MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 1993 AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chair), H. M. Francks, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, G. Law, E. Tomblin, M. B. Mensley, A. Hurst, P. Chick, S. Spence, J. Crookes (Borough Councillor)

Parishioners: 4

470. APOLOGIES for absence were received from the Clerk.

471. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 1993, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.

472. ACCOUNTS

| Payable: | | | £ |
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| Public Works Loans Account (Bank of England) 6 monthly loan repayment) | | | 1,290.87 |
| Leicestershire County Council Inv. No. 7A337338 (Envelopes) | | | 19.99 |
| EMEB - Pavilion electricity charges | | | 122.02 |
| E. H. Bell, Caretaker's wages 1 - 28 Feb 1993 - 4 wks. at £22. | | | 88.00 |
| E. A. Walsh | Salary 266.66 | | |
| | Expenses 58.33 | | 324.99 |
| | | TOTAL | £1,845.87 |

| Received: | | | |
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| Newbold Verdon Junior FC Pitch fees | | | 40.00 |
| Jubilee Inn FC - Pitch fees | | | 256.00 |
| G. Seller & Co. Ltd. Memorial fee for late Augustus Kelly | | | 15.00 |
| | | TOTAL | £311.00 |

473. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council giving an outline of the Borough Council's perspective on the forthcoming local government reorganisation. Enclosed with the letter was a document of the Borough Council's 'Solutions for the Future of Local Government'. The letter was noted.

2. An invitation had been received from the Mayor to attend the forthcoming Civic Ball on 17th April 1993. Anyone interested in attending should notify the Clerk.

3. An invitation had been forwarded by the Rural Community Council to attend a seminar entitled 'Policing Rural Leicestershire' due to be held on Friday 26th March at the County Council's Council Chamber. The letter was noted.

4. A letter had been received from the Chief Executive of the County Council outlining the County Council's proposals for working with Parish Councils during and post local government review. The Clerk and Chairman had been invited to attend the forthcoming conference to discuss issues raised by the review and it was agreed that the venue fixed for 7.30 on 29th April at Bosworth College, Desford be accepted.

5. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor advising that the tree outside 2 Gilberts Drive would be attended to by the Forestry Section at County Hall and secondly, the Parish Council's concerns regarding the right of way R.60 would be dealt with by the Public Rights of Way Officer who would deal with the problem shortly.

6. A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club enclosing a schedule of the club's forthcoming matches for the 1993 season and requesting permission to use the cricket field for the dates mentioned. Members agreed to the request.

474. CEMETERY GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Members reported to the Council following the site meeting at the Cemetery earlier. It was agreed that the area adjacent to the Garden of Remembrance be set aside by the Clerk for future use for the interment of ashes. The normally allocated grave spaces would be quartered and provide new plots measuring approx. 3 ft. by 15 ins. It was further agreed that any memorials would take the form of a tablet to be installed at ground level and that no vases or flowers above ground level should be permitted. It was agreed, pending a review of charges generally, that the Clerk should charge a fee representing one quarter of the current cost of a grave space for each plot, namely £9, and this would be payable in addition to the standard interment fee of £15.

475. PAVILION REDECORATING

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

The Clerk had prepared an evaluation of four tenders received pointed out that there was inconsistency in relation to the number of coats of both emulsion and stain offered by the decorators. After consideration of the quotes, members agreed that the Clerk should write to each of the contractors pointing out that the Parish Council wished to have two coats of emulsion applied to existing emulsioned walls, and that

any internal stained woodwork should also have two coats of stain and further, that the exterior of the building should have at least two coats of stain and be sufficient to cover any graffiti. The Clerk was asked to request contractors to re-quote on this basis and to request information on the earliest possible start date.

476. TODDLER PARK REPAINTING

Members were reminded that the play equipment on Dragon Lane still required refurbishment and that details had been obtained from Leicester Playscape on the materials required. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain the required sadolin stains to enable the work to be carried out during the Easter school vacation and members agreed that the work could be carried out by Nick Francks and Tim Walsh. Members would a fee a fee in payment in due course.

477. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/0138/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Cox, c/o Savage Hayward, 19 Station Road, Hinckley. Request for planning permission for an extension to dwelling at 22 Laburnum Avenue, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

478. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked whether the Parish Council were putting forward any formal statement in regard to its views on local government reorganisation and, further, whether there would be an open public meeting to discuss the matter. The Chairman advised the parishioner that the Parish Council had been invited to attend meetings by both the County and Borough Councils and that some meetings had already been attended. The Chairman was not aware of any public meetings to date but this question could perhaps be addressed to the forth-coming discussion meeting with the County Council on 29th April.

479. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following:-

(a) She reminded members of the meeting that had been arranged at the Chairman's house to discuss proposals for the extension of the Alans Way Playing Field and that the original meeting had been postponed. She asked whether any alternative dates had been arranged. The Chairman stated that nothing had been arranged.

(b) She pointed out that owing to the parking of vehicles in the 'hammer head' at Bramble Drive, drivers were having difficulty in turning vehicles round. The Chairman stated that this was a County Council matter and asked that the Clerk advise the Divisional Highways Surveyor in the hope that some pressure could be brought on local residents to keep the road free of parked vehicles.

2. It was pointed out that the Council's mower needed servicing and sharpening in advance of the forthcoming cricket season. The Clerk was authorised to make arrangements for the mower to be serviced and sharpened and to contact the appropriate service agent at Narborough.

3. Mrs. Francks asked whether lighting could be installed at the 'black pad' adjacent to Pasture Lane as this was a dark spot at night. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council might have to take responsibility for the provision of any such lighting and estimated that the cost would be somewhere in the region of £1,000. It was agreed that the Clerk should attempt to establish what the estimated costs might be.

4. General concern was expressed over the amount of litter throughout the village and one suggestion was that this was emanating from unsheeted lorries. It was agreed that the Clerk should request assistance from the Borough Council regarding this problem, pointing out that Pasture Lane was particularly bad. The Chairman asked Mrs. Crookes to see what she could do in her capacity as Borough Councillor and she agreed to this.

5. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council regarding the streetlight outside 3 Kirkby Lane which was not working.

6. A request had been received from Mr. Glen Bird, Secretary of Barlestone 87 Football Club, which plays in the Hinckley and District Senior League, to play at Alans Way during the next season. The Clerk had advised the Secretary that as there was only one senior pitch which is currently used by a team in the same league and two other teams it would not support any further regular use at present.

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