MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 1995 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY

PRESENT : M.W. Preston (Chairman), Mrs. H.M. Francks, A.Hurst, J.R.Watson, M.B. Mensley, P. Chick, E.A.Walsh (Clerk).
Parishioners - 6 S. Ball (County Councillor)

790.APOLOGIES : S.Spence, J. Crooks (Borough Councillor)

791. MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd July 1995, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

792. ACCOUNTS :

Payable :

Public Works Loans Account			
Pavilion loan repayment			1290.87
Hinckley Borough Council			
Grounds maintenance - June and July			842.74
Johnstones Paints plc - Pavilion sadolin stain		66.32	
	VAT	11.61	77.93
Leicestershire County Council (ESPO)			
New goal nets		31.08	
	VAT	5.44	36.52
Kingston House (Mowers) Ltd.			
Line marker (DLRG)		170.21	
	VAT	29.78	199.99
East Midlands Electricity plc			
Pavilion Electricity charges			96.57
John Statham Carpenter			
Pavilion restaining		160.00	
repairs to shed (DLRG)		299.24	459.24
E.H.Bell wages			
7.8.95 - 3.9.95 - 4 weeks @ £30		120.00	
2 litter clears @ £5		10.00	130.00
E.A.Walsh Clerks salary - August		375.00	
Expenses		3.11	378.11
	TOTAL		3511.97

Received:

Gillivers : memorial fees W. Penny	34.00
R.V. Goodman	17.00
S. Palmer	17.00
Dobsons Memorials - memorial fee - S.K.Duncombe	17.00
Leicestershire Co-operative Funeral Service Ltd. New grave and inter V.Gray	57.00
G.Seller & Co. Ltd. - interment fee - W.E. Bills	17.00
Leicestershire Co-operative Funeral Service Ltd. Memorial fee Lucy Dyson (part payment)	17.00
TOTAL	176.00

793. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from a local parishioner complaining at the amount of broken glass on the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground and suggesting that the Parish Council should consider implementing a litter patrol. The Clerk pointed out that since the letter had been written the contract with Focsa Services had been finalised which meant that the ground was at least now being cleared on a fortnightly basis. It was agreed that this situation would be monitored carefully to ensure that there was an improvement in the area.

2. The Clerk advised members that he had received an invitation to the 60th anniversary of the Newbold Verdon Womens Institute which was to be marked with the planting of a maple tree on the amenity grass at Mallory Close at 11.00am on Saturday 16th September 1995. It was hoped that members of the Parish Council would attend to mark the occasion.

3. An information sheet had been received from the West Area Commander for the Leicestershire Constabulary advising on the methods of contacting the police by telephone. It was agreed that a copy of the sheet be made available to all members of the parish council.

4. A further letter had been received from the local policing unit advising of a meeting to be held at the Bagworth Road Community Centre on Monday 25th September 1995 commencing at 7.30pm. Members of the Parish Council were invited to attend.

5. A letter had been received from the Leicestershire Rural Community Council advising the village that it had failed to proceed further than the first round of this year's Best Kept Village Competition.

6. A letter had been received from East Midlands Electricity plc advising that the area of land at the substation on Brascote Lane would be cleared and maintained in the near future.

7. A further letter of complaint had been received from a resident of the properties on Bell's Lane regarding ther amount of litter that was being deposited on the recreation ground and also the amount of vandalism in the area. The police were present at the meeting and stated that they were increasing the policing in the area with a view to establishing who the culprits were.

8. A letter had been received from the Chief Executive's Department at County Hall inviting members to attend the forthcoming County Service to be held on Sunday 24th September 1995 at St. Mary's Parish Church Hinckley at 10.30am.

9. A letter had been received from the Mayor's Parlour at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council inviting members to the forthcoming Civic service to be held at St. James' Church on the 3rd October 1995 commencing at 3.00pm. It was hoped that as the service was being held in the parish this year that there would be a strong representation from the Parish Council.

10. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highways Surveyor advising that the hedge between Red Lion Lane and School farm would hopefully be cut back shortly if parishioners resopnded positively to his request. He further advised that the holly bush between Red Lion lane and Peters Avenue had been cut back. He also advised members that there was shortly to be a way marking scheme that he hoped would alleviate the problem of walkers not following the designated footpath at Harry's Lane.

11. A further letter had been received from the Mayor's Parlour inviting members to a charity ball at the Sketchley Grange Hotel on Saturday 14th October 1995 at a cost of £20 per person.

12. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Newbold Verdon Junior F.C. requesting permission to use the Alans Way facilities for a penalty shoot out competition on Saturday 30th September 1995 between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Members agreed that as long as this did not conflict with any use by the Jubilee F.C. that they had no objection.

13. A letter had been received from the Newbold Verdon Cricket Club requesting a waiver of the season's wicket fees owing to the financial problems of the club. Members were reluctant to agree to this request but felt that they needed more information from the officers of the club . It was therefore agreed that a special committe meeting of the members would be set up with officers from the club to consider the matter further.

794. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that he had received no applications from interested parishioners in joining the parish council. It was agreed that the Clerk post fresh notices and that the matter be kept on the agenda.

795. TRAFFIC CALMING WORKING PARTY

A letter had been received from the Borough Council informing members that they intended to set up a working party to consider suggestions for traffic calming in the village. A sum of

£35,000 per annum would be set aside by the Borough with the programme commencing in 1996/97. It was envisaged that roads near schools would be targeted first
Police officers present at the meeting did not believe that traffic calming was necessary in the village and further indicated that they would be carrying out speed checks through the Main Street shortly. This was possible as Nigel Lamley was trained in the use of the necessary radar equipment.

796. FORMAL D.S.O. CONTRACTS

The Clerk advised members that he had heard from the Borough Council's D.L.O. to the effect that all contracts with outside clients would now have to be supported with a formal contract. This would be resolved shortly. Further the parish were informed that the Council was engaged in the sale of it's D.L.O. to a private sector contractor but that this would not prejudice the performance of the contract currenlty in force. These matters were duly noted.

797. NEWBOLD VERDON LIBRARY

S. Ball, County Councillor reported to the meeting that he had made representations to the County Council's Arts Libraries and Museums Committee making clear the wish of the village to secure a new library building to replace the existing. It was acknowledged that the County resources were tight but it was stressed that the village had made a request for a permanent library long before Desford and yet Desford had secured their building which was now in need of repair. The County Committee heard that there were 9 libraries in need of urgent refurbishment but nevertheless instructed officers at County Hall to continue to investigate any ways by which a new library building could be provided for Newbold Verdon.

798. MAIN STREET RESURFACING

It had been noted that refurbishment works to the footpath had almost been completed when all work on the site appeared to cease. Members were understandably concerned that the resurfacing of the carriageway was once again going to be delayed. Councillor Ball advised the meeting that he had been discussing the same with the Divisional Surveyor and that he was pleased to be able to report that contracts had been let by the County for the completion of the works by the end of the current financial year. Members were pleased to note this.

799. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

95/00543/OUT - Cadeby Homes and East Midlands Housing Association. Application for permission to develop new housing, playing field extension, woodland, open space, car parking and road improvements at Cottage Farm Kirkby Lane Newbold Verdon.
Members wished to reserve their position in principle on this application pending the Borough Council's decision in respect of the land off Dragon Lane which formed the subject of a similar application by Mr. A. Milner. The Parish Council had actively supported the proposals presented by Mr. Milner and this had been communicated to the Borough Council. Members nevertheless expressed their concern at the isolated nature of this proposal and the fact that it would always be a satellite development and never be capable of sufficient integration into the existing village community. Members also wished to make clear that whilst both proposals had merit the Parish Council would object most strongly to the granting of permission by the Borough to both applications on the basis that there was insufficient

housing need in the parish and doubt about the village infrastructure to cope with both developments.

95/00530/FUL - Mr. G. Clarke 308 Coventry Road Hinckley. Application for permission to build an extension to an existing agricultural building at Goatsgate Farm, Kirkby Lane, Newbold Verdon. No comment.

95/00583/FUL - R. Webb 20 Oaks Drive Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a lobby and shower room extension to the front of his property at that address. No comment.

95/00526/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. J. Heron 125 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a first floor bedroom extension and lounge extension at that address. No comment.

95/00542/FUL - Mrs. L. Steans 116 Main Street Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to extend herdwelling at that address. No comment.

95/00594/FUL - Mr. A. March 3 Barbara Avenue Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to remove existing garage and build a two storey extension at that address. No comment.

800. PLANNING APPROVALS

95/00417/FUL - Mr. H. Andrews 47 Peters Avenue Newbold Verdon. Permission to build a single storey front extension at that address.

95/00413/ful - Mr. M. Statham 5 Laburnam Avenue Newbold Verdon.Permission to extend his dwelling at that address.

95/00526/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. J. Heron 125 Arnolds Crescent Newbold Verdon. Permission to extend their dwelling at that address.

801. PLANNING REFUSAL

95/00378/FUL - Mr. & Mrs. M. Scott 5A Dragon Lane Newbold Verdon. Refusal of permission to extend their property at that address on the basis that the proposed extension would be overbearing resulting in the loss of light and satisfactory outlook to the detriment of the amenities of the occupiers of No. 7 Dragon Lane by virtue of the length height massing and juxtaposition of the proposed extension approximately 14.8 metres along the common boundary.

802. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

A question was raised on behalf of young people in the village and their right to be consulted by the Parish Council on any question of facilities in the village. It was contended that there are insufficient facilities generally for youngsters of all ages. A suggestion was put forward

that the Council consider a hard playing surface with floodlighting and fencing which could be used all year round by all age groups. The Chairman replied by advising that the Council had formed a sub group to consider the feasibility of a proposal to install an all weather playing surface at Alans Way. It was hoped that this would progress and hopefully be supported with funds from the National Lottery through the Sports Council.

803. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst pointed out that the stile at the cemetery was dangerous and needed repair by the County Council.

2. Mr. Chick pointed out that the finger board road sign at the junction of Kirkby Lane with Desford Road still awaited repair. The Clerk would chase the matter up with the Divisional Highway Surveyor.

3. Mr. Mensley raised the following:

(a) He advised that he had been contacted by David Barsby of G. Seller & Co. Ltd. who had informed him that a proper application had been made for a memorial tablet which was subsequently refused by the Clerk on the basis that it contained a flower vase, contrary to the Council's rules.
The Clerk advised the meeting that the application for the tablet in question had been approved on the basis that the drawing supplied by Sellers showed no recess for a flower vase. The tablet that was subsequently installed contained a vase contrary to the Council's rules and also the specific application that had been made. The Clerk had therefore requested it's replacement.

(b) There was a need for the erection of 'No Dog Fouling' notices on Mill Lane which was particularly bad outside Becksire DIY. Part of the problem lay in the fact that the back edge of the footpath was devoid of tarmac and therefore did not appear readily as part of the footpath. The Clerk was asked to point this out to the Highways Surveyor in the hope that it might be metalled. A request of the Borough Council would be made in respect of the signs.

(c) A streetlight was inoperative outside the chemist shop on Arnolds Crescent.

4. The Clerk advised members that he had been contacted by Mr. Webb the owner of Ivy Cottage on Main Street who had requested assistance with the relocation of the litter bin from outside the front of his property. The Clerk confirmed that the existing bin is approximately 5 feet high and many of the users of the bin cannot reach it. In addition the position of the bin detracts considerably from the appearance of this listed building which forms a substantial part of the heritage of the village. It was agreed that a request be made of the Borough Council to resite the bin.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.08PM