MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST JUNE 1992 AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners: 5

371. APOLOGIES for absence were received from M. B. Mensley and J. Crooks.

372. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 1992, having previously been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

373. ACCOUNTS

| Payable: | | | £ |
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| R. & J. Electrics - Repairs to Pavilion lighting | | 130.59 | |
| | VAT | 22.85 | 153.44 |
| East Midlands Electricity plc Pavilion electricity charges | | | 123.82 |
| W. D. & B. Harding - Maintenance for April 1992. Invoice Nos. 6798 - 6802 | | 593.60 | |
| | VAT | 103.90 | 697.50 |
| E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages for 3 weeks 10.5.92 - 31.5.92 | | | 66.00 |
| E. A. Walsh - Clerk's Salary | May | 225.00 | |
| | Expenses | 54.16 | 279.16 |
| | | | 1,319.92 |

Received:

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| Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Pitch fees | 120.00 |
| Jubilee FC - Pitch fees | 247.00 |
| | 367.00 |

374. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A request had been received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. asking the Council to confirm the colour they wished the slide at Dragon Lane Recreation Ground to be painted. The members agreed that it should be painted green.

2. A letter had been received from Mrs. Crooks regarding a complaint by the owners of 33 Mill Lane that the fence to the rear of their property on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground was

in a poor state of repair. Members seemed to be of the opinion that the fence had, in fact, been repaired by the owner of the property and the Clerk undertook to clarify the position.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council in reply to a letter expressing the Council's concern over the mis-description of an industrial estate in the vicinity of Hall Farm in official documents. The members noted that the Borough Council appeared to have no knowledge of any document which incorporated reference to an industrial estate in this area. Mr. Hurst promised to obtain a copy of the document if he saw one again.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Social Services outlining the County Council's proposed Community Care Plan for 1992/3. Enclosed with this letter was a consultation questionnaire which required to be completed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate the proposals and that members would let the Clerk have their comments for the completion of the questionnaire in due course.

5. A letter had been received from the County Council's Chief Executive inviting two members of the Parish to the forthcoming County Service to be held at Leicester Cathedral at 10.30 am on Sunday 14th June 1992. Any member interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

6. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Jubilee Football Club requesting the use of the Alans Way Playing Field facilities for two football teams for the 1992/3 season. The members confirmed their approval on the basis that this was not a departure from the arrangements that existed for last season.

7. A letter had been received from the County Council's Emergency Planning Officer enclosing forms which required to be completed in order to deal properly with emergency planning for the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the emergency information sheets to members for them to identify the names of individuals and addresses of accommodation that might be of use for emergency planning purposes. Members could write the information needed directly on the forms and the Clerk would compile a formal return for the Emergency Planning Officer.

8. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that our request for information relating to the speed limit on the B.582 was being dealt with by the Traffic Section of the Highways Department.

9. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation regarding the proposed in-fill site at Nailstone Colliery. Following the Council's Annual General Meeting it had been agreed that the Parish would become part of the consultation process with regard to this application. It

was agreed that the proposals for the site would be circulated to members who would inform the Clerk in due course of the representations that they would wish to be made with regard to the application.

375. ACCESS - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reminded members of the current situation regarding the proposals for the purchase of the access land in the ownership of Mr. P. W. Bonsell. Mr. Bonsell had refused to comply with the Parish Council's request that, if the Parish released Mr. Bonsell from the terms of the access agreement in relation to the land adjoining the access, that the owner for the time being of the property known as The Hawthorns would not erect any structure within 1 metre of the Council's access. After considerable discussion about whether to proceed with the purchase, the Clerk was asked to confirm the terms of the access agreement. Having been satisfied that, provided there was no breach of the covenants in the agreement and that the Council used the Alans Way facilities as a playing field, the right to access would in fact remain in perpetuity. On this basis it was agreed that the Parish Council would not proceed with the purchase of the land in the absence of agreement by Mr. Bonsell.

376. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Clerk reported that since completion of the Garden of Remembrance he had had several approaches from local funeral directors regarding the Council's policy for the burial and/or interring of ashes. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk and Mrs. Francks would submit proposals to the Council regarding the delineation of part of the Cemetery into smaller plots for the burial of caskets and the subsequent placing of memorial plaques. Once these proposals had been submitted to the Council, they would be invited to determine appropriate fees. In the meantime, members agreed that the scattering of ashes and the interring of ashes in an unmarked part of the Cemetery, but not in a casket, would not attract the payment of any fee.

377. ALL WEATHER PLAYING SURFACE - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

This agenda item had been requested by the football clubs to enable them to report back to the Council on the status of their grant applications for the proposed all weather pitch to be installed. Mr. Chick advised the members that he had written a letter to the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to a feasibility study he was undertaking concerning the possibility of increasing the size of the Alans Way Playing Field facilities. There is a possibility that the owner of the land in question may consider the prospect of a sale to the Parish Council. A formal reply from the Director of Technical Services was awaited. It was agreed that further consideration of this matter would be undertaken at the next meeting.

378. TRESPASS AT ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

Concern had been expressed at the Council's last meeting at the amount of skateboarding and motorcycling currently on-going in the car park area at Alans Way. In addition, the Clerk read letters received from local residents who lived on the adjoining Peters Avenue complaining at the constant noise and nuisance created by the cricket club in particular. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the cricket club advising them of this concern and of the Parish Council's wish that the club and visiting teams should not be allowed to practise in an area which might result in cricket balls being hit against the boundary fence or, indeed, over them. It was agreed that controlling the amount of skateboarding and rollerskating would be difficult but that efforts should be made to put an end to the motor cycles being ridden around the area. Members believed they knew the identity certainly of one or some of the perpetrators and details would be given to the Clerk. It was agreed that letters should be sent to the parents of the boys in question and that the Police should be notified in the event that no positive and/or co-operative response was received. In an endeavour to avoid the pavilion being used as a back-stop both for footballs and cricket balls, notices should be erected on both gable end walls of the pavilion indicating that no ball games were to be played in the immediate vicinity of the building.

379. PLAY SURFACE - DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that quotations had been requested from three contractors in order to patch repair the surface under the four bay swings and the slide. Only one quotation had been received from Midland Stone & Tarring Company in the sum of £250 + VAT. The members agreed that for the time being they would only patch repair and not relay the whole surface and the Clerk was instructed to accept the quotation and request that the work be carried out.

380. PURCHASE OF MOWER

Mr. Law informed the members that there were several occasions when the football and cricket clubs required additional grass cutting to be undertaken on the Alans Way Playing Field in addition to the cutting provided under the annual maintenance contract. It was considered that the football pitches and cricket outfield could be kept in better playing condition if the Parish Council were to acquire its own semi-professional mower. The Chairman reminded members of his own proposals submitted to the AGM two years ago when he expressed the personal view that the purchase of a mower might be beneficial to the Council. Mr. Law informed the members that he was aware of the availability of a mower to suit the Council's requirements which was second-hand and was for sale at a nearby market garden centre. The members agreed that the Council should acquire the mower at a price of £800 and acknowledged that the price might be exclusive of VAT.

381. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

92/0446/4 - Mr. D. Colledge, 21 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for extension to existing kitchen. No comment.

92/0379/4 - Richard Robinson & Sons, Britannia Works, Markeaton Street, Derby. Application for planning permission for storage building at Cottage Farm, Kirby Lane, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

382. PLANNING APPROVALS

92/0263/4 - Mr. Lewis, 18 Bramble Drive, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for a first floor extension.

383. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

None.

384. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-

(a) She reported that garden rubbish was being dumped in the bridle way adjacent to Alans Way Playing Field. The persons responsible for this were unknown. The problem was noted.

(b) She reported that a large lorry was being parked outside the former Daines Shoe Warehouse on Main Street and that this was unsightly. The Clerk was asked to write to the agents expressing the members' concern.

2. Mr. Law reported that the shower heads in the changing rooms at the pavilion were becoming broken because they were inflexible. It was accepted that strong shower heads were required. In addition it was pointed out that the mens toilet only flushed when the sink tap was turned on and that there may be something wrong with the water valves concerned. The Chairman replied by saying that he would discuss the problem with Mr. Mensley whose company installed the plumbing.

3. Mr. Hurst pointed out that the boundary fences of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground had a main post broken off and three missing rails. The Clerk was authorised to instruct contractors to repair the same.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02 p.m.