MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 1991 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

272. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Law.

273. **MINUTES**

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

274. **ACCOUNTS**

Payable:

			£
Hinckley & Bosworth B.C. - Pavilion rates amended account - 1.4.91 - 31.3.92			285.17
W. D. & B. Harding & Son September maintenance		485.50	
	VAT	84.97	570.47
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 2.9.91 - 6.10.91 at £20 per week			100.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerk's salary	September	187.50	
	Expenses	50.00	237.50
			£1,193.14

Received:

East Midlands Electricity Electricity pole wayleave payment to 29.9.96			5.50
Sale of grave - L. Muggeridge, decd.		36.00	
Gillivers.	Interment	15.00	51.00
			£56.50

275. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter had been received from Mrs. L. Johnson on behalf of the Toddler Park Project. She had noticed that some of the Toddler Park area was falling into disrepair and asked whether the Park was due for a maintenance check. The Chairman pointed out that this was, in fact, being undertaken.

2. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council regarding the Best Kept Village Competition 1991 and giving the final results. Newbold Verdon had been placed in the previous winners

category and came third behind Market Bosworth/Bitteswell and Waltham on the Wolds.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services regarding the additional litter bins. The Director gave the cost for erecting a free-standing litter bin at approximately £150. The cost of erecting a post-mounted litter bin would be in the region of £40. After considerable discussion about the poor state of the litter situation on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground, it was agreed that two free-standing litter bins be requested to be positioned adjacent to the public seats. One to be next to the centre seat adjacent to the fencing of the Old Rectory and the other to be by the side of the public seat adjacent to the Toddler Park play area. When placing the order the Clerk was asked to clarify the position with regard to the emptying of the bins.

4. A quotation had been received from W. D. & B. Harding & Son for the planting of 40 roses in the Garden of Remembrance at the Cemetery in the sum of £85 + VAT. The members had previously approved that this work be carried out by Mr. Harding and so merely noted the quoted price. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the work would be carried out as soon as possible.

276. **ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 1992**

The National Association of Local Councils was due to hold its Biennial Conference on the weekend of 24th/26th April 1992 at Southport. It was agreed that any members interested in attending the Conference should contact the Clerk.

277. **LITTER BINS - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD**

It was agreed that before any further litter bins are installed at the Alans Way Playing Field, the Parish Council should monitor what improvement occurred as a result of the additional litter bins currently being arranged to be installed on Dragon Lane Recreation Ground.

278. **ALANS WAY CAR PARK SURFACE**

It was pointed out that the money that had been precepted to cover the cost of laying a car park surface at the Alans Way Playing Field had been used for the purpose of the Pavilion extension. It was, therefore, agreed that this matter would receive further consideration when the Council precepted for the forthcoming year. However, in the meantime, the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the laying of a tarmac surface in the hope that these would be received prior to precepting.

279. **NEWBOLD VERDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION**

A request had been received from the Junior Football Club that they wished to use the Alans Way Playing Field and Pavilion for the purpose of a 6-a-side competition on Sunday 14th June 1992 from 8.30 am until 5.30 pm. The Club pointed out that approximately 20 teams would be entering the competition and they would be requiring two 6-a-side football pitches. In addition they also sought permission to install a barbecue and bouncing castle for use on the day.

After some discussion it was agreed that the football club could use the facility and it was hoped that this would not prejudice the use of the cricket square by the cricket club if they were using it on the same day. If the cricket club had got a match on then the Parish Council were willing to make available the extension area of the pavilion for changing purposes for the football club. It was agreed that if a cricket match was being played, this would be finished by 12.30 and the entire facility would then be available from 12.30 onwards. The football pitches would have to be marked out by the football club themselves and the barbecue and fun castle would have to be erected so as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to the cricket club. The members agreed that it might be possible for visitors to the football competition to park their vehicles on the playing field but a final decision on this matter would have to be considered nearer the time.

280. **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1992/93**

The members reviewed the maintenance contract for the village and made various amendments to bring it up to date. As far as the problem with the level of the graves in the cemetery was concerned, it was agreed that between the months of October and March, undertakers should leave the graves at no more than 5 - 6 ins. above ground level. Between March and October, the Council insisted that graves should be left level at the time they were originally infilled. The Clerk was asked to notify the Undertakers accordingly.

281. **JUBILEE INN FOOTBALL CLUB - USE OF ALANS WAY FACILITIES**

The Football Club had requested permission to use one changing room on Tuesday nights for the purpose of training. After some discussion it was agreed that the club could have use of the facility at a charge of £5 per evening between 7.00 and 9.00 pm. The Clerk was asked to notify the caretaker of this additional use.

282. **INLAND REVENUE TAX REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk read a letter from the District Audit Commission pointing out the requirements of Parish Councils as employers to ensure that income tax is paid by their employees in respect of their remuneration. The Audit Commission pointed out that the obligation to ensure that tax is paid rests with the Council.

After consideration discussion, it was agreed that the members were satisfied that the Clerk declared his income for tax purposes and that they had no objection to this continuing provided the Audit Commission and the Inland Revenue were satisfied. It was, therefore, agreed that the Clerk should write to the Inland Revenue to request a ruling on the matter before starting any tax deduction scheme as proposed by the Audit Commission.

283. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

91/0871/4 - Newbold Verdon Congregation of Jehovas Witnesses. Concern was expressed about whether the extension to these premises would result in an increase in the number of visitors and associated car parking problems. The Council pointed out that there were no parking facilities at Kingdom Hall at present.

91/0844/4 - D. Murphy, 56 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build bedroom and dining room extensions. No comment.

91/0810/4 - R. J. Hammersley, 23 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for permission for kitchen, lounge and bedroom extension and erection of detached garage and store room. No comment.

91/0830/4 - Statham Potatoes, 136 Newbold Road, Barlestone. Application for permission for extension to existing building. No comment.

91/0883/4 - J. M. Pitzioris, 3 Grange Close, Newbold Verdon. Application for permission for extension to existing house. No comment.

91/0904/4 - K. Barnes, 35 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for permission for change of use of land to private garden. No comment.

284. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

91/0783/4 - Planning permission for 1st Newbold Verdon Scout Group to build extension to Scout Headquarters on 35 Jubilee Road, Newbold Verdon.

91/0810/4 - Planning permission for Mr. R. J. Hammersley to build extension to dwelling at 23 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon.

285. **PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**

A parishioner asked why the Parish Council was not formally represented at the recent public meeting when the draft rural local parishes plan was considered. The Chairman expressed his concern that the Parish Council was not formally represented but did point out that the residents of the village were represented by the local Borough Councillor, Mrs. Crookes who was present at the meeting.

286. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

1. Mr. Hurst asked whether the trees overhanging Church Walk could be cut back as they were a danger to pedestrians and the Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor regarding this.

2. Mr. Goddard pointed out that the Arnolds Crescent road sign at its junction with Main Street had still not been moved. The Chairman replied by saying that this had been formally requested on more than one occasion. He also raised his concern again regarding car parking at the junction of Enston Street with Mill Lane. The Chairman said that the police were aware of the situation and were looking into the problem.

3. Mr. Watson asked whether the cricket club equipment stored in the pavilion was insured by the Parish Council. The Clerk pointed out that only Parish Council equipment was insured and the club would be well advised to effect their own insurance.

4. Mr. Mensley pointed out that he had not yet contacted Mr. Wilkinson at the Divisional Surveyor's Office with regard to the proposed meeting to consider the installation of a road sign at Harrys Lane. The Chairman stated that he would attempt to contact the Surveyor's office in the near future.

5. Mr. Eskidge pointed out that he had had some problems with the Oak Board as a result of their improvement works on Spindle Crescent and said that the Board had left unguarded and unlit holes in the road during the course of their work. He had reported this to the District Engineer, & Mr. M. Smith, who had responded very quickly.

THE CHAIRMAN EXCLUDED THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND MEMBERS WENT INTO COMMITTEE.

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A request had been received from Mr. Ball for a review of his salary and after some discussion the members agreed a 10% increase (i.e. £2 per week) with effect from 7th October 1991.

SCHEDULE 'A'

NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXPECTED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1992/3

	1991/92 ESTIMATES	1992/93 ESTIMATES
DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND		
Mowing, debris removal, fertilising reseeding	670	710
Repairs and maintenance	500	500
Inspection	45	45
Additional equipment	1000	---
Trees	50	50
MALLORY CLOSE		
Mowing, debris removal forking beds	226	250
WAR MEMORIAL		
Maintenance	50	80
CHURCHYARD		
Mowing and maintenance charges	1096	1150
CEMETERY		
Mowing and maintenance charges	1600	1856
Rates - general and water	50	50
Additional works garden of remembrance	1250	----
PARISH FLORAL TRIBUTE		
Verdon in Bloom	750	350

CONT.

CEMETERY		
Laying of hedge	500	---
ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD		
Mowing, debris removal, fertilising and reseeding, strimming	1381	1327
Annual fee - access agreement	5	-
Repairs and maintenance	750	500
Additional equipment	250	300
Trees	100	100
PAVILION		
Car park surfacing	----	10000
Store extension	10000	-----
Loan repayment	2750	2750
Heating and lighting	350	400
Rates	300	600
Water rates	150	200
Cleaning	1250	1400
Maintenance and repairs	300	300
Insurance	150	150
GENERAL EXPENCES		
Clerks salary	2250	2700
Clerks expences	600	650
Audit fee	150	150
Computer purchase	1000	----
Subscriptions	150	150

CONT.

Bus shelters	1000	----
Notice boards	---	100
Record and document books	50	50
Christmas tree	50	100
Insurance	500	400
Sundries, legal costs, Land Registry fees, adverts	500	500
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Note 1 : Product of £1 community charge rate in 1991/92 is £2586 equal to £12.29 per community charge payer.

Note 2 : Product of £1 community charge rate in 1992/93 is £2589 equal to £10.33 per community charge payer.

£ 31,044 balance.