MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners : One.

829. APOLOGIES : A.Hurst.

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

831. ACCOUNTS :

Payable:

Cornhill Insurance plc - additional premium		
DLRG - additional play equipment		98.14
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council		
Maintenance contract		421.37
W.D.& B. Harding & Son		
Maple tree planting - Mallory Close	67.50	
VAT	11.81	79.31
East Midlands Electricity plc		
Pavilion Electricity charges	17.18	
VAT	1.37	18.55
E.H.Bell - caretakers wages 5.11 - 3.12.95	120.00	
two litter clears AWPF	10.00	130.00
E.A.Walsh - Clerks salary November	375.00	
Expenses	5.31	380.31
	TOTAL	1127.68

Received :	
Jubilee Inn F.C. - pitch fees	160.00
N.V.Jnr. F.C. pitch fees	180.00
Mrs L. Biggs - sale of burial plot - balance of fee	20.00
Mrs. Nicklin - sale of burial plot	40.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd - sale of burial plot & inter - M. Statham	57.00
Leics. Co-op ltd - sale of burial plot & inter - G. B. Powell	57.00
Gillivers - interment fee - H. Prime	17.00

Receipts Cont.

Gillivers - sale of burial plot & inter - C. Dunning	57.00
TOTAL	588.00

832. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Treasurer of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council requesting details of the required precept of the parish by 15th January 1996. This was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare draft estimates of the Council's expenditure in consultation with the Chairman in readiness for the next meeting.

2. A copy of the draft Register of Electors for 1996 had been received and this was noted.

3. A letter had been received from the Hinckley & Bosworth Community Transport scheme known as 'Dial-a-Ride' requesting the opportunity of discussing with members the transport needs of local residents. It was agreed that the Clerk invite the Co-ordinator of the scheme to the Council's next meeting.

4. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council concerning environmental improvement works in the village. He confirmed that the project fronting the shops on Main Street would be completed this planting season and would be maintained by the Borough for one year thereafter.
The 'planter' at Newbold Heath had been constructed and the verge cobbled with granite sets. The Director therefore requests confirmation that the Parish Council will assume reponsibility for maintenance after the contract maintenance period has expired.
Members expressed their concern at the apparent lack of consultation by the Borough Council on these issues and therefore objected to the presumption that the Parish Council would assume maintenance responsibility. This was particularly so in respect of the improvement at Newbold Heath, as the planter had been constructed on private land not in the ownership of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to notify the Director accordingly.

833. NON CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY-LAWS

The Clerk confirmed that he had requested information from the Secretary of State for the Environment and awaited details of acceptable model by-laws which might enable the current proposal to proceed. It was agreed that the matter remain on the agenda pending a reply.

834. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1996/97

The Clerk confirmed that he had invited three tenders for the forthcoming year's maintenance contract. In accordance with members wishes the current contractor had not been invited to retender owing to the Council's concerns with aspects of the contract and particularly in view of the fact that the undertaking had been transferred to a new contractor.
One tender had been received from W.D. & B. Harding & Son which was evaluated. The contract price only slightly exceeded the price quoted three years previously and members therefore unanimously agreed that the firm should be awarded the contract.

835. VERDON IN BLOOM ASSOCIATION

The Chairman explained that the Association nolonger enjoyed the support it once had and that it was likely that the Association might fold. The Association needed to gain more volunteers and these had not been forthcoming. It was agreed that a request for more support would be advertised in the Verdon Views and that in the interim the Clerk should ask the Council's new contractor whether he would be willing to quote a charge for servicing the Council's brackets and for the filling of approximately 90 baskets.
It was agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda again once some further information was available.

836. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00810/FUL - D. Smith 1 Sparkenhoe Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to replace existing wooden garage with a brick replacement. No comment.

95/00817/FUL - P. Parnell 21 Peters Avenue Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build an extension to the side of his property at that address. Amended layout. No comment.

837 PLANNING APPROVALS

95/00449/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Hickman 120 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect a dwelling and garage at that address.

95/00719/FUL - M. Stewart 72a Rugby Road Hinckley. Permission to carry out extensions and alterations to dwellings at 56-58 Main Street Newbold Verdon.

95/00715/COU - Rhodesend Motors Newtown Grange Farm Desford Road Newtown Unthank Desford. Permission for change of use of former farm buildings to motor repair workshop. Noted.

95/00734/FUL - M.A. Welch 19 Brascote Lane Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend his dwelling at that address.

95/00758/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. J. Fairall 59 Merrylees Road Newbold Heath. Permission to extend their dwelling at that address.

838. PLANNING REFUSAL

95/00757/COU - J. Fairall 59 Merrylees Road Newbold Heath. Refusal of permission for change of use to lorry hardstanding parking area on the grounds of being contrary to the Structure Plan as it would form an unwarranted form of development to the detriment of the character and appearance of the countryside. Further that it would be detrimental to highway safety.

839 PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner pointed out that the footpath signs to Barlestone on the Bosworth Road had been taken down and were lying in the verge. The Clerk was asked to clarify the position with the County Council.

840 CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs Spence pointed out that the fingerboard signs had now been replaced and thanked the Clerk for his assistance.
Mrs. Spence also requested that a letter be sent to the Director of Libraries requesting confirmation of the County Council's intention to prioritise the Parish need for a permanent replacement library.

2. Mr. Watson advised the meeting of the missing lock on the gate at the entrance to the Alans Way playing field. After some debate it was agred that the Clerk should explore a method of securing it's replacement with a lock that could not be removed from the gate. It was also agreed that a high security lock be obtained with tighter control over the issue of keys and a future demand for the payment of any keys that might need to be replaced.

3. Mrs. Francks pointed out that lorries are being parked at the side of the road at Newbold Heath and that at night they are inadequately lit. It was agreed that the Clerk notify the local police for some assistance with the problem.

4. The Clerk advised the members that a meeting had taken place with officers of the cricket club regarding unpaid wicket fees. It had been agreed by the club that every effort would be made to clear the outstanding debt and that it was anticipated a cheque would be sent to the Council before tonight's meeting. Unfortunately no cheque or contact had been made. The Clerk was asked toi write an urgent letter to the Chairman for an explanation.

5. The Clerk asked members for their instructions on the tenders for the installation of kerbing in the car park at Alans Way. Two tenders had been received the lowest being that of John Staham in the sum of £1300. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr. Statham for this work.

6. The Chairman pointed out that the street light on the corner of the new rectory adjacent to the Baptist Chapel was considerably masked by trees and was causing a 'black spot' on the highway at this point. The Clerk was asked to notify the Divisional Surveyor for his assistance. The same problem exists outside No 22 Bells Lane although this was an unadopted road.

7. The Chairman brought members up to date with the Hall Farm development proposals which had been withdrawn from the planning committee at the last moment on the advice of Mr. Milner's consultants. It was his intention to resubmit his application in the new year.

841. SALARY REVIEWS

It was agreed that both the Clerk's salary and that of the Council's caretaker remain fixed at their current levels for the next financial year.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12PM