MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEWBOLD VERDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 1998 AT THE PAVILION ALANS WAY NEWBOLD VERDON

PRESENT: M. W. Preston (Chairman), H. M. Francks, M. B. Mensley, J. R. Watson, D. Colledge, A. Hurst, P. Chick, D. Rivers.

Parishioners: 3

S. Ball (County Councillor), Police Constable S. Smith.

200. CO-OPTION :

No Poll having been demanded to previous advertisement of the two vacant Council positions members unanimously confirmed the co-option of Mr. David Rivers to the Council for the remainder of the term of the current Council. Mr. Rivers signed a declaration of acceptance of office and members resolved to execute a new bank mandate accordingly.

201. APOLOGIES: Mrs. S. Spence

202. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 June 1998, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

203. ACCOUNTS:

Payable:

W.D. & B. Harding & Son		
Removal of cemetery shed		
Trim cemetery hedge	109.90	
VAT	19.23	129.13
John Statham		
Two signs	88.00	
Repairs to seat – Main Street	27.25	
Bus shelter repairs	133.41	248.66
ESLAMA – DLRG		
Litter clearing May		80.00
Severn Trent Water Ltd		
Pavilion water charges		65.95
W.D. & B. Harding & Son		
Maintenance May/June	2437.50	
VAT	426.58	2864.08

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E. H. Bell wages			
1.6.98 – 2.8.98 9 wks @ £35	315.00		
4 litter clears AWPF @ £5 each	20.00		335.00
E.A. Walsh Clerks salary June/July	833.32		
Expenses	3.86		837.18

		TOTAL	4559.94

Received:

Ministry of Defence memorial fee Anthony Smith	19.00
NV U16's pitch fees	54.00
NV '97 U11's/U13's pitch fees	81.00
Gillivers – sale of new cremation plot B. Jordan decd. And inter	30.00
Gillivers – sale of new grave and inter Joan Lightbown decd.	63.00

Gillivers sale of reserved plots:			
Mr. & Mrs. Staniforth	44.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Vann	44.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Smith	44.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Thompson	44.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Harris	44.00		220.00

		TOTAL	467.00
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204. POLICE REPORT

P.C. Smith presented the crime figures for the local police area including the parish and highlighted the increase in car crime in the village. P.C. Smith responded to members' questions and he was thanked by those present for the efforts being made by the police on behalf of the local community.

205. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter had been received from Retail and Licensed Services Ltd. serving a copy of an application for the transfer of the on licence at the Old White Swan public house from Mr and Mrs Davies to Roy Edward Pedley of 11 Forlesworth Lane Claybrooke Magna. This was noted and there were no objections.

2. A letter had bee received from Mrs T. Sharp of Carlton who was writing to all local Parish Councils to establish what, if any, arrangements were being contemplated to celebrate the millennium. It was agreed that this would remain on the agenda pending members' suggestions for Newbold Verdon.

3. A letter of thanks had been received from Mrs D. Statham the treasurer of the Methodist Church for the Councils donation towards the cost of the disabled toilet at the Church which could be accessed by local disabled parishioners.

4. A letter had been received from the Chairman of Groby Parish Council expressing concern at the apparent poor quality of Community Policing in it's area and asking for the support of other disaffected Parish Councils. Members agreed that Newbold Verdon enjoyed a good relationship with its local police and would not wish to support Groby Parish Council's initiative.

5. A letter had been received from Fosseway Radio advising that it intends to launch a local radio service towards the end of the year. This was noted.

6. A letter had been received from the Divisional Highway Surveyor advising that the street nameplate on 31 Main Street had now been replaced.

7. A copy of the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Waste Local Plan had been received and would be circulated to members for their information. Any representations and/or objections should be sent to the Director of Planning and Transportation to arrive by the 7th August 1998. This was noted.

8. A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Residents Association at Newbold Heath thanking the Council for its offer to supply day-glow jackets for their use in litter picking the Newbold Heath are. The Association had been donated jackets free of charge by another supplier and would no longer require them to be supplied by the Council.

206. VILLAGE LAND MARK SCHEMES

It was agreed that this matter remain on the agenda pending further consideration by members.

207.CEMETERY MATTERS

The quotations received thus far for the installation of a footpath at the cemetery were considered. Members agreed to accept the quotation of J K Asphalt for the asphalting at the entrance of the Dragon Lane Recreation Ground adjacent to Mill Lane but to defer acceptance for the cemetery path until further quotes had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to place an order with the lowest contractor so that the work could proceed over the summer period.

Members considered the quotes and price lists of gate suppliers for the new gates for the St. James' Church. It was agreed that the quotation for the gates from Burbage Gates be accepted and that the Clerk should also write to the Rector advising him and the Church Council that new church gates would be installed shortly.

208. NEWBOLD OAKS MEMORIAL FUND – REPORT OF WORKING PARTY

Members of the working party advised the Council that a meeting had taken place with the Trustees of the Charity to consider options for the development of sporting facilities in the parish

which was the main charitable object of the Fund. After considerable debate it was agreed in principle that an approach would be made to the landowner of the farmland adjoining the Alans Way playing field in an endeavour to establish if the adjoining field could be purchased as additional playing field land. It was agreed that if this could be secured that the Council and the Fund would work together both to purchase the land and arrange for the necessary drainage to be installed. It was agreed that members of the working party would each report back to their respective committees and the matter would then be taken forward.
Members confirmed their agreement to the Trustees approaching the landowner and the results of the initial approach would then be reported back to the Council in due course.

209. BUS SHELTER – MAIN STREET/BRASCOTE LANE

It was agreed that the Clerk should complete an application for planning permission to build a brick replacement bus shelter at the site of the existing shelter adjacent to the Old Rectory on Main Street.

210. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

98/00473/FUL C. Fennell 24 Jubilee Road Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a car port at that address. No comment.

98/00417/FUL C.M. Statham 43 Peters Avenue Newbold Verdon. Application for permission to build a porch with W.C. at that address. No comment.

211. PLANNING APPROVALS

None.

212. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

None.

213. CHAIRMANS QUESTION TIME

1. Mr. Hurst reported that there was flooding on the car park at Alans Way and that if this persisted then it should be looked at with a view to ensuring that the drainage was working correctly.

   He also advised that a tree had fallen over and/or was overgrowing into the allotment land. It was agreed that this would be inspected further and that if work was required then this would be reported back to the Council in due course.

   Mr Hurst also stated that the fingerboard adjacent to the Old Rectory required replacement. The Clerk advised that this had been ordered and that the work was expected shortly.

2. Mr Mensley asked for an approach to be made to the owners of Magna the industrial unit on Mill lane in the hope of having some cosmetic tree planting and landscaping to improve the overall appearance of the area. Mr Rivers agreed to make an informal approach initially to Mr Harris and to report back on his response in due course.

3. Mr Watson advised that there had been a number of complaints from residents on Alans Way regarding car parking during use of the facilities by football teams. Apparently the teams were not always advising the caretaker that the car park required opening. The Clerk had requested the managers to ensure that they advised Mr. Bell when they required the car park to be opened and it was hoped that this problem would therefore be resolved.

4. At the Chairman's suggestion it was agreed that the Clerk should attempt to get the lounge at the pavilion repainted during the summer recess and the Clerk was authorised to arrange this accordingly.

5. The Chairman reported that Mr Milner was still hopeful of pursuing his proposals to renovate the Hall Farm and this matter was therefore ongoing. He was also happy to talk to the Council about the future need of further cemetery land and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged to discuss this at a later date. It was also noted that the moles have returned to the cemetery and the Clerk was asked to contact the contractor accordingly.

214. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that they would recess for the summer vacation during August and that the date of the next meeting would therefore be Monday 7 September 1998.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.24PM