MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDPM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 1992 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners: 4

409. **APOLOGIES** None

410. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th September, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

411. **ACCOUNTS**

Payable			£
Beckshire Products DIY -		15.46	
Padlock and keys	VAT	3.29	18.75
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council			
Supply & erect 2 litter bins,		313.40	
Dragon Lane Recreation Ground	VAT	54.85	368.25
Edward Hands & Lewis, Solicitors			
Counsel's fees re advice		300.00	
	VAT	52.50	352.50
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages			
3 weeks, 14.9.92 - 3.10.92 - £22 per week			66.00
E. A. Walsh, Salary		225.00	
Expenses		54.16	279.16
Leics. County Council - toilet rolls			21.60
Verdon in Bloom Association			350.00
			1,456.26
Received			
Gillivers			
Interment of ashes, A. E. Potts			30.00
Interment fee, J. H. England			15.00
Moiety of Precept			13,919.00
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - pitch fees			16.00
Refund of VAT for 1991/2			2,919.50
			16,854.50

412. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council advising of the presentation of trophies for the winners of the 1992 competition to be held at Frisby on the Wreake on 24th October at 10.30 am. Any member interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

2. A letter had been received from Messrs. Edward Hands and Lewis, enclosing a copy of Counsel's advice in relation to the access land at the Alans Way Playing Field. After some consideration of the position the members unanimously agreed to proceed with the purchase of the land subject to the terms already requested by the vendor in relation to the release by the Council of its rights over the land occupied by Mr. Woodward. The Clerk was asked to contact the Council's solicitors with a view to proceeding.

3. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils enclosing a copy of a consultation paper issued by the Department of the Environment relating to the role of Parish Councils in the proposed Local Government Review. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate this document in advance of the next meeting and pointed out that a response by the Parish on this consultation exercise was to be made by no later than 20th November 1992.

413. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - ALL WEATHER PITCH

Members agreed this would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

414. NAILSTONE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

The Clerk welcomed County Councillor Mr. P. Casswell at this point in order to address the meeting on the current position in relation to the application by H. J. Banks & Co. for a proposed land fill site at Nailstone. Mr. Casswell explained in some detail by reference to the application by the company about the method of tipping and the traffic route planned for access to the site. The Clerk read to the meeting the company's proposals in relation to the approximate number of vehicles that would be using the site and this equated to some 60 vehicles per working day making 120 movements. The Clerk also reported to the meeting the approved waste categories that it was proposed would form part of the land fill deposit at this site. Mr. Casswell advised the members that it was anticipated that a decision by the County Council on the planning application would be considered in November or December. Local residents expressed concern over the likelihood of increased vehicular movement by heavy lorries using the B.585; also concern regarding the risk of noxious gas and contamination of water supplies by waste and toxic substances finding their way through old mine workings to water supplies. Mr. Casswell pointed out that these serious matters would receive the consideration of the experts and that the appropriate officers would be reporting to the Council members responsible for the approval decision.

The Chairman of the Nailstone Parish Council, Mr. P. Conley, attended the meeting and was permitted by the Chairman to make a statement in relation to the company's proposals. He sought the support of the Parish Council in condemnation of the Nailstone site for proposed

tipping.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Casswell for attending the meeting and Mr. Casswell confirmed that if any local residents wished to contact him they could do so through the Clerk.

415. **VILLAGE TREE PLANTING SCHEME**

The Clerk reminded members of the invitation by the Rural Community Council to enter the 1992 Best Village Tree Planting Scheme Competition, the final date for entry for which was 30.11.92. Members were asked for suggestions on the proposed site for tree planting in the village and the following sites were offered for consideration:

1. On the grass verge opposite the opticians on Main Street
2. On the Centre of Sparkenhoe and the right hand corner, also at the top of Sparkenhoe against Barlestone Road
3. On the Alans Way Playing Field adjacent to the boundary with the rear gardens on Peters Avenue and also the old site where the Parish Council's shed used to stand
4. On the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground opposite the school
5. Along the new boundary of the cemetery land
6. On the right hand side of the entrance to the sewage works on Dragon Lane
7. On the grass verge between Lord Crewe Close and Arnolds Crescent
8. Mill Lane
9. On Brascote Lane on the left hand side past the first allotments.

It was agreed that the Clerk would endeavour to obtain a plan of the village and mark the above-mentioned proposed sites thereon in readiness for the next meeting when it was hoped that some detailed proposals would be considered.

416. **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk read a letter received from the Council's Bank Manager detailing the difference in the rates of return between the Council's existing deposit account and the new Money Master account. In view of the fact that the Council could have earned some £1,800 more in interest on its deposits over the past 12 months, the members had no hesitation in agreeing to adopt the new Money Master account. All members signed the necessary application for the account and a new mandate including all signatories of current councillors was executed for return to the bank.

417. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

The Clerk reminded members that although the Borough Council had not yet made any attempt to finance improvement schemes for 1993/4 it was nevertheless requesting proposals for improvement schemes in the event that funds became available. The following suggestions were, therefore, made:-

1. Church Walk - a replacement of the red gravel with paviours
2. An improvement outside the shops opposite the bungalows on Main Street by the provision of additional litter bins and possibly trees in raised tubs protected by wire netting to avoid the deposit of litter
3. Butcher's corner on Main Street - An improvement by the laying of

paving or stones and/or paviours

4. The setting out and laying of pathways through the new cemetery land.

It was agreed that the Clerk would communicate these suggestions to the Director of Technical Services for his consideration.

418. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

92/0874/4 - A. Partridge, 9 Bagworth Road, Newbold Heath. Application for planning permission for 2 storey extension and alterations. No comment.

92/0795/4 - P. Hollingsworth, 65 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Alteration of plans in relation to previous planning application. No comment.

The Clerk reported that details outlining a proposal by Cadeby Homes for residential development in the village had been received and an information pack made available for each member. It was agreed that this matter be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

419. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

None

420. **PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME**

None

421. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-

a) In her capacity as a member of the Verdon in Bloom Association she advised the members of that Association's suggestion that some shrubs be planted in the flower beds at the Alans Way Playing Field car park together with ground cover plants and bulbs. The members unanimously agreed.

b) She pointed out that the lack of cutting of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground recently had caused some detriment to the Junior Football Club. It was reported that this was due to the recent periods of very heavy rain.

c) She reported that a resident of Chadwick Close had complained that a member of staff of the village chip shop was parking his vehicle on the pavement. The Clerk also pointed out that visitors to the chip shop were causing considerable congestion at the junction of Chadwick Close and Main Street and that this might be alleviated if the Highways Department could be persuaded to install road markings at the junction. The members agreed.

2. Mr. Watson raised the following:-

a) He pointed out that there is a fresh infestation of moles just inside the gate at the Alans Way Playing Field. The Chairman stated that he would contact Mr. Renwick on Chadwick Close in the hope that he would deal with the matter for us.

b) He pointed out that one of the soakaways installed for the drainage of the car park at Alans Way had settled and required levelling with top soil. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Harding accordingly.

c) He pointed out that a downpipe and part of the guttering on the Pavilion was broken and the Clerk was authorised to contact Allen Bostock to have these repairs effected.

3. The Clerk reported that his invitations to local painting contractors for the re-painting of the toddler park play equipment and the bus shelter on Main Street had proved fruitless in that the contractors were too busy to undertake the work. Mrs. Francks suggested that this work be done by her son together with the Clerk's son during the forthcoming school half term holiday. The members considered this and agreed in principle to the work being undertaken by Tim Walsh and Nick Francks on the basis that a price for the work would be agreed by a Subcommittee of the Council once estimates of the cost had been calculated. It was agreed that the Chairman, together with Mr. Mensley and Mr. Hurst, would be delegated the power to approve the works to be carried out as suggested and the Clerk was asked to notify the Chairman of the proposed costs.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 p.m.

The following matters were discussed by the Council in Committee:

421a. **MEMORIAL**

The Chairman advised members of a recent request by a local resident for permission to install a memorial to the memory of her late child in the form of a 2ft. 6in. high, 22 in. wide granite teddy bear. The Clerk pointed out that permission to install the memorial had not been given pending the Council's consideration of the application. The proposal, if approved, would set a dangerous precedent for different types of memorial and, furthermore, the proposed size of the memorial would cause major problems for installation in the Children's Corner of the cemetery. The Clerk had suggested that a similar, standard shaped memorial, perhaps engraved with a teddy bear, might be suitable and after some consideration it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the stone masons with this suggestion.

421b. **LETTER IN VERDON VIEWS**

Members expressed their concern over the content of a letter published in the Verdon Views, issue no. 29 of 1992, by a resident of Newbold Heath. The content of the letter was incorrect and Mr. Hurst had seen fit to reply to the letter in issue no. 30. There were several inaccuracies in the publication of Mr. Hurst's own reply, i.e. the printed material did not correspond with the wording of Mr. Hurst's letter to the editor. It was noted that the original letter in issue no. 29 was not signed with the name of the resident but the article

indicated that the name and address of the author had been supplied. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Team who held the responsibility for the production of the document and that a request would be made for disclosure of the person responsible for writing the letter. The Clerk expressed concern over the apparent lack of information within the publication of details of the publisher or printer of the document and that this might be a breach of statutory requirements on the part of those responsible. It was agreed that once the information had been received, the Council would consider a formal statement in reply.