MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH JUNE 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY.

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

Parishioners - 2

767. APOLOGIES : Mr. P. Chick

768. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th May 1995, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

769. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

East Midlands Electricity plc		
Pavilion electricity charges		106.47
J. Statham Carpenter		
Door repairs to pavilion		27.02
E. H. Bell - caretakers wages		
15.4 - 4.6.95 - 3 wks @ £30 plus litter clearing Alans Way @ £10		100.00
E. A. Walsh Clerks Salary - May	375.00	
Expenses	2.97	377.97
John Statham Carpenter DLRG fence repairs		138.80
Focsa Services (UK)Ltd		
Emptying of litter bins & doggie bins 25.1.95 - 23.1.96	842.40	
VAT	147.42	989.82
	TOTAL	1640.22

Received :

G. Seller & Co Ltd.		
Sale of 2 cremation plots & interment fee - George Biggs decd.		37.00
	TOTAL	37.00

770. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A quotation had been received from Focsa Services (UK) Ltd. for the clearing of litter from the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground giving separate prices for fortnightly, monthly and quarterly litter picks. The prices were respectively, £351 p.a., £372 p.a., and £420 p.a. plus VAT. Members

unanimously agreed to accept the quote for fortnightly litter picking and the Clerk was authorised to accept this.

2. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that an order had been placed for the repair of the road sign at the junction of Kirkby Lane with Desford Road.

3. An order acknowledgment had been received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. for the repair of the slide on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground in the sum of £298.00 plus VAT. This was duly noted and members expressed their wish to see this repair carried out as soon as possible.

771. BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT AWARD

An award for the Best Kept Allotment was presented by Mr. Arthur Hurst to Mr. Terry Davies for his efforts during the last twelve months.

772. COMMUNITY POLICING

Inspector Keith Barnes introduced himself to the members as the new officer in charge of the police station at Market Bosworth which had responsibility for Newbold Verdon. He told members that a new officer had been appointed to replace Rodger Simmons who was due to retire this summer. Mr. Nigel Lamley would be the new community officer who would have responsibility for policing 33 villages and communities with his colleagues at the station. In total 18 officers would operate from the station and this would mean that there would be 2/3 officers on duty at any one time. Mr. Barnes stated that it was his intention to establish a formal 'Beat Plan' which would be available for Parish consultation. Mr. Barnes stated that the new station would be open to the public between the hours of 8.00am and 10.00am and also between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Mr. Barnes promised to attend as many meetings of the Council as he was able and intended to come to the next meeting in July.

773. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the prospect of the Parish Council declining to fill the two vacancies by co-option with the Borough Secretary. It was not possible to operate the Council with less than the number of members fixed by the legislation and the Borough and accordingly the Council would have to consider advertising in the Parish to fill these vacancies by co-option. It was agreed that the Clerk place suitable adverts on the Parish Notice boards.

774. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - FOOTBALL TEAMS 1995/96

The Clerk confirmed that he had discussed the forthcoming usage of the facilities with the secretaries of the Junior F.C. the Jubilee F.C. and the new team from the Old White Swan P.H.
Apparently the Jubilee intended to run only one team for next season and this would enable the senior pitch to be shared between the Jubilee and the Old White Swan. The Junior F.C. were running the same number of teams for next season which meant that four teams would be using Alans Way all playing on Sundays. There would therefore be no conflict with the senior team's fixtures.
The Junior F.C. had requested if the Council would be willing to increase the size of the junior pitch to a full size pitch for next season. This had been the reason that the club had not installed the new football posts which require the sockets to be permanently fixed once the pitch size had been determined. Members agreed to this request and authorised the Clerk to meet with the Club in order to ascertain the exact position of the pitch.
The Junior F.C. also requested that repairs and/or replacement of the storage shed on Dragon Lane take place as it was nolonger secure. Members agreed that Mr. Statham be asked to look at this with a view to establishing if it could be repaired. A request was also made for a new line marker for the Dragon Lane pitch and members also agreed to this.

775. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 95/00378/FUL Mr. & Mrs. M. Scott 5A Dragon Lane Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect an extension over existing ground floor accommodation. No comment.

776. PLANNING APPROVALS

1. 95/00246/FUL Mr. Ashton 17 Laburnam Avenue Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect a singlr storey extension to the side of his dwelling at that address.

777. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None.

778. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence raised the following;

(a) A stop tap cover was missing in the pavement outside the elderly persons bungalows on Main Street opposite the shops. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify the Severn Trent Water Company.

(b) A full scale litter pick had taken place on 14th May 1995 but sadly two days later litter could be seen everywhere.

2. Mr. Hurst pointed out that repairs were needed to the plinth at the base of the war memorial. It was agreed that Mr. Statham be asked to attend to this.

3. Mrs. Francks pointed out that there was a section of raised concrete at the end of the ramp outside the Co-op and that this presented a danger to visitors to the premises. The Clerk was asked to write accordingly.
She also stated that despite the recent works carried out on the footpath between Peters Avenue and Red Lion Lane there still remained an overgrown hollybush that needed further cutting back.

4. Mr. Watson raised the following ;

(a) The footpath between the School Farm and Peters Avenue needed cutting back.

(b) The pavilion guttering was in need of repair and the outside woodwork required restaining with sadolin. It was agreed that an order be placed with Mr. Statham for the guttering and that he be invited to quote for the restaining works.

(c) He asked for an update on the new seats for the playing fields and the Clerk reported that an order had been place with Tony Redshaw but that nothing further had yet been heard.

5. Mr. Mensley requested that the Divisional Highways surveyor be asked to erect signs which clearly showed the route of the footpath from the corner of the field opposite Harry's Lane to the northeast. People were walking across the field to a farm gate instead of the stile and this was causing annoyance to the farmer.

6. The Chairman advised the members that Mr. David Webb had spent a considerable amount of time cleaning grafitti off the pavilion and also a lot of work on the flowerbeds. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter expressing the member's appreciation.

The Chairman also suggested that the installation of raised kerbs around the flowerbeds would be a good deterrent from the youngsters who constantly rode cycles over the beds and bushes. It was agreed that the clerk obtain a quotation for this work as soon as possible.

The Chairman also reported that a partially sighted parishioner had walked into the fencepost that had fallen over at the Dragon Lane recreation ground. He advised members that this had been made safe within 30 minutes of having been reported and completely relaced and repaired within three days. This was noted.

7. The Clerk reported that he had had discussions with Sparkenhoe Contracting Srevices regarding the poor quality of their performance under the maintenance contract. The Clerk had expressed concern that the cemetery and churchyard in particular needed improvement and that grass on graves was not being cut. Greater care needed to be taken to ensure that memorials were not damaged. In addition there was no evidence that strimming was being carried out in accordance with the contract. Weeding of the war memorial had not been carried out and this was particularly regretted in view of the recent V.E. Day celebrations. The Clerk trusted that these deficiencies would be reflected in the contractor's charges. Promises were received from the contractor that matters would improve.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.22 PM.