MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6TH SEPTEMBER 1993 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chair), H. M. Francks, J. R. Watson, S. Spence, D. Colledge, G. Law, E. Tomblin, M. B. Mensley, A. Hurst, J. Crooks, E. A. Walsh (Clerk).

Parishioners - 4

527. APOLOGIES - P. Chick, S. Ball (County Councillor)

528. MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd August 1993, having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

529. ACCOUNTS

Payable

Audit Commission		130.80	
	VAT	22.89	153.69
East Midlands Electricity plc pavilion electricity charges			75.70
Public Works Loan Account			1290.87
W. D. & B. Harding & Son July maintenance charges		884.00	
	VAT	154.71	1038.71
E. H. Bell caretakers wages 2.8.- 5.9.93 (5 weeks)			110.00
E. A. Walsh Clerks salary		266.66	
Expences		58.33	324.99
			2993.96

Received

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council rate refund	44.68
Newbold Cricket Club - wicket fees	228.00
	272.68

530. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation at the County Council inviting a member of the parish council to a site meeting to consider the prospect of a speed limit on the B582 at Newbold Heath. It was agreed that Mr. Hurst would attend at the site at 2.00pm on the 7th September 1993.

2. A copy of a letter had been received from the Newbold Heath Residents Association addressed to the County Council objecting to the proposals of H. J. Banks and British Coal to redevelop the Nailstone Colliery site by means of infilling with waste. The letter was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highway Surveyor regarding the furniture on the highway outside the Swan public house. It was the view of the surveyor that the position of the table and chairs to the rear of the pavement did not constitute an obstruction. Members were of the opinion that it was not the furniture itself that created the obstruction but the number of customers using it that on occasion forced pedestrians to have to walkon the road. The clerk was asked to convey these views to the Conty Council.

531. NEWBOLD VERDON LIBRARY

The Clerk reported that he had complained to the Director of Libraries regarding the book stock at Newbold and also the fact that the library was too small to accommodate the desired increase. The Director had responded by acknowledging that the facility was inadequate for a village of the size of Newbold and that he would discuss with the Clerk some proposals which he would report to the library committee of the county council. The Clerk hoped to have details of those proposals for the parish council's next meeting which predated the next library committee.

532. ROYAL TIGERS WOOD

Mr. Hurst reported that he had not been able to obtain confirmation from the Woodlands Trust on the parish council's proposal to donate some trees and requested that this matter remained on the agenda for the next meeting.

533. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - LITTER

The Clerk reported that the litter situation was now totally unacceptable and that he had received complaints from both parishioners and the Borough Council. Members authorised the clerk to make arrangements with the Borough Council's refuse contractor with a view to cleaning the recreation ground as

soon as possible and also obtain a quote for regular fortnightly litter clearing.

534. FOOTBALL PITCH LINE MARKER

A request had been received from the Jubillee F. C. that the parish council consider the purchase of a new line marker for the benefit of all clubs using the Alans Way playing field. The clerk stated that this would obviate the future need to store lime in the pavilion storage area which always presented a danger. Members agreed to the purchase on the understanding that the clubs would buy the necessary paint refills for the marker.

535. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

93/0694/4 Mr & Mrs Crowfoot 50 Main Street - Application for permission to erect a new garage and convert existing garage into living accommodation. Members were concerned that the proposed development might interfere unduly with the amenity of the adjoining Methodist Chapel.

93/0668/4 D. Johnson 96 Arnolds Crescent - Application for permission to erect a new pitched roof over existing extension. No comment.

93/0689/4 L. Judge 31 Bramble Drive - Appliction for permission to erect a two storey side extension and porch together with new lounge window with canopy. No comment.

93/0728/4 Mr & Mrs T. Wright 11 Gilberts Drive - Application for permission to build a two storey extension to existing building. No comment.

536. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked whether any member of the parish council attended the recent meeting regarding the proposed infilling of the Nailstone Colliery site. The Chairman replied that no member had attended.

537. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Sue Spence raised the following :

(a) She enquired as to the whereabouts of the public seat on Dragon Lane opposite the school. It was pointed out that the seat had recently returned and the Clerk was asked to arrange for the same to be bolted down.

(b) She pointed out that the handgate at the entrance to the Alans Way playing field needed a new post and fastener

fitting. The clerk was authorised to arrange for the work to be carried out.

2. Helen Francks reported that the pathway between Pasture Lane and Alans Way was badly overgrown with weeds and nettles. The Clerk aws asked to contact the County Council accordingly.

3. Graeme Law pointed out that the bark on the toddler park on the Dragon Lane recreation ground required topping up. The clerk was asked to contact Leicester Playscape in order to have the same remedied.

4. Mr. Mensley pointed out that the footpath outside Nos.120/124 Preston Drive was in a very poor condition and that a registered blind person lived nearby who might suffer injury as a result. The Clerk was asked to contact he Divisional Surveyor as a matter of urgency.

5. Discussion then took place regarding recent press coverage of the proposals for the change of use of the former shoe warehouse on Main Street to a restaurant. Members confirmed their strong objection to the application and agreed that a member of the council would attend the forthcoming site meeting with the Borough council when details of the date and time had been received.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.18PM.