MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY ON 5th APRIL 1993

PRESENT: M. W. Preston, H. M. Francks, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, G. Law, E. Tomblin, M. B. Mensley, P. Chick, A. Hurst, E. A. Walsh, (Clerk)
Parishioners: 8

480. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from S. Spence.

481. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March, having previously been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

482. ACCOUNTS

Payable		£
Severn Trent Water Ltd. - Annual water charges - Pavilion	14.02	
Churchyard	30.64	44.66
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Rates for Pavilion	675.35	
Rates for cemetery	14.56	689.91
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 1.3. - 4.4.93 - 5 wks at £22		110.00
E. A. Walsh, Clerk's salary	266.66	
expenses	58.33	324.99
Leics. County Council Pavilion cleaning materials		41.56
		1,211.12

Received		
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Pitch fees		56.00
Leics. Cooperative Funeral Service Ltd. Interment fee re P. G. Hill		15.00
Gillivers - Re R.L. B. Dimmmer Sale of new cremation plot	9.00	
Interment fee	15.00	24.00
Gillivers - Re. E. E. Shaw New double grave	36.00	
Interment fee	15.00	51.00
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Pitch fees		56.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Re F.C. Preston Sale of new cremation plot	9.00	
Interment	5.00	24.00
		226.00

483. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from Mr. Casswell confirming that he had not received a notice of a sensitive issue item in respect of the proposed diversion of footpath s.26. He further sent a copy of a letter addressed to the County Secretary's Department in which he outlined his objections on behalf of the Parish Council to the making of the footpath diversion order. The letter was noted.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation in reply to the Parish Council's request for an estimate of the costs of installing a lay-by for on-street parking at Merrylees Road, Newbold Heath. A standard lay-by would cost £1,500, a lay-by of 20m length would be £7,500 and of 10m would be £5,500. After consideration of these estimates, members agreed that the matter should lie on the table.

3. A letter had been received from the Rural Community Council notifying the Parish of entry in the 1993 Best Kept Village Competition. Members agreed that the village should enter and the Clerk was authorised to enter the appropriate section of the competition.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Libraries in response to a local village petition requesting an enlarged library for the village with longer opening hours. Unfortunately due to budget restraints, it was not possible for a larger library to be provided. The Director indicated that he does have a partnership with the residents of Huncote in which the additional staffing costs of increased opening hours were raised locally and the books, professional staffing and support services were provided at the cost of the Libraries and Information Service. The Director wondered if Newbold Verdon would be willing to enter into a similar partnership arrangement and, in order to consider that proposal further, the Clerk was asked to ask what the hourly rate for increased staff would actually be.

5. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor confirming that the remedial works to make safe the exposed electricity cable on Brascote Lane had been referred to the East Midlands Electricity Board for their urgent attention.

6. A letter had been received from the Chief Executive of the County Council advising that public meetings had been arranged to enable parishioners to attend a talk with officers of the County Council on the future form of local government in Leicestershire. Parish notices had been posted indicating the dates and venues of forthcoming meetings.

7. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor in response to the Council's concerns regarding the parking in the hammerhead of Bramble Drive. This matter has been referred to the local police in the hope that they might be able to deal with the matter delicately and obtain residents' cooperation.

8. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation in response to the Parish Council's request for an estimate of the cost of providing lighting along the Pasture Lane black pad. An estimate of the cost showed that the provision of three lighting columns would cost the Council £6,850 excluding VAT. The quote was noted.

9. A request was made by the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club for permission to install a trophy cabinet in the pavilion which met with the members approval.

484. PAVILION REDECORATION

MR. R. WATSON DECLARED A PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM ANDVACATED THE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.

The Clerk reported that all the original tenderers had been invited to re-tender their prices on the basis of a fixed specification. The revised prices resulted in the lowest tender being that of Mr. R. Watson in the sum of £680 and the members unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Watson's tender.

485. HIRING FEES

The Clerk reminded members of the current fees being charged to senior and junior football and cricket clubs for the use of both Alans Way and the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. It was agreed that no change would be made to the current hiring fees for the next 12 months.

486. CEMETERY FEES

The Clerk reminded members of the current fees being charged for use of the cemetery and further pointed out that the new cremation plots for two caskets were being sold at £9 per plot together with an interment fee of £15. It was also agreed that the memorial tablets would be charged at the same rate as a headstone, namely £15. Members confirmed that the fees should remain as they are for the next 12 months.

487. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/0234/4 - Mr. & Mrs. G. Clarke, 308 Coventry Road, Hinckley. Application for planning permission for the provision of animal housing and storage buildings in association with a goat farm. It was noted by members that these buildings were, in fact, already erected on site and it was the unanimous opinion of the Parish Council that the cosmetic appearance of this site left a lot to be desired. The proposed buildings,as can be seen on site, were not in keeping with the surrounding meadowland and were considered a potential nuisance to adjacent occupiers.

93/0261/4 - Newbold Verdon WMC, 107 Main Street. Application for planning permission for a rear porch access. No comment.

93/0173/4 - B. Pole, 26 Hornbeam Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a garage, utility room/WC. No comment.

93/0180/4 - A.C. Johnson, 44 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a garage extension to front of existing garage. No comment.

93/0231/4 - Mr. Measurers, 7 Bosworth Road, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for two first floor rear extensions. No comment.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club regarding a proposal for the installation of cricket nets on the Alans Way Playing Field. A planning application had been prepared for submission to the Borough in the event that members were prepared to approve the proposals. After a brief site inspection, it was agreed that members would attend at the site to determine the actual size of the proposed development and siting of the same prior to the application being submitted. It was agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

488. PLANNING APPROVALS

93/0012/4 - Severn Trent Water. Planning permission for the erection of security fencing at sewage pumping station on Bagworth Road, Newbold Verdon.

93/0138/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Cox, c/o Savage Haywood, 19 Station Road, Hinckley. Planning permission for an extension to 22 Laburnum Avenue, Newbold Verdon.

489. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner was pleased to confirm that the works requested on footpath r.60 had now been completed by the Divisional Highways Surveyor.

2. A parishioner asked if the Newbold Verdon Residents' Association could write direct to the County Council regarding their recent quotation for the provision of lay-by at Merrylees Road. The Chairman confirmed that he had no objection.

3. A parishioner pointed out that there was a considerable amount of litter currently on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and asked whether the Parish Council could employ the services of a litter-picker. The Chairman advised on the difficulty of obtaining these kind of services but did instruct the Clerk to place an advert in the Post Office to see whether any person might be interested.

490. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Watson raised the following:-

(a) The grass at the cemetery was in need of cutting and he asked when the contractor was due to commence work. The chairman confirmed that if it had not been for the very heavy rain recently, the work would have already started.

(b) He pointed out that the training area adjacent to the pavilion on the Alans Way Playing Field was in a poor condition and required re-seeding and relaying. In addition the state of the pitch within the goal mouth areas was very poor and it was possible that these would require re-turfing at the end of the football season. It was agreed that attempts would be made to make contact with the Council's contractor on site at the earliest opportunity and Mr. Law confirmed that he would be available to visit the Alans Way Playing Field at 10.00 am on Wednesday 7th April in the hope of discussing the matter with Mr. Harding who, it was understood, would be at the site at that time.

2. Mr. Hurst pointed out that there was a blocked road gully on Main Street opposite the junction with Arnolds Crescent and that this had been particularly bad during the recent heavy rain. The Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor and request that this be cleared out.

3. Mr. Law pointed out that the trench, the site of recent resettlement following road works in front of the shops on Main Street had collapsed and required early attention. The Clerk was asked to notify the Divisional Surveyor.

4. Mr. Chick reported that he had recently attended the meeting of the Association of Local and Parish Councils and that there was little of any consequence to report. There had apparently been some confusion over the proposed meetings to consider Local Government Reorganisation and he confirmed that the meeting on 29th April at Bosworth College, Desford, was not a public meeting but was for the benefit of Parish Councils only.

5. The Chairman pointed out that 7 or 8 of the roses that had been planted in the Garden of Remembrance had failed to flourish and members agreed that the Council's contractor be authorised to replace those that had died.

6. He further pointed out that cars were being parked on the footpath of Preston Drive close to the junction with Dragon Lane and that this was both a nuisance and a danger to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to notify the police.

491. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Members confirmed that the May Parish Council meeting would be on 10th May and that the Annual Meeting would take place at 7.30 p.m.on Monday 17th May 1993.

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

491a. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reminded members that they had agreed to provide all the necessary equipment for the refurbishment of the play equipment and that the work should be undertaken by Tim Walsh and Nick Francks during the Easter holidays. Members agreed that a total price for the carrying out of the works would paid of £250.