MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH JANUARY 1993 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chair), H. M. Francks, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, G. Law, E. Tomblin, M. B. Mensley, P. Chick, E. A. Walsh (Clerk). Parishioners - 6

450. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from S. Spence.

451. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December, having previously been circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

452. **ACCOUNTS**

Payable

Leics. County Council - Inv. No. CS107165		
Goal posts	138.22	
Inv. No. CS106874 - Steel gripper sockets	51.83	190.05
E. H. Bell - Caretaker's wages from 6.12.92 - 2.1.93 (4 wks at £22)		88.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerk's salary (December)	225.00	
expenses	54.16	279.16
H. M. Francks, Refreshments		25.00
		£582.21

Receipts

Trevor Perks - Use of Football pitch	£18.00

453. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council advising the Parish of forthcoming computer-based administrative changes to the system of planning applications. Enclosed with the letter was a guide to the recent changes on agricultural planning applications which it was agreed should be circulated amont the members. The letter was noted.

2. A further letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services regarding the Parish Council's suggestions for the environmental improvement programme for 1993/4 confirming that the Parish Council's suggestions would be placed before the Borough's Planning Committee in January. The letter was noted.

3. A letter had been received from Messrs. Edward Hands & Lewis confirming that the purchase of the additional land at the access of Alans Way had been completed and that the title was currently being registered.

4. A letter had been received from the National Association of Local Councils once again requesting an 0.5% contribution of the Parish Council's annual spending budget. After considerable discussion the members felt disinclined to make a contribution beyond the annual membership fee.

454. **PROPOSED EXTENSION TO ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD**

Mr. Law had requested this agenda item and wanted to suggest to the Council that the proposals for an extension to the playing field should be placed on a more formal footing and that the matter should now proceed to a further stage. Along with Mr. Chick, he reported to the members that they had contacted the Borough Council's Planning Committee and the Sports Council and had also had discussions with Mr. D. Mortimer of the Planning and Transportation Department at County Hall. Both members were of the view that both the playing field and changing facilities needed enlarging and agreed that they would prepare a joint statement of their proposals for a way forward for this project which would be available for discussion at the Council's next meeting.

455. **PARISH PRECEPT 1993/4**

It was resolved that the Parish Council approved a total precept for the next financial year of £26,654. The estimates as approved are attached to these minutes as Schedule A.

456. **PAVILION - EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL REDECORATION**

Members examined the condition of the internal paintwork of the pavilion and after some discussion it was agreed that a thorough cleaning of the sprayed walls in the corridor and changing areas would probably be all that was required in these areas apart from repainting the woodwork. The remainder of the pavilion required re-emulsioning and repainting of the woodwork. It was agreed that the exterior of the pavilion also required fresh coats of timber treatment and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for this work to be carried out early in the Spring.

457. **PLANNING APPROVALS**

92/0955/4 - Mr. & Mrs. M. Hand, 32 Peters Avenue, Newbold Verdon. Planning permission for extension to dwelling.

458. **PARISIONERS' QUESTION TIME**

1. A parishioner asked whether the recent patchwork resurfacing by the County Council within the village was the only form of repair works to be undertaken following recent gas main replacements. It was agreed that the Clerk should establish from the Divisional Highways Surveyor whether the current repairs constituted the final road surface condition or whether there would be further improvement. It was agreed that the main problem was really Main Street although the same query applied to the rest of the village.

2. The two drains in the footpath by the Baptist Chapel at the junction of Mill Lane and Main Street appear to be flooding during periods of heavy rainfall. It appears that the gullies may be of inadequate size and the Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor for his comments.

459. **CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME**

1. Mr. Hurst raised the following:

(a) He pointed out that further consideration needs to be given to the Council's future use of the Garden of Remembrance at the Cemetery and requested that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(b) He pointed out that the road sign at the junction of Barlestone Road and Bosworth Road had suffered impact damage and required either replacing and/or re-erecting. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor.

2. Mr. Mensley raised the following:

(a) Following a recent survey of the village, he was of the opinion that the street lighting was poor, particularly on Dragon Lane adjacent to the Primary School. He felt that the answer to the problem lay in installing higher intensity lighting and it was hoped that, if this were done, several 'black spots' in the village could be removed. A particularly poor area was the junction of Main Street with Dragon Lane adjacent to the Old White Swan Public House. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the County Council's lighting engineer in the hope that a survey could be undertaken, preferably at night, to establish whether some improvements could be made.

(b) He expressed surprise and concern that the recent application for a diversion of footpath s.26 at Brascote in the village had been given approval by the County Council's Planning Committee despite strong objection by the Parish Council. Particularly of concern was the fact that despite the Parish Council's objection, the County Council had received no comment from the Borough Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Secretary of the County Council to voice the concern of the members that there appears merely to be lip service paid to the consultation process that brings little results and that it sets dangerous precedents as far as further similar applications were concerned.

(c) He congratulated the Clerk on the attractive appearance of the Christmas tree this year. He did, however, point out that with effect from January 1993, new EEC regulations had come into force with regard to the lighting of such structures and it was agreed that the Clerk would establish what the new position was in goot time for arrangements for 1993.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.39 p.m.

SCHEDULE A

NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXPECTED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1993/4

	1992/3 ESTIMATES	1993/4 ESTIMATES
DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND		
Mowing, debris removal, fertilising reseeding	710	886
Repairs and maintenance	500	500
Inspection	45	45
Additional equipment	1,000	-
Trees	50	150
MALLORY CLOSE		
Mowing, debris removal, forking beds	250	310
WAR MEMORIAL		
Maintenance	80	65
Railings - repaint	-	200
CHURCHYARD		
Mowing and maintenance charges	1,150	1,158
CEMETERY		
Mowing and maintenance charges	1,856	1,875
Rates - general and water	50	50
PARISH FLORAL TRIBUTE		
Verdon in Bloom	350	350

ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD		
Mowing, debris removal, fertilising & reseeding, strimming	1,627	1,890
Repairs and maintenance	500	500
Additional equipment	300	0
Trees	100	100
Additional land	-	5,000
PAVILION		
Car park surfacing	10,000	0
Loan repayment	2,750	2,750
Heating and lighting	400	550
Rates	600	600
Water rates	200	200
Cleaning	1,400	1,500
Maintenance and repairs	300	750
Insurance	150	150
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Clerk's salary	2,700	3,200
Clerk's expenses	650	700
Audit fee	150	150
Subscriptions	150	175
Typewriter	-	200
Bus shelters	-	1,500
Notice boards	100	100
Record and document books	50	50

Christmas tree	100	100
Insurance	400	400
Sundries, legal costs, Land Registry fees, adverts	500	500
	27,748	26,654