MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY

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

Parishioners: 5

804. APOLOGIES : None

805. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th September 1995, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

806. ACCOUNTS:

Payable:

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Grounds maintenance - August/September		842.74
E.H.Bell wages - 4.9 - 30.9.95 - 4 wks 2 litter clears	120.00 10.00	130.00
E.A.Walsh - clerks salary - September Expenses	375.00 5.00	380.00
	Total	1352.74

Received:

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council precept	10353.50
Cornhill Insurance - settlement on claim for damaged slide DLRG less excess	223.00
Leicestershire Co-Op - balance memorial fee Re: Lucy Dyson	17.00
Coventry & East Mercia Co-Op Ltd. memorial fee Re: Nora Price	17.00
Gillivers - sale of new grave & inter Mrs. Betsy Edwards	57.00

Total	10667.50

807. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council enclosing a consultation copy of the Local Plan. Forms for objecting to the plan can be obtained from the Clerk.

2. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council enclosing a survey questionaire in respect of key services in the parish. It was agreed that the clerk complete the survey form for the parish.

808.DRAGON LANE RECREATION GROUND - DAMAGED TREES

The Chairman reported that a tree had been broken down on the recreation ground and it was agreed that it needed to be replaced with a more mature tree. The clerk was authorised to purchase three maple trees the other two to replace damaged trees on the Alans Way Playing field

809. VILLAGE FLORAL TRIBUTE 1996

The Chairman reported that the Verdon in Bloom Association was now suffering from a serious lack of support and it's continued viability was therefore in doubt. It was agreed that the Council would consider a need for the functions of the Assssociation to be assumed by the Parish Council. The members agreed to consider the matter again when setting the precept for the next financial year.

810. CEMETERY RULES

The Clerk produced copies of the amended and updated cemetery rules for members approval. An opportunity was also taken for members to confirm that they did not wish any flowers or memorial vases to be allowed in the cremation plots forming part of the garden of remembrance area of the cemetery. It was agreed that the clerk should send copies of the amended rules to the local undertakers for their reference.

811. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 1996/97

The Clerk was authorised to invite three tenders for the next year's maintenance contract using the existing specification. Concern was expressed by members that the current contractor was not cutting the whole of the playing field and in particular was not cutting the senior pitch. The clerk would take the matter up with the contractor.

812. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00675/FUL - Mr. R. Page 64 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to erect a single sorey front extension at that address. No comment.

813. PLANNING APPROVALS

95/00583/FUL - R. Webb 20 Oaks Drive Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend his dwelling at that address.

95/00530/FUL _ G. Clarke 308 Coventry Road Hinckley. Permission to extend an agricultural building at Goat's Gate Farm Brascot.

95/00542/FUL - Mrs. L Steans 116 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend her dwelling at that address.

814. PLANNING REFUSALS

95/00594/FUL - Mr. A. March 3 Barbara Avenue Newbold Verdon. Refusal of permission to extend his dwelling at that address as the proposed two storey extension would introduce an incongruous architectural feature out of keeping with the design and massing of the existing dwelling and to the detriment of the visual amenities of the street scene.

815. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A parishioner expressed his concern that permission had been sought by the Newbold Verdon Working Men's Club for an access to the rear of the premises from Sparkenhoe. The Chairman thanked the parishioner for his concern but advised that the land in question was either in the ownership of the County Library service or the County Highways. The matter would therefore remain ostensibly a county council matter.

816. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst suggested that the Council should consider adopting a By-law which would prohibit the consumption of liquor on the Council's playing fields. It was agreed that this should go on the Council's agenda for further discussion.

2. Mr. Hurst also pointed out that the base of the war memorial still required to be reconcreted. The Chairman confirmed that he had discussed this matter with John Statham and believed that the work was due to be carried out.

3. Mrs. Spence raised the following:
(a) The Severn Trent Water Stop Cock outside the bungalows on Main Street Still required repair. The Clerk confirmed that he had written requesting urgent action be taken.
(b) She felt the tree planting outside the shops on Main Street was in an appalling state and wondered if pressure could be brought to bear on the Borough Council to finish the job.

4. Mr. Mensley raised again the problem of lorry parking on Mill Lane. The lorry tractor unit is now being left half on the pavement on Enston Street and is considered to be a serious risk to pedestrians. It was agreed that the police be advised.

5. The Clerk reported that he had received complaints in respect of an overgrown hedge at 20 Rush Close. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the owner asking for their cooperation in cutting the hedge back.

6. The Chairman expressed his concern at the new brick wall that had been built by the Borough Council as part of the environmental improvement programme at Newbold Heath. He felt the wall was attrocious and that the red bricks were out of keeping with the rest of the Heath. In the circumstances he did not feel that an expence of £1500 by the Borough Council could be justified.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.07PM