MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY.

PRESENT : M. W. Preston, H. M. Francks, M. B. Mensley, A. Hurst, P. Chick, D. Colledge

750. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE : Each Councillor present signed a declaration of Acceptance of Office.

751. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN : It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. M. W. Preston be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Preston accepted the Chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

752. APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. R. Watson and Mrs. S. Spence.

753. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd April 1995 having been previously circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

754. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN : It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mrs. H. M. Francks be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs. Francks accepted the Vice Chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

755. ELECTION OF LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES : It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mrs S. Spence and Mr. P. Chick be elected to represent the Parish Council.

756. ELECTION OF LORD CREWE TRUST REPRESENTATIVE : It was proposed, seconded and carried that Mr. J. R. Watson be elected.

757. ELECTION OF MONTAGUE TRUST REPRESENTATIVES : It was proposed, seconded and carried that Messrs. Hurst and Colledge and Mrs. Francks and Mrs. D. Statham be elected.

758. ELECTION OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE : It was agreed that Mrs. Francks should continue to represent the Parish Council throughout the life of the new Council.

759. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

Levercrest Ltd. Repairs to play equipment Dragon Lane		750.00	
	VAT	131.25	881.25
Spectrum Computer Supplies Ltd. Ink Cartridges		24.54	
	VAT	4.29	28.83
E. H. Bell - Caretakers wages 3.4 - 14.5.95 - 6 weeks at £30			
Litter clearing AWPF - 2 at £5			190.00
Cornhill Insurance plc - annual renewal premium			577.42

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council			
Maintenance contract charges	April	421.43	
	May	421.37	842.80
E. A. Walsh - Clerks salary (April)		375.00	
Expenses		58.33	433.33
		TOTAL	2953.63

Received :

Newbold Verdon Junior F. C. Pitch fees		252.00
Precept 95/96		10353.50
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Sale of new grave - P. W. Fennell		57.00
Gillivers - Memorial fee D.J. Lightbown		17.00
G. Seller & Co. Ltd. - Memorial fee - D. M. Biddle		17.00
Gillivers - sale of new grave - H. Statham		57.00
Gillivers - sale of new grave - R.V. Goodman		57.00
Gillivers - memorial fee - J. & M. Pearson		17.00
	TOTAL	10827.50

760. CORRESPONDENCE :

1. A letter had been received from the Deputy Returning Officer regarding the result of the recent elections and advising the Parish that it would be possible for members to fill the two vacant places on the Council by way of co-option. Members expressed the view that they might not wish to fill the places on the Council and the Clerk was asked to establish the position with the Borough and the matter be returned to the agenda for the next meeting.

2. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council notifying the members of the decisions taken with regard to the Environmental Improvement Programme for 1995/96. Members were annoyed that these schemes were developed without any formal consultation with the Parish Council and members felt that the proposed scheme at the junction of Merrylees Road and Bagworth Road at Newbold Heath did not represent good value for money. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs. J. Crooks and request an improvement in communications over matters affecting the Parish.

3. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor confirming that footway, drainage and resurfacing works on the Main Street would now be carried out during this financial year. Members expressed their appreciation that this was now being attended to. The surveyor also confirmed that the pothole at the junction of Gilberts Drive with Brascote Lane had also been filled.
Whilst he also confirmed that the overgrowth on the footpath between Red Lion Lane and Peters Avenue had been cut back, members felt that the hollybush on this footpath still required further attention.

761. OLD WHITE SWAN F. C. - USE OF ALANS WAY 1995/96

A request had been received from this new football club to use the facilities at the Alans Way Playing field for the forthcoming season. Members agreed that this matter should be placed

on the Council's next agenda once it could be established if this would cause any inconvenience for the existing teams.

762. ALANS WAY PLAYING FIELD - ALL WEATHER SURFACE UPDATE

Peter Chick confirmed that a meeting of the sub-group had taken place in order to establish the most viable location for the surface to be installed. He reported that this was likely to be over on the far side of the playing field adjacent to the brook on the basis that this was likely to cause less inconvenience to adjoining occupiers. Although this would mean higher cost for electrical installations it would reduce the cost of any drainage required. Efforts would now be made to establish costings together with information on any planning requirements that would need to be complied with. A further report would be brought back to the members in due course.

763. DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - LITTER

Members expressed their concern over the state of the litter problem on the recreation ground and reqested the clerk to establish what the current position was with Focsa Services. The Clerk had made two written requests for an improved service from the contractor and had been promised information within the next few days. Members also expressed concern that Sparkenhoe Contracting Services were not clearing the field of litter before mowing and the clerk was asked to take this matter up with them together with the need to ensure that the grassed areas were also strimmed as per the contract.

764. PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

95/00246/FUL - Mr. Aston 17 Laburnam Avenue Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a garage and W.C. extension. No comment.

95/00245/FUL - G.A. Wightman 23 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a conservatory at that address. No comment.

95/00229/FUL - Everards Brewery Ltd. Old White Swan P.H. 22 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect new toilets to the premises. No comment.

95/00302/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. S.I. Smith 2 Statham Street Newbold Verdon. Aplication for permission to erect a toilet for the disabled at that address. No comment.

95/00286/FUL - Mr. J. Mann 7 Red Lion Lane Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a conservatory at that address. No comment.

95/00316/FUL - Mrs. C. Phillips 1 Rush Close Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a porch at that address. No comment.

95/00334/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. Glover 97 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a conservatory at that address. No comment.

765. PLANNING APPROVALS :

95/00116/COU - Mr. & Mrs. M. Scott 5A Dragon Lane Newbold Verdon. Permission to convert playroom to granny annexe at that address.

95/00229/FUL - Everards Brewery Ltd. Permission to build new toilets at The Old White Swan Public House 22 Main Street Newbold Verdon.

95/00245/FUL - G. A. Wightman 23 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Permission to erect a conservatory at that address.

766. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME :

1. Mr. Hurst raised the following :
   The fence adjoining the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground was in need of repair and in particular required a new fence post to be erected. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask whether Mr. J. Statham would be willing to carry out the work.
   He also reprted that the brook at the allotments was polluted with an oily scum and required some investigation in order to identify the source of the pollution. The Clerk would establish whether this would be looked into by the Borough Council's Environmental Health Department or the Severn Trent Water Ltd.
   He also reported that the base of the War Memorial required some repair to the concrete plinth.

2. Mr. Mensley reported that children are playing in the cemetery and that this may be exacerbated by the fact that there is a youth club being run from the school premises on a Wednesday evening. Members agreed that they would monitor this situation carefully.
   He also stated that the problem could be alleviated if the Council were to erect a new hedge along the new line of fencing between the school and the cemetery. This was noted.
   He also reported that the hedge adjoining the Barlestone Road at the rear of the Preston Drive properties required cutting back as this was likely to cause a danger to any partially sighted residents. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Borough Council to attend to this.

3. Mr. Colledge pointed out that a sign had been erected adjacent to the shops on Main Street indicating that the parking at the rear of the shops was private. Members confirmed that this was available for visitors to the shops.

4. The Chairman raised his concern over the parking of cars in Church End on Main Street and suggested that the County Council be invited to consider limiting parking to residents only at night eg. between 7.00pm and 7.00am. This was felt necessary owing to the fact that residents cannot return home in the evening and park their own cars because of visitors to the nearby public house.

5. The Clerk reported that he had agreed a date of the 16th September 1995 with the secretary of the W.I. for the planting of a Maple tree. This was noted.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.33PM.