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

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

Parishioners - 9 : J. Crooks (Borough Councillor)

680. APOLOGIES : P. Chick

681. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd October 1994 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

682. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

Leicestershire County Council (ESPO)			
Line marker A/c CS134431		54.36	
	VAT	9.51	63.87
Leicestershire County Council (ESPO)			
Football goal posts A/c CS134759		163.39	
	VAT	28.59	191.98
W.D.& B. Harding & Son			
October maintenance		737.00	
	VAT	128.98	865.98
Allen Bostock (Builders) Ltd			
Bollard repairs - Dragon Lane		67.80	
	VAT	11.86	79.66
E. H. Bell			
caretakers wages 3.10.94 - 6.11.94 5 weeks			125.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerks salary		283.33	
	Expenses	58.33	341.66
M. B. Mensley - Mill Lane Neighborhood Watch Signs			45.00
		TOTAL	1713.15

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Received :

K. Sands Memorials - memorial fee re. Arthur Henson decd.		15.00
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council second moiety of precept		13514.50
Gillivers - sale of cremation plot and interment re. Josephine Toone		27.00
Newbold Verdon Cricket Club wicket fees for season		420.00
	TOTAL	13976.50

683. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation regarding the Parish Council's request for the installation of a footpath between the Windmill Public House and the village. In view of limited funds and the fact that this scheme would not rank high in the order of priority the Director was not able to state when it would be able to be constructed. The letter was noted .

2. A further letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation advising members that the highways committee had decided to impose a 40mph speed limit at Newbold Heath and a deristriction order between Newbold Heath and Newbold Verdon. This was noted.

3. The Borough Council's Leisure Strategy 1995 - 1998 had been received as a draft consultative document. It was agreed that this should be circulated among the members.

4. A letter had been received from the secretary of the cricket club expressing concern that the wicket was being damaged by irresponsible people playing golf on it. It was agreed that this was a matter that could only be resolved by members of the public coming forward with information about who might be responsible. A sign prohibiting the playing of golf on the playing field was displayed at the entrance.

5. A letter had been received from the recycling officer at the Borough Council advising that he had received complaints regarding broken glass on the Dragon Lane recreation ground which had resulted in the Borough taking emergency cleansing measures. He was nolonger willing however to carry on absorbing the cost of such cleansing which falls within the responsibility of the parish council. Members agreed that when complaints were received by the Clerk he should be authorised

to place an order with Focsa Services to have the same cleared.
The cleansing officer then went on to describe an abuse of the recycling banks that is occuring in the village. Apparently someone is using the clear glass bottle bank for depositing trade waste sheet glass which might result in the reprocessing centre rejecting the whole 23 tonne load at considerable loss to the Borough. Help was therefore being requested from the parish council to attempt to identify the perpetrator and bring this abuse to an end. It was agreed that a notice would be placed in the Verdon Views seeking the assistance of local parishioners to report anything suspicious to the parish council.

684. VANDALISM AND POLICE RESPONSE

The meeting was attended by police officer Simmonds on behalf of the Leicestershire Constabulary in relation to this agenda item. The Clerk outlined the numerous concerns that had been received by the Council over recent months particularly regarding the Dragon Lane recreation ground. P.C. Simmonds described a 2/3 week high profile policing policy that had been adopted recently in an endeavour to establish who the culprits were. No evidence of unlawful activity had been found although there was ongoing investigation to establish if any drug or solvent abuse was taking place. Considerable discussion then ensued on the merits of moving the public seats to an area where they would perhaps not cause so much annoyance to the adjoining occupiers.
It was established that the new nuisance powers of the Environmental Health Officer were not yet available to him to assist in the matter.
It was agreed by P.C. Simmonds that the public nuisance being suffered at the site was not being caused by the location of the seats but by the abuse of them by youths.
The Chairman expressed the view that if one of the seats were to be resited the Council should properly consider whether all of the seats throughout the village should really be removed.
It was agreed that the issue of whether the seats should be kept or removed should be placed on the agenda for the council's next meeting.
Mr. Mensley then raised the issue of unlawful parking which continues to be a major problem at the junction of Mill Lane with Enston Street. P.C. Simmonds expressed the view that unlawful parking was a problem in the village as a whole and in such a small community with restricted parking for vehicles this was virtually an unenforceable problem.

685. PUBLIC INQUIRY - FOOTPATH S26 - BRASCOTE

The Clerk reminded members that the Planning Inspectorate had now fixed the time and venue for the public inquiry into the proposed diversion of this footpath. The inquiry would be held

at the St. James' Church Hall on Thursday 1st December 1994 commencing at 10.00am. It was hoped that as many people as possible would turn up to express their objection and it was agreed that notices would be posted throughout the parish and that an article would be published in the Verdon Views inviting participation from parishioners.

686. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Helen Francks advised members that she had had a preliminary meeting with a representative of Levercrest at the site when discussion had taken place regarding the installation of a safety surface for the swings and slide areas. It was agreed that this together with a proposal to erect a new climbing frame be considered by the members at their next meeting.

687. CEMETERY EXTENSION - FOOTPATHS

Members were aware of the need to consider at some time in the near future the instalation of new footpaths to service the new cemetery extension land. It was agreed that as this was not a pressing matter at this time members would arrange a site meeting early in the spring to consider the same further.

688. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

94/00831/FUL Mr. Parnell 21 Peters Ave. Newbold Verdon. Application for planning permission to build an extension to his property at that address. No comment.

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94/00622/FUL The Methodist Church 54 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect an extension to the chapel.

94/00714/FUL C. D. Williams 8 Red Lion Lane Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect an extension to his dwelling at that address.

94/00741/FUL T. Gilbert 39 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect a detached garage at that address.

94/00728/FUL Mr. & Mrs Crowfoot 50 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect a double garage at that address.

94/00686/FUL Mr. & Mrs. Osbourne 7 Rush Close Newbold Verdon. Permission to build extension to their dwelling at that address.

94/00670/FUL Mr. & Mrs. Hammond 35 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Permission to build extension to their dwelling at that address.

94/00630/FUL Mr. A. Gilbert 55 Mill Lane Newbold Verdon. Permission to build extension at that address.

690. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None.

691. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst pointed out that the new public footpath sign that had been erected on the Bosworth Lane has been put in the wrong place.

2. Mr. Mensley advised the meeting that Mr. Wibberley was repeatedly repairing his stock fencing adjacent to the Alans Way playing field but that it was constantly being damaged. The chairman acknowledged this but stated that the parish council could do nothing without details of the perpetrators and that as a consequence it was the farmers statutory duty to ensure that his stock were properly fenced.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05PM.