MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM AT THE PAVILION, ALANS WAY, ON MONDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 1993.

PRESENT ; M. W. Preston (Chair), H. M. Francks, M. B. Mensley, A. Hurst, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, S. Spence, P. Chick and E. Walsh (Clerk).

Parishioners - 7.

550. APOLOGIES - G. Law and E. Tomblin.

551. MINUTES - The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

552. ACCOUNTS

Payable

W. D. & B. Harding & Son			
September Maintenance Charges		1133.00	
	VAT	198.28	1331.28
E. H. Bell - Caretaker's Wages			
4.10.93 - 31.10.93 - 4 wks. @ £22			88.00
Allan Bostock (Builders) Ltd.			
Repairs to Pavilion lighting & roof			
New gate & post, Alans Way			
Seat repairs, Dragon Lane		277.60	
	VAT	48.58	326.18
Thw Mowerman			
Lawnmower repairs & service			1008.81
		TOTAL	3079.26

Received

N. V. Junior F.C. Pavilion	
Floodlight electricity recharge to 2.8.93	116.36
Gillivers Funeral Directors	
Memorial Vase fee - Elizabeth Hill deed	9.00
TOTAL	125.36

553. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning & Transportation enclosing a copy of the Leicestershire Nature Conservation Strategy, a draft document recently approved for consultation. Whilst the consultation document was substantially complete, the Director pointed out that any comments would be gratefully received and should be sent to him by 14th November. It was agre that the Chairman would study the Conservation Strategy and pass the same round for perusal by members. Any comments on the Strategy were to be passed to the Clerk in order to meet the stated deadline.

2. A copy letter had been received from the Newbold Heath Residents' Association addressed to the Department of Planning & Transportation with regard to the proposals for the creation of a speed limit on the B.582 at Newbold Heath. The residents wished to see a 30 miles per hour speed limit imposed rather than the 50 miles per hour recommended by the Parish Council at its last meeting. The Clerk advised the meeting that the County Council's Highways Committee would need to consider the merits of the Residents' Association's comments and also those of the Parish Council prior to recommending any particular speed limit. A Traffic Regulation Order would need then to be made in order to be able to enforce the speed limit at any stage in the future.

3. A further copy letter had been received from the Newbold Heath Residents' Association in relation to their objections to the proposals of H. J. Banks and British Coal for the redevelopment of the Nailstone Colliery site by infilling with waste. The letter set out the residents concern that the tip would cause airborn dust and odours and would undoubtedly attract rodents,insects and scavenging birds. Concern was also expressed about the possibility of seepage into the strata and old mine workings. The letter had been sent to the Department of the Environment in advance of the forthcoming Public Enquiry to be held at the Coalville Technical College commencing in November. The Clerk advised the meeting that in accordance with their wishes, he had also written to the Department of the Environment setting out the Parish Council's objections to the proposals.

554. TODDLER PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk advised members that he had recently requested Leicester Play Scape to furnish a quotation for the further infilling of the bark surface under the play equipment at this location. Leicester Play Scape had advised that in order to prepare the existing bark surface and to supply and deliver premier play bark to top up the surface by 150 millimetres, involving approximately 20 cubic metres, would cost £980 plus VAT.

In addition the company had advised that minor remedial work was required on the Play Tower in order to restore it to a safe condition at an estimated cost of £75 plus VAT.

Following Mr. Mensley's suggestion, discussion then took place regarding the prospect of surrounding the equipment with a fence and security gate which could be opened and relocked at the beginning and end of each day. He stated that a prime example of such an installation could be seen at Measham where the play equipment had been protected in a similar way by the District Council. It was agreed that this matter would be subject to further consideration but that in the meantime, Mr. Chick would look at whether or not there were other alternatives which could be used as a safe play area rather than the installation of play bark and would advise the Clerk accordingly. In the event that no better alternative could be found, the Clerk was authorised to invite Leicester Play Scape to carry out the work in accordance with their quotation.

555. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - GRASS CUTTING

The Clerk pointed out that the total number of cuts allowed under the Council's maintenance contract had been used up and that the Recreation Ground did need extra cuts towards the end of the season. The Clerk was authorised to request the Council's contractor to arrange for these cuts at the contract price.

Discussion then took place regarding additional grass cutting on the Alans Way Playing Field and it was generally agreed that, during the growing season, whether or not football pitches or the cricket wicket required cutting, it would be attended to by the Parish Council with the use of its own mower.

556. NEWBOLD LIBRARY

This matter had remained on the Agenda from the Council's last meeting and the Clerk reported that he had hoped that prior to the meeting he would have received a Property Inpsection Report in respect of the old shoe warehouse which is on Main Street. Unfortunately, the Report had not been received and the Clerk was asked to contact the Director of Libraries to establish the current position. It was agreed that this matter would remain on the Council's Agenda pending resolution.

557. ROYAL TIGERS WOOD

Mr. Hurst reported that a meeting of the Woodlands Trust in order to determine the nature and number of trees that would be required was due to be held on 10th November. Mr. Hurst undertook to report back to the Council's next meeting on the type of trees that would be acceptable by way of donation from the Parish Council towards the new Midlands Forest. The Chairman advised the meeting that a local parishioner, Mr. Maurice Farmer, had kindly offered two oak trees to the Parish Council and Mrs. Spence undertook to make contact with Mr. Farmer and endeavour to obtain the trees.

558. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/0847/4 Mrs. J. A. Denney - Application for permission to avoid compliance with Condition No. 3 attached to Planning Permission numbered 77/1132/4 in respect of the agricultural use of Holly House Farm, Brascote Lane, Brascote, Newbold Verdon.No comment.

559. PLANNING APPROVALS - None

560. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME - None.

561. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence advised the meeting that she had witnessed a disturbing incident in Main Street the previous weekend when four youths in a vehicle negotiated the bend too fast and spun round in front of the Methodist Chapel colliding with the kerb edge. She had reported the matter to the Coalville Police on Sunday evening but had heard nothing further from them. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police to establish whether or not any enquiries had been made.

It was also reported that a lorry was being parked on Oaks Drive generally causing an obstruction and danger to other road users. It was agreed that once the name and address of the vehicle's owner was furnished to the Clerk that he would write requesting that the vehicle be parked elsewhere away from the village.

2. Mr. Chick reported that, in his view, the new Paper Bank sited adjacent to the Library car park was not being emptied on a regular enough basis and was over-flowing. The matter was noted.

Mr. Chick also reported that he had recently held a meeting involving the sporting clubs in Newbold to consider sporting development in the village generally. It was intended that a further meeting be held when hopefully

plans could be formalised and a presentation made to the Parish Council at a future date. This was duly noted.

3. Mr.Mensley reported that the lorry which had caused previous problems parking on the corner of Enston Street and Mill Lane was still causing problems. The Police had been notified and were aware of the situation but nothing had been done to date. This problem was noted.

4. The Chairman pointed out to the County Councillor, Mr. Stuart Ball, that the road surface on Main Street badly wanted resurfacing. Following the Gas Board's mains installation, the road had been patch repaired but the whole surface was very uneven and had sunk in places and it was his view that Main Street required total resurfacing. Mr. Ball promised to report this matter back to the Highways Authority and to acquaint the Parish Council with any results.

5. The Clerk reported that Mr. Law had established that the football clubs did require a pair of new football nets to fit the junior sized goal posts and the Clerk was duly authorised to purchase the same.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.41PM.