MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 1992 AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks, J. R. Watson, S. Spence, D. Colledge, G. Law, P. Chick, E. A. Walsh (Clerk)

Parishioners: 9

436. **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were received from M. B. Mensley and A. Hurst.

437. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 1992, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments:- Mr. Law was present, Mrs. Spence sent her apologies and the amount paid to the Cricket Club was a contribution and not a 'donation'.

438. **ACCOUNTS**

Payable

		£
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.		
Repairs to Pavilion	41.72	
VAT	7.30	49.02
Edward Hands & Lewis (Solicitors)		
Profession fees re Alans Way access	816.00	
VAT	131.25	947.25
East Midlands Electricity plc		
Pavilion electricity charges		182.43
M. B. Mensley		
Plumbing repairs - Pavilion	140.22	
VAT	24.53	164.75
Newbold Verdon Cricket Club		
Cont. towards materials cost		300.00
W. D. & B. Harding & Son		
Inv. Nos. 7304-7) 7373-9) 11	890.60	
VAT	155.88	1,046.48
E. H. Bell		
Caretaker's wages 1.11.92 - 5.12.92 (5 weeks)		110.00
E. A. Walsh		
Salary	225.00	
Expenses	54.16	279.16
		3,079.09

Received

Swan FC - Pitch fees (October)	18.00
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - pitch fees	56.00
Ginns & Gutteridge	
Interment of ashes - Mrs. J. D. Walsh	15.00
Swan FC - pitch fees (September)	36.00
	125.00

439. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1) A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that the problem of car parking at the junction of Chadwick Close and Main Street had been passed to the Traffic Section for consideration and a traffic regulation order and that they would contact the Clerk again shortly.

2) A further letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor requesting that a flowering cherry tree on Gilbert's Drive be pruned. The members expressed some concern about the ownership of the tree in question and asked the Clerk to clarify the position with the Surveyor.

3) Notice of the transfer of the Justices Licence had been received in respect of the Old White Swan and this was noted.

4) A letter had been received from the County Secretary's Department advising that the Planning and Recreation Committee had resolved to divert footpath S26 to Kirkby Lane, Brascote despite the Parish Council's formal objection. The members were disappointed at the result and noted that the Borough Council had not raised any formal objection to the proposals.

5) A letter had been received from the Newbold Heath residents Association regarding foorpath R60 running from the Heath to the village. This was apparently overgrown and at present impassable. The Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Surveyor accordingly.

6) A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council regarding the proposed recycling initiatives within the Borough. After consideration the members agreed with Mr. Mould's suggestion that the Newbold Verdon County Primary School be offered as a primary site for the installation of the recycling project and that the car park of the Public Library could be offered as an alternative site.

7) The Clerk reported that the draft Register of Electors for the year February 1993 - February 1994 had been received together with forms of objection to the inclusion of electors' names. In addition the Clerk reported the receipt of the Parish analysis and list of the forthcoming property Council Tax in respect of properties in Newbold Verdon. It was agreed that both the Council Tax list and the draft Register of Electors be deposited at the Library for public viewing and the Clerk publish a Parish Notice to that effect.

440. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE TREE AWARD**

The Clerk reminded members that the Rural Community Council was making a gift of a tree of our choice to the village to be planted during the current planting season. After some consideration, members agreed that the three existing trees namely the flowering cherry, the sycamore and field maple presently on the triagular piece of land at Sparkenhoe, be resited to the top of Sparkenhoe adjacent to the Barlestone Road and that they be replaced with one substantial purple-leafed beech tree. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Mr. Harding with a view to resiting the existing three trees and that in addition he be asked to plant three further trees in the same location, namely two limes and a hornbeam. It was, therefore, agreed that the Clerk should contact the Rural Community Council to arrange for the planting of the purple-leafed beech tree as soon as the site had be prepared by Mr. Harding.

441. **ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk reported that following recent heavy rain, complaints had been received from parishioners over the poor state of the Alans Way Playing Field which had been badly cut up by excessive football use during the same period. After some discussion, members agreed that the football clubs' representatives be invited to attend a meeting with members so that the matter could be discussed.

442. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW**

The Clerk read out a letter received from the Chief Executive of the County Council outlining the proposed options for Local Government reorganisation. The Chairman confirmed that he had attended a very positive presentation by the County Council. It was agreed that the consultation letter from the Chief Executive be circulated among members for their perusal.

443. **DRAGON LAND RECREATION GROUND - PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Clerk reported that he had ascertained the materials and coatings used by the manufacturers of the play equipment. It was, therefore, agreed that work should be carried out as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration of the equipment and the Clerk was asked to specify the materials quoted.

444. **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1993/4**

The Clerk reported that quotations had been received from five contractors for the maintenance works required by the Parish in the forthcoming year. The Clerk had carried out a full evaluation of the quotations received and reported this to the members. It was resolved that the quotation of W. D. & B. Harding & Son in the sum of £7,336.70 be accepted.

445. **PARISH REPRESENTATIVES FOR POLICE LIAISON MEETINGS**

The Chairman advised the members that he had been requested by the local Constabulary to arrange for the nomination of two Parish councillors to represent the Parish for the proposed quarterly meetings of the Coalville Police Local Parishes Meetings. It was agreed that Mrs. Francks and Mr. Hurst be nominated and that the Chairman would pass this information on to the Police.

446. **PLANNING APLICATIONS**

92/1067/4 - Mr. & Mrs. G. Chambers, 27 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension to dwelling. No comment.

447. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

92/0959/4 - Severn Trent Water Ltd., Gorst Hill, Anstey. Planning permission for extension to sewage works at Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon.

448. **PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME**

A parishioner pointed out that the bus stop post on the Desford Road had been hit by a vehicle and was in a dangerous condition. The Clerk was asked to contact City Bus to notify them.

449. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

Mr. Chick pointed out that the East Midlands Electricity sub-station land on Brascote Lane was in an untidy state. The Clerk was asked to write to the company requesting that some efforts be made to tidy up the area.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.47 p.m.

AT THIS POINT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING AND IT WENT INTO COMMITTEE

449a. **CLERK'S SALARY**

After some discussion, members agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £3,200 per annum (plus expenses) from 1st January 1993.