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

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

Parishioners 5. S.Ball (County Councillor)

817. APOLOGIES : M.B. Mensley

818. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd October 1995, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record

819. ACCOUNTS:

Payable:

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Grounds maintenance - September			421.37
John Statham repairs to war memorial			109.30
E.H.Bell caretakers wages 1.10.95 - 4.11.95 5 wks @ £30 2 litter clears @ £5			160.00
E.A. Walsh Clerk's salary (October)	375.00		
Expenses	3.23		378.23
		TOTAL	968.90

No Receipts

820. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from Levercrest Limited confirming that the warranty period for the new playground equipment on the Dragon Lane recreation ground would commence on the 15th August 1995. This was noted.

2. A letter had been received from the District Secretary of the Borough Council informing the Parish Council that a meeting of members of the Planning Committee would be held at the two sites of proposed residential development in the village at both Hall Farm and the land of Kirkby Lane on 17th October 1995. The meeting was attended by the Chairman on behalf of the Council who reported back to the members on the outcome of the meeting. Members reconfirmed their support for the Hall Farm proposals. The two matters would be reconsidered by the Borough Council's planning committee at it's next meeting.

3. A letter had been received from the Director of Technical Services at the Borough Council advising that the litter bin outside Ivy Cottage on the Main Street would be repositioned as requested and that dog signs would be erected on Mill Lane. This was noted.

4. A letter of thanks had been received from Mr. Webb the owner of Ivy Cottage thanking the Parish Council for it's efforts in arranging for the litter bin outside his property to be repositioned.

5. A letter had been recived from the Council's maintenance contractor requesting payment of an invoice for additional work carried out at short notice for the grass cutting of the football pitch on the 7th October 1995. The Clerk had objected to the payment of this account on the basis that the work had to be carried out as a direct result of a failure on the part of the contractor to cut the whole of the playing field in accord with the contract requirements. The Contractor had accordingly agreed to issue the Parish Council with a credit note for the same amount.

6. A parishioner at 18 Alans Way adjacent to the playing field had written requesting that the Council arrange for the regular cutting back of an oak tree which is causing a nuisance with leaves being shed along with acorns onto his property. Members agreed that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for this work to be carried out.

7. A letter had been received from the Divisional Surveyors office in reply to the Council's request for repairs to be carried out on the two stiles adjacent to the St. James' Church. Apparently the Rights of Way inspector was not of the view that the stiles required repair. This view was not shared by the members and Mr. Ball (County Councillor) also undertook to speak with the Divisional Surveyor's office regarding the matter.

8. A letter had been received from the County Council on the issue of the replacement fingerboard signs which were requested to be replaced several months ago. A large backlog had been the main cause of the delay however it was anticipated that the work would be carried out shortly.

821. VILLAGE FLAG POLE

The Clerk reported that he had received advice from the Borough planning department to the effect that a national flag could be erected on a single vertical flagstaff without planning permission. However neither the flag nor the flagstaff can display an advertisement or subject matter additional to the design of the flag.
It was agreed that the Clerk be requested to obtain suitable quotations for the erection of a flagstaff.

822. PLAYING FIELDS - NON CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY-LAWS

The Clerk advised that the Department of the Environment were most reluctant to allow departures from the Model Form of By-laws approved by the Government and that the by-law now being considered was not included in the Model Form. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Department of the Evironment and seek it's comments on the Parish proposal to prevent the consumption of liquor on it's playing fields.

823. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk remeinded members that he had been advertising in the parish for interested persons to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council. These adverts had been placed throughout the summer months and only one person had written to the Clerk to express an interest. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to advertise for the vacancies and that in the interim the Parishioner who expressed an interest was requested to demonstrate his commitment to the Council by attending the forthcoming meetings of the Council. A deccision on the application was therefore deferred.

824. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00730/FUL Mr. Tomblin 13 Lord Crewe Close Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a front extension to his property at that address. No comment.

95/00719/FUL Mr. M. Stewart 72a Rugby Road Hinckley. Application for permission to build extensions alterations and garages at 56 - 58 Main Street Newbold Verdon. No comment.

95/00734/FUL M.A. Welch 19 Brascote Lane Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build extension to create third bedroom at that address. No comment.

95/00758/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. J. Fairall 59 Merrylees Road Newbold Heath. Application for permission to build extensions and alterations to their property at that address. No comment.

95/00757/COU J. Fairall 59 Merrylees Road Newbold Heath. Application for permission for change of use to lorry hardstanding parking area. No comment.

825 PLANNING APPROVALS

95/00675/FUL - Mr. R. Page 64 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend his dwelling at that address.

95/00130/FUL - H. A. Milner Upper Park Farm Ratby Lane Markfield. Permission to carry out extensions to the Hall Main Street Newbold Verdon.

95/00128/COU - H. A. Milner. Permission for change of use of agricultural land to public open space at the Hall Main Street Newbold Verdon.

95/00129/LBC - H. A. Milner. Permission to demolish kitchen extension and extensions and alterations to listed building at the Hall Main Street Newbold Verdon.

826. PLANNING REFUSALS

95/00543/OUT - Cadeby Homes & East Midlands Housing Association Limited. Refusal of permission for residential development/extension to playing field/woodland/open space car parking and road improvements at land off Kirkby Lane Newbold Verdon.

Refused on grounds of countryside and residential policies of the development plan. In addition the site is of considerable archeological potential and no impact assessment had been completed. It was also felt that the disposal of surface water was likely to cause problems of flooding in the area. The road network was also felt to be inadequate to deal with the potential increase in vehicle traffic.

827. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner advised the members that the Working Men's Club had applied to purchase land off the County Council for an access to the rear of the Club premises on the Main Street. He had obtained a petition from a number of residents objecting to the proposals.
It was agreed that the parish council wished to maximise it's future chances of securing improved library facilities on this site and that therefore every effort should be made to ensure that valuable land was not sold if this would prejudice those hopes. The Chairman also pointed out that he was aware of several parishioners who had objected to the number of cars parked in and around the area of the club and that off road parking would be welcomed by some.
2. Stu Ball (County Concillor) expressed his concern at the potential loss of one of the school crossing guides in the village owing to the fact that the County Council's criteria were not being met. Apparently this was geared to the number of children crossing and the number of vehicles per hour.

828. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs Spence raised the following:
(a) The stop cock on the Main Street adjacent to the elderly persons bungalows on Main Street had been repaired.
(b)The meeting with the cricket club had not yet taken place and asked whether this was to proceed. The Clerk advised that he hoped to set up a meeting shortly and that it was his intention to invite Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Francks and Mr. Watson to the meeting. Members agreed with this proposal.

2. Mr. Colledge pointed out that the hedge at the entrance to Alans Way playing field needed cutting back and the Clerk was authorised to have this undertaken.

3. The Chairman advised that the links on the replaced chains of the swings on the Dragon lane recreation ground were wearing through and needed replacement already. The Clerk was asked to notify Levercrest Ltd. for their comments.

4. The members expressed their concern that children are climbing into the waste paper bank in the village and the Clerk was asked to notify the Borough Council.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM