MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th MAY 1992 at THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners: 13

357. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Only one nomination was received of Mr. M. W. Preston and it was, therefore, resolved that Mr. Preston be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Preston accepted the Chair, signed a declaration of acceptance and thanked the members for their continued support.

358. APOLOGIES

None.

359. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 1992, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

360. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Only one nomination was received in respect of Mrs. H. M. Francks. It was resolved that Mrs. Francks be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs. Francks accepted the position and signed a declaration of acceptance accordingly.

361. ACCOUNTS

Payable:			£
Cornhill Insurance plc - Renewal premium			484.90
Bardon Roadstone Ltd. - Alans Way Playing Field - Car park surfacing		9,034.00	
	VAT	1,580.95	10,614.95
Tony Redshaw - Cladding of two pavilion doors		100.00	
	VAT	17.50	117.50
W. D. & B. Harding & Son Keeping bin areas tidy (1991)		17.00	
	VAT	2.98	19.98
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 6.4.92 - 10.5.92 - 5 wks at £22.00			110.00
E. A. Walsh, Clerk's salary	April	225.00	
	Expenses	54.16	279.16
			11,626.49

Received:

First moiety of precept		13,874.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd.		
Memorial fee - Late Jack Freeman		15.00
Gillivers - Sale of new grave		
Ronald Cockel decd.	36.00	
Interment fee	15.00	51.00
		13,940.00

362. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Council's solicitors regarding the proposed purchase of the access land at Alans Way. The Clerk reported that the vendors were not willing to enter into a condition of release from the access agreement that the owner for the time being of The Hawthorns should not erect any structure within 1 m. of the access. Some concern was expressed by the members and it was agreed that the matter be discussed more fully at the Council's next meeting.

2. The Director of Technical Services, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council confirmed that street name plates would be replaced at Alans Way, Lord Crewe Close and Arnolds Crescent. This was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council confirming the Parish's entry to the Best Kept Village Competition 1992. Preliminary judging would take place between 1st and 14th June.

4. A letter had been received from a parishioner expressing her concern at the danger presented by the poor visibility at the junction of Alans Way with Arnolds Crescent. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the Divisional Highways Surveyor as it was agreed that the junction in question was quite dangerous.

5. A letter had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Seddon, the joint applicants for the proposed diversion of footpath F.26 off Kirkby Lane, Brascote in reply to the Parish Council's concern regarding their proposals. The applicants denied that the proposed route would be any more circuitous than 35 metres. The applicants further pointed out that they were seeking the guidance of the local planning authority with regard to future development on the land but confirmed that any development would only be agriculturally based. The members confirmed their view that they would wish to object to the proposed diversion and felt that if this were approved by the County Council, it would set a dangerous precedent for other local landowners to do the same thing. The Clerk was asked to confirm these views to the County Council.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council regarding low cost rural housing. The Chairman advised the members that he had attended a meeting regarding this subject at Oakham and that any consideration of provision of this type of housing would not be for the benefit of a village as large as Newbold. The letter and the comments of the Chairman were noted.

363. HIRE CHARGES

The members considered the annual review of their hiring fees for the use of the playing fields and the cemetery. The Clerk read the content of minute no. 194 from the Council's meeting on 4th March 1991 and reminded the meeting of the current charges. The members agreed that there should be no change in the charges for the next 12 months. There was, however, identified a need to consider fixing a charge for the local undertakers for the purpose of arranging the scattering and/or burial or ashes in the Garden of Remembrance. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the Council's next meeting.

364. JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - USE OF FOOTBALL PITCHES

The Clerk read a letter received from the Secretary of the Junior Football Club requesting the use of football pitches on both Alans Way Playing Field and Dragon Lane Recreation Ground for the forthcoming 1992/3 season. It was pointed out that up to seven teams would be using the pitches and this was due to the fact that the Under 10s and Under 11s could not presently use the school facilities. The Football Club indicated that they would still only require the use of one pitch on Dragon Lane and the same facilities on Alans Way as had previously been enjoyed.

Representatives of the Jubilee Inn Football Club expressed their objection to the charge of £18 per match and cited examples where Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council only charged £13 per match for a season and £17 for one-off matches. The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had held its charge without any increase for four years and this was reluctantly accepted by the Football Club.

365. USE OF ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

The Clerk explained the Council's concern regarding the excessive use to which the training areas had been put during periods of heavy rain. This had caused damage to the playing surface which would require time to repair and the football clubs were reminded that they agreed to exercise some objective control over the use of the training area if the land was suffering. It was established that the training areas were enjoyed by the Newbold Verdon Junior Football Club and the Jubilee Inn Football Club. The football clubs expressed their intention to attempt to install an all-weather training area for the commencement of the next season. In addition some views were expressed about the possible need for a tennis court that could also be used for training purposes.

It was agreed that the football clubs would consider their proposals and submit them to the Parish Council for consideration. Accordingly this matter will be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

366. CASUAL VACANCY

Following the retirement of Brad Goddard, a casual vacancy had arisen on the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare public notices of the vacancy and advise the Returning Officer for the Borough in the event that an election is required.

367. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

92/0350/4 - Mr. Tudge, 6 Bramble Drive, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for first floor extension. No comments.

92/0363/4 - Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Griffin, 6 Sycamore Close, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a two-storey extension for utility and bedroom. No comment.

92/0295/4 - Statham Potatoes, Newbold Road, Barleston. Application for planning permission for extension to potato processing unit. No comment.

368. PLANNING APPROVALS

92/0154/4 - Mr. M. Corrigan, 13 Rush Close, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling and detached double garage.

92/0219/4 - Mr. and Mrs. M. Pape, 117 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

369. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

A member of the Heath Residents Association raised the following:-

1. He asked whether the Council had established if a 30 mph speed limit applied along the Bagworth Road. The Clerk said that the Divisional Highways Surveyor had been asked to advise on this matter and his reply was awaited.

2. He raised concern about the development of the Nailstone refuse tip and pointed out that there would be an increase in heavy vehicles along the Bagworth Road as a result of this. He pointed out that the County Council had approved a scheme for the improvement of the Bagworth Road to accommodate this increased traffic. Mrs. Crookes pointed out that the Borough Council were opposed to the development of the new tip although it was acknowledged that this would be a County Council decision. The Chairman asked the Clerk to notify Mr. Casswell of this problem in order that he might respond to it

at the Council's forthcoming AGM.

370. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-

(a) She expressed the view that the Alans Way Playing Field car park was still flooding despite recent resurfacing and drainage works. The members did not generally agree with this view and it was accepted that the gullies had coped admirably with excessive rainfall over the recent weekend.

(b) Following the resurfacing works, she expressed her concern over the amount of motorbiking, skateboarding and roller skating that was currently being enjoyed by youngsters in the village. It was agreed that this might be ameliorated by the replacement of the broken hand gate on Alans Way. The Clerk advised that he had recently issued instructions for this to be replaced. The members asked that the contractor withhold work on this until such time as a decision had been taken about a style of gate that would prevent access to motorcycles.

(c) She pointed out that on several occasions she had noticed that the pavilion lights had been left on over night. This had occurred during the week and over the weekend. Mr. Bell's son, who was present at the meeting, kindly offered to notify Mr. Bell of the Council's concern.

2. Mr. P. Chick pointed out that the bus stop on the City-bound side of the Desford Road at the Little Heath Piece had been installed a few yards short of a lay-by which he considered would be ideal for use as a bus stop. The Clerk was asked to write to the Bus Company to invite them to consider resiting the bus stop in the lay-by.

3. Mr. Colledge pointed out that the recent reinstatement of Gas Board workings throughout the village were now sinking. Mr. Hurst said that the Gas Board had recently started improvement works and it was, therefore, hoped that this would be attended to in due course.

4. Mr. Hurst raised the following:-

(a) He advised the meeting that a local resident had complained that the drain on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground at the rear of the Baptist Chapel was once again blocked.

(b) He asid that he had recently been shown a document which appeared to indicate that there existed an industrial estate at the site of the Hall Farm in the village. The Chairman expressed his concern that there should be any reference to a Newbold Industrial Estate in or about this area and asked the Clerk to query this with the Planning Department of the Borough Council.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 p.m.