MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 2ND AUGUST 1993 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chair), R. Watson, H. M. Francks, S. Spence, D. Colledge, G. Law, M. B. Mensley, A. Hurst, J. Crooks (Borough Councillor) E. A. Walsh (Clerk). Parishioners - 8

516. APOLOGIES - S. Ball (County Councillor)

517. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 1993, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

518. ACCOUNTS

Payable

Severn Trent Water Ltd			
Pavilion Water Charges			61.49
W.D.& B.Harding & Son			
A/cs 7763/4 777/8 7794/96 7748		1129.00	
	VAT	197.59	1326.59
Shaw & Sons Ltd			
Cemetery receipt book		8.33	
	VAT	1.45	9.78
John Duplock Decorators			
War memorial railings		182.00	
	VAT	31.85	213.85
E.H.Bell caretakers wages			
5.7.93 - 1.8.93			88.00
J. R. Watson Pavilion redecoration		680.00	
Gutter repairs		25.00	705.00
E.A.Walsh Clerks salary		266.66	
expenses		58.33	324.99
			2729.70

Received

Gillivers - memorial fee - E. D. Aves		15.00
Sale of double grave		
G. Jackson	36.00	
Interment fee	15.00	51.00
Newbold Verdon Cricket Club		124.00
		190.00

519. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the County Secretary enclosing details of the Director of Planning and Transportation's replies to the petition lodged against the proposed diversion of footpath S.26 at Brascote. Notwithstanding these replies the Clerk reported that a letter had been sent confirming that the Parish Council still maintained it's objection to the proposal.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning & Transportation enclosing copies of correspondence he had had with the Newbold Heath residents Association concerning their request for a 30mph speed limit on the B585. Discussions were taking place with the Chief Constable on an appropriate speed limit and it was proposed that the Parish Coucil would be invited to a site meeting in due course.

3. A letter had been received from the Borough Council confirming the installation of the bottle bank recycling facility at the library site in the village. A paper bank will also shortly be installed along with a bank for cans in the future. The letter was noted.

4. A letter had been received from a concerned parishioner regarding the Cadeby Homes proposal for housing development in the village requesting the Council's assistance in seeking to quash the proposal. It was agreed that no proper consideration could be given to the proposal until the developer actually decided to submit an application to the Local Planning Authority.

5. A letter had been received from the cleansing manager of the Borough Council confirming that the carriageway in the lay by adjacent to Mill Lane would be swept at the same time as Mill Lane in the future at a frequency of 4 times per year.

6. A letter had been received from the Mayor's Secretary inviting two representatives of the Council to a Civic Service on 5th Septenber 1993 at St. Martin's Church Desford. Any member interested in attending the service was to contact the Clerk.

7. A letter had been received from the Rural Community Council informing the Parish that it had not been successful in passing through to the second round of the Best Kept Village Competition this Year. The letter was noted with some disappointment.

8. A letter had been received from the District Planning Officer giving details of the proposed planting scheme for trees on the Dragon Lane recreation ground under the Environmental Improvement Programme for 1993/4. Members had no comments to make on the proposals.

9. A letter had been received from solicitors acting on behalf of Mr. M. Mould enclosing a copy of his application for a Justice's Off-Licence for the Newbold Verdon Community School. Members considered the proposed conditions to be attached to the Licence and agreed that a request should be made to ensure that there would be no sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor on the premises at any time during normal school hours.

10. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning & Transportation enclosing details where proposed modifications to the Leicestershire Structure Plan could be viewed. The closing date for any representations on the plan was Monday 13th September 1993.

11. Details of both the County Council's and the Borough council's submission to the commission for Local Government Reorganisation had been received for information purposes and it was agreed that these would be circulated for member's perusal.

520. NEWBOLD LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

At the request of the members details had been obtained from the Director of Libraries giving statistical information on the book stock, membership and usage of the library with comparable figures for eleven other libraries in the area of similar size. It was noted that apart from two libraries that were open for 14 hours per week Newbold had the lowest number of opening hours and that the village suffered the lowest number of visitors per hour of all twelve libraries. Members felt that the use of the library would increase if the village had an increase in it's book stock. The book stock was the lowest of all the libraries on the statistical analysis. Members appreciated that this may be due in part to the fact

that the library facility may not be large enough to accommodate any increase in it's book stock. Before any further consideration was to be given to the prospect of the Parish taking any financial responsibility for increased library opening hours it was agreed that a request be made to the Director of Libraries for consideration to be given to an increase in the book stock. It was agreed that the matter remain on the agenda until this had been resolved.

521. ROYAL TIGERS WOOD

Arthur Hurst had requested that the Parish Council give some consideration to a donation in support of the Royal Tigers Association's appeal to dedicate 36.5 acres of woodland as part of the new Midlands Forest and as a living memorial to the leicestershire Regiment for whom so many of the village had fought in the two World Wars. Members agreed that they would like to make a donation of some trees to be planted during National Tree week in November. Mr. Hurst agreed to contact the Secretary of the Association to establish if this would be an acceptable donation and report back to the Council in due course.

522. FOOTBALL PITCHES - ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Jubillee F. C. complaining about the condition of the football pitch. It had been returfed in the goalmouth areas and had been reseeded in the centre circle at the end of the last season. Unfortunately the majority of the turf had died and the quality of the centre circle left much to be desired. Thr football club agreed that they would use their best endeavours to arrange to move the position of the pitch for the next season which was due to commence in approximately 5 weeks time. In the meantime the Clerk would attempt to arrange for more grass seed to be sown on the poor areas of the pitch. Discussion then took place on the generally poor drainage of the pitch towards the brook end of the playing field and the Chairman pointed out that the original contractors had mislaid the drainage plans of the field which did not help. The Chairman offered and members agreed that an agricultural drainage expert be engaged to advise the Council on the best way forward. The Chairman would contact the Clerk with details of possible experts.

523. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/0475/4 - Mr. & Mrs I. M. Hand 9 Gilberts Drive Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect canopy above lounge window. No comment

H. J. Banks & Co. & British Coal - Restoration of the derelict Nailstone Colliery site to informal recreation and industrial use by infilling with controlled waste, Wood Road Nailstone. No comment.

93/0513/4 - Mr. P. Birch Old Parks Cottage Kirkby Lane Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a conservatory. No comment.

93/0526/4 - N. Lardner 18 Oaks Drive Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a front extension including shower room and front canopy. No comment.

93/0626/4 - Mr. M. Rimmington 55 Desford Road Newbold Verdon. Application to build an extension. No comment.

93/0578/4 - P. Gould 87 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Application for permissionto build bedrooms over existing garage and ground floor extension. No comment.

524. PLANNING APPROVALS

93/0406/4 Mr. S. Nutting 29 Sparkenhoe Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend dwelling at 29 Sparkenhoe Newbold Verdon.

93/0347/4 - Kidderminster Footwear Worcs. Permission to alter and widen vehicle access at 114 Main Street Newbold Verdon.

93/0475/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Hand 9 Gilberts Drive Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect canopy extension to existing property at 9 Gilberts Drive.

93/0513/4 - Mr. P. Birch Old Parks Farm Cottage. Permission to erect conservatory at Old Parks Cottage 1 Kirkby Lane Newbold Verdon.

93/0526/4 - N. Lardner 18 Oaks Drive Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend dwelling at 18 Oaks Drive Newbold Verdon.

525. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner pointed out that a member of the Parish Council had informed a recent public meeting held to consider development proposals by Cadeby Homes Ltd. that the Council had given the proposals the green light. He asked the Chairman to confirm that there had been a prior meeting between members of the parish council and the developer. The Chairman confirmed that a private meeting had taken place but that no formal plans had yet been deposited with the local planning authority upon which the parish council could formally comment. The Clerk advised the meeting that councillors had been invited to hear a presentation of the developers

proposals and that the majority of those present felt that the development had some merits subject to perusal of any formal application that might be submitted. The Borough Council had been advised of this preliminary view by letter. Mrs. Crooks informed the meeting that the only plans to have been put forward in the Borough's submissions for inclusion in the County Structure plan was the proposed redevelopment and improvement of the Hall Farm.

2. A parishioner asked what had happened to the public seat opposite the primary school on Dragon Lane as it appeared to have gone missing. Apparently vandals had removed it and it had last been seen on the recreation ground. The Clerk would look into the matter.

3. A representative of the football clubs asked whether the parish council could assist in the procurement of a new pitch line marker owing to concerns about the continued use of powdered lime. The clerk reported that line markers could be obtained via ESPO and that he would be pleased to order one if the football clubs would reimburse the council.

526. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1.Sue Spence raised the following;

(a) The chip shop on Main Street requested the provision of a litter bin outside their shop. It was agreed that efforts should be made to request the Borough Council to move the bin opposite the chip shop on Main Street to the shop's side of the road

(b) Pasture Lane was once again in a mess owing to a resident of Bramble Drive leaving cuttings in the public right of way. The clerk was asked to write to the resident concerned.

(c) Motorcyclists were still a danger on the Alans Way playing field and one had recently been reported to the police.

2. Roger Watson raised the following;

(a) Rodents were becoming an increasing problem in the pavilion store room. The clerk was requested to obtain some poison in order to deal with the problem.

(b) The electicity socket in the store room was now hanging off the wall having been damaged by the sports clubs. Mr. R.Tudge electrician kindly offered to repair the same.

(c) He asked whether the clerk had heard from the mower repairer and the clerk replied that he had not. The clerk was asked to chase this up.

(d) He reported that ther was some remedial work needed to the pavilion vis. damaged car park light, broken tile, rain water leakage around the stench pipe in the ladies toilet. The clerk was authorised to arrange for necessary repairs to be carried out.

3. Mr. Hurst asked whether there had been any reply to the council's complaint regarding the chairs and tables on the pavement outside the Swan public House. The clerk had received no reply to date. The Chairman asked the Borough Coucillor what the current situation was with regard to the duty of business premises to ensure that the pavement outside their premises was clean. Mrs. Crooks stated that it was their responsibility and that to the extent that they were in breach she was willing to report the matter to the Borough council's Environmental Health officer.

4. Mr. Mensley expressed his concern that heavy goods vehicles were parking in the village when they should be parked at the depot. Mrs Crooks stated that the Borough planning officer could offer a service of checking with DVLC on the operators of the vehicles and contact them from then on.

5. The clerk reported that he had received no enquiries with regard to litter picking on the Dragon Lane recreation ground and asked members if they were willing to set a rate they would be prepared to pay for the job to be done. It was agreed that a young person over the age of 16 could undertake the work for two hours per week at a rate of £2.50 per hour. The clerk was authorised to arrange for this to be done if he could find someone willing to do it.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.35PM