MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 1ST FEBRUARY 1993

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks, J. R. Watson, S. Spence, D. Colledge, G. Law, E. Tomblin, M. B. Mensley, A. Hurst, E. A. Walsh (Clerk), J. Crookes (Borough Councillor).
Parishioners: 7

460. APOLOGIES for absence were received from P. Chick.

461. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record with the addition of the name of A. Hurst as 'Present'.

462. ACCOUNTS

Payable

			£
Society of Local Council Clerks - Annual Subscription			38.00
Senate Electrical Wholesalers Ltd. Supply of 41 Xmas tree bulbs		25.73	
	VAT	4.39	30.12
W. D. & B. Harding & Son Supply of Xmas tree		49.50	
	VAT	8.66	58.16
Severn Trent Water Ltd. Water supply - Pavilion			47.64
E. H. Bell - Caretaker's Wages 3.1.93 - 31.1.93 - 4 wks at £22			88.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerk's Salary		266.66	
Expenses		58.33	324.99
			586.91

Received

G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Sale of new double grave - A. Kelly, decd.		36.00	
Interment fee		15.00	51.00
			51.00

463. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from East Midlands Electricity confirming that the problem of maintaining the sub-station site on Brascote Lane was being addressed and that immediate action would be taken.

2. A letter had been received from Severn Trent Water Ltd. inviting a party of members to visit one of the Severn Trent treatment works as part of a public relations exercise. The members agreed that they would like to participate in such a visit and suggested perhaps an evening in the spring to visit the Cropston Water Treatment Works would be desirable. The Clerk was asked to advise Severn Trent.

3. A letter had been received from Leicester City Bus Ltd. regarding the bus stop on the Desford Road and advising the Parish that the County Council were now responsible for bus stops. The letter was noted.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council enclosing correspondence both from and to the Newbold Heath Residents Association in relation to that Association's request for the provision of a lay-by adjacent to 33 Merrylees Road. The correspondence highlighted the fact that the County Council would only accept responsibility for the provision of lay-bys on major inter-urban routes. The provision of lay-bys predominantly for the purpose of private off-road parking was required to be paid for by either the Borough or Parish Council concerned. The Parish Council had, therefore, been requested by the County Council to indicate whether or not it would be prepared to financially support the provision of such a lay-by, whereupon the County Council would be pleased to provide an estimate of the ultimate cost. Members felt that prior to making such a decision, an estimate of the cost was desirable. The Clerk was asked to request this.

5. A letter had been received from the County Secretary regarding the Parish Council's concern at the recent confirmation of the footpath diversion in respect of footpath S.26 off Kirkby Lane, Brascote. The County Secretary advised the members that the local member, Mr. Casswell, had been advised of the "sensitive issue" prior to the Planning and Recreation Committee meeting on 19th November 1992. However, Mr. Casswell did not attend the meeting and no representation was made by any member. Members noted that a further opportunity for representation would arise when the order was made and advertised and the County Council would advise the Parish at that time. Members once again expressed their concern that no objection to the footpath diversion was made by the Borough Council and were disappointed that Mr. Casswell failed to make any representations in support at the Planning and Recreation Committee meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Casswell expressing the members concern and disappointment at his failure to represent the views of the Parish Council on this issue.

6. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation regarding street lighting in the village and advising that an inspection had been carried out. The Director informed the Parish that the light sources used throughout the County were the most energy-efficient sources of light available. The letter was noted.

7. A letter had been received from the Verdon Views Team enclosing a letter received from a local parishioner addressed to the Parish Council and requesting that the Parish Council, through the Verdon Views, let everyone know when and where the Parish Council meetings take place and how to get matters on the agenda. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Verdon Views Team indicating the position.

464. **ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - PROPOSED EXTENSION**

Graham Law and Peter Chick had circulated among members a joint report of their progress to date in relation to their proposals for the proposed acquisition of additional land to extend the playing field.

After some discussion about whether a subcommittee should be convened to consider this matter, members agreed that the full Council should consider the proposals and report back to a public meeting on their deliberations. It was proposed that a meeting take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11th February 1993 to discuss the matter.

465. CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Hurst requested this item and reminded members that something was required to be agreed with regard to the setting out of the smaller plots within the Cemetery for the interment of caskets following cremation. Members agreed to attend a meeting at the Cemetery at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 7th February to discuss the same. It was agreed that the Clerk would report back to the Parish Council's next meeting on any proposals.

466. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

92/0012/4 - Severn Trent Water Ltd. Application for planning permission to fence sewage pumping station on Bagworth Road, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

467. PLANNING APPROVALS

92/1067/4 - Mr. & Mrs. G. Chambers, 27 Arnolds Crescent, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for an extension.

468. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner raised his concern that the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground appeared to be neglected in comparison with Alans Way Playing Field. The Chairman replied by indicating that considerable effort was made by the Parish to accommodate both public areas and that, in fact, Dragon Lane Recreation Ground had benefitted from the provision of playground equipment and the Toddler Park Project which was shortly to be repainted.

2. A parishioner raised the point that footpath R.60 at Newbold Heath was still impassable and asked what the Parish Council had done to remedy this. The Chairman read out a letter that the Clerk had written in December to the Divisional Highways Surveyor and it was hoped that some remedial works would be carried out shortly.

469. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence advised members that Pasture Lane was once again full of litter. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue with the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council.

2. Mr. Hurst informed the members that owing to vehicles being parked outside the Miners Institute on Dragon Lane, buses and large vehicles are coming close to colliding with the corner property, 31 Main Street. Recently this nearly resulted in a vehicle hitting the power cable on the building and the consequences could have been quite severe. The Clerk was asked to write to the Trustees of the Miners Institute in the hope of requesting its visitors to park away from the junction with Main Street to alleviate the problem.

3. The Chairman raised his concern over the fact that a piece of land adjacent to 1 Brascote Lane, next to the Church Hall, approximately 2 ft. wide, contains within it an electricity cable which has now become exposed. The strip of land in question required in-filling and/or tarmacing and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council informing them of this dangerous situation.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 p.m.