MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

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

PARISHIONERS : 2

738. APOLOGIES : Mrs. H.M. Francks

739. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th March 1995, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

740. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

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| 1. Leics. Rural Community Council BKVC entry fee | | | 6.00 |
| 2. Levercrest Limited balance on contract for new equipment | | 7557.15 | |
| | VAT | 1322.50 | 8879.65 |
| 3. Severn Trent Water Ltd. Sewerage charge - pavilion | | 12.34 | |
| Water supply - churchyard | | 37.50 | 49.84 |
| 4. Hinckley & Bosworth B.C. cemetery rates | | 16.27 | |
| pavilion rates | | 729.89 | 746.16 |
| 5. Leics. County Council (ESPO) A/c No. 7A668884 - cleaning mat. | | 27.68 | |
| | VAT | 4,84 | 32.52 |
| 6. Leics. Assoc. Local Councils annual subscription | | | 242.24 |
| 7. E.H. Bell - wages - 6.3.95 - 2.4.95 4 weeks at £ 30 | | | 120.00 |
| 8. E.A. Walsh - clerk's salary March | | 375.00 | |
| | Expenses | 58.33 | 433.33 |
| | | TOTAL | 10509.74 |

Received :

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| 1. | M.B. Mensley - donation to Parish Council to close Silver Jubilee Trust | 709.68 |
| 2. | Gillivers - Sale of cremation plot and inter Dorothy Lightbown | 27.00 |
| 3. | W.W. Busby & Sons - memorial fee W. Saunders | 17.00 |
| 4. | Coventry Co-Op Soc. Ltd. - sale of new grave and inter Mrs. Price | 57.00 |
| | TOTAL | 810.68 |

741. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from Mr. M. Farmer asking why the parish Council had failed to collect the two oak saplings that he had donated. It was agreed that Mrs. Spence should collect these as had originally been agreed.
The second point raised in his letter requested information on the proposal to acquire additional land for the Alans Way playing field. The Chairman stated that the council's deliberations on these issues were a matter of record in the minutes.

2. A request had been received from the Old White Swan public house for the use of the Alans Way playing field for a new football team for the forthcoming football season. It was agreed that this would be considered at the Council's next meeting.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning & Transportation enclosing a copy letter from the residents of Newbold Heath requesting the provision of an additional road courtesy sign advising motorists to drive slowly on the Merrylees road. Members considererd the request but did not feel able to agree that the Parish Council should fund any further signs.

4. A letter had been received from the District Secretary asking if the Parish Council wished to avail itself of an offer to receive two trees as a memorial gift from the Borough Council to commemorate V.E. Day. Members agreed that the offer should be accepted and that a decision on the location of the trees would be made at a later date.

5. A letter had been received from the Director of Planning and Transportation enclosing a copy of the Draft consultation Waste Disposal (Management) Plan and requesting any comments

for the initial consultation by 30th June 1995. It was agreed that the Plan be circulated for members perusal.

742. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - PUBLIC SEATING

A condition of the donation of the Silver Jubilee funds to the Parish Council was that the moneys be used for the purchase of additional public seating on the Council's playing field and also Dragon Lane recreation ground. Members agreed that one seat should be installed between the trees on the Alans Way playing field overlooking the cricket square. The other seat should be installed facing south between the new play equipment and the toddler park play equipment.

743. HIRING FEES - 1995/96

It was agreed that the fees for the use of the Council's facilities should remain fixed at the same rate for the forthcoming year.

744. CEMETERY FEES - 1995/96

It was agreed that the current fees for the cemetery remain fixed at their present level for the forthcoming year.

745. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00116/COU - Mr. & Mrs. M. Scott. Application for permission to convert existing playroom/store into a Granny annexe at 5A Dragon Lane Newbold Verdon. No comment.

95/00177/FUL - Lioncove Ltd. 6 Forest Rd. Loughborough. Application for permission to erect a dwelling on Plot 12 The Paddocks, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

746. PLANNING APPROVALS

95/00097/FUL - Mr. I.M. Hand 9 Gilberts Drive Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend his dwelling at that address.

747. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None.

748. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Mensley pointed out that whilst the first cut of the grass at the cemetery had not been very satisfactory the second cut had shown a marked improvement. There were still

however concerns over the quality of the work and it was agreed that the clerk should monitor the situation carefully. He also pointed out that moles were once again causing problems in the cemetery and the Chairman confirmed that he would contact Mr. Renwick once again.

2. Mrs. Spence advised that the road sign on the Desford Road at it's junction with Kirkby Lane was rotted through. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the Highways Surveyor.

3. Mr. Watson sought clarification of the Council's position in relation to the drainage of the senior football pitch which had caused problems with flooding in periods of heavy rain. Whilst it was acknowledged that the problem had not been as severe over the last winter it was agreed that some consideration should be given to 'sub-soiling' the field to improve the drainage. The Chairman was aware of a local firm who specialised in this work and agreed to supply further information in due course.
Mr. Watson also stated that he had received complaints regarding the new tree tubs that had been installed by the Borough Council on Main Street outside the shops. Members did have reservations about these tubs but after considerable discussion it was agreed that the shopkeepers appeared to welcome the general improvement.

4. The chairman reported that the Dragon Lane recreation ground was still covered in litter and that there needed to be a drastic improvement in it's appearance. The Clerk pointed out that he had requested information from Focsa Services on the likelihood of them being able to carry out more litter removal. It was agreed that this should remain on the agenda pending developments.

5. The Chairman also expressed his concern at the appearance of some of the new graves in the cemetery which had unsightly mounds of earth and stones and which in some cases had been planted in that condition. The clerk would attempt to elicit the cooperation of the undertakers in keeping the appearance of the cemetery more acceptable.

6. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to instruct Wicksteed Leisure to effect repairs to the damaged slide on the Dragon Lane recreation ground as soon as was possible.

749. PARISH MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Monday 1st May 1995 and that the Council's May meeting would take place on Monday 15th May 1995.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05PM