MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 1994 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners : 12

618. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN : Only one nomination was received of Mr. Preston and it was therefore resolved that Mr. M.W. Preston be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Preston accepted the Chair, signed a declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the members for their continued support.

619. APOLOGIES : A. Hurst.

620. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 1994, having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

621. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN : Only one nomination was received of Mrs. Francks. It was resolved that Mrs. Francks be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs Francks accepted the position and signed a declaration of acceptance of office accordingly.

622. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

Leics. County Assoc. of Local Councils			215.37
Cornhill Insurance plc - premium			546.68
The Gordon Press Ltd.			
Burial Grant book		197.00	
	VAT	34.48	231.48
W. D.& B. Harding & Son			
Maintenance fees - April		1106.70	
	VAT	193.69	1300.39
E.H. Bell - caretakers wages 11.4 - 8.5.94			100.00
Verdon In Bloom Assoc - contribution (2 yrs)			700.00
E.A. Walsh - Clerks salary (April)		283.33	
	Expenses	58.33	341.66
		TOTAL	3435.58

Received :

Gillivers Funeral Directors : Sale of new grave & Interment Amy Hickling	51.00	
Interment fee - Winifred Saunders	15.00	
Cremation plot - A. Girgens	24.00	90.00
First moiety of precept 94/5		13514.50
	TOTAL	13604.50

623. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Asst. Principal of the Market Bosworth High School requesting the nomination of a representative from the Parish as a member of the Community Association. It was agreed that anyone wishing to be considered should contact the Clerk by 19th May 1994.

2. An invitation to submit an application to take part in this year's Radio Leicester Quiz had been received. It was agreed that the Chairman would complete the application on behalf of the team.

3. A copy of the Rural Strategy and Action Programme for Leicestershire had been received from the County Council's Director of Planning for consultation purposes. It was agreed that members would circulate the draft among themselves and it was noted that any representations had to be made by 6th June 1994.

4. A Letter had been received from the Borough Council's Director of Technical Services advising that the area outside the chip shop on Main Street was a zone 2 area which is cleared daily. Members were not convinced that this was in fact occuring and asked the Clerk to advise the Director accordingly.

5. A supplementary submission from the County Council to the Local Government Commission had been received which would be circulated to members.

6. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyor indicating that the fence at the rear of the shops on Main Street in fact belonged to the Jubilee Inn and not the County Council. It was apparent that the inspector may have misunderstood the instructions from the Parish and the Clerk was asked to contact him accordingly.

624. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SCHEME

A request had been received from the Co-ordinator of the scheme for Arnolds Crescent that the Parish Council agree to meet the cost of 5 Neighborhood Watch signs at a total cost of £90. Members agreed to this expenditure and also agreed to give favourable consideration to similar requests from other such Watch schemes in the village.

625. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The Clerk reported that he had not received any confirmation from the County Council's traffic section regarding sending a representative to the meeting. It was therefore agreed that the matter should be left on the agenda.

626. DOG FOULING

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Council's resolution at it's last meeting he had published notices of the Parish Council's intention to consider the adoption of new bylaws to ban dogs from it's recreation grounds and Mallory Close. He had requested as part of a consultation exercise that parishioners notify him in writing of any objection or representation they may wish the council to consider by the 31st May 1994.
The chairman then opened the debate to the members of the public present who raised a number of objections :
The Council should not just ban dogs
There should be an alternative where dogs are allowed
A poop scoop scheme should be considered
The inherent danger to women and other vulnerable villagers having to exercise dogs beyond the playing field areas
The number of elderly residents who own dogs as companions would be particularly prejudiced
Could the perimeter areas be dog exercise areas
The Chairman properly acknowledged the concerns of the parishioners present and stated that they would be considered further once the time period for representations had expired.

627. CASUAL VACANCY

Members agreed with the clerk's advice that the vacancy on the Parish Council should be advertised.

628. N.V.W.I. DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL TREE

Members considered the Secretary's proposals for the siting of a Maple tree and unanimously agreed that it should be planted on the area of amenity grass at Mallory Close. The Clerk was asked to notify the Secretary accordingly.

629. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

94/00337/FUL - G. Clarke 308 Coventry Road Hinckley.
Application for permission to build animal storage sheds for agricultural use at Goatsgate Farm Brascote.
Members objected to the proposal on the basis that it was not in keeping with the surrounding meadow land and would form an intrusive element to the prejudice of the amenity of adjoining occupiers.

94/00344/FUL - T.F. Simpson 2 Laburnam Avenue Newbold Verdon.
Application for permission to erect a first floor bedroom extension over existing study. No comment.

630. PLANNING APPROVALS

94/00184/FUL - S. Goodman permission to extend dwelling at 23 Jubilee Road Newbold Verdon.

94/00194/FUL - J. & P. Robinson Permission to convert shop to dwelling at 32/34 Main Street Newbold Verdon.

94/00215/FUL - R. King permission to extend his dwelling at 4 Laburnam Avenue Newbold Verdon.

94/00181/TEMP - A. Hodgkinson permission to continue retailing garden produce at 118 Main Street Newbold Verdon.

94/00187/FUL - R. Webster permission to extend his dwelling at 85 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon.

631. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

1. A parishioner asked whether there were any bylaws against fly-posting in the village. The Clerk was asked to confirm the position for the council's next meeting.

2. A parishioner complained about the public fouling of bus shelters. The chairman sympathised with the problem and invited the parishioner to inform the local constabulary if a perpetrator was seen.

3. A parishioner pointed out that the footpath through the Goatsgate farm now had an electric fence which was a danger to walkers. The Clerk was asked to contact the ownwer accordingly.

632. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following;
She was concerned at the amount of double parking that was going on outside the Co-op on the Main Street. The clerk was asked to contact the police about this.

A parishioner had fallen in a pothole in Oaks Drive and had been advised to contact the County Council. This was noted.

2. Mr. Law asked whether it was possible for Mr. Woodward to trim the hedge adjoining the Alans Way Playing field at the rear of his property. The clerk was asked to establish who had title to the hedge in question and place the matter on the council's next agenda.

3. Mr. Mensley reported that Magna Products Ltd on Mill Lane were burning plastics which was causing a nuisance through obnoxious fumes to neighbours. The clerk was asked to write to the company requesting that this be stopped.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM.