MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH JUNE 1993 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chair), R. Watson, G. Law, D. Colledge, H. M. Francks, E. Tomblin, A. Hurst,S.Spence, S. Ball (County Councillor), J. Crooks (Borough Councillor, E. A. Walsh (Clerk). Parishioners - 6

505. APOLOGIES - None

506. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 1993, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

507. ACCOUNTS

Payable

Leics. Rural Community Council Best Kept Village Competition Entry Fee		6.00
East Midland Electricity Pavilion electricity charges		156.79
E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 10.5. - 4.7.93 at £22 per week		176.00
E. A. Walsh, Clerk's salary May and June 533.32 Expenses 116.66		649.98
W. D. & B. Harding & Son A/c 7681-86 (inc)	874.00	
VAT	116.66	
	1026.96	
Deduction for previous overpayment	6.00	1020.96
		2009.73

Received

G. Seller & Co Ltd., Interment fee - Ronald Hurst Jelley	30.00
Newbold Verdon Junior FC - Pitch fees	16.00
S. Sleigh, Monumental masons Memorial fee - F. & M. Gilliver	15.00
	61.00

508. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Borough Council regarding the Local Government Review following the recent meetings that the Borough had held with Parish Council representatives. After some discussion, members agreed that a letter should be sent to the Commission indicating that, if the Review recommended restructuring local government, the Parish would thereafter want an opportunity to have more involvement in local matters.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation in reply to the Parish Council's concerns regarding parking on Bramble Drive. The Chief Constable had commented that off-street parking was inadequate and in the absence of specific complaints of obstruction, it was proposed that the Police and Highway Authority would leave the matter for local residents to resolve.

3. A letter had been received from the Chief Constable's office =enclosing a new national Fact Sheet on Police services in view of the forthcoming proposed changes to the financial arrangements and Police Authority structure. It was agreed that the Fact Sheet be circulated among members for their comments.

4. A letter had been received from British Gas plc confirming that the reinstatement of the excavation works outside the property known as Burnside on Desford Road had been completed. It was reported that this reinstatement left a lot to be desired and the Clerk was asked to inform the Gas company of its dissatisfaction with the quality of the reinstatement.

5. A letter had been received from a parishioner who had referred to a meeting he had had with the Clerk regarding vehicle obstruction at the Main Street end of Dragon Lane. This was resulting in vehicles colliding with his property which had occurred on several occasions. The Clerk had previously written to the trustees of the Miners Institute requesting their cooperation with this problem but obviously to no avail. Mr. Simmonds, the local police constable had been notified of the problem and he had indicated that he would warn those parking their vehicles in that location that if they did so again they would be prosecuted.

6. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Junior Football Club requesting the use of the Alans Way and Dragon Lane Playing Fields for their football matches for the 1993/4 season. It was their intention to run three teams on each ground, all six teams required the use of the Alans Way facilities for training periods from the beginning of the season but four of the teams have alternative arrangements for indoor training from October onwards. Members approved the forthcoming use of the facilities as requested.

7. The Clerk advised the members of a report that had been submitted to the County Council's Arts, Libraries and Museums Committee on 4th June 1993 detailing possible provision of additional hours at the Newbold Verdon Library. It was proposed by the Director of Libraries that an estimated 4 additional hours per week could be provided by existing staff of the Libraries Service subject to the Parish Council paying for this. It was hoped that negotiations could continue with a view to a form of service level agreement being resolved to allow the additional service to be provided. Members expressed some disquiet over the prospect of the Parish having to pay for a County function and the Clerk was asked to establish what the current membership and use of the Library actually was. It was agreed that this matter should be returned to the agenda at the Council's next meeting.

509. WAR MEMORIAL RAILINGS REPAINTING

The Clerk reported that only one quote had been received from those invited to tender from Messrs. John Duplock, decorators of Hinckley at £182 + VAT. Members agreed to accept this quotation and asked if the work could be carried out as soon as possible.

510. CRICKET CLUB PRACTICE NETS

Five members of the Parish Council had attended the site meeting at Alans Way Playing Field on 18th May. The majority of those members did not feel that the site proposed by the cricket club for the installation of the practice net facility was acceptable. There was considerable discussion about alternative locations on the Alans Way site and it was generally agreed that the Parish Council would support the cricket club's proposal for practice nets on the basis that the Club would submit alternative ideas for installing the facility. The Clerk was therefore asked to write to the Club for their suggestions for alternative sites.

511. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/0406/4 - Mr. S. Nutting, 29 Sparkenhoe, Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission for a porch and canopy. No comment.

512. PLANNING APPROVALS

None

513. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Crooks advised the members of the possibility that the organisation running the Cadeby Market might well be moving to a site within the village on the Brascote Lane and that she had requested the Borough Planning Officer to contact the Parish Council in the event that the application was received. This was noted.

514. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst raised the following:-

(a) He advised the members of the proposal to dedicate a wood to be knopwn as the Royal Tigers Wood as a memorial to the soldiers from the Parish who had died in the Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Mr. Hurst asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

(b) He reported that the proprietors of the Swan Public House had recently put tables and chairs onto the pavement at the weekends which had caused an obstruction to pedestrians. It was apparent that this may well have been done without licence or consent of the County Council and the Clerk was asked to notify the Council.

2. Mr. Colledge handed in a letter of complaint from local residents of Arnolds Crescent regarding the Sunday trading of the shoe warehouse on Main Street. It was noted that the copy letter had in fact been sent to the Borough Council and their reply was, therefore, awaited.

3. Mrs. Spence reported that youths had been motor-cycling on the Alans Way Playing Field and requested that a copy of the Parish bye-laws be erected on the double gates at the entrance to the playing field.

4. Mr. Mensley reported that the road sweeper engaged by the Borough Council had not been clearing the lay-by in Mill Lane and asked if this could be remedied in future.

5. Mrs. Francks expressed the view that the football pitches needed rotating owing to the poor condition of the ground. It was agreed that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Clerk advised the members that the football pitches had recently been returfed in the goal mouth areas and now required watering. The Clerk was authorised to instruct the Council's contractor to undertake this.

515. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Council's next meeting would take place on 2nd August 1993.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.54 p.m.