. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from H. M. Francks and W. W. Goddard.

288. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

289. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 7.10.91 - 3.11.91 = 4 weeks at £22.00			88.00
E. A. Walsh, Salary	October	187.50	
	Expenses	50.00	237.50
W. D. & B. Harding & Son			273.19
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.		1,514.70	
	VAT	265.07	1,779.77
			2,378.46

Received:

Leics. Cooperative Funeral Service Ltd. Sale of children's plot - Steven Wallis		24.00	
	Interment	9.00	33.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. Interment of ashes - S. W. Statham			15.00
Newbold Verdon Cricket Club - fees			88.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. Sale of grave - Patricia Hunt		36.00	
	Interment	15.00	51.00
			187.00

290. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from a parishioner complaining about the state of the footpath in Arnolds Crescent following recent gas works. The parishioner hoped that the Council would resurface the pavement as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the parishioner that the re-instatement of the pavement was the responsibility of the statutory undertaker and that, in the event that that was carried out unsatisfactorily, the matter would be resolved by the County Council Highways Department.

(2) A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation confirming that the erection of a 'No Through Road' sign at the junction of Red Lion Lane with Main Street would be attended to shortly.

(3) A letter had been received from the District Valuer regarding the Parish Council's appeal against the notice of rating assessment in respect of the pavilion on Alans Way. The District Valuer pointed out that rating authorities no longer had a discretion to grant rate relief for properties used for sporting purposes and that, therefore, henceforth the pavilion would appear on the District Valuer's list for rating. The members reluctantly accepted that the building did not qualify for exemption and that no reduction could be applied for. It was agreed that a formal withdrawal of the rating appeal be dealt with by the Clerk and that the payment of the transitional relief adjustment in the sum of £285.17 be made to the Borough Council.

291. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that quotations had been received for repairs to the play equipment and also the installation of a safety surface. Quotations had been received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. in the sum of £7,395.92 including VAT and from Marshall Fry Ltd. in the sum of £8,700.87 including VAT. It was acknowledged by the members that the majority of the cost related to the installation of a concrete base and members agreed that the Clerk should contact a local builder to obtain a quote for the installation of the concrete base as a separate item.

As far as the Toddler Park was concerned, it was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to instruct Leicester Playscape to effect minor repairs to the play equipment.

292. BYE LAWS FOR DOG FOULING

The Clerk reported that in response to his request for model bye-laws regarding dog fouling, the Borough Council had at last furnished a copy of the same, although some doubt was expressed as to whether they were appropriate for the Parish Council's needs.

It was agreed that copies of the bye laws be made available to members for their consideration and that the matter should be placed on the Council's agenda for its meeting in February.

293. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 1991/92

The Clerk reported that the District Planning Officer had indicated that the recent improvement works at the corner of Main Street and Arnolds Crescent appeared to lack a focal point as a result of the public seat being installed at Alans Way. The Planning Officer suggested that a heavy standard maple tree together with a tree grid and guard be installed in the centre of the slabbed area. The members had no objection and agreed with the proposals of the Planning Officer although further concern was raised at the fact that the Borough Council had still failed to move the Arnolds Crescent street sign to a more appropriate location.

294. HEATH TURN BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd. in the sum of £1,515 + VAT for the provision of a new brick bus shelter at the Heath turn. The members agreed to accept the quotation and asked the Clerk to instruct the builders to commence work as soon as possible. It was agreed that any issues revolving around the need to obtain planning permission would be addressed at a later date.

295. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/0972/4 - M. L. Kent, 176 Newbold Road, Barlestone. Application for planning permission to retain land at the above address for use as garden land. No comment.

91/0939/4 - E. A. W. Tyers, 20 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a porch roof extension and bay window at the above address. No comment.

296. PLANNING APPROVALS

91/0883/4 - J. M. Pitzioris, 3 Grange Close, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

91/0844/4 - D. Murphy, 56 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

297. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst raised the following:-

(a) He expressed concern about the recent installation of wooden crosses in the Cemetery indicating that this was contrary to the Parish Council's policy in relation to memorials. The Clerk confirmed that certainly in relation to one of the crosses, the family had indicated that it was only there on a temporary basis until such time as an official memorial had been erected. A more recent installation had occurred without the consent of the Parish Council and members felt it appropriate to indicate to parishioners that permission for wooden memorial crosses would be of a temporary nature and that they would have to be removed before the expiry of 12 months.

(b) He reported that the nedge adjacent to the brook on Brascote Lane was considerably overgrown and was obscuring the 30 mph road sign. The land was owned by Mr. George Bonsall and the Chairman agreed that a letter would be sent requesting that the hedge be cut back.

2. Mrs. Spence made the following points:-

(a) That 10½ cwt of bulbs had been planted around the village verges. This was duly noted.

(b) That the hedge trimmings in the footpath between Pasture Lane and Alans Way still presented a problem. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the occupiers of the properties responsible for the mess and request some positive action from them.

3. Mr. Chick pointed out that the state of the footpath along Desford Road was in a poor condition. The Chairman confirmed that this was the result of works carried out by British Telecom some time ago and asked the Clerk to write an appropriate letter.

4. Mr. Watson pointed out that the gutter on the pavilion required repair and the Clerk was authorised to request this work to be carried out.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.41 p.m.