MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 1994 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT : H. M. Francks (Vice Chairman - in the Chair), J. R. Watson, M. B. Mensley, S. Spence, D. Colledge, A.Hurst, E. A. Walsh (Clerk).

Parishioners - 9 : J.Crooks (Borough Councillor)

668. APOLOGIES : M. W. Preston, G. Law.

669. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

670. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

W. D.& B. Harding & Son maintenance charges - August		691.50	
	VAT	121.03	812.53
E. H. Bell - caretakers wages 5.9.94 - 2.10.94 - 4 wks			100.00
E. A. Walsh - Clerks salary Sept.		283.33	
	Expenses	58.33	341.66
		TOTAL	1254.19

Received :

Gillivers :	New grave & Inter S. G. Palmer	57.00
	Memorial fee - A. Hickling	17.00
	Memorial fee - M. Davey	17.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. :	Memorial fee - M. King	17.00
	Memorial fee - W. Wright	17.00
Newbold Verdon Junior F.C. - pitch fees		24.00
	TOTAL	149.00

671. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the County Council together with a Notice inviting anyone interested in becoming a Parish Tree Warden to contact the County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk place the Notice on the Parish Notice Board.

2. A letter had been received from Joyce Crooks on behalf of residents adjoining the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground complaining about golf being played and once again requesting the erection of a sign stating that this was prohibited. The Clerk confirmed that an order had been placed for this to be done.

3. A letter had been received from the Planning Inspectorate advising the Parish that the forthcoming Local Public Inquiry into the proposed diversion of part of footpath S26 at Brascote was due to be held at St. James' Church Hall on 1st December 1994 commencing at 10.00am. It was agreed that this matter would remain on the agenda for the Council's next meeting but that in the meantime the Clerk would notify the editors of the Verdon Views to ensure that there was as much public participation at the Inquiry as possible.

4. A quotation had been received from W. D. & B. Harding for the remedial works to the fencing and hedges at the cemetery and churchyard in the sum of £362.00 plus VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the work to be carried out.

5. A letter had been received from a young parishioner requesting details of the local area and information on how the Council assists in looking after the local environment. The Clerk would send an appropriate reply.

672. VANDALISM AND POLICE RESPONSE

The Clerk reported that unfortunately the Police were unable to attend todays meeting owing to commitments at the City football match. They had however promised to attend the Council's meeting in November and it was therefore agreed that the matter would remain on the agneda.

673. LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Members greeted the Assistant Director of Libraries Mr. Peter Oldroyd from the County Council who proceeded to present the findings of the feasibility study into the use of former shoe warehouse premises on Main Street as a future permanent library for the village.
It was reported that the purchase cost of the premises would be in the order of £125.000 and that the cost of necessary adaptations would be in the order of £142,000. In addition there would be extra costs of furniture and equipment together with increased bookstock which had not been costed. Although the site of the existing library could be sold-for development it was anticipated that this would only result in a return of approximately £50,000 capital towards the project costs.

It was made clear to the members that there was no available capital in the County Libraries Capital programme in order to fund such a project until possibly 1997/98.
Discussion then took place around the estimated costs of building a new library rather than adapting a building to form one. This was estimated at approximately £200,000 and would therefore be considerably cheaper than the scheme under consideration. There was mutual agreement that the use of the former shoe warehouse was not a viable proposition in the circumstances. Members then sought an assurance from Mr. Oldroyd that the need for a new library in Newbold was considered a priority from the County Council's perspective. Mr. Oldroyd agreed that in terms of new provision once the project at Countesthorpe had been completed he was not aware of any other village with a priority higher than Newbold's. Members therefore expressed the wish to see a new library provision in the capital programme as soon as was possible.

674. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING

The Clerk reminded members that he had received a letter from a playground equipment manufacturer and installer by the name of Levercrest Ltd. and that he had requested details of the Company's products. Brochures had been provided and these were shared with the members. Mrs. Francks offered to meet with the area sales person of the Company and report back to the Council with any proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk ask the Company's representative to contact Mrs. Francks direct so that a site meeting between them could be arranged . The Clerk also agreed to attend if he was available.

675. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1995/96

Discussion took place on the current contract provision and whether there was a need to make any amendments. The Clerk reminded members that there continued to be problems with the drainage of the senior pitch on the Alans Way playing field particularly during periods of heavy weather. Members agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for further consideration and that the clerk should notify tenderers that the grass cutting next year may be affected by drainage works. Other than that members agreed that there should be no material departure from the existing contract provisions and requested the Clerk to proceed with tenders in the usual manner.

676. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

94/00723/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. A. Crowfoot 50 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a new double garage at that address. No comment.

94/00714/FUL - C.D. Williams 8 Red Lion Lane Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to extend garage and build first floor bedroom and study at that address. No comment.

94/00741/FUL - T. Gilbert 39 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a detatched garage at that address. No comment.

677. PLANNING APPROVALS

None.

678. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

1. The Reverend Fox advised the meeting that he had been in touch with the Borough Council regarding the Improvement Programme works carried out by the Borough Council outside the Church. He had complained that the new kerb instalation had prevented cars from parking on the adjacent grass and that this was causing a lot of inconvenience for both funeral and wedding cars as well as other visitors to the church. Reverend Fox called for the support of the Parish Council in objecting to the works being undertaken and asking for the Borough to consider either moving the kerbs back nearer to the church wall or at the very least providing 'cut ins' to allow cars to park adjacent to the church wall. Members agreed that the clerk should write to Mr Alan Davies at the Borough Council with such a request.

679. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Mensley raised the following :

(a) He felt that some consideration should be given soon to the installation of new pathways into the additional land that had been purchased to extend the cemetery. It was agreed that this should be placed on the Council's agenda for further debate.

(b) He advised memebers that there was still an unacceptable level of parking in Mill Lane at the corner of Enston Street by the user of a large lorry and that the situation was being exacerbated by another van now being parked on the opposite corner. It was agreed that the police would be notified again.

2. Mr. Watson asked whether the council's contractor had been able to deliver the new topsoil for the flower beds at Alans Way. The Clerk informed members that this work was delayed pending the planting season to avoid the soil being spread across the carpark. The Clerk would remind the contractor that the planting season was now upon us.

3. The Clerk informed members that his son had recently had an unfortunate accident whilst travelling along Brascote Lane towards the Windmill Pub. He had narrowly missed colliding with a customer walking back from the pub who was in the road and virtually invisible in the dark. The Clerk pointed out that the pedestrian was a very fortunate man but nevertheless one of many who are forced to walk back into the village down the road. As this public house is now very well frequented by the locals the Clerk requested support for an initiative to have the pedestrian footpath extended at least up to the public house. Members agreed with this suggestion and authorised the Clerk to contact the Divisional Highways Surveyor accordingly.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20PM