MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY ON 4TH OCTOBER 1993

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

Parishioners - 5

538. APOLOGIES - S. Spence, M. B. Mensley

539. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September, having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record

540. ACCOUNTS

Payable

Leicestershire County Council				
Paint applicator & 6 aerosols		98.59		
	VAT	17.25		115.84
W. D. & B. Harding & Son				
August maintenance charges		1024.50		
	VAT	179.29		1203.79
E. H. Bell caretakers wages				
6.9.93 - 3.10.93 - 4 weeks @ £22				88.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerks salary		266.66		
	Expences	58.33		324.99
			TOTAL	1732.62

Received

H. M. Customs & Excise - VAT refund to 31.3.93			3371.37
Gillivers - memorial to R. Dimmer	15.00		
" F Robinson	15.00		
" E. E. Shaw	15.00		
Interment fee - D. Underwood	30.00		
New grave & inter A. Taylor	51.00		126.00
Newbold Cricket Club - wicket fees			96.00
G. Seller & Co. - memorial fee W. Smith			15.00
T. Perks - hire of football pitch			18.00

Receipts cont.

Leicestershire Co- op Funeral Services cremation plot and interment - A. Callis	24.00
	3650.37

541. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the County Secretary notifying the fact that a local public inquiry had been arranged in respect of the appeal by H. J. Banks & British Coal against the refusal to allow the redevelopment of the Nailstone Colliery by means of infilling with waste. The inquiry was to be held at the Coalville Technical College and would commence at 10.00am on the 30th November and could last for eight days. The letter was noted.

2. A report of the Leicestershire Playing Fields Association had been received along with notification of the A.G.M. It was agreed that the report be circulated.

3. A letter had been received from solicitors acting on behalf of Mr. M. Mould as warden of the Newbold Community Asssociation confirming that there would be no sale of intoxicating liquor at the school premises during normal school hours.

4. A letter had been received from Leicester Playscape stating that their original supplier of bark for the Toddler Park project had now ceased trading. They were endeavouring to establish an alternative source and would contact us again shortly. The letter was noted.

5. A request had been received from the Junior football club for replacement nets at Dragon lane and/or replacement hooks for securing the nets to the posts. It was agreed that Mr. G. Law would establish the current state of the nets and members agreed if they needed replacing that the Clerk be authorised to proceed.

6. A letter had been received from the District Secretary at the Borough Council notifying members of a site meeting to discuss the proposed change of use of the former shoe warehouse at 129 Main Street to a restaurant. Mr. A. Hurst had attended the meeting in order to restate the Council's objections.

542. NEWBOLD VERDON LIBRARY

The clerk reported that he had had further discussions with the Director of Libraries and that a site visit was intended

to be made by him to view the proposed premises on Main Street. The Director hoped to have a report on the building and to reply more fully to the Parish Council's concerns in advance of the Parish Council's next meeting. This was noted and it was agreed that the matter should remain on the agenda.

543. ROYAL TIGERS WOOD

Mr. Hurst reported that he still awaited the replies of the Woodlands Trust and asked that the matter remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.

544. SPEED LIMIT - B582 NEWBOLD HEATH

Mr. Hurst reported that he had attended a site meeting with officers from the Planning & Transportation Department at County Hall and members of the Newbold Heath resident's Association. A represetative of the Police attended the meeting briefly. The meeting was advised that a 50mph speed limit accorded with the Department of Transport criteria and would be a realistic limit that could be expected to have some effect on driver behaviour. Members of the resident's association felt that in view of the fact that there was nowhere for their children to play at the Heath they predominantly played near the carriageway. They therefore requested a speed limit of 30mph particularly in light of the fact that there was increased heavy vehicle traffic along this route. Members had been requested by the County Council to indicate which speed limit they wished to see imposed. After considerable debate there was a difference of opinion and the matter was put to the vote. By a majority decision it was agreed that the Council would recommend a 50mph speed limit along the length of road in question.

545. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None

546. PLANNING APPROVALS

93/0668/4 D. Johnson - Permission to extend his dwelling at 96 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon.

93/0689/4 L. Judge - Permission to extend his dwelling at 31 Bramble Drive Newbold Verdon.

93/0728/4 Mr. & Mrs. T. Wright - Permission to extend their dwelling at 11 Gilberts Drive Newbold Verdon.

547. PLANNING REFUSALS

93/0626/4 - M. Rimmington - refusal of permission to extend his dwelling at 55 Desford Road on the grounds that it would represent an over development of the site filling the gap between two properties creating a terraced effect and in view

of the height length and design it would have an overbearing effect on the adjoining property.

93/0530/4 A. Statham - Refusal of permission for a change of use to a restaurant of 129 Main Street Newbold Verdon for the following reasons:

(1) It would be out of keeping with the predominantly residential character of the area by reason of increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic and would result in a loss of residential amenity for the surrounding properties.

(2) It would result in noise smells and disturbance in the immediate area to the detriment of the residential amenity currently enjoyed by occupiers of surrounding properties.

(3) The site is too restricted to cater for the additional parking which would result in cars parking on the Main Street in close proximity to road junctions.

93/0694/4 - Mr. & Mrs. Crowfoot - Refusal of permission to erect a garage at 50 Main Street as the proposed detached double garage would form an unduly prominent and visually intrusive element in the street scene that would have a detrimental impact on an important view of the adjoining chapel thereby detracting from the character and appearance of the conservation area.

548. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

1. The Council was asked if it intended to write a formal letter of objection to the chairman of the public inquiry in relation to the appeal by H.J.Banks & British Coal. It was agreed that a letter would be sent pointing out the parish council's concerns about potential litter problems, the increase in heavy vehicle traffic along the B585 and the potential damage to the road surface as a result.

2. A member of the Newbold Heath resident's association stated that they wished to see a 30 mph speed limit along the B585. This matter had already been debated and the council had agreed to support a request for a 50mph speed limit.

3. A parishioner asked if the Council would consider purchasing some new watering cans for use at the cemetery. It was agreed that the clerk be authorised to procure four new plastic watering cans.

549. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs Francks pointed out that the Borough Council's refuse contractor was obstructing the footpath along Main Street by placing bins and bags of rubbish along the pavement. The clerk was asked to request that some effort be made to ensure that

there was sufficient room for pedestrians during this collection process.

Mrs. Francks further pointed out that a vehicle was being regularly parked on the pavement outside No.206 Main Street and this presented a potential danger and obstruction to pedestrians. The clerk was asked to request the owner to cease this practise.

2. Mr. Law advised the members that the footpath between Willow Close and Mallory Close was being obstructed by an overgrown privet hedge. He undertook to notify the clerk of the property in question so that an appropriate request for this to be trimmed back could be made.

3. The Chairman pointed out that the condition of the road surface along the length of Main Street was in an appalling condition following the laying of the new gas mains. The clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor in order to establish if this could be remedied in the near future.

4. It was pointed out that the road sign opposite the Verdon Garage had collapsed and the clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council accordingly.

5. It was also pointed out that a 50mph roadsign on the Desford Road was missing and the clerk was asked to advise the County Council accordingly.

6. A member advised the meeting that the bus stop sign on the corner of Brascote Lane and Gilberts Drive had been lying in the grass for some time. The clerk was asked to contact City Bus accordingly.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.34PM