MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON ON MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 1994

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

Parishioners - 11

584. APOLOGIES : P. Chick, S. Ball (County Councillor)

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

586. ACCOUNTS :

Payable:

Joseph Bentley Ltd			
supply of 4 watering cans		34.64	
	VAT	6.06	40.70
Leicestershire County Council			
net hooks - football		10.40	
	VAT	1.82	12.22
W. D. & B. Harding & Son			
A/cs Nod. 8315/6&7		217.10	
	VAT	37.99	255.09
E. H. Bell - wages 10.1 - 6.2.94			
4 weeks at £25			100.00
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd			
Seat repairs - Dragon Lane		23.60	
	VAT	4.13	27.73
E. A. Walsh - Clerks salary			
(January)		283.33	
	Expenses	58.33	341.66
		TOTAL	777.40

No Receipts.

587. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council inviting the Parish to participate in this year's Best Kept Village competition. It was agreed that the entry form be completed by the clerk.

2. A letter had been received from the divisional highways surveyor confirming that the carriageway and the kerbing and footways on Main Street would be attended to in 1994/5 subject to approval being given to the necessary funding.

3. A request had been received from the District Valuers Office for additional information in the form of the parish council's accounts for the last three years. Members were reminded that this was to do with the assessment of the non domestic rate that would apply to the cemetery having regard to the income derived from the land. Members agreed with the clerk's request that copies be made available or the inspector be invited to inspect the accounts at the council's usual address.

588. NEWBOLD VERDON CRICKET CLUB - PRACTICE NETS

This item had been requested by the cricket club. The clerk reminded members that they had previously considered a request by the club for permanent practice nets to be installed at the Alans Way site and that this had been agreed in principle subject to agreement on the actual location. It was agreed that a site meeting would take place on Saturday 19th February 1994 and the matter would be reported back at the council's next meeting.

589. DOG FOULING OF PLAY AREAS

Mrs Spence informed members that she had had a number of complaints from parishioners regarding the large amount of dog faeces on the playing fields. She was concerned that this was a considerable health hazard and wanted the council to do something positive about the problem. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the Borough council to establish the current position with regard to the local by-laws and the likely cost of joining the Borough's 'poop scoop' scheme. It was agreed that the matter would remain on the agenda pending this information.

590. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9400083/FUL S. Cleaver The Windmill Inn, Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect an extension to form a restaurant and kitchen at the Windmill Inn. No comment.

94/00072/FUL Lioncove Ltd. 6 Forest Road loughborough. Application for permission to change the house type for plot 10 at the Paddocks. Newbold Verdon. No comment.

591. PLANNING APPROVALS

93/01014/FUL A. Gibson 216 Main St. Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend his dwelling at 216 Main Street.

93/01035/FUL S. D. Price 157 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend his dwelling at 157 Main Street.

592. PARISHIONERS QUESTIION TIME

None.

593. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

Mrs Spence raised the following;

1. Complaints had been received about golf being played on the Dragon Lane recreation ground. The clerk was authorised to arrange for a sign to be prepared and erected.

2. She asked if the clerk had arranged for the litter bin opposite the chip shop to be resited against the chip shop. The clerk replied that he had asked the Borough Council to arrange this on several occasions.

3. She reported that there had been vandalism once more to the play equipment on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. Apparently this had been witnessed and names of the perpetrators were available. P. C. Simmonds was present at the meeting and informed the members that if names were available and a prosecution could be mounted against those concerned then it would also be possible to make a concurrent claim for compensation in the magistrates court.

Mr. Colledge reported that the hedge at the entrance to the Alans Way Playing field needed to be cut back. This was duly noted.

Mr. Mensley raised the following;

1. A considerable amount of litter had been blown into the hedge and carriageway on Hornbeam.

2. He wondered whether the litter had now been picked on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground. The chairman confirmed that it had now been done.

The Chairman raised the following;

1. He was concerned at the poor state of the cemetery at present. Apparently there are a lot of hollows and humps throughout the cemetery that badly need levelling off and reseeding. The clerk was authorised to arrange this with the council's maintenance contractor and to ensure that a good quality topsoil was used.

2. It was agreed that there are a lot of old vases and pots lying on their sides or broken in the old part of the cemetery on graves that had not been tended for some time. The clerk was asked to put in motion the necessary public notices in order to effect their removal to the sides of the cemetery.

3. He was pleased to report that the litter had now been removed from the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and that the litter bins had been re-erected by the seats. However the footpath through to the garages on the Mill Lane/ Preston Drive was still in a poor condition..It was agreed that the clerk should request the Borough Council to arrange for this to be cleared.

4. He expressed his considerable concern and regret that the Borough Council had seen fit through it's Planning Committee to approve an application for a food takeaway at the site of the former shoe warehouse on Main Street. This had been approved despite very strong objection by the Parish council, despite previous refusals by the Borough and the dismissal of an appeal by the Secretary of State from one earlier refusal. Members agreed to authorise the clerk to report this matter to the Secretary of State for the Environment in the hope of getting the application called in for his determination.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM.