MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 1994 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners - 5 : J. Crooks (Borough Councillor).

692. APOLOGIES : None

693. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th November 1994. having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

694. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

East Midlands Electricity plc				
Pavilion electricity charges		147.08		
less credit of £130.84	VAT	11.76	balance	28.00
W.D.& B.Harding & Son				
Maintenance a/cs		556.50		
	VAT	97.39		653.89
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd.				
DLRG fence repairs & golf sign		242.30		
	VAT	42.40		284.70
H.M. Francks - refreshments				25.00
E.H. Bell - caretakers wages				
7.11 - 4.12 94. 4 weeks @ £25				100.00
E.A. Walsh - Clerks salary November		283.33		
Expenses		58.33		341.66
			TOTAL	1433.25

Received :

Gillivers : Sale of new grave S. Kent	57.00		
Ashes plot - W. T. Moore	27.00		
Burial - F. W. Tansley	17.00		
Memorial - Ethel Hart	17.00		118.00
		TOTAL	118.00

695. CORRESPONDENCE :

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning & Transportation giving details of a proposed highway improvement at the junction of the B582/B585 (Bosworth Road and Barlestone Road) and asking for any comments from the council. The members had no comments and noted that no firm date had been fixed for the construction of the improvement.

2. A notice had been received from the Assoc. of Parish and Local Councils advising of the forthcoming annual meeting to be held at County Hall at 7.00pm. on Thursday 19th January 1994. It was noted that two items for discussion by the County Council at the meeting would be Working in Partnership with Parish Councils and Strategy and Action Programme for Rural Leicestershire.

3. A letter had been received from Mr. Roy Brookes notifying the Parish that he had been appointed as a local Tree Warden and asking for any details of schemes by the Parish for the planting of trees in the area.

4. A letter had been received from the Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council in reply to the Council's letter regarding vandalism and the use of 'nuisance' powers by the Borough Council. The Borough took the view that the problems being suffered by the parish particularly at the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground were really matters for the police. The letter was noted.

5. A letter had been received from the Social Services Department regarding summer holiday playschemes and a grant allocation procedure for summer 1995 playshemes. The allocation meeting for the Hinckley and Bosworth area was due to be held on Wednesday 15th March 1995 and this was noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Borough Council notifying the Parish that details of the precept for 1995/96 should be lodged with the Borough by no later than 26th January 1995. This was noted.

7. A copy of the draft register of electors for 1995 had been received and this was noted.

696. VILLAGE PUBLIC SEATS

This item had been returned to the agenda by agreement of the Chairman in response to a request from the Reverend Fox that a decision should be made about the possible removal of the public seats adjacent to the rectory fencing on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground.
On the basis that if the parish council were to relent in relation to pressure to move these seats then consideration

would have to be given to the resiting of any seat that parishioners requested be moved Mr. Mensley moved and it was duly seconded that the public seats be left as they are.

Mr. Law then moved an amendment which was seconded that the seats adjacent to the rectory be moved to a more acceptable location where they would not cause as much nuisance to the adjoining neighbours.

The chairman put the amendment to the vote and this was not carried by a majority vote of 7:2.
The substantive motion was then put to the vote and carried by a majority of 7:2.

It was therefore agreed that the seats on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground would remain in their current positions.

697. LITTER CLEARING - DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND

The clerk reminded members that he had recently had to request the Borough Council carry out an urgent clearing up of litter on the site in response to complaints received from adjoining parishioners. He sought specific approval from the members to be allowed to place requests for such work to be carried out if such an emergency arose in the future. The members duly agreed. The clerk was also asked to ensure that an order be placed with the Borough Council's contractor for the removal of any broken glass or other dangerous substances in the play areas.

698. PLAY EQUIPMENT - DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that he had received a comprehensive quotation together with supporting documentation from Levercrest Ltd. and that Mrs. Francks had attended a site meeting with the Company's representative.
Members considered the various options offered by the Company and agreed that they wished to purchase some new equipment for the recreation ground. Before a decision could be made on whether or not to proceed with an installation of safety surfaces it was agreed that the Company's representative be invited to the Council's next meeting if possible in order to advise on the appropriate action that could be taken.

699. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1995/96.

The Clerk reported that he had invited tenders from a select list of three known contractors and that he had received two quotations one from the council's current contractor W. D. & B. Harding & Son and the other from Sparkenhoe Contract Services the Direct Labour Organisation of the Borough Council. The lowest quote was that of Sparkenhoe Contract Services in the sum of £5941.38 inclusive of VAT. Subject to

the contractor being able to confirm that they would be able to attend to the supplementary work that arises during the course of the maintenance contract it was agreed that the lowest tender be accepted. Members agreed that the Clerk in consultation with the chairman be authorised to discuss these issues with the contractors.

670. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

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None

672. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner expressed his concern that the parish council did not have any official representation at the recent public inquiry into the proposed diversion of footpath S26 at Brascote. The Chairman apologised that this was the case and stated that the clerk was otherwise engaged on business as was he. Members of the parish council had however been present at the inquiry over the two days of it's duration.

2. The Reverend Fox thanked the Council for the swift work effected in removing the ivy from the Church wall and also advised that a meeting had taken place with the Borough Council regarding alternative suggestions for creating car parking as part of the environmental improvement programme works currently being undertaken.
As ther was a prospect that some additional land might become available for such a use in the near future he agreed that he would take the matter any further and would wait to see what transpired in the new year.

673. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst pointed out that the County Council appeared to have yet again erected a new footpath sign in the wrong location on the Bosworth Lane. The clark undertook to check the position on the definitive map to establish if this was the case.

2 The Chairman pointed out to the Borough Councillor that the amount of litter at the rear of the Borough Council's garages on Preston Drive was appalling and further that spouting on the garages was in need of repair. Mrs. Crooks undertook to take these issues back to the Borough Council's officers accordingly.

674. SALARY REVIEWS

1. Clerk's salary review.

It was agreed that with effect from 1st January 1995 the Clerk's salary should be increased to £4,500 per year plus precepted expenses.

2. Caretakers salary review.

It was agreed that with effect from 1st January 1995 the caretakers salary should be increased to £30.00 per week.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM.