MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

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

Parishioners : 7

716. APOLOGIES: A.Hurst, M.B.Mensley.

717. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 1995, having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

718. ACCOUNTS:

Payable:

Leicestershire County Council			
provision of two heaters		50.00	
	VAT	8.75	58.75
W.D.& B.Harding & Son			
provision of Christmas tree		63.00	
	VAT	11.03	74.03
The Society of Local Council			
Clerks - Ann. subscription			40.00
Microperipherals Ltd.			
new printer		296.27	
	VAT	51.85	348.12
E.H.Bell - caretakers wages			
9.1.95 - 5.2.95 (4Wks @ £30)			120.00
E.A.Walsh - Clerks salary January		375.00	
Expenses		58.33	433.33
		TOTAL	1074.23

Received :

G. Seller & Co. Ltd - inter ashes	
R.P.Statham	17.00

cont.

H.M. Customs and Excise - VAT refund 93/4		1511.45
Gillivers -inter ashes - M.Pearson		17.00
memorial fee - W.T.Moore		17.00
	TOTAL	1562.45

719.CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Valuation Office advising the Council that the new rateable value for the pavilion from April 1995 would be £2,400. This was noted.

2. A letter had been received from the Chief Executive at the County Council regarding the Local Government Review Commission's recommendations to central government. Members confirmed their opinion that there was no need for change and agreed with the County Council's view that the case for change has not been made out for any part of Leicestershire.

3. A letter had been received from the Newbold Verdon Women's Institute confirming acceptance of the Council's offer to arrange for the purchase and planting of the maple tree to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Institute. Members were happy for the Clerk to arrange the actual location with the Secretary and organise a date for the event sometime in the autumn. It was also agreed that the bed should be prepared on the green at Mallory Close in advance.

4. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that he was about to arrange the preparation of the Highways Maintenance Programme for 1995 and asking the Council if they had any schemes of a priority nature for his consideration. Members confirmed that they still wished to see carriageway resurfacing works carried out on the Main Street and asked the Clerk to remind the Surveyor that this was regarded as a priority.

5. A letter had been received from the Royal British Legion giving details of various suggestions for celebrating the forthcoming 50th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May. It was agreed that the details would be circulated to members for their consideration.

6. A letter had been received from the resident of a property adjoining the Alans Way Playing field requesting that an overhanging tree that was in contact with his roof be cut back. The Clerk was authorised to request that this work be carried out by Mr. Harding and also that the dead part of two oak trees at the bottom end of the playing field be cut out and further that the damaged tree near the pavilion also be replaced.

7. A letter had been received from the Director of Libraries giving details of his forthcoming capital programme for 1995/96 and confirming that some priority would be given to Newbold Verdon's need for a permanent library to replace the mobile. This would however be subject to the demand of other priorities for capital resources such as badly needed refurbishment of other permanent buildings. The Director promised to keep the Parish informed of any proposals that it was intended should be placed before elected members of the County Council.

720. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND SITING OF NEW EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that the new equipment was now built and ready for installation at the earliest opportunity as far as Levercrest Ltd. were concerned. A quotation had been received from the Company for the remedial works to the existing equipment in the sum of £1500 plus VAT. This was a high quote mainly for the reason that the Company replace swing chains with stainless steel rather than galvanised steel which is used by Wicksteed Leisure. Another quote had been received from Martyn Perkins a sub contractor of Wicksteed Leisure in the sum of £750 plus VAT. The Clerk was authorised to accept this offer if the work could be co-ordinated with the installation by Levercrest.
Levercrest had advised that in order to keep any damage to the recreation ground to a minimum they would require to remove at least one fence panel from the fencing at the site adjacent to Dragon Lane and further that the works would take approximately 8/10 working days to complete once started. These points were noted.
The Clerk advised that he wished to give the Company a site plan indicating clearly the exact location of the new equipment and in order to establish this it was agreed that a site meeting would take place on the recreation ground at 10am on Sunday 12th February 1995.

721. NATIONAL LOTTERY ALLOCATION

The clerk reported that he had contacted the Sports Council Lottery Line once again and been informed that there was no closing date for receipt of applications for grant aid for sports projects. Prior to applying the Council requested that full detailed costings and plans be prepared by the Parish in support of it's application. It was agreed that this matter be left on the agenda for members to consider plans in more detail and advise the Clerk when they were ready to proceed further. The information leaflet supplied by the Sports Council would be circulated to members for their consideration.

722. HALL FARM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The meeting was attended by Mr. Anthony Milner, his wife and son together with Rachel Berger a landscape architect who proceeded to present plans of the outline proposals for the creation of public parkland and woodland as part of the redevelopment of the Hall Farm estate. The park and woodland would be donated to the public in perpetuity with the intention that the Parish maintain the same perhaps with some support from the developer. These proposals would be embodied in a Section 106 planning agreement with the Planning Authority as a measure of Mr. Milner's commitment.
Refurbishment of the Hall Farm itself would be under the supervision of an architect specialising in the refurbishment of grade one listed buildings.
The overall costs of the development would be supported by housing development of an area between Dragon Lane and Bosworth Road totalling 22 acres in all of which 12 acres would be for new housing and the remainder an extension of the landscaping proposals being described by Rachel Berger, namely open space and woodland.
It was proposed that the developer would agree to maintain the woodland for a period of at least five years to enable it to become safely established. The woodland area would be fenced off from the public open space during this time to give it greater protection.
It was intended that an application for outline planning permission would be made to the Borough Council after June 1995 when the Borough had indicated they would be in a position to receive applications.
Members welcomed the fact that part of the development would involve the creation of a walled carpark area that could be used for visitors to St. James' Church.
The proposals were well received by the Parish Council and the Chairman thanked Mr. Milner for attending and keeping the members informed as to progress.

723. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00022/FUL - Lioncove Ltd. 6 Forest Road Loughborough. Application for permission for a revised house type for plot 11 The Paddocks, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

724. PLANNING APPROVALS.

94/00952/FUL - Mrs. V. Hodkinson & Mr. S. Childs 26 Merrylees Road Newbold Verdon. Approval to extend dwelling at that address.

94/00831/FUL - Mr. Parnell 21 Peters Avenue Newbold Verdon. Approval to extend his dwelling at that address.

725. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME.

A parishioner pointed out that there was a lot of litter around the village at the present time and wondered if the Council were doing anything to remedy the situation. The Chairman agreed that the situation was not good at the moment and that the Borough Council were not assisting with the appalling situation at the rear of properties on Preston Drive. He also said that the Parish had been unsuccessful in securing the employment of a litter picker. Members agreed that this issue should be put on the agenda for further consideration at the next meeting.

726. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Spence raised the following:

(a) The road gullies in Main Street were badly blocked.
(b) The school caretaker had reported that youths had been seen tearing flowers up in the cemetery.
(c) A bird scarer had been causing considerable annoyance to the residents adjoining Arnolds Crescent.

The Chairman agreed that the first matter be referred to the Highways Department . The second matter was the subject of ongoing police involvement. In relation to the third matter details of the landowner in question would be given to the Clerk and a suitable letter sent.

Mrs. Francks pointed out that the footpaths between Red Lion Lane and Peters Avenue and also adjoining School House Farm had become badly overgrown and required trimming back before the growing season got established. It was agreed that this would be reported to the Highways Department also.

Mr. Watson asked if the new football posts were being used and the Clerk reported that they were not. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Junior football club pointing out the Council's disappointment that such a needless expense was incurred at their request.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02PM.