MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 1992 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY.

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

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395. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Spence.

396. MINUTES

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

397. ACCOUNTS

Payable:

W. D. & B. Harding & Son				
Grass cutting - June			857.20	
		VAT	150.02	1,007.22
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.				
Repairs to play equipment			430.90	
Dragon Lane Recreation Ground		VAT	75.42	506.32
Midland Stone & Tarring Co.				
Tarmac Repairs - Dragon Lane RG			250.00	
		VAT	43.75	293.75
Audit Commission - annual fee			126.60	
		VAT	22.16	148.76
East Midlands Electricity plc				
Pavilion electricity charges				124.99
W. D. & B. Harding & Son				
Grass cutting - July			1,078.20	
		VAT	188.70	1,266.90
Public Works Loan Account				
Half yearly repayment				1,290.87
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.				
Cemetery Noticeboard	72.60			
VAT	12.70		85.30	
Repair DRLG fencing	84.30			
VAT	14.75		99.05	
New Gate Alans Way PF	283.62			
VAT	49.63		333.25	
Pavilion noticeboards	99.58			
VAT	17.42		117.00	634.60
W. D. & B. Harding & Son				
Grass cutting - August			906.50	
		VAT	158.65	1,065.15

Caretaker's wages E. H. Bell 6 weeks from 3.8.92 - 12.8.92			132.00
E. A. Walsh - Salary	225.00		
Expenses	54.16		279.16
			6,749.72

Received

G. Seller & Co. Ltd. Memorial fee re late Mrs. Bevins (Vase)		9.00
Gillivers Memorial fee - Ronald W. C. Cockle	15.00	
Interment fee - Alexander Hunter	15.00	
Headstone and vase - Terry Philips	24.00	54.00
Newbold Verdon Cricket Club Wicket fees - 13 matches		128.00
Ginns & Gutteridge Sale of child's plot and interment fee Re: Elizabeth Emma Hill		33.00
		224.00

398. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence had been received from the Rural Community Council regarding the Best Village Tree Planting Scheme Competition, the final date for entry being 13th November 1992. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the Council's next meeting.

2. A letter had been received from the Tourism Promotion Officer at the County Council enclosing a copy of a booklet of 'What's on in Leicestershire'. Members were asked to notify the Clerk if they were aware of any events that they might want published at a future date.

3. A letter had been received from the Rural Community Council giving the results of the 1992 Best Kept Village Competition. Newbold had been included within Section E, previous prize winners, and finished seventh in the group.

4. A letter had been received from Messrs. Edward Hands and Lewis advising the Council that counsel's opinion in respect of the land at Alans Way forming part of the access to the playing field would be in the region of £300 + VAT. Members agreed with this expenditure on the basis that formal advice was an important issue in this respect. The Clerk was asked to notify the solicitors accordingly.

5. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor regarding the reinstatement works following British Gas excavations throughout the village. Members were advised that the permanent reinstatement would take place in the late summer/ early autumn. This was noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council requesting ideas for schemes to be included in the Borough's environmental improvement programme for 1993/4. It was agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council advising of the deposit of the draft Minerals Local Plan Review. It was agreed that a copy of the draft written statement should be requested for consideration.

8. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council regarding proposed meetings with Parish Councils. After some re-arrangement a meeting has been fixed at the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 22nd October 1992 with local parish councils and two members were invited from Newbold. The Chairman confirmed that he would attend the meeting.

9. A letter had been received from Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd. in response to the Council's request that the toddler play equipment be repainted. Bostock's had declined to accept the invitation and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact a local contractor for a quotation. It was agreed that the graffiti on the bus shelter adjacent to the Working Men's Club could be painted out by the same contractor.

399. Alans Way Playing Field - All Weather Pitch

Members agreed that this would remain on the agenda pending the results of the football clubs' requests for grant aid towards the project.

400. Nailstone Waste Disposal Site

The Clerk confirmed that consultation documents had been received from the County Council and that these were in the process of being circulated around the members. Unfortunately, this process had not yet been completed and it was agreed that this matter should remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

401. Alans Way Playing Field - Tree Planting

The Clerk reminded members of the previous correspondence from the Rural Community Council regarding the tree planting scheme. Members wished to give some consideration to the prospect of planting further trees along the boundary between the playing field and the rear of the properties on Peters Avenue. It was further acknowledged that other areas within the Parish might well benefit from the provision of new trees. It was agreed that proposals should be put forward by members at the Council's next meeting.

402. Dragon Lane Recreation Ground - Prohibition of Golf

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. T. A. Marston of Preston Drive enclosing a petition signed by 16 other residents raising their concern regarding the hazards of golf being played by young

people on the recreation ground. The petition requested the erection of a notice prohibiting the playing of golf, a matter upon which the members were unanimously agreed. Some concern was expressed by the members on the location of the sign since there are some 3/4 means of access to the ground. It was agreed that initially a sign be erected on the same post as the bye-laws at the top of Bells Lane.

403. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's Bank Manager had advised him that the Parish could obtain a better return on its capital by changing its current business account to a Midland Bank Money Master account. Before proceeding, however, with this suggestion the Clerk was asked to establish what estimated benefit there would be on the Parish Council's investment by so doing. It was agreed that the Clerk would report back in due course.

404. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

92/0740/4 - Mr. L. S. Moreton, 18 Laburnum Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a two storey front extension. No comment.

92/0795/4 - Mr. P. Hollingsworth, 65 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for garage/bedroom extension. No comment.

92/0831/4 -Mr. K. Welsh, 32 Hornbeam Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for conversion of garage loft area to room. No comment.

92/0705/4 -Mr. Partridge, 9 Bagworth Road, Newbold Heath. Application for planning permission for extensions/alterations to existing house. No comment.

405. PLANNING REFUSAL

92/0493/4 - Mr. A. Statham, Garland Stud, Bagworth Road, Barlestone. Refusal of planning permission for change of use of 129 Main Street, Newbold Verdon to a restaurant for the following reasons: (a) It would be out of keeping with the predominantly residential character of the area by reason of increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic, (b) It would result in noise, smells and disturbance to the immediate area to the detriment of the residential amenity currently enjoyed by occupiers of surrounding properties, and (c) The site is too restricted to cater for the additional parking requirement for the proposed development.

406. PLANNING APPROVALS

92/0226/4A - Consent to Heath Garage, Merrylees Road, Newbold Verdon to display a sign.

92/0740/4 - Mr. L. S. Moreton, 18 Laburnum Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for an extension.

92/0705/4 - Mr. A. Partridge, 9 Bagworth Road, Newbold Heath. Planning permission for extension.

92/0537/4 - Mr. S. Freeman, Holly House Farm, Brascote. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

92/0582/4 - Mr. and Mrs. Tuckwell, 7 Oaks Drive, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension.

92/0492/4 - Mr. P. Constable, The Lodge, Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon. Planning Permission for extension.

92/0492/4 - Mr. and Mrs. Hand, 9 Gilberts Drive, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension.

92/0508/4 - Mr. T. Argyle, 26 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension.

92/0446/4 - Mr. D. Colledge,21 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension.

407. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner objected to the reference by one of the members that the proposals for the siting of the Wast Disposal Site at Nailstone would not affect Newbold Verdon. With the Chairman's permission, Mr. Mensley responded by stating that he had carefully read the proposals of the developer which had been forwarded by the County Council and confirmed what County Councillor Mr. Casswell had advised the Annual Meeting that nothing in the plan would affect traffic through the village. Local residents from the Heath were of the view that proposals to widen and improve the B585 by the County Council were in themselves a means of accommodating the proposed tip. The Chairman confirmed that the County Council had assured the Parish that improvements to the B585 Bagworth Road had been scheduled improvements in any event prior to the proposals for the Nailstone Waste Disposal Site. The Chairman confirmed that the matter would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

2. A parishioner from the Heath asked whether the Divisional Highways Surveyor had yet responded to the request for an opinion regarding a 30 mph speed restriction along the B585. The Clerk advised that the Divisional Surveyor was looking into this but a substantive reply was still awaited.

3. Further reference was made regarding the dissatisfaction of the residents at the Heath to the proposed Waste Disposal Site at Nailstone and members agreed that Mr. Casswell should be invited to reply to some of these concerns at the Parish Council's next meeting.

4. Another resident from Newbold Heath requested the approval of the Parish Council to a proposal that Newbold Heath make separate application in next year's Best Kept Village Competition in the Hamlet Section of the competition. The Chairman confirmed that he had no objection should their application be successful.

408. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. The Chairman opened this agenda item by reading the following statement:-

"In view of an unsigned letter sent to the Verdon Views, printed and published and distributed by Verdon Views, I wish to make the following statement. Whilst I have been Chairman of this Parish Council I have not at any time conducted any meeting in order that Parish Councillors or members of the public can, and I quote, 'Call at Pubs' on the way home."

Mr. Mensley, in response to the Chairman's statement, requested that this matter be considered by the members in committee after the Council's next meeting.

2. Mr. Hurst informed the Chairman that he had made a reply to a recent letter in Verdon Views and that this had been incorrectly published. Again, this would be discussed in committee after the next meeting.

3. Mr. Colledge raised the following:-

(a) He pointed out that water was pooling on the carriageway outside the Swan Public House after periods of heavy rain. It was agreed that nothing should be done at this stage pending permanent reinstatement works to be carried out by the County Council shortly.

(b) A vehicle, together with trailer, the property of Langrop in Anstey, was on some occasions being parked in a dangerous position opposite the Swan Public House. It was agreed that if this problem continued, the Clerk should contact the Company requesting that this cease.

4. Mr. Chick asked whether a bus shelter could be erected on the Desford Road close to the junction with Brascote Lane at Little Heath Piece. This proposal was agreed in principle and members acknowledged that it would be necessary to apply for planning permission in any event. It was agreed that Mr. Chick would contact the Clerk with a plan showing the exact location of the proposed site so that a formal application could be made.

5. Mrs. Francks pointed out that the black pad between Alans Way and Pasture Lane was considerably overgrown with weeds and nettles and the Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Surveyor requesting that this be cleared.

6. The Clerk thanked Mr. Mensley for the remedial works to the ladies toilet seats and the shower heads in the Pavilion.

7. General concern was expressed over the state of the pavements in the village and the Clerk was asked to raise this as an issue with the Divisional Surveyor.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.