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

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

Parishioners : 7

727. APOLOGIES: A.Hurst (attending Police Community meeting)

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

729. ACCOUNTS:

Payable :

1. Focsa Services (U.K.)Ltd. supply & fixing of Doggie Bins		1252.20	
	VAT	219.13	1471.33
2. East Midlands Electricity plc Pavilion Electicity charges			87.64
3. Public Works Loans Account Pavilion loan repayment			1290.87
4. Levercrest Ltd. DLRG Play Equipment 60% of contract sum		11335.72	
	VAT	1983.75	13319.47
5. Leics. Playing Fields Assoc. Annual subscription			10.00
6. E.H.Bell - wages 6.2.95 - 5.3.95			120.00
7. E.A.Walsh Salary - Feb.		375.00	
	Exes.	58.33	433.33
		TOTAL	16732.64

Received:

J.R.Price - sale of new grave	17.00
Jubilee Inn F.C. - pitch fees	140.00
G.Seller & Co. - Mem. Fee - C. Statham	17.00
G.Seller & Co. Sale of grave & inter G.Freeman	57.00
TOTAL	254.00

730. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the County Secretary advising members that the Inspector had confirmed the Public Footpath Diversion Order for Footpath S26 at Brascote subject to the installation of two 'kissing gates' at the south east boundary of O.S. Parcel No. 1292. A full copy of the Inspectors decision had also been received. These were noted.

2. An invitation had been received from the Council for the Rural Protection of England to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Committee to discuss the 'Millenium Vision for Leicestershire'. Members wishing to attend the meeting to be held on 28th March 1995 should contact the Clerk.

3. A copy of the Borough Council's Leisure Strategy for 1995/98 had been received. It was agreed that this should be circulated.

4. The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received for the repainting and repairs to the existing play equipment on Dragon Lane in the sum of £750 plus VAT. Levercrest Ltd. had confirmed that they would match the quotation in order to ensure that there was no delay with the installation of the new equipment. Members ratified the Clerk's decision to vary the contract with Levercrest in order to have this additional work carried out.

5. An entry form for this year's Best kept Village Competition had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council. It was agreed that the village would enter again. The Clerk was asked to write to the organisers to invite them to consider having the benefit of a guide or escort to ensure that all of the relevant parts of the village were considered during the judging process. It was agreed that the entry would be in the 'Large Village' category.

731. V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS - 8TH MAY 1995.

The Clerk advised members of the various events being organised through the County Council and the Lord Lieutenant's office and these were noted.

732. SPORTS COUNCIL - NATIONAL LOTTERY ALLOCATION - PROPOSALS

Peter Chick had written to the Clerk with a suggestion that plans for a multi-purpose all-weather play area be constructed on the Alans Way Playing field. This was well received by the members and it was agreed that a small group of members convene at their convenience in order to develop the proposal further and report back to the Council in due course.

733. VILLAGE LITTER PICKER

Discussion took place about the inability of the Parish to secure the services of a litter picker. The Clerk reminded members that there had been no interest at all in the advertisement that had been posted throughout the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should establish whether Focsa Services would be willing to quote a price for either a weekly or monthly service for the Dragon Lane recreation ground. Sue Spence agreed to publish a request for a voluntary litter pick to enhance the village's success in the Best Kept Village competition for the remainder of the village as a whole. Mr. Mensley pointed out that there was a lot of litter lying in the bottom of the hedge between Sparkenhoe and Mill Lane adjacent to the Barlestone Road and it was agreed that this should be raised with the County Council.
Finally members agreed that the Clerk should request that Mr. Bell be asked to litter pick the Alans Way playing field on a fortnightly basis for which the Council would be willing to pay an additional £5 per pick.
The Chairman also asked that the Clerk write again to the Borough Council to complain at the poor state of the rear of the garages on Preston Drive. It was noted that Mrs. Crooks had promised to remedy this problem with the Borough without any success.

734. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00097/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. I.M. Hand 9 Gilberts Drive Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect an extension to the rear of their property at that address. No comment.

95/00127/OUT - Mr. H.A. Milner Upper Park Farm Ratby Lane Markfield. Application for outline permission for proposed residential development to rear of Dragon Lane. No comment.

95/00128/COU - Mr. H. A. Milner (as above). Application for change of use of agricultural land into public open space and carry out landscaping improvements to existing farm land at Hall Farm Newbold Verdon. No comment.

95/00130/FUL - Mr. H.A. Milner (as above). Application for permission to make extensions to the Hall Farm, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

735. PLANNING APPROVALS

94/00995/FUL - J.C. Dale 48 Peters Avenue Newbold Verdon. Approval to erect an extension at that address.

736. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME.

None.

737. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs. Spence asked whether the new 'doggie bins' were working and the Chairman confirmed that so far they appeared to be being used well.

2. Mr. Watson suggested that the Parish also request Focsa Services to empty the litter bin next to the public seat on the Alans Way playing field. This was agreed. He also suggested that the heavy roller which is chained to the post on the playing field should be dipsosed of. It was agreed that the Clerk seek to establish if the cricket club might still have a use for the roller before disposing of it.

3. Mr. Mensley then advised the members that a sum of money from the village Silver Jubilee Committee still remained in the trust account and that this had now been closed. It was the wish of the trustees that this money (£709.68) be donated to the Parish Council to be used for the purchase of public seating on the Alans Way playing field and that suitable jubilee comemorative plaques be insatalled on the seats . It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in order to decide on the location of the seats.

4. Mr. Watson advised the meeting that a hole had appeared at the side of the kerb at the corner of Gilberts Drive and Brascote Lane and water could be seen running under the road surface. It was agreed the Clerk should notify the Highways Surveyor.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05PM.