MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 1992 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks, M. B. Mensley, J. R. Watson, G. Law, P. Chick, D. Colledge, J. Crooks (Borough Councillor), E. A. Walsh (Clerk).

Parishioners: 1

322. APOLOGIES - Apologies for absence were received from S. Spence and A. Hurst.

323. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 6.1. 92, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

324. ACCOUNTS

PAYABLE:

		£
Leicester Playscape		
Repairs to Toddler Park	40.00	
VAT	7.00	47.00
East Midlands Electricity plc		
Pavilion electricity charges		67.97
M. B. Mensley		
Unblocking of drain, Dragon Lane Recreation Ground	12.50	
VAT	2.18	14.68
Society of Local Council Clerks		
Annual Subscription		30.00
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's Wages		
6.1.92 - 2.2.92 - 4 weeks at £22		88.00
E. A. Walsh, Clerk's Salary	225.00	
Expenses	50.00	275.00
TOTAL		522.65

RECEIVED:

Refund of VAT for year ended 31.3.91	1,496.31
G. Seller & Co. Interment fee A. E. Goacher	15.00
W.H. Sawbridge. Memorial fee C. Ball	15.00
Carr Funeral Services,Boston. Interment of ashes of late I. Jelley	30.00
TOTAL	1,556.31

325. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Borough Treasurer concerning the Parish balances which remained owing from the penny rate product. Members were informed that the balance due to the Parish Council at 31.3.90 was £74.07 and the Borough Treasurer was requesting the method by which this balance was to be paid. The members agreed that the Clerk should ask for the sum in the form of a cheque.

2. A letter had been received from the Deputy Clerk of the Lieutenancy inviting two members to the service at Leicester Cathedral to mark the 40th anniversary of the accession of HM The Queen on Sunday 9th February. Any members interested in attending were to contact the Clerk.

3. The Chairman advised members that a letter had been received from Radio Leicester indicating that the Parish had been unsuccessful in gaining entry to the forthcoming County Questions Quiz. The letter was duly noted.

326. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that Wicksteed Leisure had forwarded their current brochure of play equipment in duplicate together with price lists. It was agreed that this should be circulated among members and that the matter should remain on the agenda for further consideration.

327. ALANS WAY - PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ACCESS LAND

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Council's solicitors indicating that the vendor was now ready to proceed with the sale to the Council of the strip of land forming the access to the Alans Way Playing Field. In advance of the purchase, the vendor was requesting a letter from the Parish Council releasing the vendor from the terms of an access agreement in relation to this land. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Council would proceed with the purchase of the land. However, serious reservations were expressed regarding the possibility of the landowner of the adjacent property, The Hawthorns, reconstructing a brick wall around the perimeter of his land which might cause problems to vehicles gaining access to and egress from the playing field. It was also agreed that a pedestrian right of way between the access land and The Hawthorns would be desirable.

The Clerk was, therefore, asked to seek an assurance that the vendor's solicitors would accept a conditional letter of release from the terms of the access agreement, i.e. conditional upon the owner, for the time being, of The Hawthorns not erecting any structure within three feet of the access land. The matter would remain on the agenda until this problem was resolved.

328. PARISH PRECEPT - 1992/93

It was resolved that the Parish Council approve a total precept of £27,748, the approximate product of a £1 community

charge rate in 1992/93 is £2,589 equal to £10.33 per community charge payer. The estimates, as approved, are attached to these minutes as Schedule A.

329. ALANS WAY CAR PARK SURFACING

The Clerk reported that quotations had been invited from four contractors for tarmac surfacing of the Alans Way car park. Two quotations had been received, one from Charles Grip Surfacing Ltd. in the sum of £8,096.34, subject to VAT. The other was from Bardon Roadstone Ltd in the sum of £8,803, exclusive of VAT. It was noted that the quotation from Bardon Roadstone Ltd. included the cost of suitable drainage provision. In the circumstances it was unanimously agreed that the quotation from Bardon Roadstone Ltd. was accepted and the Clerk was instructed to request the Company to give a date after the end of March 1992 for the carrying out of the work.

330. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

91/1164/4 - S. Cleaver, The Windmill Inn, Brascote Lane, Brascote. Application for planning permission for a front porch and covered way at the above address. No comment.

92/0040/4 - J. Wibberley, Cottage Farm, Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for one agricultural-related dwelling at the above address. No comment.

331. PLANNING APPROVALS

91/1132/4 - M. E. WILKINSON, 29 Bagworth Road, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for the erection of a dwelling at land adjacent to the above address.

332. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner raised his concern that considerable money was being spent within the village but nothing was being spent at Newbold Heath. He pointed out that the Parish Council had not sought to purchase land at the Heath when a sale board had been erected and wished to know why. The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council could not purchase land at building land prices and as a Local Authority was subject to over-view and valuation by the District Valuer. The Chairman advised the parishioner that if he were able to identify playing field land within the parish close enough to the residents of Newbold Heath to be of interest to them, then the Parish Council would be more than willing to look at the prospect of purchasing the same. The Chairman pointed out that he had attended several meetings at the Heath in order to attempt to identify land that might be used for recreation purposes but these had all failed to produce positive results. Even the National Coal Board had been approached in the hope of being able to lease land for this purpose but without success.

2. Mrs. Crooks pointed out that adjoining local parishes had agreed to attend a joint meeting at the Battram Village Hall on Monday 10th February 1992, the purpose of which was to co-ordinate local parish objections to the recent planning consents granted by the Borough Council in respect of Costalot. Members of the Parish Council were accordingly invited. This was duly noted.

333. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Chick asked whether the Council had received a positive response from British Telecom regarding repair works along the Desford Road. The Clerk said that no reply had yet been received and he would chase this up.

2. The Clerk reported to the meeting that a request had been made by the Newbold Verdon Community Association for the use of the Alans Way Playing Field facilities, both car park and pavilion, for a forthcoming car boot sale which had, in the past, been held at the primary school. After considerable discussion the members felt that this use might prejudice the cricket club's use of the facilities and they were regrettably unwilling to assist. However, members were willing to offer the Community Association the use of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground as an alternative. The Council's previous minutes reflected a daily hire charge of £30 for the facilities and the Clerk was instructed to offer this as an alternative.

3. Mr. Watson pointed out that the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club were still not removing the goal posts on the Alans Way Playing Field as they had been requested. It was agreed that the Clerk should advise the Club that the Parish Council would arrange for the removal of the posts and that a charge would be made for this service if it proved necessary.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.22 p.m.

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	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	1384	1627
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 expenses	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
	31776	27748

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.