MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH JULY 1992 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: Mr. M. Preston (in the Chair), Mrs. H. M. Francks, Mr. M. B. Mensley, Mrs. S. Spence, Mr. G. Law, Mr. A. Hurst, Mr. D. Colledge, Mr. E. A. Walsh (Clerk).
PARISHIONERS: 3

THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED MR. MENSLEY BACK AFTER HIS RECENT ILLNESS.

385. APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr. P. Chick.

386. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June, having previously been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

387. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

			£
E. & D. Wykes - Purchase of mower		800.00	
	VAT	140.00	940.00
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council S.19 - Footpath diversion advertising costs		151.60	
	VAT	26.53	178.13
Severn Trent Water Ltd. Water charges - Pavilion			37.39
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Supply & erection of street name plate Alans Way		59.40	
	VAT	10.40	69.80
W.D. & B.Harding & Son Maintenance - May		861.20	
	VAT	150.72	1,011.92
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's Wages 1.6.92 - 5.7.92 and 6.7.92 - 2.8.92			198.00
E. A. Walsh - Salary (June & July)		450.00	
	Expenses	108.32	558.32
			2,993.56

Received:

Swan FC - Pitch fees - 91/92 season	234.00
Newbold Verdon Cricket Club - Wicket fees to 31.5.92	168.00
	402.00

388. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Technical Services Department of the Borough Council pointing out that the Director was always happy to attend Parish Council meetings by invitation if there were any matters that members wished to discuss. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council congratulating them on the excellent service now being provided with regard to refuse collection and street cleaning in the village.

2. A letter had been received from the Mayor's Parlour of the Borough Council inviting two representatives of the Parish to the forthcoming Civic Service on 16th August. The Chairman took the invitation and any other representative interested in attending should contact him.

3. A letter had been received from Leicester City Bus Ltd. in reply to the Parish Council's request that the bus stop sited at Little Heath Piece be moved to a new location in the nearby layby. The Bus Company felt that the layby was too small for a bus to use and would create a hazard to road users in that it was opposite a road junction.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation advising the Parish that enquiries were being made in order to establish the appropriate speed limit applicable for the Bagworth Road and that he hoped to be able to reply shortly. The letter was noted.

5. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club pointing out that the goal mouth and centre areas of the football pitches had recently been re-seeded when it was hoped that they would be returfed. After some consideration, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Harding requesting his advice on the best way forward.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Libraries regarding the Parish Council's request for an acknowledgement by the Committee that the need for a permanent library for the village be made a priority within the Committee's capital programme in the near future. The Director pointed out that whilst the Committee were sympathetic to the need to replace the present library they could not revise their present programmes for 1992/93 or 1994/95. The letter was noted.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council pointing out that the 'bring schemes' will shortly be extended into larger villages within the Borough. The Borough were anxious not to prejudice the initiatives of any local voluntary groups who had recycling initiatives for the purpose of fund raising and, therefore, requested information regarding the existence of any groups in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the Borough of the primary school's recycling initiative in relation to aluminium cans.

8. A letter had been received from a local resident of Peters Avenue as a follow-up to his earlier complaint regarding the abuse of the Alans Way Playing Field by cricketers and

children generally. It was agreed that some efforts had been made by the Parish to address the points the parishioner raised in his earlier letter and it was agreed that the Clerk should chase up the matter of noticeboards being erected on the Pavilion.

9. A letter had been received from the Clerk to the Governors of the Newbold Verdon Primary School requesting a further nomination from the Parish Council of its representative member on the Governing Body. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. H. M. Francks should be re-appointed for a further term of office.

10. A letter had been received from the Council's Solicitors regarding the interpretation of the access agreement with regard to its defeasibility. In order to ensure that the Parish Council would not be prejudiced in terms of its future right of access to the playing field by virtue of any misinterpretation of the agreement in law, it was agreed to accept the Solicitor's suggestion that Counsel's advice be sought on the matter and the decision whether or not to proceed with the purchase of the access land would be reviewed thereafter.

389. ALL WEATHER PLAYING SURFACE - ALANS WAY

It was noted by the members that this matter would remain on the agenda to enable the officers of the football clubs who were seeking sponsorship to report back at a future date on their success or otherwise. It was also acknowledged that this initiative would run in tandem with the Parish Council's deliberations on the prospect of acquiring additional land for the Alans Way Playing Field.

390. TODDLER PARK PLAY AREA

The members agreed that some efforts should be made to repaint the toddler park play equipment on Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and the Clerk was authorised to arrange for this work to be carried out as soon as possible.

391. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

92/0493/4 - Application for change of use of premises to a restaurant at 129 Main Street, Newbold Verdon. This application was a renewal of a previous application made in February 1991. The members reiterated their objections to the present application on the same ground as those previously relied upon and submitted to the Borough Council in February 1991. Mrs. Francks had attended a site meeting of the Borough Council's Site Inspection Committee on Wednesday 1st July and passed on these observations to the Borough Council's Planning Officer.

92/0591/4 - P. Hollingsworth, 65 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Extension forming garage and bedroom. No comment.

92/0537/4 - G. Freeman, Holly House Farm, Brascote, Newbold Verdon. Two storey extension. No comment.

92/0582/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Tuckwell, 7 Oaks Drive, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension to porch and replacement roof. No comment.

92/0508/4 - T. Argyle, 26 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension to dining room. No comment.

92/0482/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Hand, 9 Gilbert Drive, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension. No comment.

92/0492/4 - P. Constable, The Lodge, Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission to extend house. No comment.

92/0494/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Ladkin, 120 Newbold Road, Barlestone. Application for planning permission for erection of prefabricated shelter as store to existing stables. No comment.

92/0363/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Griffin, 6 Sycamore Close, Newbold Verdon. Amended application for planning permission for two storey extension. No comment.

392. PLANNING APPROVALS

92/0350/4 - Mr. Tudge, 6 Bramble Drive, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

92/0363/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Griffith, 6 Sycamore Close, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

393. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None.

394. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst raised the following:-
(a) He advised members that someone had thrown hanging basket gel over part of the Cemetery and this was now unsightly. He offered to deal with the matter.

(b) He asked that the proposals for the Nailstone Waste Disposal Site be an agenda item for the September meeting.

2. Mr. Law raised the following:-
(a) He expressed the appreciation of the Cricket Club to the Parish Council for the recent acquisition of the mower and said that compliments had been paid by visiting teams on the excellent condition of the wicket.

(b) He pointed out that two of the toilet seats in the Ladies toilets in the Pavilion were broken. Mr. Mensley kindly offered to arrange for these to be replaced.

3. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-
(a) She pointed out that the long standing problem of graffiti on the bus shelter opposite to the Working Men's Club had not been solved. The Chairman apologised but pointed out that the

local contractor approached to do the work had had difficulty scheduling such a small task. It was agreed that perhaps this work could form part of the request for the repainting of the play equipment on Dragon Lane.

(b) She pointed out that the potholes throughout the village following recent works by British Gas plc were sinking and asked if they were going to be improved. The Clerk was asked to contact British Gas to put them on notice of these concerns.

(c) She asked the Chairman if the question of tree planting on the Alans Way Playing Field could be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS AND THE MEMBERS WENT INTO COMMITTEE

395. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was reported that only one application had been received for the casual vacancy on the Parish Council from Mrs. Eileen Tomblin who had submitted a comprehensive CV. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. Tomblin should be invited to join the Parish Council in time for its next meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 p.m.