

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 5th April 2001 at 7:30pm.

Present; Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall. Morton, Pack, Roberts and the clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Hall and Robinson

Minutes: Approved at Town Council meeting, 19th March 2001

Matters arising:

A 25 — Wardens Gillings Court: Still waiting for written response

Clock key: Cllr Robinson had attended to the hour change

Cllr Marshall will report on the meeting of HDC Public Protection meeting at the After Floods meeting

Cllr Hubbard arrived

Website: (Cllr Adamson explained that no progress had been made since the last meeting

Cllr Morton arrived

Cllr Adamson showed some of the details on his own website and offered his pages free to the Town Council. The necessary transfer should cost around £60. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Morton seconded that the Town Council accept this offer, agreed

Litter around Castlegarth appears to be from the contractors depot at Tesco. Letter of complaint to be sent

Correspondence:

Mr Fraser re fence and refuse South Dowber Lane. HDC has been contacted for removal of refuse

Mr Gittens re Castlegarth. points re having as a more natural area, noted will consider next year

Mrs Miller. vice chairman. Chamber of Trade. re purchase of 2 seats for the Market Place. Agreed to ask are they to be a gift to the Town Council and about future maintenance?

Complaint re graffiti on Johnson the Cleaner's wall, letter to be sent to Johnson requesting its removal.

The Countryside Agency, acknowledgement of survey and thanks.

Sub Committee Reports:

Town Centre Areas:

Plan of planting trees etc on the picnic area was studied and approved. Cllr Marshall reported that Mrs Bedford had contacted her re the delay in approval of the planning application for a garden fence to screen her garden from the picnic area

Cllr Marshall had contacted Mr Cann HDC to clarify the matter, Town Council is to write again to HDC explaining why we wish to see approval given

Thirsk in Bloom:

Cllr Pack said judging for Yorkshire in Bloom is to take place on 10th April 2001 at 9:00am. Cllr Morton gave permission for 2 tubs to be placed on Ingramgate as last year. An open meeting has been arranged for 25th April 2001 in the Friends Meeting House at 7:30pm.

Playareas;

Details of the recent meeting were circulated to Councillors. Cllr Marshall went through these in detail. Sutcliffes had supplied prices for various items of equipment. It was agreed to purchase replacement seats and antiwrap chains for East Thirsk. Mr Amy to install. Further quotations for bark for McCleans are to be obtained. Questions were raised re wetpour surfacing in an area which floods.

Long Street Enhancement meeting:

A written report from the meeting was given to Councillors. Cllr Marshall explained each item. The next meeting is to be held on 10th May 2001.

Stockton Road: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Mr Amy to plant trees in the spaces on the understanding that the work is done as soon as possible.

Greens: A meeting to discuss annual maintenance with Mr Fodcn has been arranged for 3rd May 2001. Cllr Adamson is to supply the telephone number of the sub contractor who has left a hole on St James Green when undertaking work for British Gas.

Other Items of interest and information;

Cllr Marshall concerned about the removal of the curved window at 73 Market Place. HDC enforcement officer has been contacted and is taking action against its removal without permission.

Cllr Roberts reported That the Civic Society had written to NYCC re replacing The lights on St James Green with ones more suitable to the conservation area.

Suspension of Standing Orders for 5 minutes proposed (Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed).

Cllr Jackson brought to the notice of the meeting a report on further research on cancer connections with pylons. It is to be on the next Town Council agenda.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2001 at 7:15pm
in the Upper Room Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Robinson, Salmon. Mr T. Bruce, Project Manager Hambleton & Richmondshire Primary Care Group, 1 member of the public, 1 press reporter and the clerk

Apologies

Cllr Pack. Cllr Robinson (late arrival), Cllrs Morton & Murkett (leaving early)

Cllrs Hall & Hubbard arrived

Cllr Roberts introduced Mr T. Bruce, Project Manager of Hambleton & Richmondshire Primary Care Group who handed out information sheets giving details of slides he would normally have used to illustrate his talk. He gave full details and comparisons between the existing system and that which is proposed. Councillors asked questions mainly on how local people could be affected when changes take place. Assurance was given that all acute services that are available at The Friarage Hospital now will remain available there after the scheme is introduced. Mr Bruce explained that specialised equipment is so

expensive to install 4 staff and run that centralisation to only one hospital in a group is necessary. Mr Bruce promised to send the Town Council a draft copy of the proposals. Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Bruce for attending the meeting.
Mr Bruce left the meeting

Cllrs Hall and Salmon arrived while Mr Bruce was speaking.

Minutes

Town Council, 19th March 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed

Amenities

5th April 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed

Police Report

None present

Cllr Marshall asked for a report on the armed incident that had taken place in the Market Place. Cllr Robinson asked for details of the attack in the town recently to also be obtained from the police

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Moron seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed

Open Forum

Mrs Dodds asked why plans of Seegar development, Picks Lane were not available at the library. It was decided to ask HDC why plans for this were not in the library and also to clarify the difference between revised and amended

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed

Matters Arising

Autolink do not consider litter on any road which they maintain their responsibility
It was agreed to request HDC to change the postal address of Masonic Lane be changed to Picks Lane

Containers behind Sutton Court were being used for storage by Broadacres have now been removed

Cllr Robinson objected to the Town Council paying for the disposal of dead sheep in Carrs Field. It was agreed that the costs incurred should be recovered from the owner of the sheep

HDC have refused the application at 73 Market Place as the removal of the windows and moving of the entrance had taken place before HDC and the Town Council could consider the application. Action is being taken to have the original shape of window and the position of the door restored

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between Highways Agency, NYCC, HDC and the surrounding parishes involved to discuss the problem of traffic noise

Cllr Robinson was given permission to order a banner sign' to be used during Thirsk Festival on the Town Hall. proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Morton, agreed

County Council Report

Cllr Jackson asked Cllr Murkett if any further details were available re the roundabout at Town End? Cllr Murkett replied that it was on NYCC agenda for consideration

District Council Report

Cllr Marshall reported on the HDC Local Plan sub committee meeting held recently.

Housing on green field sites will be delayed because HDC housing allocation has been filled. Rybeck Farm site had been discussed, 68 houses in the planning application when the District Wide Plan had allowed for 40. HDC Standards Committee has met; consultation will take place and training for Parish Councils will be offered.

Cllr Marshall had contacted Mr Cann, HDC re the application for a fence at the rear of 11 St James Green for which approval has now been given. Cllr Marshall had spoken at the last HDC Planning meeting on the applications on Picks Lane. The decision has been deferred

Cllr Morton left the meeting

Planning

Granted: 2/00/152/01 02T Prop: Construction of petrol filling station with associated facilities as amended by plans received by HDC on 21st February 2001 and letter received on 13th March and 3rd April 2001

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/OI4IG Prop: Alterations to existing shop front

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-operatives Ltd. (TC approve)

2/01/152/0141 H Prop: Application for LBC for alterations to existing shop front.

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-operatives Ltd (TC approve)

2/01/1 52/05673 Prop: Renewal of outline for the construction of 2 detached dwellings.

Location: 21 Station Road. Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr J Rogers (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0630 Prop: Construction of two pairs of semi detached dwellings as amended by plans received by HDC on 20th November 2000.

Location: Three Tuns Yard, Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr M Robinson (TC refused)

2/00/152/0643 prop: Alterations to existing disused storage buildings for use as a dwelling as amended by letters and plan received by HDC on 31 St January 2001.

Location: Rear of 39 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Delderfield. (TC approved)

2/01/152/0650 Prop: Change of use of existing storage building to use as a child-care facility.

Location: Building to the rear of 36 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Miss S Dundon & Miss C Long (TC refused)

2/01/152/0651 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 2 Herriot Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr S A Grainger. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0653 prop: Alterations to existing garages

Location: 1 4a Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Freeman Quality Products (TC no objections)

Refused

2/01/152/0126Z Prop: Change of use of first and seconded floors from residential accommodation to office use.

Location: 13 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr P L Fearn. (TC refused)

Applications

2/01/139/03065 Prop: Display of 2 externally illuminated fascia signs and an internally illuminated free-standing sign as amended by plans received by HDC on 13 March 2001

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Teseo Stores Ltd (TC refused)

2/01/152/00775 Prop: Conversion of 2 disused cottages to extension of retail unit and external alterations

Location: Rear of 79/81 Market Place, Thirsk (TC approved)

2/01/152/0102W Prop: Display of an internally illuminated freestanding sign

Location: Station Road Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0282K Prop: Use of parts of existing dwelling for bed & breakfast purposes.

Location: 18 Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr Mrs Jenkins (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0400A & B Prop: Alterations to existing ground floor shop as amended by drawings received by HDC on 19th March & 5th April 2001.

Location: 73 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Market Cross Jewellers. (TC object to removal of window)

2/01 / 152/04923 Prop: Change of use of retail unit to amusement centre.

Location: 20 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Cleveland Leisure Ltd (TC refused)

2/01/152/0583B Prop: Outline application for residential development as amended by plan received by HDC on 15th January 2001.

Location: Highways Depot, Norby, Thirsk.

Applicant: Highways Agency (TC no objections)

2/01 /152/0654A Prop: LBC for the refurbishment of elevations and window replacement.

Location: 13 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr PL Fearn (TC no objections)

2/01 / 152/0655 Prop: Construction of extension to the rear of existing bungalow

Location: 6 Woolmoor Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr P Fawcett. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/ 0656 Prop: Alterations and extension of existing dwelling house.

Location: 5 Woolmoor Close. Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr N I Rand (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0660 Prop: Alterations and 2 storey extension to existing Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Location: Hillcrest Plumpbank. Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ellis (TC no objections)

Accounts

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

K Dickinson, clean office windows, 5 wks £10.00

M Burnett, repair fence, picnic area £15

The Colour Centre. B.Bd paint £32.98

Amberol, basket liner £66.38

Power Point Ltd. broom shaft £1.07

YLCA, membership ABA, membership, £20.00

YLCA, sub 2001/2002, membership £405.00

YPFA. sub 2001/2002., membership £25.00

C F Pattison, office rent, 3 mths. £975.00

HDC, Town Hall, Annex, building insp £835.47

Roberts Construction, payment on cert. 1 £25,507.11

Yorkshire Water, office. 1/2 year £71.66

BT office phone £49.91

D J Mann, clean bus shelter windows £45.50

C Amy, Carrs Field, new hedge £310.00, fencing £180.00, replace culvert £200.00

Holmes, replacement trees £20.00

Stockton Road, planting scheme £722.00

Wkly. Insp, Playareas £162.80

Mill Gardens, sweep, clean, etc £120.00
Picnic Area, sweep, clean etc £ 30.00
Herriot Way. gap up hedging £ 10.00 Total £1,754.80
HDC, C Tax, office BACS £118.50
Barclays, Inland rev. BACS £287.19
M Greenwood, salary, BACS £676.11
A M Wilkinson, salary, BACS, March, 01 £618.04
Since last meeting: Cllr Roberts, Mayors allowance (half year) £200.00

Cllr Robinson expressed his concern at the amount of money being spent on Carrs Field, the last invoice was for fencing and hedging. Cur Marshall explained the system of funding re trusts

Memorials

Approval of the following application proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.
Application for additional inscription: Daphne Jackson.

Correspondence

NYCC, A61 waiting restrictions, details noted. NYCC, Highway maintenance, dates and places were noted.

Transfer of licence, agreed, new licensee to attend suitable course.

HDC, 62 Market Place, opening hours, noted.

S. Kilvington, bypass meeting re noise, noted

NYCC prohibition of waiting & loading, Picks Lane; Town Council to object as it had to previous notification.

HDC Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, notification of possible work on the tree at the front of the hall. Cllr Robinson info informed the meeting that a TPO is not needed as it stands within a conservation area.

HDC Parish review, boundary changes in Chapel Street by the Town Council are not being taken on board by HDC.

NY Fire & Rescue Service requests the support of the Mayor in publishing their campaign for smoke alarm ownership and donations to provide alarms to the vulnerable. Cllr Roberts will contact Mr Swiers to make necessary arrangements.

Suspension of Standing Orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

From tabled correspondence

Cllr Salmon welcomed the introduction of the Transport card

Cllr Salmon asked for the letter from F. Kendall & Sons to be read to the meeting.

Cllr Roberts explained that she had given a copy to the Town Hall Management committee and that a reply had been sent to Mr Kendall.

Councillors discussed the process that had been used by the Town Hall Management committee re tenders.

Cllr Marshall explained to councillors the process that Town Council would have to follow in tender procedure but added that under best value the Town Council take a wider view of what was best for the community however this would still have to meet financial requirements and satisfy the district auditor. Cllr Adamson commented that the whole thing had been a ring.

Town Hall Annex

A report on the recent meeting of the representatives was given. Mr N Klaye had asked the representatives to decide on the type and colour of tiles and the quality and colour of carpet. Cllr Robinson had proposed that the Town Hall Management committee should

make these decisions, all agreed

Cemetery Fees

Cllr Hall is working on the details. The Burial Board will meet to discuss and agree proposals, to Be included on the next Town Council agenda.

Suspension of Standing Orders for a further 10 minutes proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Salmon, agreed.

Pylons

Cllr Jackson read relevant parts of a recent report re proof of leukaemia links with the areas near pylons which had been published in the press and suggested the Town Council should take the matter up with the European Court of Human rights. After discussion Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Hubbard seconded that the Town Council should send a copy of the full press report and a letter to our MP and MEP requesting advice on how to approach the European Court for Human Rights on this matter. Copies are to be sent to Revolt, HDC, NYCC and the Darlington & Stockton Times.

Cllr Marshall proposed that the discussion on H.E.R.S. be put on the next agenda.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity committee held on Thursday 3rd May 2001 at 7:30pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

Present

Cllr Adamson, in the chair, Cllrs Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Roberts. Robinson, Salmon and the clerk.

Apologies

Cllr Hall.

Minutes

Approved at Town Council meeting, 23rd April 2001.

Cllr Marshall and Cllr Salmon arrived.

Matters arising

A28: Wardens Gillings Court, after details given by the clerk it was agreed to leave the matter for the moment.

Website, Cllr Marshall congratulated and thanked, Cllr Adamson for all the work he had put in setting up the Town Council website. All the Councillors present agreed.

Seats on Market Place; Mrs Miller has been contacted re ownership and maintenance.

Clerk to get in touch again.

Graffiti in alleyway near Johnsons Cleaners, further letters to be sent.

A29: Mr Amy is to be asked to supply a sample of the bark that he proposes using on McLeans Playarea. Further samples and quotes are also required.

Stockton Road, tree planting has now been completed.

Greens: Cllr Morton reported on maintenance work that it is hoped will take place weather permitting in June.

Correspondence

Cllr Hubbard handed in a letter that Mr Kendall had given to him; the clerk read it to the meeting. Cur Marshall said the Town Council had not been responsible for the tendering process.

Cllr Murkett said that the replacement of the annex had been well reported in the press and surely Mr Kendall also knew to read the planning applications list at HDC. Discussion of points raised and on what response should be made took place.

Cllr Roberts apologised for taking the Town Council letter to the Town Hall Management committee before the Town Council had considered it. Cllr Salmon proposed a response giving answers to details raised seconded Cllr Adamson, but Cllr Robinson proposed Cllr Hubbard seconded that an even shorter reply should be made. It was unanimously agreed that a short response was the best method. Clerk to consult Cllr Adamson on wording.

Thirsk in Bloom

Cllr Pack reported that judging had taken place on 10th April 2001 and the results are awaited. About 20 people attended, 10 of whom were willing to form a committee, attended the public meeting on 25th April 2001. The first committee meeting is on 17th May 2001 at 8, Herriot Way. Cllr Pack has been given permission to have hanging baskets on some of the lamp standards in the Market Place. Sponsors for the baskets are coming forward. Cllr Pack asked Cllr Marshall if there was a chance of having more baskets hung on the fence of the library. Cllr Marshall is to ask the trust. Cllr Adamson thanked Cllr Pack on behalf of the Council for the huge amount of effort and enthusiasm she had put into establishing Thirsk in Bloom and also wished the committee well with the entry in Yorkshire in Bloom this year. The Town Hall Management committee are putting tubs on their balcony this

year. Cllr Jackson reported that Thirsk museum would like to liase with Thirsk in Bloom. Cllr Salmon agreed to be the Council representative on the Thirsk in Bloom committee. A Town Council sub committee for Thirsk in Bloom will be formed at the next meeting. Cllr Marshall explained how Thirsk in Bloom will get funding from the Town Council. Discussion on how sponsorship should be acknowledged took place, suggestions being labels, notices or a published list.

Sub Committee Reports

Central areas: Cllr Pack reported that the remedial work had still to be done.

Carrs Field: Cllr Hubbard reported the area is now open to the public again as the foot and mouth restrictions had been lifted.

Long Street Enhancement: Next meeting will be on 10th May 2001 in the Town Office at 7.30pm.

Town Development Working Party: Cllr Jackson would like the working party to be involved in how the money recently allocated to Thirsk is used.

Other Items of interest and information

Cllr Marshall reported that as a District Councillor she had not been informed of the allocation of money for Thirsk and the surrounding area.

Cllr Hubbard asked how work on the emergency plan was progressing?

Cllr Robinson reported that the banner sign for the Town Hall had been ordered today.

Cllr Jackson expressed his dislike for the planned postal pouches.

Cllr Adamson explained the reasons why they are necessary.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 21st May 2001 after the Annual Parish Council meeting in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, Salmon, press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: none

Minutes:

Town Council, 23rd April 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

Amenities meeting, 3rd May 2001: approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Police Report: No police present.

Parking on Station Road for car boot sales on Sunday mornings: Cllr Adamson asked for the traffic problems to be resolved for the good of all road users and residents in the area and he hoped that the organisers of the boots sales had been invoiced for the police presence needed to clear the gridlock which occurred at the first sale. Recent burglaries in the town: Cllr Hall was sorry that the police were not in attendance at this meeting and felt that a special effort should be made on their part to attend when so many items needed to be addressed.

Drinking outside the Royal Hotel and the Black Bull on 19th May 2001 (last race meeting): Cllr Roberts was concerned that drinking had taken place outside both premises causing members of the public a certain amount of unnecessary distress. Cllr Adamson informed the meeting that the Royal Hotel had not entered the agreement whereby landlords made every effort to keep drinking within their premises.

Open Forum: No public at the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Hambleton & Richmondshire Primary Care Group, draft proposals have been received and are circulating.

Auto Link to be contacted again re the litter problem.

Town End roundabout traffic problem: Cllr Murkett had no further progress to report.

Right of Way Three Tuns Yard: Cur Hall asked if any progress had been made in establishing the path, none to date.

Incorrect report in the D/S Times: Cllr Marshall was disgusted with the inaccurate and incorrect report in the recent issue of the newspaper. The matter was discussed.

Cllr Robinson proposed the suspension of standing orders for 5 minutes to allow Councillors to question the reporter present, Miss A Lewis, seconded Cllr Salmon, agreed.

Miss Lewis said she felt that she had reported the matter correctly and that she should have been contacted on the matter before now. Cllr Marshall asked if the D & S Times would correct the front-page report? Miss Lewis was unsure. Cllr Hall suggested that in future Miss Lewis would be well advised to check her accuracy with the Councillor or Councillors involved in any controversial issue. Miss Lewis did not see this matter as controversial. Cllr Marshall said that only half of her points had been reported thus giving an incorrect view'.

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Murkett seconded that the Town Council should not proceed with the matter (6 for 2 against 2 abstained). Cllr Marshall was unhappy with the decision.

Pylons: Cllr Jackson asked had his letter and copies of the report in the press had been sent to the relevant people, it had.

County Council Report:

Cllr Murkett had nothing special to report.

District Council Report:

Cur Robinson read details of HDC New Structure of Committees informing members which committees Cllrs Marshall and himself now serve on.

Details of the recent HDC Liaison meeting were reported.

Funding for regeneration, details were given on the possible way forward for Thirsk.

The Hillside Ward had received Objective 2 funding of £457,000 that could be used as match funding in the Thirsk area.

At the first meeting of the new HDC cabinet on 24th May 2001 CCTV is on the agenda.

Cllr Marshall had attended a meeting at which Yorkshire Forward had given details of the next steps to be made by Thirsk towards using the awarded funds, the first year has already begun, an action plan (for which £10,000 has been allocated) must be done by

consultants who can have any necessary research completed by September. CIP. is still continuing for SRB money but SRB cannot be used as match funding. Planning Committee:

Cllr Roberts reported that there had been 158 planning applications made during the last year (previous years had been around 100). Cllr Adamson asked in how many of these applications the decision of the Town Council and that of HDC Planning been the same?

Cllr Robinson said that HDC had these details. Cllr Robinson reported that the proposed

development in Picks Lane had been passed in principal.

Applications:

Granted:

2/01/152/0102W Prop display of an internally illuminated free standing sign

2/01/152/0102W Prop: Display of an internally illuminated free-standing sign Location: Station road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores. Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0282K Prop: Use of parts of existing dwelling for bed and breakfast purposes. Location: 18 Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Jenkin (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0282L Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to parts of existing dwelling to provide bed and breakfast accommodation

Location: 18 Kirkgate, Thirsk (TC no objections)

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Jenkin

2/01/152/0649 Prop; Construction of a boundary fence as amended by plan received by HDC on 9th May 2001.

Location: 11 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs Bedford (TC approve)

2/01/152/0652 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 36 White Rose Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr S Blackburn (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0654A Prop: LBC consent for the refurbishment of elevations and window replacement.

Location: 13 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: P L Fearn. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0655 Prop: Construction of extension to rear of existing bungalow

Location: 6 Woolmoor Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr P Fawcett (TC no objections)

Refused:

2/01 / 152/011 OB Prop: Extension to existing bungalow to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 21 Dowber Way, Thirsk (TC refused)

2/0 1/1 52/0400A Prop: Alterations to existing ground floor shop as amended by drawings on 19th March and 5th April 2001.

Location: 73 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Market Cross Jewellers (TC refused)

2/01/1 52/0400A Prop: Display of an externally illuminated sign and a non-illuminated sign

Location: 73 Market place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Market Cross Jewellers (TC refused)

2/0 1/1 52/0492B Prop; Change of use of retail unit to amusement centre.

Location: 20 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Cleveland Leisure Ltd (TC refused)

Appeal:

2/00152/0638 Prop: Provision of replacement windows.

Location: 18 Ingramgate. Thirsk.

Applicant: J Herrington (TC refused)

Applications:

2/01/152/01411 Prop: Alterations to existing first floor & second floor living accommodation for as 3 flats.

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-operatives Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/021 6D Prop: Renewal on consent for the change of use of existing workshop/office to a dwelling.

Location: Porters Vault. Chapel Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs H L Taylor. (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0542A Prop: Alterations to existing ground floor shop front & provision of 3 replacement windows first floor windows.

Location: 89 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: W D Rukin. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0657 Prop: Installation of a mail pouch box.

Location: Norby Thirsk

Applicant: Consignia plc (TC no representations)

2/01/152/0659 Prop: Installation of a mail pouch box.

Location: Hambleton View, Thirsk.

Applicant: Consignia plc (TC no representations)

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Jackson, Quill, stationery £69.37

K Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00

CE & CM Walker, grasscutting £949.40

FDTodd & Sons Ltd, empty skip B Bd £164.93

HDC, Playground insp. Course £5.00

Harrogate Scaffolding, Cern Lodge £411.25

Refund, M Greenwood, phone rental, calls, Cem Lodge £40.49

Cornhill Insurance £1629.54

£1,629.54 Yorkshire Water, Cern Lodge. 1/2 year £133.44

Power Point Ltd. Playareas £40.25

Thirsk Hall, wayleaves £5.00

Applegarth Building Management, Town Hall annex £1762.00

Snape Roberts, cert 2, Town Hall annex £28921.74

C Amy:

Wkly insp, Playareas £162.80

Mill Gardens, tidy etc £120.00

Picnic Area, litter picking, sweeping etc £20.00

White Mare weed roundabout and shrubbery £20.00

Centenary Field. top docks etc £65.00

Paid since last meeting:

On Site Archaeology, Town Hall annex £372.71

Inland Revenue, B. Bd. BACS £188.04

Inland Revenue, Town Council BACS £247.11

M Greenwood, Cern. Supt. Salary, BACS £540.30

A M Wilkinson, Salary BACS £625.82

Memorials:

Approval of the following proposed Cll Hall seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

George Cyril Dodsworth

Leslie Jewitt

Application for an additional inscription:

John Ryan

Correspondence:

HDC Standards Committee, nomination of member: Cllr Adamson agreed to let his name go forward as the nominee of the Town Council.

HDC Standards Committee: Town Council decision on whether the HDC Standards

Committee should be a committee (voting 6 for 5 against) or a sub committee (voting 5 for

6 against), therefore the Town Council wish it to be a committee.

Somerfield, transfer of licence: no objections, request that the new licensee attends a suitable course.

Trains for Market Towns, conference 14th June 2001: Cllr Murkett willing to attend with Cllr Marshall as deputy.

HDC, opening hours, 62 Market Place: Further warning re irregular and late opening hours, noted.

WRVS donation request: Clerk to investigate if a donation could be designated for use in our area.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Group. National Osteoporosis Society: meeting noted. Cllr Morton will possibly attend.

Mrs Penson, re Pizza shop: Details and photos to be forwarded to Mr Kendall, Head of HDC Environmental Health & Housing.

HDC Parish Liaison meeting, report: noted.

HDC New Political Structures: to be photo copied and circulated to Councillors.

HDC Parish Review of Hambleton: to be circulated.

HDC Housing Strategy 2001: to be circulated.

Y & NY PFA, AGM & nomination to Exec. Comm. & Annual meeting: Cllr Hubbard agreed to attend the annual meeting.

NYCC proposed lighting, Long Street: Details to be given to Long Street Enhancement Working Party.

Cartwrights, closure of Store: noted.

NYCC Temporary closure AI 70: noted.

YLCA annual conference, 7/8 September 2001: noted, reminder at next meeting.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership. grants: noted.

Town Hall Annex:

Cllr Robinson reported on the site visit that had taken place today. Some of the spare money that has been saved on various items will be used to 'clean up' the front of the existing building.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Burial Board:

Cllr Hall proposed fees at the cemetery should be increased by 5% from 1st September 2001 seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

H.E.RS.:

Full details to be obtained and included on the next Amenity agenda.

Sub Committee Reports: Open areas: Cllr Marshall said a meeting is to be held on 30th May 2001 at 7.00pm beginning at The Holmes.

Representatives:

Infant School Charity: Cllr Marshall reported that £25 had been allocated to Thirsk in Bloom for planting of the tubs outside the library.

Detached Youth Worker Project: Cllr Marshall reported that 2 workers have now been appointed.

East Thirsk Community Assn.: Cllr Adamson said that preparations have begun for the celebrations of The Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Hambleton CAB: Cllr Roberts reported the branch will shortly be moving into its new premises.

Members Reports:

Cllr Pack gave the results of the first judging of Yorkshire in Bloom and was congratulated on the higher position attained and for all the effort both she and her team of helpers had put into making Thirsk a cleaner, prettier and brighter town.

Cllr Morton expressed concern re rope hanging in a tree on The Holmes. Mr Amy has already been asked to remove it.

Cllr Adamson expressed his concern re the amount of debris collecting in the Cod Beck near Finkle Street bridge. Cllr Marshall reported that water levels were hampering remedial work but HDC hope to begin soon.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th June 2001 at 7:15pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, Salmon, D/S times reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Marshall.

Cllr Roberts read a letter of resignation from Cllr Morton in which he expressed his regret at having to resign for family reasons. Councillors paid tribute to Cllr Morton for all that he had contributed to the Council, particularly the enhancement to St James Green. Agreed to send a letter of thanks and a card wishing both Cllr Morton and his wife good wishes for the future in their new home.

Cllr Roberts wished Miss Allison Lewis, D/S Times reporter, well in her new job with The Northern Echo and thanked for her reports during her time at Thirsk.

Minutes: Town Council, 21st May 2001: P1205 add 'could and 'with the Market Town Regeneration funding" Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Police Report: none present.

Cllr Pack said her concern was at the recent spate of burglaries that had occurred.

Cllr Robinson reported that due to insufficient signage at the exit of the Finkle Street car park some drivers were turning right. A clear "No right turn' sign is necessary.

Barbeck Close, despite yellow lines, cars are being parked there, sometimes all day.

Cllr Hall felt that parishioners would be losing confidence in their local police if problems in their area were not addressed

Matters Arising:

P1204: Autolink had not replied to a request to tidy up litter etc on York Road.

P1205: Cllr Jackson asked for a copy of a recent report on contamination from pylons and letter to be sent to Mss Beckett MP. now she has responsibilities for the environment.

P1206: Clerk is to contact HDC Planning to ask what, if anything, was happening re windows at 73 Market Place.

P1208: HDC Standards Committee, Parish Representative, Cllr Robinson asked if Town Council could promote the Town Council nominee, Cllr Adamson. All agreed that a letter be sent to all Parish Councils that did not nominate a Councillor.

County Council Report: Cllr Marshall not present.

Cllr Robinson thanked Cllr Murkett for all his work during the last 4 years while he represented the area.

District Council Report: Cllr Robinson had nothing to report as many of the new committees had yet to meet.

Cllr Jackson raised the issue of the Town council requesting the car park in Finkle Street be changed from a short to long stay. Cllr Robinson promised to raise this with officers at HDC.

Planning:

Granted:

2/0 1/1 52/0077J Prop: Conversion of three disused cottages to existing retail unit and external alterations.

Location: Rear of 79-81 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Bookjudge Ltd, Pensions Plan. (TC approve)

2/01/152/02 16D prop: Renewal of consent for the change of use of existing workshop/office to a dwelling.

Location: Porters Vaults, Chapel Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs HL Taylor (TC no objections)

2/01 / 1 52/0542A prop; Alterations to existing ground floor shop and provision of 3 replacement first floor windows.

Location: 89 Market Place, Thirsk Applicant: W D Rukin (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0654A Prop: Provision of replacement windows

Location: 13 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: P L Fearn (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0647A Prop: Ground floor extensions to existing dwelling house.

Location: 24 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: R Gammon (TC no objections)

2/01 / 152/0657 prop: Installation of a mail pouch box

Location: Norby, Thirsk

Applicant: Consignia plc (TC no representations)

2/01/152/0658 Prop: Installation of a mail pouch box as amended by plans received by HDC. 1st May 2001.

Location: Rymer Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Consignia plc (TC no representations)

2/01/152/0659 prop: Installation of a mail pouch box.

Location: Hambleton View Thirsk

Applicant: Consignia plc (TC no representations)

Refused:

2/01/152/0656 prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling house.

Location: 5 Woolmoor Close. Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr T N Rand (TC but neighbour objecting to loss of light)

Appeal:

2/01/1 52/0492B prop: Change of use of retail to amusement centre.

Location: 20 Market Place. Thirsk

Applicant: Cleveland Leisure Ltd. (TC refused)

Applications:

2/01/152/00835 Prop: Extension to existing club office

Location: 21 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: RBL (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0608A Prop: Layout of land and construction of 7 dwellings. 2 flats and conversion of existing disused agricultural buildings to 9 dwellings as amended by plans received by HDC on 5th April 2001.

Location: Picks Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Seegar Homes Ltd (TC various points raised for clarification)

2/01/1 52/0608B Prop: Application for LBC for the demolition of the existing wall and construction of a replacement wall as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 30th May 2001.

Location: Picks Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Seegar Homes (TC agreed, must use existing bricks)

2/00/152/061 9A Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 1 Megson Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs A Lill, (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0647A Prop: Ground floor extensions to existing dwelling house

Location: 24 Herriot Way, Thirsk Applicant: R Gammon (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0658 Prop: Installation of a mail pouch box

Location: Rymer Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Consignia plc (TC refused)

2/01/152/0661 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 33 Herriot Way Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Airey (TC no objections)

2/OI/152/0083T Prop: Application for LBC for an extension to existing club office accommodation

Location: 21 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: RBL. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/01 09C Prop: Alterations and extension to existing bungalow to provide office accommodation.

Location: Meadowridge Farm, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: M Featherstone (TC no objections)

2/00/1 52/0353B Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor Class A1 use to Class A3 use with first floor ancillary staff and storage.

Location: 9 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr G Watson. (TC no objections)

2/00/I 52/0475C Prop: Extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 30 Favenfield, Thirsk.

Applicant: J E Talman (TC no objections)

Picks Lane development: Cllr Robinson asked why the Town Council had received plans so late that a response could not be sent for HDC Planning committee to take into consideration when making their decision. Cllr Roberts explained that it had been queried and had been told that it was an amendment that would be considered later.

Concern re demolition of wall by Teseo Stores Ltd on the filling station site. it had been carefully taken down so perhaps the bricks would be used in the replacement wall when built.

Accounts:

The following accounts were proposed for payment by Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

C Amy:

Wkly insp. Playareas/amenity areas £200.80

Mill Gardens, clean, weed etc (5wks) £150.00

Picnic area, litter pick, etc £20.00

Castlegarth, litter pick £10.00

Shire Park, erect sign £15.00 Holmes remove fallen tree from beck, including tractor hire £50.00

Seat maintenance, 2001. £980.00

Additional seat, maintenance £30.00

CE & CM Walker, grass cutting:

General areas £572.00

Churchyard £76.00

Cemetery £320.00

Quill, stationery £47.78

Refund, D Adam son, re internet connection £23.50

BT, office phone £159.33

Power Point Ltd. repair Stiga, B.Bd£193.24

Bridge Garage, fuel, B Bd £3.95

K Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00

Town Hall, annex:

(Town Council-£17,105.23, Sowerby PC£17,105.24.VAT£5,986.83) Total £40,197.30.

Snape Roberts, cert3 £40,197.30

M Greenwood, salary, May - BACS £978.34

A M Wilkinson, salary, May BACS £632.79

HDC, C Tax, office, DD £118.50

Memorials: None.

Correspondence:

HDC, Nursery, Stone Hall, Stockton Road: letter for information re planning conditions not being implemented, noted.

NYCC Committee for Hambleton, meeting 3rd July 2001, Sowerby Parochial Hall, 7:00pm. Cllr Robinson to attend.

NYCC, Grass cutting 200 1/2008: Further details to be asked for. Discussion on 'double payment' if the Town Council take on the prominent areas cut by NYCC needs more consideration when implications are known. it was felt that St Mary's Walk and other similar areas would appreciate more regular cuts.

Cllr Pack said she hoped the next cut would take place before the next judging for Yorkshire in Bloom.

NYCC Winter maintenance: copies to be given to Councillors to study for discussion at Amenity meeting.

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership, meeting 19th June 2001: no one able to attend.

David J Cole & Co, protection order, replied 11th June 2001 noted.

Thirsk Market Towns Initiative, meeting, 20th June 2001: most Councillors to attend.

Hambleton & Richondshire Carers Assn, meeting 4th July 2001: noted.

HDC Flooding 2000 in Thirsk, most details given were already known.

NYCC - timetables, available at the Town Office.

HDC Payrolls, Insurance & Precepts: Town Council not interested.

NYCC, A61 Waiting restrictions: Councillors not sure if this is solution will work as it needs policing.

HDC District Wide Local Plan. draft: being studied.

YLCA Annual conference & AGM, 7/8th September 2001 (by 24th August 2001): to be brought to next meeting.

Eccles Heddon re ownership of land at the rear of 4 White Rose Way: A copy to be sent to Cllr Marshall for her to study before a reply can be given.

From Tabled Correspondence:

Barlow Wilson re Whitelass House: Discussion took place it was agreed that the Town Council are unable to comment as it is not in the parish.

Town Hall Annex:

Meeting of Council representatives are to meet on 19th June 2001 in Town Office.

Councillors discussed parking and the frontage of the Town Hall. Cllr Jackson asked if the wall could be removed and grasscrete installed.

Sub Committee Reports:

Burial Board: Cllr Hall will report in confidential items.

Central Areas: Cllr Pack asked for a meeting to be arranged soon.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson asked for the replacement bulbs to be ordered.

Representatives:

Cllr Murkett had represented the Town Council at the Trains for Market Towns Seminar which had proved very informative. A representative would be willing to come to a Town

Council meeting. Cllr Murkett asked had Thirsk in Bloom considered any floral enhancement at Thirsk Station as first impressions by visitors are important. Concern for disabled people using the station was raised. The access gate they need to use requires unlocking by station staff and the station is not always manned.

Cllr Pack reported that Thirsk in Bloom is progressing well and now has its own potting shed at Thirsk Garden Centre. A scheme for sponsored hanging baskets is being proving popular.

The next judging date is not known yet and Barleys Yard is entered in a separate competition.

Cllr Salmon congratulated Cllr Pack and her team for the great improvement they had made to the town.

Cllr Hubbard: Chamber of Trade meeting report, the Ideal Homes and Gardens event on the racecourse had been a great success, profits to be divided between Thirsk in Bloom and Christmas Lights Appeal; £100 will be spent on extra bunting for use during the festival. Action is being taken in an attempt to lower business rates in the town.

Carrs Field Trust: Support is being received from numerous sources but a commitment is still needed for the hard standing of the skateboard area.

York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association AGM: Had been a good meeting.

Cllr Roberts: Had represented the Town Council at the recent 750 years celebrations in Bedale and had been judging in the Best Villages competition.

Members Reports:

Cllr Murkett: Signs are needed on entrance to Rymer Way showing which roads it leads to and that it is not a through road.

Cllr Hubbard wanted to know what progress been made re flood prevention in the town and also with the compiling of the emergency plan?

Cllr Jackson had received a rather outdated leaflet on Conservation Area Planning Advice from HDC; felt it should be brought up to date for the benefit of the area.

Cllr Adamson reported that phase 2 of the smoke alarm scheme is now under way and asked if a donation from the Town Council could be considered at the next meeting, agreed for it to be on the agenda.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Minutes of the Amenity meeting held on Thursday 28th June 2001 at 7:30pm. in the Upper Room Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett and Robinson, and the clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Adamson, Hall, Roberts.

Appointment of Chairman for 2001/2002:

Cllr Jackson nominated and Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Robinson. Cllr Robinson accepted nomination. Unanimously agreed
Cllr Robinson took the chair.

It was suggested that a record for apologies (with reasons) be kept for both Town Council and Amenity meetings.

Matters Arising:

Town Hall annex: A report of the meeting held on 19th June 2001 was given. Completion is expected within days. Mr Kaye, consultant, is to provide a copy of the letter of intent, a

breakdown of 'savings' and extra expenditure, and the hand over date to both Councils. Cllr Robinson reported he had put up the banner and bunting on the Town Hall for the festival. Thanks were expressed to Thirsk in Bloom for their haste in planting the 'garden' area at the Town Hall.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported that the judging for Yorkshire in Bloom is to be on 4th July 2001 and that HDC have promised to sweep the town centre and surrounding streets early in the morning.

Correspondence:

Eccles Heddon, re 4 White Rose Way ownership of land: Cllr Marshall explained how the problem had arisen and proposed that the Town Council agreed that the land adjoining the rear garden of 4 White Rose Way should belong to the owner: seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Open Areas Report:

Cllr Marshall reported on the meeting held on 30th May 2001 when the committee visited all the playareas and open areas in the town. (Full report of meeting will be circulated for the next Amenity meeting).

Shire Park: Clerk to contact Mrs H. Clough-Smith, HDC for guidance re dog fouling sign.

Craigs Way:

HDC Leisure Dept. is to be asked for the plan and details of suggested equipment agreed with the developer for the playarea, funding and the reason for the delay.

A letter is to be sent to Mr D Goodwin HDC asking why playareas were not completed on a new development as the last house is completed.

McCleans: More quotes for bark are to be obtained.

Workhouse: Developer's solicitors still not corresponding with HDC.

Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme(HERS):

Cllr Robinson had given the clerk some details which had been photocopied for Councillors. This funding could be used as match funding for the Market Towns Initiative Scheme. It was suggested that the surface of the alleyway near Porters Vaults could possibly be completed with money from HERS. It is hoped that HDC can provide more details soon.

NYCC Winter Maintenance Policy:

Councillors had studied the details and after further discussion the questionnaire was completed.

NYCC Grass Cutting 2002/2008:

Further details had been sent from NYCC. Councillors decided to make their decision at the next meeting.

NHS Primary Care Trust Consultation:

Councillors are to circulate the details and attend the meeting in the Town Hall on 23rd July 2001 before replying.

Sub Committee Reports:

Long Street Enhancement Working Party meeting: notes had been circulated.

Cllr Murkett asked for Rymer Way to have a sign listing the roads it leads to at the entrance. Mr P. Underwood HDC to be asked re signage.

Town Development Working Party: Cllr Jackson he felt there is an urgent need for a meeting soon.

Other items of interest and information: Cllr Robinson was sorry that there had been no forward information given out by HDC re the changes in bin collection days.

No information had been sent to the town re the recent bike race which passed through the town or that HDC would be welcoming the cyclists in Thirsk.

Cllr Marshall had received a letter on CCTV monitoring in the Millgate Picnic Area, will give a copy to the clerk.

Cllr Hubbard asked if 2 invoices for Carrs Field Trust could be put to the next Town Council meeting. Cllr Murkett said he would call a meeting of the Carrs Field committee before then so the invoices could be considered.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 16th July 2001 at 7:15pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the Chair, Adamson, Hubbard, Jackson, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, 2 police officers, 1 press reporter, 2 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall, Marshall and Salmon.

Minutes:

Town Council, 18th June 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Amenities: 28th June 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Cllr Hubbard arrived.

Police Report:

Insp. Broadley apologised that there had not been any police personnel available to attend the last 2 meetings of the Town Council. Insp. Broadley expressed concern at the misreporting by the press that had occurred on this matter.

Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to PC Hannan explaining the situation and thanking her for her attendance in the past.

Some changes in the shift system at Thirsk would in future make attendance even more difficult. Insp. Broadley suggested that a list of any matters raised by Councillors would be given to her soon after the meeting. A response to these and any further matter raised up to approximately a week before the next meeting would receive a written response from her by the next meeting.

Insp Broadley gave some details re the recent spate of burglaries in the area and that the overspill at some public houses on race days had been taken up with the landlords.

A police traffic warden is now in the area and it is hoped that many of the problems such as cycling and parking on the pavement, large lorries passing through the town etc will soon be addressed.

Cllr Jackson thanked the police for their attendance during the recent festival and reported on the interest shown in the mobile police station, which had been at some events.

A meeting between Sgt Waite and the Town Council is to be arranged to discuss community safety in the town.

Thanks for attendance were expressed to Insp Broadley and Sgt Waite before they left the meeting.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cur Murkett, agreed.

Open Forum:

Carrs field: It was reported that the children and youth of Thirsk are looking forward to the development of the area.

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Matters Arising:

HDC Standards Committee Parish Representative: Cllr Robinson reported that unfortunately Cllr Adamson had not been successful and Linda Swainston from Thornton Watlass Parish Council is to be the parish representative.

Finkle Street long/short stay parking: Cllr Robinson reported that HDC is to make a

recommendation in the autumn.

NYCC grass cutting areas: Areas and money payable for cutting are to be supplied to the Town Council.

Cllr Jackson expressed his regret that materials rather than design are concentrated on in the conservation areas of HDC.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall sent the following written report - Cllr Marshall had raised the right of way through the Three Tuns Yard with the Hambleton Area Committee and reports there has not been a lot of progress but a further report is to follow;

She is a member of the Environmental Services Scrutiny committee;

Traffic calming, St Mary's/Hambleton Place. Hambleton Drive is about 6 years away but a 20mph area may be installed near the school;

Extension of library hours at Thirsk will be reported to Area Committee.

District Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported that the first meeting under the new arrangements did not appear to be much different apart from an opposition Councillor presenting the minutes of a Scrutiny committee.

Cllr Robinson reported he had not received a letter re the steering group of the Market Towns Initiative; Councillors felt the Town Council should nominate its own representative; Mr M Jewitt, HDC is to be asked why the Town Council has not received any details of progress so far.

Planning:

Granted:

2/01/1 52/0019L Prop: Change of use of ground floor and part of 1st floor of existing building from Class A2 use to Class A3 use with associated office accommodation and self contained flats as amended by letter and plan received by HDC on 15th May 2001.

Location: 11 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Clarence Mill Developments Ltd (TC?)

2/01/1 52/0075E Prop: Additional use of existing ground floor shop for the preparation of food for outside catering purposes.

Location: 11 Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr S Lablaine (TC no objections)

2/01/152/00835 Prop: Extension to existing club office accommodation Location: 21 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Royal British Legion (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0083T Prop: Application for LBC for an extension to existing club office accommodation

Location: 21 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Royal British Legion (TC no objections)

P1220 2/01/152/014 1J Prop: Alterations to existing first and second floor living accommodation for use as 3 flats as amended by plans received by HDC on 11th June 2001.

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-operatives Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0141K Prop: Re-roofing of existing buildings

Location: 65-67 Market place, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-Operatives Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01 / 152/0141 L Prop: Prop: Application for LBC for the re-roofing of existing buildings

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant; Yorkshire Co-Operatives Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152.0 141 M Prop: Application for LBC for the alterations to existing first and second

floor living accommodation to form 3 flats.

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-Operatives Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0660 Prop: Alterations and two-story extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: Hillcrest Plumpbank Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C D Ellis (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0661 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 33 Herriot Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Airey TC no objections)

2/01/152/0660 Prop: Alterations and 2-storey extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: Hillcrest Plumpbank, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ellis (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0661 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 22 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Airey (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/00/152/001 9L Prop: Change of use of ground floor and part of 1st floor of existing building from Class A2 to Class A3 use with associated office accommodation and change of use of 1st and 2nd floor former hotel accommodation to 2 self-contained flats.

Location: 11 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Clarence Mill Developments.(TC refused)

2/01/152/02X Prop: Formation of staff car park and jet wash facility as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 2nd July 2001

Location: Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC?)

2/01/152 007Th Prop: Additional use of existing ground floor shop for the preparation of food for outside catering purposes.

Location: 11 Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr S Lablaine (TC no objections)

2/01/152/ 0141K Prop: Re-roofing of existing buildings Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-Operatives Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0141L Prop: Application for LBC for the re-roofing of existing buildings.

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-Operatives Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0141 M Prop: Application for LBC for alterations to existing 1st and 2nd floor living accommodation to form 3 flats

Location: 65-67 Market Place Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-Operatives Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/1 52/0529B Prop: Extension to existing bungalow.

Location: 23 White Rose Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hall (TC no objections)

2/00/1 52/0608B Prop: Application for LBD for the demolition of the existing boundary wall and construction of a replacement boundary wall as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 30th May 2001.

Location: Picks Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Seegar Homes Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0662 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 41 Darrowby Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ghouri (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0663 Prop: Extension to existing bungalow

Location: 31 St Mary' s Walk, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kennett (TC no objections)

Thirsk County Primary School: Prop: Provision of a double prefabricated classroom. (TC approve)

Picks Lane: Amendments and LBC consent for the moving of the boundary wall had eventually been agreed. Cllr Robinson reported the demolition and rebuilding of the wall had now been referred to the Secretary of State for the Environment

Accounts:

Cllr Adamson asked if there had been a meeting of the Carrs Field committee? As there had not been a meeting it was proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Roberts that the payments re insurance and grass topping be paid; agreed that Carrs Field committee to meet on 8th August 2001 then arrange a meeting with The Ethel Johnson Carrs Field Trust; *Cllr Hubbard said that in his opinion there is rather excessive bureaucracy over Carrs Field.* Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Todd Waste Management, empty skip, Burial Board £143.97.

CE & CM Walker, grass cutting. £1226.70

Amberol, hanging baskets Thirsk in Bloom £763.75

Amberol Ltd, basket liners, Thirsk in Bloom £179.19

R Cowels, festival board, £100.00

Ackrill newspaper& advert, Burial Board £18.51

Newsquest Ltd, advert, Burial Board £95.37

S Wilkinson, tree & bush removal, Burial Board £50.00

P. M Burniston, fence, Cem Lodge £1250.00

A Swift, new boiler, Burial Board £1230.93

Power Point Ltd, Locks, Burial Board £16.16

K Dickinson. clean office windows £6.00

C Amy:

Weekly inspection, Playareas £174.50

Mill Gardens £120.00

Picnic Area, litter pick, sweep £20.00

White Mare, weed etc.

Ingramgate, remove dead tree £20.00

Holmes, remove branches £15.00

White Rose Way, removal rubbish £10.00

Carrs Field, grass topping £95.00

Town Hall annex (half to be paid by Sowerby PC.): Snape Roberts, cert. 4 £66232.09

C. Pattison, office rent, 3 months, £975.00

Cans Field Trust, Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust, insurance £252.00

Petty cash £50.00

Paid since last meeting:

Northern Electric, office £119.96

Memorials:

Approval of the following proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

Mavis Ann Robson

Maureen Sparrow Pitt

Gladys Mary Wilson

Application for an additional inscription:

Thomas Pattison

Correspondence:

YLCA conference, 7/8 September 2001: Cllrs Adamson and Pack to attend on the Saturday.

YLCA - NALC Draft Corporate Plan, copied to each Councillor, questionnaire to be returned to the clerk.

David Cole, transfer of licence: Black Swan, Norby: no objections: request that the new

licensee attends a suitable course.

Herriot Country 2002: Cllr Murkett proposed Cllr Jackson seconded that the Town Council has a half page entry; details of entry to be considered later.

NYCC, Public footpath at Cross Roads Commercials: Agreed to the change in the position of the footpath; hedging to be planted in gap.

NYCC, School transport: Cllr Murkett wishes to see local bus companies used.

Royal British Legion, meeting 19th September 2001; Cllr Roberts is to attend.

Anne McIntosh, re pylons: Cllr Jackson gave brief details of letters he had received to be copied and included in tabled correspondence.

HDC, Black Lion banner: Copy of a warning letter to the landlord has been received.

From Tabled Correspondence:

NYCC Foot & Mouth information: Cllr Roberts requested that the Town Council write to DEFRA endorsing the stand made by NYCC re keeping the footpaths closed until the epidemic is over, agreed.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

Representative Thirsk Community Primary School Governors:

Cllr Adamson agreed to be the representative of the Town Council proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Town Hall Annex:

Sowerby Parish clerk and the Town Clerk are to meet: new keys have been supplied to the clerk: Cllr Roberts reported the licence is due to be issued; details of savings and extra expenses from the consultants still to be received; a further 14 days to be allowed.

Donation to Fire & Rescue Service for smoke alarms:

Cllr Adamson reported that the second phase of installing has begun; Broadacres are to upgrade or install alarms in all their properties. Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Robinson seconded that the Town Council makes a donation of £500 to provide alarms for the most vulnerable and disabled in Thirsk, agreed.

Sub Committee reports:

Amenity: Cllr Robinson is concerned that sometimes matters discussed at the amenity meetings are not brought to the notice of the public at Town Council meetings

Representatives:

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported that 31 hanging baskets had been sponsored; details of how the scheme works were given; judging had taken place on 4th July 2001; Thanks were expressed to all who had helped in any way especially Thirsk Garden Centre.

Chamber of Trade; Cllr Hubbard reported the Chamber were very dissatisfied and concerned re the organisation of the road works in Station Road.

Carrs Fields: Cllr Hubbard gave brief details of materials to be used for the skateboard and standing; compliance with planning conditions will be rectified shortly; further planning application will then be made for the proposed skateboard area etc by the Trust.

Members:

Cllr Robinson: An election has been requested for the vacancy on the council.

Cllr Hubbard: A request was made for a photograph of the Millennium Green: Cllr Adamson is to supply one.

Cllr Jackson brought to the notice of the Council that there is not a connection between Thirsk and the North Yorks. Moors bus; Cllr Adamson recalled launching the original service run and financed by John Smith & Sons, whilst he was mayor.

Cllr Jackson suggested that to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee next year commemorative plaques of famous people and notable events could be displayed in the town.

Suspension of standing orders proposed for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Cllr Adamson reported that Thirsk Festival committee had been disappointed that the new annex had not been available for use; suggested the stage in the Town Hall (left & right) needs a facelift; Cllr Roberts reported that this matter is to be on the next management committee meeting agenda.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd August 2001 at 7:30pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

Present: Cllrs Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Jackson, Marshall, Pack, Roberts Salmon and the clerk.

Cllr Robinson welcomed Cllr Marshall to the meeting after her recent operation.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall and Hubbard and Carolyn Thorpe, D/S reporter

Minutes: 28th June 2001: Approved at Town Council, 16th July 2001.

Matters Arising:

Town Hall Annex: The consultants still have to provide details of savings/extra expenditure to both Councils. Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Jackson seconded that no further payment is to be made until these details are supplied, (6 for). Written confirmation of completion has not yet been received.

Yorkshire in Bloom: Results of the latest judging are due on 14th August 2001.

Record of reasons for apology for Town Council and Amenity meetings: To be on next Town Council agenda.

Cllr Salmon arrived.

Workhouse site: Still not ready to be handed over. Cllr Robinson suggested that any work on the wall should be undertaken by Town Council; HDC to be asked re liability, agreed.

Carrs Field: Meeting is still to be held.

Dustbin collection days: Cllr Robinson reported that proper notification had not taken place.

Correspondence:

Polling cards: Councillors expressed their views. Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that if there is an election for the vacancy on the Town Council polling cards should not be issued. (6 for 1 against).

New Licence, 11 Kirkgate, Thirsk: Councillors had no objections but ask that the new licensee attends a suitable course.

Open Areas:

Cllr Marshall expressed concern that East Thirsk is still without swings. The report of the meeting at which Councillors visited most of the open areas will be circulated with the Town Council minutes.

Highways Agency re Thirsk Bypass noise:

Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Jackson seconded that a representative should be invited to attend either a Town Council meeting or an Amenity meeting, agreed.

NYCC grass cutting in Thirsk:

Information and payment details are to be supplied by NYCC; all areas are available to the Town Council if required.

Cllr Marshall did not take any part in the following item.

NHS Primary Care Trust, Consultation Draft:

The following comments were made: doubts were raised re continued standard of hospital care, primary care plans were felt to be good, more money should be made available for

rural areas; reassurance to be requested re The Lambert Hospital retention and status, Councillors can give any further points to the clerk for inclusion in the reply of the Town Council.

Market Towns Initiative:

Cllr Roberts reported on the meeting held recently, a steering committee has been formed, to be chaired by Lindsay Ross; next meeting to be held on 29th August 2001 when consultants will be appointed. Cllr Robinson expressed his concern on the format of the meeting; Cll Adamson said all the members of his group had wished to be on the steering committee.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Cllr Jackson said that the Town Development Working Party needs to meet to discuss possible projects that would then be put to the steering committee for their consideration.

Sub Committee Reports:

Open Areas: The footpath to Centenary field and the path to Carts field from Whitelass: Quotations for remedial work to be asked for from BTCV, Mr C Amy and another contractor, agreed.

Favenfield: Brochures re seats have been asked for.

Ingramgate: Cur Robinson had reported a dead tree which NYCC have now given permission to be removed and a replacement planted later in the year.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported watering is being undertaken regularly; Town Council are buying capital equipment; insurance for volunteers covers the person who does the watering as well.

Town Development Working Party: The next meeting is on 30th August 2001 in the Town Office at 7:30pm; Town Councillors who are on the Steering committee will be asked to attend as well; any help and information from the clerk of Bentham Town Council to be sought.

Christmas Lights: Clerk reported that white lights had been ordered.

Long Street Enhancement: Notes of the last meeting were circulated to Councillors.

Greens & Ingramgate: Annual maintenance work is to be undertaken by Foden Spence shortly; concern re trees planted earlier was made; Mr Amy to be asked to water more regularly and to replace those which have not survived later in the year.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Marshall gave the address of the supplier of interpretation boards at the museum. Clerk to ask for a brochure.

Cllr Pack asked if Thirsk in Bloom could install a notice board on the Public Toilets in the Market Place? Permission would be needed from HDC.

HDC/Town Council notice board: HDC to be asked again to replace the glass as it is now in a poor state.

Cllr Roberts had been asked by Sowerby Parish Council if the Town Council were in need of any metal seats as their supplier prefers to make them in bulk1 Town Council policy is not to install any more metal seats.

Cllr Jackson suggested that the Town Council could mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 by installing plaques recording famous people and events in Thirsk; to be on next Town Council agenda.

Cllr Adamson informed the meeting that Arriva proposes to close the office at Thirsk Station

on Sundays It was agreed to write objecting as this is a very necessary service which needs retaining.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 20th August 2001 at 7:15pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present: Cllr Roberts. in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett, Robinson, Salmon, 1 press reporter, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

Apologies:Cllr Pack.

Minutes:

Town Council, 16th July 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Amenity meeting, 2nd August 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Marshall. seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Police Report:

The police had not sent a report to the meeting and were not in attendance. Cllr Jackson expressed concern that the police are now not able to attend the meetings on a regular basis. Cllr Roberts concerned that the police are becoming more inaccessible to members of the public.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Open Forum:

The member of the public did not wish to speak

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Cllr Hall arrived

Matters Arising:

It was noted that the Police Traffic Warden had begun his duties in Thirsk. Meeting with Sgt Waite, Community Police Officer has been arranged for 11th October 2001

A 168, bypass/noise/surface: 2 Representatives from the Highways Agency are coming to the Town Council meeting on 15th October 2001

Cllr Robinson reported that the Market Towns Initiative had met and is to have a steering committee of 17 people plus 2 ex-officio HDC officers; list of this committee was circulated Cllr Robinson queried the cost of skip emptying at the cemetery

Cllr Marshall asked when the Town Council would be using the annex; agreed to try the small room for the next amenities meeting and the larger room for the next Town Council meeting, if available

There is to be an election on 13th September 2001 to fill the vacancy on the Town Council. Cllr Murkett gave full support to there being an election, showing that the Town Council is a "Quality Council"; Cllr Robinson expressed concern re the cost to the Town Council and hoped that. one of the candidates would withdraw; Cllr Hubbard told members that it is up to the candidates to make the public aware that there is an election; Cllr Marshall reported

that publicity had been promised by HDC.

During this discussion it was suggested that a newsletter to parishioners must be considered and budgeted for next year.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported the following:

Details of NYCC forward plan and policy matters had been issued; to supply a copy to the Town Office

Changes in library management to be studied by NYCC scrutiny committee; underfunding had occurred but improvement is hoped for and opening times are to be looked at; Cllr Marshall would appreciate comments from Councillors. Cllr Salmon would like to see libraries open at weekends.

NYCC have details on their website of areas affected by foot and mouth, rights of ways, open or closed etc. Cur Hall asked had the cost to NYCC been discussed? It is to be considered in the near future. Cllr Salmon explained why he had written to the D/S Times re parked vehicles on Thirsk Industrial Park, while undertaking duties connected with the Foot & Mouth outbreak. Cur Marshall had visited Picks Lane with representatives of the Boy Scouts re parking proposals and a drop-off point when the development of the area takes place. Mr M Roberts, NYCC, has been allocated funding for the dropped-kerb scheme in and around the Market Place. NYCC Cycle plan, has been received by the Town Council and will be circulated for all Councillors to study and make comment.

Finkle Street: Traffic calming had been postponed but will now go ahead in this financial year; drainage to be investigated at the same time; Cllr Murkett felt traffic calming is needed in Ingramgate; the poor road surface will continue until agreement with the developer and all concerned is reached.

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson had no items to report.

Cllr Marshall reported the following:

Tranmire Ditch, Barretts are not replying to HDC; Town Council to write to Chief Executive, Barretts re their responsibility for the very poor environmental state, hazardous state of this area and not replying to HDC.

Any future possibility of parking charges in the town were discussed.

Planning:

Barretts Phase 2; Cllr Marshall reported this had originally been refused but had now been deferred while discussion on the inclusion of low cost housing took place.

Granted:

2/01/139/0306 Prop: Display of 2 externally illuminated fascia signs and an internally illuminated free-standing sign as amended by plans received by HDC on 13 March 2001.

Location: Tesco Store, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco stores Ltd (TC refused)

2/01/152/01 02Y Prop: Display of a non-illuminated canopy fascia sign.

Location: Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0282K Prop: Variation of Condition 3 (Ref 2/97/152/0282H) to permit the use of an approved picture framing and storage building in association with and ancillary to 2 Gillings Yard, Thirsk in lieu of 18 Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Location: 2&3 Gillings Yard, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: R Bennet (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0529B Prop: Extension to existing bungalow.

Location: 23 White Rose Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hall (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0608B Prop: Application for LBC for the demolition of existing boundary wall and construction of a replacement boundary wall as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 30 May 2001.

Location: Picks Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: Seegar Homes Ltd (TC concerned)

2/01/152/0662 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house as amended by drawings received by HDC on 12th July 2001.

Location: 41 Darrowby Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Ghouri. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0663 Prop: Extension to existing bungalow

Location: 31 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kennett. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0666 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing bungalow

Location: 47 Dowber Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bruce (TC no objections)

Granted temporarily:

2/01/152/0664 prop: Change of use of existing agricultural building to use as a vehicle body repair and paint spray workshop.

Location: Woodhill Grange, Newsbam Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr J Bell (TC no objections)

Appeal:

Refused:

2/00/152/0638 Prop: Provision of replacement windows.

Location: 18 Ingramgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: J Herrington. (TC refused)

Applications:

2/01/009/0077C Prop: Extensions to existing vehicle maintenance workshop and office accommodation.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park

Applicant: Union Trucks Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0094N Prop: Installation of a satellite dish

Location: 17 Market Place. Thirsk

Applicant: NatWest (TC refused)

2/01/152/0102X Prop: Formation of staff car park and jet wash facility as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 2nd July 2001.

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0102Y Prop: Display of a non-illuminated canopy fascia sign

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco stores Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0110C Prop: Extensions to existing bungalow to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage

Location: 21 Dowber Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Turner (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0193A Prop: Display of an externally illuminated forecourt sign and 2 non illuminated wall mounted signs.

Location: Teleware House, York Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Teleware plc. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0504A Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 34 Alexander Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr Blinko (TC no objections)

2/01 / 152/061 OA Prop: Installation of replacement windows

Location: 6 brewers Court, Kirkgate. Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cartwright-Terry. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0611 B Prop: Construction of a polytunnel

Location: Hollin Barn Cottage, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: C Hartley. (TC no objections but)

2/01/152/0621A prop: Variation of condition 8 (Ref 2/00/152/0621) to permit changes in the operation of an approved children's day nursery.

Location: Stone Hall, Stockton Road. Thirsk

Applicant: Jack and Jill's Nursery School. (TC objected to short times)

2/01/152/0664 Prop: Change of use of existing agricultural building for use as a vehicle body shop.

Location: Woodhill Grange, Newsham, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr J Bell (TC no objections)

2/01/15200665 Prop: removal of hedgerow.

Location: Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Water Services (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0666 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing bungalow

Location: 47 Dowber Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bruce (TC no objections)

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, room hire £ 150.00

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd. paint etc £ 42.58

Quill, stationery £ 94.15

M Burnett, Burial Board, decorate Cem. Lodge £840.00

Materials £122.90

new office door & fitting,

new locks, house & office £410.00

extra work undertaken £144.00

Total £1,516.90

M Burnett, repairs seats, Market Place & Seat near cemetery £ 232.00

DJ Mann, Clean bus shelter windows, Market Place. £ 59.50

Amberol, (Thirsk In Bloom, hanging baskets £ 496. 44

CE & CM Walker, grass cutting £1,325.40

Cartex, Printer Cartridge £75.19

Lister Lutyens Ltd, 2 seats, Castlegarth £ 808.40

K Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00

C Amy:

Wkly insp, 5 weeks £ 203.50

Mill Gardens, 5 wks £ 150.00

Picnic area, weed/litter pick £ 10.00

Bunting, Festival, £ 30.00

Little Green. Weed £ 25.00

Holmes, remove branches etc £ 45.00

Shire Park, paint equipment/weed £ 30.00

Castlegarth, remove rubbish! mend fence £ 15.00

Cem Lodge, repair railings £ 350.00

Total £ 858.50

HDC, C Tax, office, DD £118.00

Paid since last meeting:

BT, office phone £46.92

YLCA, conference, 2 places £81.00

Memorials: None.

The member of the public left the meeting.

Correspondence:

The Rotary Club of Thirsk, thanks to Town Council for support during the recent festival. Thirsk Festival Committee. Thirsk Rotary Club, thanks for allowing the 'bed-push' around the town.

NYCC, County Committee for Hambleton, 1st October 2001, Stokesley, to be brought to next meeting.

NYCC, Draft Cycle Plan, to be circulated for comment.

HDC, Planning Dept, re Darrowby Inn letter re planning conditions that had not been carried out, noted.

Press reporter left the meeting.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership, launch of the "Wheels 4 All" Scheme, 18th September 2001, Cllr Roberts hopes to go.

Mrs Collinson, re Cemetery Lodge burglar alarm and contact with Cllr Roberts. Cllr Roberts explained the incident and will reply to Mrs Collinson.

YOT, letter. (circulated), more details needed before a decision can be made.

HDC, election details, noted.

Long Street residents (circulated), residents letter re parking problems, holding reply to be sent; copy of letter to be sent to the police and NYCC.

Trustees of Thirsk Infants School Charity (circulated), discussion on various ways of progression on this matter; agreed Cllr Hall should approach Mr T Watson.

Mr J Young and reply (circulated), explaining that the Town Council are unable to help individuals in the way requested.

Town Hall Annex:

Report to be made at Amenity meeting.

Commemorative Plaques:

Cllr Jackson suggested that to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 the Town Council should consider putting plaques up in the town to commemorate some of the many famous people and events of the town. Cllr Marshall said that HDC will have a list which was put together some years ago.

Suspension of Standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Cllr Marshall proposed going ahead and obtaining prices and details of plaques seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed unanimously.

Recording reasons for absence:

Cllr Murkett thought it would be compulsory for a Quality Council; after discussion Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that the Town Council should wait for guidelines to be published, agreed.

Sub Committee Reports:

Carrs Field: Cllr Murkett reported on the site visit by HDC Planning officer, Mr Harper recently; Cllr Hubbard informed the meeting of an Open Day to be held in the Golden Fleece on 8th September 2001, trustees will display their plans for the area and visitors will be able to put their views to the trustees. Cllr Marshall reminded the sub committee of the need to discuss finance before November.

Suspension of standing orders for a further 5 minutes proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall. agreed.

Town Development Working Party: meeting in the Town Office on 30th August 2001 at 7:30pm.

Open areas: meeting to be held soon.

Central areas: meeting to be held shortly.

Representatives:

Community Care Association: Cllr Salmon reported that the association is doing well at the moment.

Members:

Cllr Marshall expressed concern re the parish map; Cllr Salmon to look out the advice given by the V & A Museum on how to care for uncovered works.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Thursday 6th September 2001
at 7:30pm in The Annexe, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present:

Cllr Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Pack, Roberts, Salmon and the clerk

Cllr Robinson began the meeting by welcoming Cllr Bull to his first meeting as a Town Councillor.

Cllr Robinson said that it was with regret that he had to announce that former Councillor Morton's wife Marjorie had died, a sympathy card was signed by Councillors

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Hall and Murkett. Apologies for late arrival from Cllr Adamson and Hubbard.

Minutes:

2nd August 2001, approved at Town Council, 20th August 2001.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Matters Arising:

Workhouse site: Remedial work to wall now completed, HDC expect to be able to sign over the area to Town Council in the next few days;

Record Play Equipment are holding their quoted prices.

East Thirsk swings: Clerk meeting Mr A Brook, Record Play Equipment representative, on Monday.

A168 Thirsk Bypass noise problem: 2 representatives from The Highways Agency will be attending the Town Council meeting on 15th October 2001.

Cllr Adamson arrived.

NYCC Grass cutting in Thirsk; plans and the price NYCC is prepared to pay have been received ; Mr Walker, contractor to be asked what he would charge for cutting these areas; on next Amenity agenda.

Cllr Hubbard arrived.

Market Towns Initiative, Steering Group will meet on 13th September 2001.

Town Development Working Party met on 30th August 2001, notes circulated; next meeting on 10th September 2001, Town Office at 7:30pm.

Path from waterfall to Carrs Field, remedial work; C. Amy has quoted the same price as before; BTCV have still to reply: the other contractor declined to quote.

Whitelass path to Stockton Road: quotes being obtained.

Favenfield: seat brochures have been sent for.

Ingramgate, dead tree: Cllr Robinson will remove it soon, NYCC state the replacement should be a similar species and well grown.

Christmas lights: Thirsk Chamber of Trade have made a request that the trees in the Market Place have twinkling lights this year; Cllr Jackson will contact Mr R. Bedford for more details.

Long Street Enhancement Working Party: next meeting changed from 12th September 2001 to 26th September 2001.

St James Green, maintenance: work completed. Yorkshire Water have undertaken some emergency work since the maintenance work.

Interpretation boards: brochures have been obtained; Arien need approximate measurements, chosen materials and type of graphics before a quotation can be given; a meeting with Mr K Emerick, English Heritage, has been arranged, on site on Castlegarth, 10th September 2001 at noon.

Matters Arising from Councillors:

Cllr Salmon reported that the switching on of the Christmas lights will be on 2nd December 2001;

The Rotary Club of Thirsk plan a 'Santa Evening' on 11th December 2001; it is not known when there will be a late shopping evening

Arriva trains poor service for the residents of Thirsk; Town Council to write to the Rail Regulator asking for Arriva contract to be reviewed.

NYCC Cycleways Plan:

This is being circulated, 3 Councillors still have to study it; to be put on Town Council agenda.

Town Hall, Annex:

Invoices from Snape Roberts and Applegarth Consultancy have been received and paid. Funds to cover these payments were received from Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Management committee on behalf of Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council.

Market Towns Initiative:

Next meeting, 13th September 2001

Sub Committee Reports:

Town Development Working Party: Cllr Jackson added comments to the notes which had been circulated: request to be made to HDC for rules re parking for stall holders on market day; next meeting on 10th September 2001 in the Town Office at 7:30pm.

Thirsk in Bloom Working Party: Cllr Pack gave a brief report, Thirsk in Bloom committee have written to Yorkshire in Bloom for details of their marking system and an explanation why Thirsk had lost so many points this year. Cllr Marshall proposed that the Town Council should write asking for an explanation seconded Cllr Jackson, (voting 4 for, 4 against, chairman's casting vote against, Cllr Pack did not take part). A golf buggy has been obtained and after modification will make the task of watering much easier next year. Bulb planting in the town is being accessed; 3 areas in Ingramgate are still without any bulbs. Central Areas: Cllr Hubbard went through notes he had made of the meeting held on 5th September 2001; notes to be typed and circulated.

Open Areas: Cllr Marshall made some comments from the meeting held on 5th September 2001; notes to be circulated, Cllr Ball asked if changes could be made at the Shire Park playarea; details to be put in writing to the next meeting.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson said the next meeting will be on 10th September 2001 at 7:15 in the Town Office.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Marshall reported that Blakey bridge is to have a width restriction on it.

Cllr Hubbard reported on the removal, from the layby on the A19 south of Thirsk, of a stripped and dangerous caravan recently.

Cllr Pack asked that the Town Council study the 'Thirsk' signs on the approach roads to the town re possible improvement.

Cllr Jackson expressed concern that Tesco are advising customers and transporting customers to shop in Northallerton while their store is closed

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 17th September 2001 at 7:15pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hall, Jackson, Marshall, Pack, Robinson and Salmon, 2 members of the public, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllr Murkett and Thirsk Police.

Minutes:

Town Council, 20th August 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Salmon, agreed.

Amenities meeting, 6th September 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Bull seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Police Report:

Letter of apologies for absence had been received from Insp. Broadley.

Cllr Jackson reported on a hoax telephone call that he had received recently.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs Dodds asked why there had not been notice of the meeting in the notice board or the D/S Times. The notice was removed from the board because rain had seeped on to it; list of meetings has been given to the D/S Office, publication is up to them.

Mrs Reynard reported that the laurel bushes in Millgate car park are in need of their annual cut back for safety of pedestrians crossing the exit onto Millgate; Mr Underwood, HDC to be contacted.

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Jackson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Cllr Jackson asked that 'possibility' be deleted and 'dangers' be added.

Commemorative plaques, Cllr Jackson asked if HDC had sent a copy of the original list; not to date.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported the following:

Foot & Mouth restrictions: Due to the ending of the bio-security area it is hoped that footpaths will be opened.

NYCC are looking to improve their IT equipment; funded from Yorkshire Forward is available to March 2002.

Bus stops near the entrance to Tesco filling station and on the opposite side of the road have been removed: enquiries have been made as to whether they are to be put back. Sixth form students are helped financially by NYCC to attend courses at Harrogate when York is much easier to get to and from, by rail and road; as Thirsk is almost equidistant from York, Harrogate Darlington and Middlesbrough it is felt that the Students of Thirsk should be given freedom to choose which course suits their requirements, given a fixed

amount of assistance towards travel expenses making it that only a small amount of expense to their family if they do not chose a favoured course at Harrogate; agreed to ask NYCC for justification of their policy.

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson reported that a wall is to be built between Todds Court and the Cod Beck by Broadacres; public lighting standards are to have a numbered plaque with a contact phone number to be used to report any defect;

Planning application by NatWest Bank for a satellite dish has not been granted as reported in the Darlington Stockton Times.

Cllr Marshall asked for a letter to be sent to HDC re the proposed wall at Todds Court asking why the Town Council had not been informed or consulted and also where will the diverted water go when flooding occurs? It is understood that some consultation with the Internal Drainage Board has taken place. Cllr Hall asked for the 'whole' area to be studied and Broadacres could then put funding towards the area as whole and help all concerned. Funding for the Community Centre, Northallerton - Cllr Marshall reported that many projects throughout HDC could suffer if it is decided that a new centre should be built at Stone Cross.

Planning:

Cllr Roberts drew Councillors attention to the rejection of the appeal for change of use at 20 Market Place, Thirsk.

Cllr Hall asked what stage the application to demolish the wall in Picks Lane had reached; Cllr Robinson said the application had gone to the Secretary of State for consent as the wall is listed.

49 Market Place, Thirsk: Concern was expressed re access to the upper floors being only from No 53; Cllr Roberts asked for it to be called the Tourist Information Centre and not the Community Information Centre.

Granted:

Prop: 2/01/152/0102X Prop: Formation of staff car park and jet wash facility as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 2nd July 2001

Location: Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objections).

2/01/152/ 0110C Prop: Extensions to existing bungalow to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 21 Dowber Way, Thirsk.

Application: Mr & Mrs G Turner. (TC refused)

2/01/152/0353B Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor Class A1 use to Class A3 use with first floor ancillary staff and storage accommodation and second floor and basement ancillary storage accommodation.

Location: 9 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: G Watson (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0504A prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 34 Alexander Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Blinko (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0610A Prop: Installation of replacement windows

Location: 6 Brewers Court, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cartwright- Terry. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/061 IB Prop: Construction of a polytunnel.

Location: Hollin Barn Cottage, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: C Hartley (TC no objections but)

2/01/152/0621A Prop: Variation of condition 8 (Ref: 2/00/152/0621) to permit changes in the operation of an approved childrens' day nursery. Location: Stone Hall, Stockton Road,

Thirsk.

Applicant: Jack & Jills Nursery School. (TC no objections, hours queried)

Withdrawn:

Z2/00/152/0353 A Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor A1 premises to Class A3 use.

Location: 9 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: W A Jacob. (TC no objections)

Appeal:

2/01/152/0492B Prop: Change of use of retail unit to amusement centre.

Location: 20 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Cleveland Leisure Ltd. (TC refused)

Applications:

2/01/152/0150C Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor Class A1 premises to Class A2 use.

Location: 29 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Gateway Financial Services. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0483A Prop: Alterations to existing storage building for use as a dwelling.

Location: The Old Stables, Johnson's Yard, Thirsk.

Applicant: Johnson Properties Services. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/ 0612B Prop: Construction of a shop with flats above 3x1 bedroom mews apartments and 3x2 bedroom terrace houses to the rear.

Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: P Tate (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0667 Prop: 2/01/152/0667 Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling.

Location: 9 Stammergeat, Thirsk

Applicant: D & L Petty (TC no objections)

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

M Burnett, Picnic Area, repair gate £ 76.00

Thirsk in Bloom, fix troughs, library £15.00

Fox's Copy Centre, photocopy etc £163.74

CE & CM Walker, grass cutting £949.40

Action for Mkt. Towns, annual sub. £ 92.53

Sam Turner & Sons, fencing, E. Thirsk £ 34.82

Snape Roberts, decorating, Town Hall (to be shared equally with SowerbyPC) £3,194.53

Thirsk Auction Mart, bulbs & shrubs £67.57

BT, phone a/c £152.76

Zurich Municipal, B Bd, guide to safety £80.00

K. Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00

HDC, C Tax, office DD £ 118.50

Paid since last meeting:

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, (reimbursed from Town Hall Management Committee, half for T.C./ half from Sowerby PC).

Snape Roberts, cert 5 £10,278.91

Applegarth Consultancy £1,762.52

A M Wilkinson, salary incl. back pay £894.96

Correspondence:

Thirsk Police - (circ.) Councillors agreed to visit Thirsk police Station, clerk to arrange.

Hambleton CAB representative - Cllr Roberts agreed to continue.

NYCC, waiting A61, Station Road, (circ.) - noted.

NYCC Flood Fair, 29th September 2001. (circ.) - agreed to distribute 100 copies in the areas of the town that suffered during the flooding last year.

NYCC, Picks Lane, speed reducing tables, (circ.) - letter to NYCC asking for the possible effect on Cemetery Lane to be monitored before any permanent action is taken.

Hambleton Community Safety Partnership, Crime and Disorder audit noted.

HDC Grants Roadshow 2001, 14th November 2001; notice to be brought to next meeting; Cllrs Pack and Hubbard to attend.

Clerks and Councils Direct - Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that a copy for each member should be ordered, agreed.

Press reporter left the meeting.

Town Hall Annex:

Cllr Jackson asked that the ventilation problem in the little room be corrected; hiring charges to be obtained from the secretary.

Proposed NYCC Cycleway:

It was agreed that a working party consisting of Cllr Bull, Hubbard, Jackson and Robinson; Clerk to ask for a delay on the date of response to NYCC.

Sub Committee Reports:

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson has been approached by the Chamber of Trade re twinkling lights in the trees of the Market Place; it would overload the electricity supply at the clock; increase in cost; will consider for next year.

Town Development Working Party: Cllr Jackson circulated a report on the meeting on 10th September 2001.

Greens and Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson to arrange a meeting shortly.

Open Areas: Cllr Marshall said a meeting will be arranged when the ROSPA report arrives.

Castlegarth - meeting with Mr Emerick, English Heritage reported.

Suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed

Burial Board: Cllr Hall said a meeting would be arranged.

Representatives:

East Thirsk Youth Club: Cllr Adamson expects there will be a meeting soon.

Market Towns Initiative Steering Group: Cllr Robinson reported on the recent meeting; project team introduced; action plan to be completed by 31st January 2002;

Cllr Adamson raised the matter of how Cllr Howey, HDC, had addressed the consultants; agreed that a letter of complaint from the Town Council to Mr P Simpson

Chief Executive HDC, copy to Cllr Prest, HDC asking for a replacement to be made for Cllr Howey; someone who has the interests of Thirsk at heart; next meeting 24th September 2001.

Town Hall, Open Day: Cllr Pack reported the Town Hall Annex is to be open to the public on 7th October 2001 between 11.00am and 4.00pm.

Thirsk in Bloom: meeting 25th September 2001, Upper Room, Town Hall. Chamber of Trade: Cllr Hubbard reported the Christmas lights will be switched on at 6.00pm 2nd December 2001.

Thirsk Infants School Charity: Cllr Marshall reported that a meeting has been arranged with the developers of the former Nursery site, Wainhomes.

Detached Youth Worker: Cllr Marshall asked for a Councillor to attend the next meeting,

19th September 2001 in her place, Cllr Robinson to go.

Members Reports:

Cllr Adamson: Reported on the YLCA conference in Scarborough; while at the conference Cllr Pack had attended a workshop on Emergency planning.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Roberts reported that since the last meeting she had presented prizes to the North East Junior Bowman's Assn, visited RAF Linton Ouse, Battle of Britain celebration and attended the presentation of 1 mile of railway track to Wensleydale Railway.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Salmon, agreed.

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th October 2001 at 7:30pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present:

Cllrs Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett and Roberts and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Bull, Hall, and Pack.

Minutes:

Approved at Town Council, 17th September 2001.

Cllr Roberts arrived.

Matters Arising:

Workhouse site - slow progress being made.

East Thirsk swings - Cllr Marshall and the clerk met Mr A Brook, Record Playground Equipment Ltd. to discuss replacements and the other equipment at East Thirsk; quotes have been obtained.

NYCC Grasscutting: Mr walker, contractor, has still to reply on the price he would charge the Town Council for the areas which the Town Council do not already cut.

Whitelass/Stockton Road and Whitelass/Carrs field: One quote has been received. Clerk meeting BTCV on Thursday 11th ; BTCV could do the work in November or April; Cllr Hubbard to supply name of contractor who could be willing to undertake the work.

Ingramgate: Dead tree to be removed shortly; C Amy surveying the trees, ready for next meeting.

Cllr Murkett arrived.

Christmas lights: Chamber of Trade had suggested that Town Council should consider twinkling lights in the trees near the clock; Cllr Jackson had asked Mr G Johnston, electrician, if this would be possible; there would be overloading problems; consideration to be given to having lights of some sort in the trees for Christmas 2002; permission from HDC would be needed.

Cllrs Murkett and Roberts left the meeting.

Clerk to contact C Amy re the installing and removing of the fence round the Christmas tree; Cllr Jackson to approach Cllr Hall re the fixing of the tree.

Arriva trains: Cllr Adamson informed the meeting of the proposal to use coaches in place of the commuter train (8.17am) to York; not plenty of room on one coach; arrival in York too late for most of the commuters; Rail Passengers Committee; Cllr Marshall has received a message from NYCC Railways officer, will copy to the clerk.

NYCC tree planting Stockton Road, licence: Plan now completed; Chairman of Town Council needs to sign.

Interpretation Boards and seats, Castlegarth: Meeting with Mr Emerick, English Heritage, took place on 10th September 2001 (Present, Cllrs Marshall, Roberts and Robinson, Mr M Burnett and the clerk); seats, position and method of fixing agreed; interpretation boards discussed; help with graphics available; information to be sent to Town Council.

Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson has obtained a net of King Alfred daffodils: Cllrs Marshall and Robinson will plant soon on the 3 areas which do not have any bulbs; those left over to be

planted on The Holmes (Church end); clerk to get crocus from Sam Turners Ltd.

Millgate Picnic Area: Report on recent 'vandalism' to the tables; Mr M Burnett to be asked for a way to 'lock' the bolts.

Thirsk signs; Cllr Adamson reported The Rotary Club of Thirsk intends to remove the sign on the A19 for repainting and modification to accommodate the Thirsk festival sign in future.

Correspondence:

Graffiti still on wall at Johnsons, cleaners, noted.

JEB Taxies, stickers on bus shelter - letter requesting that no more stickers to be put on the shelter.

Barclays Bank offer to paint the two bridges (Holmes, black and white bridges.)

Johnsons Close, fence: request for repair offence between playarea and Johnsons Close - Copy of letter from HDC re ownership was read to the meeting, agreed that a letter and a copy of HDC letter be sent to the occupier of 4 Johnson Close.

All Toilets closed on Sunday 30th September 2001 at 6.20pm - letter of complaint to HDC and request in future if urgent closure necessary a notice to be put on door with explanation to the public.

Detached Youth Worker, representative - Cllr Bull has offered to take Cllr Marshall's place on the Detached Youth Worker committee, agreed.

C Amy, letter re trees on The Holmes, remedial work undertaken and that which needs doing; Open Areas to consider.

FWAG, Annual dinner, noted.

Letter from Cllr Adamson re proposed meeting, Joan Maynard Memorial Lecture, in the Town Hall, read, agreed to take to next Council meeting.

NALC, Draft Corporate Plan: circulated, to be on next agenda of Town Council.

NYCC Cycleways proposals:

Copies of the changes suggested by the Working Party that have been submitted to NYCC.

HDC Planning Policy Questionnaire:

Councillors completed the questionnaire.

Consultation on the Interim Policy of the Release of Housing Land:

Details of the policy had been circulated to Councillors to study.

Cllr Robinson reported that Rybeck Farm application had been deferred at HDC Planning meeting.

It was agreed to make the following points to HDC - Policy not working, areas near the town centre which should have had affordable housing included did not; application for phase 2 Stockton Road should not have affordable housing as the development was begun before the new laws re housing density were made; the number of planning applications for extensions proves the need for more larger houses in Thirsk; Councillors consider the allocated 40 houses on the site adequate to the town's needs.

Sub Committee Reports:

Central Areas: Cllr Hubbard asked for urgent repairs to be carried out to the seats on Mill gardens.

Cllr Adamson concerned by sub committee reports being duplicated at Council meetings; reports are essentially an Amenity meeting item.

Open Areas: Cllr Marshall gave details of cost of replacement chains for East Thirsk playarea from Record Playarea Equipment; agreed to purchase and have fitted by Record; Holmes, waiting for delivery of picnic tables; to be installed by Mr Burnett.

Long Street Enhancement Working Party: Cllr Marshall gave a few details of the recent meeting; notes to be circulated to all Councillors.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson reported that a donation of £300.00 to Thirsk Christmas Lights Appeal had been agreed by the sub committee.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Hubbard has received complaints re the danger of the fence erected by Tesco near the kissing gate; HDC Planning to be informed and an alteration asked for.

Cllr Marshall showed a plan of the wall proposed by Broadacres between Todds Court and The Cod beck; Letter to be sent to HDC stating that the Town Council would have appreciated consultation on the matter; asking if the Environment Agency have been consulted; have residents of The Crescent been consulted; concerns that it appears to cross the public footpath in 2 places.

Cllr Robinson reported on the Emergency meeting held with NYCC Emergency Services, HDC Emergency Dept, Internal Drainage Board, Thirsk Police and the Town Council; plans and proposals are underway; report from the Environment Agency awaited; leaflets from NYCC and HDC to be issued shortly to all households giving vital information etc for when flooding occurs; Town Council and Councillors have only a minor role to play in knowing the correct telephone numbers to give electors if requested.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 15th October 2001 at 7:15pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Pack, Robinson, 2 members of the public, Ms K. Sanderson & Mr K Allanson Highways Agency and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllr Bull, Salmon and Murkett (late arrival).

Cllr Roberts introduced Ms Sanderson and Mr Allanson from The Highways Agency who had been invited to the meeting to discuss the problem of traffic noise on the A168/A19. Ms Sanderson gave a brief account of the present situation and informed the meeting that the Government had a commitment to remove the concrete surface within 10 years. Removal is scheduled to happen in approximately 5 years when normal maintenance work is due to take place. A consultation has been taking place, (Town Council have not been consulted) the result of which is to be known shortly. Resurfacing of the A168/A19 could be recommended to take place earlier but the work will certainly not be delayed beyond the normal maintenance timing. Questions from Councillors followed:

Cllr Robinson expressed concern about the 'vibration' to vehicles and the people in them; Ms Sanderson explained that roads are tested every 3 years for structural wear and there has been work done to 'ease out' the bumps at the sides of the road.

Cllrs Adamson asked had the surface worn leaving the bitumen joints proud thus causing a loud 'thump' to be heard by residents near the road as vehicles travel along the bypass? This did not seem to be the case.

Cllr Marshall is concerned that neither barriers nor trees had been installed when the road was built; also that the volume of traffic had increased greatly since the bypass had been built and would continue to do so during the next 5 years. Mr Allanson explained that trees are not good screening and do allow sound to filter through particularly if there are gaps. Cllr Jackson estimated that between ½ and ¾ of the population in Thirsk and Sowerby are

affected by the noise of the road.

Cllr Adamson queried the expenditure on 'repairs' now and thought that surely it was more cost effective to resurface sooner? Ms Sanderson explained the method of repairing and the costs involved.

Cllr Marshall raised the problem of litter on and near the bypass and roundabouts. Ms Sanderson agreed to contact Autolink (bypass), Harcros (underneath and roundabouts) and NYCC (roads leading to bypass) asking for their co-operation in solving the problem. Cllr Roberts thanked Ms Sanderson and Mr Allanson for their helpful explanations of the situation before leaving the meeting.

Minutes:

Town Council, 17th September 2001:

Add 'Cllr Hubbard' to those present.

Approval proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Amenities, 4th October 2001: Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed

Police Report:

No police present.

Cllr Hubbard reported on recent problems at the Picnic area, drug abuse, bad language and vandalism; CCTV camera is not strong enough to get detail; residents of St. James Green could object stronger lighting in the area; police to be asked for closer monitoring of the area; details of the number of break ins and theft of vehicles to be requested from the police; Mr Calvert to be asked to cut back the trees which stop the CCTV cameras getting a better view.

Cllr Robinson reported that every night there are incidents of shop windows being broken and canopies are being damaged in the town centre; CCTV cameras are not moved and he felt he had had a poor response when he had telephoned the CCTV control room. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police saying that the present situation in Thirsk being experienced by residents, businesses and visitors is unacceptable and the Town Council looks forward to hearing when there will be an increase in the police patrolling the streets and the surrounding areas and villages in an effort to prevent further damage and vandalism.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs Ellen Storm explained a problem that has arisen due to coaches not dropping off visitors to The World of James Herriot, who are often elderly and disabled. NYCC Highways dept. needs to be informed of the problem and that caused by delivery wagons etc parking on the yellow lines outside the RBL. The information that is given to coach drivers who bring visitors to The World of James Herriot possibly needs amending.

Mr D Cartridge asked for confirmation that his letter would be included in the correspondence section, given.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Bus stops near Tesco store and garage - details of position and when to be reinstalled have been requested.

Proposed wall at Todds Court - Cllr Marshall asked if the Environment Agency had been consulted about the proposal.

Flood fair, Harrogate: 100 copies of the details had been distributed to areas in the town affected by last years flood. Cllr Roberts had attended the fair, felt there could have been

more support; Thirsk Library have agreed to display the literature that Cllr Roberts collected at the fair.

Police invitation to see CCTV 'in action' - date booked, 12th November 2001.

NYCC cycleway - working party comments sent in.

Town Hall Open day did not take place as arranged.

Detached Youth Worker Project - Cllr Bull has agreed to be the Town Council representative.

Thirsk Infants School Charity has met with Wainhomes Ltd, developers of the former Nursery site, identified the problems and again agreed to attend to them.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported the following:

Change to public footpath Long Street to St Mary's Walk (Volvo garage) has been approved.

Thirsk Library hours have been extended; details to be circulated to Councillors.

Environmental Scrutiny Committee has issued maps showing bus routes, more to be requested. Cllr Pack if the bus services received any subsidy? Cllr Marshall confirmed that they do.

Traffic calming on York Road/Sutton Road to be completed in November; there are to be new signs directing traffic on to the bypass.

Traffic calming/ NYCC drainage work in Finkle Street to be co-ordinated; the expected time is the middle of January 2002.

Cllr Robinson reported the problem caused at the new road onto the Industrial Park by parked vehicles in front of Barbeck garage; the matter had already been reported.

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson reported:

Recycling Scheme that has been tried in Thirsk has proved successful; trial period is to be extended.

Cllr Marshall reported:

Northallerton Community Centre is not to be relocated; the existing building is to be refurbished.

Community car scheme, the allocation of money is to be on mileage travelled.

Flood warning scheme is now in place; a poor response had been received re request of flood warning; Nursery Gardens had been omitted, but Mr Underwood, HDC is to have the area included.

Cllr Murkett arrived.

Planning:

Granted:

2/01/152/0048B Prop: Change of use of existing first floor storage accommodation and second and third floor storage accommodation.

Location: 49 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Hambleton District Council. (TC refused, due to access to 2nd & 3rd floor)

2/01/152/0094N Prop: Installation of a satellite dish.

Location: 17 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Nat West Bank (TC refused, position changed).

2/01/152/0150C Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor Class A1 premises to Class A2 use.

Location: 29 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Gateway Financial Services (TC no objections).

2/01/152/0483A Prop Alterations to existing storage building for use as a dwelling. .

Location: The Old Stables, Johnsons Yard, Thirsk.

Applicant: Johnson properties, Thirsk (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/01/152/2/01/152/0048B: Prop: Change of use of existing first floor storage accommodation and second and third floor disused accommodation to first and second floor office use with third floor storage accommodation

Location: 49 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: HDC (TC no objections but the access to 1st & 2nd floor) .

2/01/009/0204: Prop: Construction of building for production and development of motor vehicles and associated offices/staff facilities

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr D J T Brown. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0326C: Prop: Display of an externally illuminated fascia sign.

Location: 26 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Leathleys Quality Fare Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0366E: Prop: Construction of a telecommunications tower and equipment cabin.

Location: Thirsk Telephone Exchange, Picks Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: BT Cellnet (TC refused)

2/01/152/0611C: Prop: Formation of a wildlife pond.

Location: Hollin Barn Nurseries, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr C Harley (TC more information requested).

2/01/152/0629A: Prop: Layout of land and extension to existing clothing warehouse.

Location: Austin Reed Group, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Austin Reed pic (TC approved).

2/01/152/0668: Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 32 Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: S Walker (TC no objections) .

2/01152/0669 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 11 Lynbrook Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lally (TC no objections).

NYCC, Thirsk Community Primary School: Proposed retention of Vie Hallem prefabricated unit. (TC approve).

49 Market Place: Cllr Robinson explained that access to the upper floor was not a planning issue, therefore the application had been granted.

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts was proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed. .

CE & CM Walker, grasscutting £1,137.40.

The Colour Centre, borders, Cem Lodge £5.98.

HDC, election, postage/stationery £71.04.

Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board, drainage rate £19.25.

P J Alderson, Cem Lodge repair chimney pots £316.00.

Action for Market Towns, renewal £92.53.

SLCC, manual £15.00.

Eccles Heddon, legal fees re Cem Supt. £835.35.

Park Security, Cem lodge £41.13.

Yorkshire Water, office £37.50.

B. Bd, Cem Lodge £133.44.

Northern Electric, office £36.40.

Foden Construction Ltd, maintenance, St Greens £1715.50.

Wybone, B Bd, wire baskets £298.61.

Todd/Minster, B Bd empty skip £98.61.

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd, Cent. Areas, coach screws £11.46.

Power Point Ltd, Open Areas, hire hedge trimmer £18.79.
 Thirsk Garden & Fish Centre, Th. in Bl. Plants £952.00.
 A M Wilkinson, refund, travel £27.44
 HDC, C Tax, office, DD £123.00.
 C Pattison, rent office ½ year £975.00.
 K Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00.
 C Amy: (2 months) .
 Centenary field, ditching etc £165.00.
 Centenary Field, remove dead trees etc £30.00.
 Castlegarth, repair fence £10.00.
 Wkly insp, Playareas etc £162.50.
 Wkly Insp Playareas etc £162.50.
 Mill Gardens, weed etc £120.00.
 Mill Gardens, weed, litter pick etc £120.00.
 Long St, weed, cut hedge £20.00.
 Holmes, cut down/make safe tree £25.00.
 Herriot Way, fence repairs £5.00.
 Cemetery Lodge, gardening etc £ 30.00.
 White Mare roundabout/shrubbery, weed etc £45.00.
 Picnic Area, transfer turf etc £110.00.
 East Thirsk playarea, fencing and repairs £95.00.
 Paid since last meeting: .
 Clerks & Councils Direct, Cllrs copies £66.00.
 A M Wilkinson, salary, September £699.17.
 Calverts Carpets, Cem Lodge £520.00.

Adoption of the accounts for Audit:

Acceptance proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Hall, agreed.
 Cllr Marshall reminded all committee chairmen that their budgets for 2002/2003 must be received by the next Council meeting, 20th November 2001.

Correspondence:

NHS survey, consultation closes 30th November 2001.
 NYCC, Waste Local Plan, has been circulated, response by 14th November 2001. .
 HDC replies, Steering Group, Market Towns Regeneration Scheme, noted.
 RBL, Remembrance Service, details given.
 Zurich Municipal. Risk Assessments seminar, agreed the clerk should attend.
 Community Care, 'Be heard in Hambleton', noted.

NYCC, Thirsk Library opening hours, circulated.
 HDC, copy letter re fence, 21 St Mary's Walk, noted.
 HDC Grants Road Show, 14th November 2001 reminder given.
 NALC draft corporate plan 2001, reply by date 9th November 2001, noted.
 Mr J Sutton, New Zealand, re using pen and paper for accounts. .

Cllr Roberts vacated the chair and left the room. Cllr Robinson, vice chairman, took the chair.

Letter received from Mr D Cartridge re his request for Cllr Roberts to be invited to resign from representing Thirsk Town Council on the Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Management committee was read to the meeting. Cllr Robinson asked if anyone would propose that Cllr Roberts be asked to resign; no response; Cllr Robinson said that as he had not received a proposal Cllr Roberts could not be asked for her resignation.

Cllr Robinson vacated the chair, Cllr Roberts was asked back into the meeting. .

A member of the public left the meeting.

NALC Draft Corporate Plan:

Copies of the NALC summary and the YLCA briefing had been circulated: Councillors felt that the Town Council is a member of YLCA first and NALC second; agreed with YLCA that any decision on the plan should be delayed 12 months in order to give all parishes time to be consulted; it was felt that NALC pushing the matter through in too much of a hurry; Cllr Robinson proposed Cllr Pack seconded that a letter be sent to NALC expressing Town Council views; copies to YLCA (Mr I Strong) and Hambleton Branch meeting, agreed.

Town Hall Annex:

The meeting was informed that Mr D Cartridge had resigned from the Management committee.

It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation for all the work that Mr D Cartridge has undertaken during his time on the Town Hall Management committee. Cllr Roberts said that the Management Committee always expressed appreciation of work done by its members. Cllr Marshall said the whole matter appalled her.

Parish Map:

Cllr Roberts told the Council that the Parish Map had been taken down from display to allow for decoration in the Library. Discussion followed about the preservation of the map. Cllr Marshall said that due to the way the agenda had been written the Town Council could not make a decision. Cllr Murkett asked for it to be included on next Council agenda, agreed.

Suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Thirsk War Memorial: A letter has been received from Mr Josephs re the necessary repair on the church clock, to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

Meeting place of future meetings:

Discussion ended that in future the Council meeting and Amenity meeting will be held in the Large Room of the Annex.

Committee reports:

Burial Board: Cllr Hall organised a meeting on Saturday 20th October 2001 at 10.30am in the Cemetery.

Christmas Lights: Tree to be put up on 23rd November.

Representatives Reports:

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack said notes of a meeting of the committee were in tabled correspondence.

Members Reports:

Cllr Adamson proposed that committee reports should be given at Amenity meetings only so as to avoid duplication and also to hopefully shorten meetings, agreed.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Thursday 1st November 2001
at 7:30pm in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .**

Present:

Cllrs Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett and Pack and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Hall and Roberts.

Minutes:

Approved at Town Council, 15th October 2001.

Matters Arising:

Arriva Trains/Buses - Letter to be sent to the Minister of Transport complaining that trains being substituted by buses or worse still cancelled is just not acceptable.

Christmas Lights - Cllr Jackson has arranged that Cllr Hall and Mr Woodhead will liase re the installing of the Christmas tree.

Bulb planting, Ingramgate & Little Green - Cllr Robinson had planted most of the daffodils purchased but still had a small amount to do.

JEB Taxis notices - A letter has been sent to the proprietor requesting the removal of notices displayed on the bus shelter; fly posting to be reported to HOC; operating licence to be checked.

Mill Gardens, repair of seats - Outwood to be contacted for prices of necessary repairs.

Christmas Lights budget: Cllr Murkett queried the large amount in the budget; Cllr Jackson explained that it would be necessary if EU regulations needed to be implemented.

Discussion on when the signing of the minutes of the Amenity meeting should take place; Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that the Amenity minutes will in future be approved at the following Amenity meeting, agreed; to be noted at the next Town Council meeting.

Correspondence:

Ingramgate, tree survey: Mr Amy has completed of the trees on Ingramgate: Has been passed to The Greens & Ingramgate Committee for consideration; cost of work involved needed before committee meets.

Gas maintenance, Castlegate, Thirsk, beginning 26th November 2001 for approximately a month: Plan of where work is to take place studied; agreed to ask for deferred until after Christmas; otherwise request the minimal amount of disturbance during the work; proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Hubbard.

HDC Firework safety rules: noted.

Transfer of licence, Blacksmiths Arms, by 9th November 2001: Agreed, new licensee to attend an appropriate course.

NYCC Grass cutting areas:

An estimated cost of £120 per cut had been received from Mr Walker for the areas in the town that are being cut by NYCC contractors; Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Bull seconded that the Town Council agree to cut these areas from April 2002 to 31st March 2008, agreed.

Committee Reports:

Open Areas: Cllr Marshall said a meeting is to be arranged soon.

Long Street enhancement: Cllr Marshall reported that progress was being made; plans are being drawn up, photographs taken of parking areas; will soon go out for consultation'
Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported that there is to be a memorial garden at East Thirsk Community Primary School; planting for spring has been completed; the tower in the Market Place will be planted for spring.

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson said a meeting will be called to consider prices of the tree survey, when received and next year's plans and budget.

Other items of interest and Information:

Cllr Hubbard reported that revised plans have been submitted to HDC Planning Department.

Cllr Bull reported that he had attended a meeting of the Detached Youth Worker Project; M/S D Moderna, detached youth worker, is back at work; there are 3 workers now working in the town; it was suggested that the workers are invited to a Council meeting for Councillors to be introduced to them;

Thirsk & Sowerby Relief In Need Charity is waiting for a letter from the Detached Youth Worker Project re available funds; a further donation from the Town Council could be considered in the next budget.

Cllr Marshall reported that the focus groups of the Market Town Regeneration Initiative have been formed and will be meeting shortly.

Light at the top of the alley near Harry Lee's shop is out again.

Lights in Cemetery Lane very poor; HDC to be asked to consider more lighting in the area; any lighting that might be installed must be sympathetic to the church area.

The clerk showed the pictures and copies of photographs that Mr Ray Ballard has given to the Town Council for display in the Town Office and windows; letter of thanks to be sent.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 19th November 2001 at 7:15pm in the Annexe, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Murkett, Pack, Robinson and Salmon, 4 members of the public, D/S Times reporter and the clerk.

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr Bull, Jackson and Marshall.

Cllr Hall arrived.

Minutes:

Town Council, 15th October 2001:

change to 19th November 2001.

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Police report:

No police present.

Letter of thanks to be sent thanking Inspector Broadley and all other staff who were so helpful on the recent visit by Councillors to the CCTV camera rooms.

Cllrs Hubbard and Salmon arrived.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mr H Whitton was attending the meeting in order to make a short video film of the Community Care Association report by Cllr Salmon to the Town Council; the film is being submitted to gain grant aid for Thirsk & Sowerby CCA; in the report Cllr Salmon asked for funding from the Town Council to be considered when the application for precept for the coming year is being prepared; agreed.

Mrs Reynard raised the problem of litter in Castlegarth now that seats have been installed; Cllr Roberts reported that extra litter picking has been implemented.

Mrs Reynard has concerns about the paving round the Market Place; very uneven for the elderly and disabled; suggested replacement with flat paving which could be funded on a 'buy one get a paving slab replaced' scheme. Cllr Murkett felt cost would prevent replacement happening; Cllr Hall said that the underside of each slab is sawn, therefore turning over should produce a smoother surface; agreed to ask HDC if the most uneven could be turned over.

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Matters arising:

Cllr Robinson asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Bolton for driving the minibus when the visit to the CCTV camera rooms was made.

Letter to Chief Constable sent, no acknowledgement.

Cycle Plan: NYCC had asked for some minor details to be cleared on the comments made.

Planning:

Granted:

2/01/152/0326C Prop: Display of an externally illuminated fascia sign.

Location: 26 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Leathleys Quality Fayre Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0402B Provision of a replacement door

Location: 17 Ingramgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: S Stephenson (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0424K Prop: Construction of club building.

Location: Thirsk Racecourse Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Thirsk Racecourse Ltd (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0462B prop: Ground floor and first floor extensions to existing dwelling house

Location: 66 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bates (TC no objections)

2/01/152/611C Prop: Formation of a wildlife pond.

Location: Hollin Barn Nurseries, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr C Hartley (TC refused)

2/01/152/0629A Prop: Layout of land and extension to existing clothing warehouse as amended by plans received by HDC on 5th November 2001.

Location: Austin Reed Group, Station Road, Thirsk,

Applicant: Austin Reed Group pic. (TC approved)

2/01/152/0668 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 32 Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr S Walker (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0669 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 11 Lynbrook Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lally. (TC no objections)

Refused:

2/01/152/0667 Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling.

Location: 9 Stammergate, Thirsk

Applicant: D & L Penty. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0366E Prop: Construction of a telecommunications tower and equipment cabin.

Location: Thirsk Telephone Exchange Picks Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: BT Cellnet (TC refused)

Applications:

2/01/152/0121A Prop: Construction of a domestic garage

Location: Green Bank, Sutton Bank, Thirsk.

Applicant: J B Smallwood (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0402B Prop: provision of a replacement door.

Location: 17 Ingramgate, Thirsk

Applicant: S Stephenson (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0424K Prop: Construction of a club building

Location: Thirsk Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Thirsk Racecourse Ltd (No objections)

2/01/1527 0462B Prop: Ground floor and 1st floor extensions to existing dwelling house.

Location: 66 St. Mary's Walk, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Bates (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0630 Prop: Construction of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings

Location: Three Tuns Yard, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr Robinson (TC refused) Amendment (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0670 Prop: Two-storey extension of existing dwelling house

Location: 19 Favenfield Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Metcalfe (TC refused)

Accounts: Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, room hire £168.00

Northern Electric, office £13.72

K Medd, B Bd, chimney sweep £26.00

M Burnett, remove/repair seat, Cem. Lane; treat/install seats Castlegarth £270.40

C Amy:

Wkly insp, open areas £200.80

Mill Gardens, 5 wks £150.00

Picnic area, litter pick etc £25.00

White Mare roundabout, weed. £10.00

Little Green, prune/weed £10.00

Cemetery, remove fallen tree/backfill 2 graves £35.00

A Swift, Cem Lodge, set up boiler, oil, repair waste pipe/ plaster/paint ceiling. £341.93

Staples, stationery £29.06

CE & CM Walker, grass cutting £1,137.40

K Dickinson clean office windows £ 6.00

Power Point Ltd, Cent. Field, digger hire £119.85

Play Ground Management Services £ 401.85

Petty Cash £50.00

A M Wilkinson, refund travel expenses, Cemetery seminar £ 40.18

HDC C Tax, office, DD £ 123.00

Paid since last meeting:

YLCE, Cemetery seminar £ 23.50

A M Wilkinson, salary, October £ 682.91 BT, office phone £48.12

Joplings, commission, new tenant £ 235.00

Memorials:

Approval for the following applications to erect a memorial proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Salmon, agreed.

Emma Louise James
Gladys Florence Miller
Ralph D Baldwin
Gerry Wilson
Owen Grainger

Correspondence:

YRCC, conference, Scarborough, 1st/3rd March 2002: To be kept in file for future meetings.

Moors & Coast 2002: Agreed not to advertise in next year's publication.

HDC Planning Dept: The following copies of letters re satellite dishes within the Conservation Area were noted.

E G E Hall, Old Royal Oak, Market Place, Thirsk.

Electroworld, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Ye Olde Three Tuns, Finkle Street, Thirsk.

The Shoe Box, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Paul Jobling Barbers Shop, Finkle Street, Thirsk.

No 4 Brewers Court, Kirkgate Thirsk.

Royal Oak, 13 Market Place, Thirsk.

NALC, Countryside Agency, Quality Councils information, circulated.

YRCC Planning & Developing Projects, 2001/2002; noted.

YRCC, AGM, 17th November 2001: noted.

YRCC, Applying for Funding, 2001/2002: noted

HDC, Mkt Towns Regeneration Scheme, reply: noted.

HDC Future Housing Requirements, reply.

N Y Fire & Rescue, thanks for donation: read, noted.

HDC, copy of breach of planning, Meadowcroft, Woodcock Lane, Thirsk: noted.

HDC, copy letter, JEB Taxis, Fly-posting: noted.

HDC, 1 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk, operation and storage of taxis: noted.

The Standards Board for England, information: To be circulated round Councillors for their comments; to be included on the January Town Council agenda.

Town Hall Annex:

Cllr Robinson asked when the Town Council would receive the final report: Cllr Roberts explained completion would be 6 months after construction had been finished, during which time any problems and defects are to be made good before the retention fee is agreed and paid; Cllr Adamson asked for details of expenditure to date and a list of savings and extras to be given to all Councillors: Cllr Roberts agreed to organise a representatives meeting.

Town Map:

Cllr Roberts explained to the meeting the reason for this item being put on the agenda; there had been problems recently when the removal of the map, which is on permanent display in Thirsk library, was requested when decoration of the library was about to commence. Cllr Salmon, secretary to the Parish Map Trust, explained that he had organised its removal and storage. When questioned re frequency of meetings of the Parish Map Trustees Cllr Salmon said that meetings were held on an as and when necessary basis; the keeping of the map is to the advice supplied by the Victoria and Albert Museum; that there is a small fund which will be used if any restoration becomes necessary; the minutes and records are in Cllr Salmon's keeping at the moment.

Thirsk War Memorial:

Cllr Roberts had received a letter from Mr S Josephs, treasurer to St Mary's Church

requesting help with paying for the repair of the chimes in the church clock, believed to be about £150.00; Cllr Roberts read from Mr Eric Thompson's book on Thirsk where it reported the chimes to be Thirsk's War Memorial.

Cllr Roberts proposed that the cost be accepted in total, seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed. Cllr Hall suggested that the Town Council take over the maintenance of the chimes; Cllr Robinson asked if the clock was the Town War Memorial as well? Cllr Roberts said not, only the chimes.

Cllr Salmon envisaged problems with insurance etc. if the maintenance was taken over and suggested that the Town Council should be ready to assist if needed in the future.

Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Salmon seconded that this should be considered when was being considered and put on the next Town Council agenda.

The press reporter and two members of the public left the meeting.

Representatives Reports:

Thirsk Community Primary School Governors: Cllr Adamson reported an I.T. Unit had opened recently; own website being designed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Chamber of Trade: Cllr Hubbard reported on the AGM; Mr D Moore continues as chairman.

NALC: Cllr Murkett reported that the NALC Consultation Draft had been deferred for 1 year at YLCA's request so that further consultation can take place; possible problems with finance have been averted.

Member's Reports:

Cllr Adamson reported that he had formally resigned from Thirsk's Market Town Regeneration Scheme.

Cllr Hall told the meeting of Thirsk Cricket Club plans to celebrate its 150th Anniversary on Saturday, approximately 380 people are expected to attend; Town Council to send congratulations.

Cllr Pack expressed concern re the fly posting in the area around the town clock.

Cllr Roberts had attended the Remembrance service on behalf of the Town Council; expressed concern re inaccurate reporting of this event in the D/S Times.

Cllr Roberts asked for celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee in the town to be put on the next agenda.

Cllr Robinson reported that the fence round the recycling bins in Millgate car park had been installed; screening had been proposed; Town Council had not been consulted.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Suspension of standing orders for 10 minutes proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting
held on Thursday 6th December 2001 at 7:30pm in the Annexe,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .**

Present:

Cllrs Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall and Pack, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Bull, Murkett and Roberts, accepted.

Minutes:

Approval of the minutes proposed Cllr Hubbard seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Matters Arising:

HDC has been asked to improve the lighting in Cemetery Lane.

Donation to the Detached Youth Worker project needs to be on Town Council Agenda for approval.

Arriva trains, possible closure of the office, Thirsk station on Sundays: Cllr Adamson asked for a second letter to be sent explaining the need for station personnel to be in attendance to open the gate for any disabled traveller to enter or exit the station.

Correspondence:

HDC, Christmas tree recycling to be at the Household Waste Recycling Centre, Sowerby. HDC Tree Preservation Order, Stockton Road/ Stoneybrough Lane: details noted.

HDC, Workhouse site Sutton Road: letter has been received from the residents association re responsibility for the play area when the equipment has been installed; has been answered.

NYCC, County Committee for Hambleton, meeting details noted.

Policy on fly tipping within the Parish:

Councillors discussed the issues and problems; Cllr Robinson to find out from HDC the law as it stands; timing after any item is reported being left and its removal. Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Marshall seconded that the clerk take action to remove within 7 days of notification, agreed.

Replacement trees, Ingramgate:

Report from Mr Amy on the condition of the trees discussed; NYCC have been sent a copy of the report; NYCC to be asked to carry out the necessary work: if it is the responsibility of the Town Council the Greens & Ingramgate committee to consider. The dead Almond tree will be replaced by similar.

Carrs Field, planning application for a proposed skate park:

Cllr Hubbard as chairman of the Trustees declared an interest and only answered questions put to him by Councillors when clarification was needed. Concerns of Councillors included use of floodlights; tarmac path out of context for the area; banking on the track; no more trees; wildlife to be affected; would the football area be retained?

Organisation/supervision by volunteers would be inadequate; over development of this rural area; noise from skateboards would be unacceptable; would the materials to be used be suitable for an area that floods?

Voting on the application - 2 for, 2 against (plus chairman's vote) 3, 1 abstention. Support

for a skate park in the town was unanimous.

The press reporter left the meeting, (9.03pm).

Committee Reports:

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack that 31 hanging baskets are to be put up tomorrow; watering buggy has been converted; sponsors needed for roundabouts etc; contact to be made to HDC for a flower container outside Millgate toilets; a training day for judges and members of Yorkshire in Bloom is to be held; the chairman for Yorkshire in Bloom is to speak to Thirsk in Bloom. Councillors recorded that the work of Thirsk in Bloom was a credit to the town.

Market Town Initiative - Cllr Marshall reported that some proposals have been made, some schemes have been priced and some have not, these seem less likely to be accepted.

Open Areas: Recent meeting looked at the ROSPA report.

Long Street Enhancement: Scheme has been put to Market Towns Initiative; removal of old lamps underway; plans are at the moment being copied before consultation; Conservation area boundaries near Long Street had been discussed.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson asked for a meeting to be held soon. Mr R Ballard has donated 3 large decorations to the Town Council for use in the town, Cllr Robinson to collect and install on the town clock; letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Ballard. Cllr Robinson agreed to purchase some small decorations for the town office.

Greens and Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson reported that a lamppost and some fencing had been damaged on St James Green, police to be asked for incident number.

Other Items of interest and Information:

Herriot Way: cars are parking on the grass again.

Cllr Hubbard asked if any street cleaning schemes (promised at the recent meeting with HDC) had been received? - To be requested again; statement of areas that HDC are responsible for also required.

Cllr Robinson reported re opening hours of licensed premises at New Year.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Confidential Item

Meeting closed at 10:22pm

**Minutes of the Council meeting
held on Monday 17th December 2001 at 7:15pm in the Annexe,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall .**

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett, Robinson and Salmon, 1 Press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Pack, accepted.

Minutes:

Town Council, 19th November 2001:

Correction- Town Hall Annex; 'Cllr Adamson expressed concern at the lack of financial information supplied to the council during construction and stated his intentions to report

this to the District auditor.'

Correction and addition Thirsk War Memorial- 'Cllr Roberts has mislaid Mr Joseph's letter but she believed it was for approximately £150.'

Approval subject to the amendments proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Police report:

No police present.

Cllr Adamson concerned re the increase of cycling on the pavement without lights.

Cllr Robinson expressed his concern re the increase in burglaries in the town particularly on business premises. Clerk to write again re Town Council's dissatisfaction re policing of the area.

Open Forum:

No members of the public present.

Matters Arising: None.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported:

Committee has adopted cycle plan for Thirsk: consultation will take place shortly

Area Committee has funds available; Parish Councils can have 25% funding up to £5,000;

Councillors asked for suggestions for Thirsk.

New bus timetables have been published for Thirsk.

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson reported that Cllr Murkett had been presented with a HDC Long Service Award, 18 years service, 16 continuous years plus a further 2 years.

Cllr Salmon arrived.

Cllr Marshall reported:

Golden Jubilee Awards: Lottery Scheme has been extended and has a £5,000 limit;

HDC Jubilee information pack has been received.

The alteration of the conservation area boundary in Long Street area of Thirsk is being discussed and will need planning approval.

Cllr Murkett arrived.

The changed plan for the proposed flood-wall at Todds Court was shown to Councillors; now on Broadacres land therefore not affecting the public footpath or other landowners.

Press left the meeting.

Planning:

Granted:

2/01/152/0121 A: Construction of a domestic garage.

Location: Green Bank, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: JB Smallwood. (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/01/009/0200 Prop: Layout of land and construction of building with associated facilities for

use in connection with haulage, courier and distribution business.

Location: Econo-move, Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk. (Amendment)

2/01/152/0048C Prop: Revised application for alterations to ground floor shop with workshops and stores and to first floor storage accommodation and 2nd floor disused accommodation for use as a ground floor tourist information centre with associated ground floor, 1st and 2nd floor staff and office facilities.

Location: 49 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: HDC (TC approved)

2/01/152/0575A Prop: Change of use of existing agricultural land to recreational use to include the formation of a skate park and cycle track and construction of a storage building.

Location: OS Field 8741 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: E Johnson Bequest Fund. (TC refused)

2/01/152/0635A Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling.

Location: 13 Nursery Gardens, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr Watt (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0641A Prop: Construction of a greenhouse.

Location: 7 The Crescent, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Walker (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0671 Prop: Construction of boundary fencing.

Location: 21 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs G Garbutt (TC refused)

2/01/152/0672 Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to existing building.

Location: 21 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Fox's Copy Centre

2/01/152/0673 Prop: Construction of a car canopy.

Location: 12 St Mary's Avenue, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs Thompson (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0674 Prop: Construction of 2 dwellings

Location: 14 Finkle Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clark (TC no objections)

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Streetmaster, Holmes, picnic tables £1,010.50

Sowerby Parish Council, grasscutting, Flatts/Miss Warner's land £ 434.00

Thirsk & District Minibus Assn, hire £13.53

K Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00

Bow House Ltd, advert, Come & Stay in Herriot Country £666.23

BT, phone a/c, office £162.15

Power Point Ltd, fencing pin, Christmas lights; gauntlets £54.29

C Amy: Wkly Insp, open areas £162.80

Mill Gardens, clear litter etc £120.00

Millgate Picnic are, litter pick etc £15.00

Castlegarth, litter clearance, fence repair £ 41.00

Ingramgate, tree report £80.00 F Roberts,/Chairman's allowance £200.00

HDC, C Tax, office DD £123.00

Paid since last meeting:

Inland Revenue £622.53

AM Wilkinson, salary, Nov, £682.68

Precept 2002/2003:

Details of the proposed budgets had been circulated; Cllr Salmon explained the £500 for Community Care Association was to help with volunteer training. Cllr Adamson proposed that the budgets be accepted seconded Cllr Bull, agreed. Cllr Marshall proposed that a

precept of £82,000 for the year 2002/2003 be submitted to HDC, agreed unanimously.

Applications to erect a memorial:

Approval of the following applications proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Doreen Brown

Alfred Bates

Applications to add an inscription:

Audrey Kaye

Correspondence:

NYCC, County Committee, Hambleton, 10th December 2001 - noted.

Local Agenda 21 UK, issue 5, newsletter - noted.

NALC, National Strategy for Parish & Town Councils, to be circulated.

NYCC, National Grid resuming works after F&M. - noted.

NYCC, Stopping up of public footpath, Crossroads garage - agreed.

HDC, copy, satellite dish 11 Finkle Street - noted.

L. Twiss, Thirsk Industrial Park, tree planting, traffic calming etc. details were noted; clerk asked to forward to Bagby Parish Council as it is in their parish.

HDC Conservation Area Boundaries

After discussion Cllr Marshall proposed seconded Cllr Robinson that all of the east side of Long Street should be included in the conservation area.

Town Hall Annex:

Cllr Roberts reported that a meeting of the representatives will be arranged early in 2002; reported that fire door in the large room of the Annex and the boiler room door had been damaged in the recent break in; Town Hall Management Committee have ordered and will pay for the boardroom table and chairs for the Small Committee Room.

Queen's Golden Jubilee:

Cllr Jackson suggested that the flood lighting of St Mary's Church which had been proposed as a Millennium project would be a suitable and permanent memorial for this occasion; Cllr Marshall felt it would also help light a 'dark' area of the town; Cllr Hall thought the church would be more secure if lit; it was suggested that a working party, Cllrs Bull, Jackson, Roberts and Robinson, be set up to consider ideas and meet soon in 2002; Cllr Roberts to investigate Town Hall flagpole.

Thirsk War Memorial:

Cllr Roberts apologised for the error she had made re the letter from Mr Josephs and the amount for the repair is actually £1,130.35; Cllr Murkett proposed seconded Cllr Bull that the Town Council should pay for the repair in full, agreed. (7 for, 1 abstained); Cllr Hall proposed seconded Cllr Murkett that in future the Town Council adopt the maintenance of the chimes; Cllr Roberts to visit the County Archives Office re details of the war memorial; report at next meeting.

Representatives Reports:

Thirsk Community Primary School: Cllr Adamson reported everything fine.

East Thirsk Community Hall: Cllr Adamson reported that the Over 60's dinner usual success.

Burial Board: Cllr Hall reported on the visit of the War Graves surveyor; notice board to be ordered and installed in the New Year; Burial Board report to be an agenda item each month.

Flatts Preservation Trust: Cllr Salmon reported that Mr H. Woodhead is still the president; ideas and plans for Miss Warner's land being considered; Cllr Robinson reported the fence

fronting the land is in need of repair; removal of the fence to open up the area had been suggested at the recent meeting.

Millennium Green Trust: Cllr Marshall reported on the recent AGM at which her resignation as chairman was accepted, Mr M l'Anson is now chairman and Cllr D. Adamson is now secretary/treasurer.

Thirsk Infants School Charity: Cllr Marshall reported that the library now has a new lease; the developers of the Former Nursery site had at last installed signs and road markings at the entrance and exit of the library.

Members Reports:

Cllr Adamson reported that he was busy revamping the Town Council website. Cllr Salmon expressed thanks to Cllr Adamson, on behalf of the Council, for all his work.

Cllr Marshall: Asked if the Town Council had been consulted on the closure of the Courthouse at Richmond? No consultation had been received; agreed to write objecting on the basis of inconvenience and that Northallerton is already too busy.

Ritz Cinema celebrates 90years in 2002; special films from each decade are to be shown on Sundays; Cllr Roberts reported that people attending the cinema had doubled since volunteers had run it.

Cllr Hubbard concerned re the lack of policing in the town; Cllr Hubbard agreed to research the possibility; to be on next Council agenda: Cllr Murkett to contact NACL re Town Council position.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting
held on Thursday 10th January 2002 at 7:30pm in the Town Office.**

Present:

Cllrs Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett, Pack and Roberts, 1 press reporter, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Hall and Salmon

. Minutes:

4th December 2001:

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Notification of Christmas tree recycling had not been received from HDC; request to be informed next year

Fly tipping - Cllr Robinson to ask HDC for law as it stands.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Street-cleaning rota for Thirsk: Gary Brown HDC bringing detailed plan to office on Monday.
Parking Herriot Way: Letter to residents near open area asking for their co-operation by keeping vehicles off the grass.

Ingramgate, tree work: NYCC to undertake.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson asked for the usual thanks to Mr Woodhead for the tree Mr G Johnstone for the electrical work and R S Hall Engineering for their help.

Correspondence:

Playground inspections; Details of inspections by YPFA have been received; decided to stay with ROSPA.

Mr D Burnham, St James Green - parking problems; to be discussed at next Greens and Ingramgate meeting.

Letter of thanks for help given by Mrs M Penson, HDC traffic warden, when the sender's car broke down in Thirsk: copy has been forwarded to HDC.

Yorkshire Deals, goods displayed outside: NYCC have approached the owner who has agreed to keep the items close to the windows so as not to obstruct pedestrians; NYCC to monitor; Councillors accepted this (7 for. 2 against).

Carrs Field - amended planning application, skate park and cycle track etc:

Cllr Hubbard declared an interest in the subject. Cllr Adamson said the fencing was still the same as the original application: recommended that an independent environmental assessment of the area be carried out.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Mr B Ogleby expressed the many concerns of the residents of St James Green have re the possible problems they could have to endure if the application goes ahead; suggested that a more suitable site would be next to a sports facility that is supervised; hopefully away from residential properties; with adequate parking.

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed

Agreed that no further comments re this amendment to be sent to HDC Planning committee; Councillors agreed there is a need for a park but are not happy with this location; Cllr Murkett had visited a skate park in Thornton le Dale that seemed to be well run.

Committee Reports:

Open Spaces:

Craigs Way: Playdale and Record playground equipment to be asked to suggest suitable equipment for the area; plan to be obtained from HDC; breakdown of funding by developer needed; equipment to be 'multi age'.

Castlegarth: Mr K Emerick to be contacted again re recommended graphic artists; contact Mr Cooper Harding asking if he would be prepared to compile the text for interpretation boards on Castlegarth (2), Holmes (2-1 near the sluice gate, 1 near the Marage end) and one in Mill Gardens.; contact English Heritage for a plan of the 'moat site'; Cllr Marshall and Cllr Adamson to research via old postcards; eligible for Local Heritage Lottery Grant, clerk to obtain information from RANY.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported that 31 hanging baskets are now planted for spring flowering; meeting at which Yorkshire in Bloom speaker will attend now arranged for 23rd January 2002.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson reported that a brief meeting had been held.

Cllr Robinson reported that some of the bulbs that light the town clock need replacing.

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson hopes to organise a meeting soon.

Other items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Marshall reported that the Internal Drainage Board have done a survey on what effects the proposed wall at Todds Court will have on surrounding properties etc: a study by the Environment Agency is not finished; consultations will take place before any changes take place.

Cllr Pack expressed concern re the entrances to Thirsk; Market Towns Regeneration has intentions for improvement.

Cllr Hubbard: Asked for clarification re the loss of parking outside 33 Market Place; the whole area has been taken over and is being used as a builders yard; public safety at risk; Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Pack seconded that HDC should be contacted.

Cllr Adamson informed the meeting that the revamped Town Council website is up and running but still needs some adjustment; Councillors thanked him for all his work.

Press reporter left the meeting.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Meeting closed at 9:37pm.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 21st January 2002 at 7:15pm in the Annexe, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Murkett, Pack, Robinson and Salmon, Sgt B. Frank, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

Apologies for absence: none. .

Minutes:

Town Council, 17th December 2001:

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed. .

Cllr Hall arrived. .

Police report:

Sgt B. Frank gave a detailed report on the increase in officer levels for the Thirsk area and how the Thirsk and Easingwold areas are sometimes run as one unit. Sgt Frank informed Councillors that arrests had been made for approximately 80% of the recent spate of burglaries in the town and surrounding villages had been made; concern expressed by Councillors that the offenders were so young and hoped that their punishment would be severe enough to deter a career in crime; Cllr Roberts congratulated the Police on these arrests. Sgt Frank explained methods of policing and observation procedures. Concern was expressed re methods of approaching the police either after an incident or for police help and guidance; the direct line phone number for businesses perhaps needs to be circulated again. .

Cllr Roberts thanked Sgt Frank for attending the meeting. .

Sgt Frank left the meeting.

Cllr Roberts left the meeting, Cllr Robinson, took the chair.

Cllr Marshall arrived during the police report. .

Cllr Jackson asked for a letter to be sent to Thirsk police expressing appreciation for their attendance at the meeting. .

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Bull, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs Dodds raised the matter of cycling on the pavements asking if any further details were available of preventative action; no report of action being taken had been received. .

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed. .

Matters Arising:

Cllr Bull reported that the application for a skate park had been refused planning permission; Cllr Murkett aggrieved that the planning officer had not given accurate advice on his visit to the site prior to the application being submitted; time, effort and funds could all have been saved.

Cllr Marshall proposed seconded Cllr Pack that a letter should be sent to Mr S Quartermaine reporting on the advice given to the Ethel Johnson Trust by the planning officer, on his site visit; the planning officer had not mentioned that permission was unlikely to be granted as the area was in a 'Green Wedge'; Mr Quartermaine to be asked for his comments, explanation and assurance that it will not happen again, agreed.

Cllr Marshall suggested seconded Cllr Pack that as the Town Council wished to see a skate park provided on a suitable site that a joint meeting between representatives from Sowerby Parish Council, The Flatts Trust, Carlton Lodge Youth Centre and the Town Council be arranged as soon as possible, agreed unanimously.

Cllr Salmon asked that if a Councillor arrives late for a meeting, due to being on Council business, that this in future be recorded in the minutes.

Cllr Marshall agreed to fill in a plan showing the area of Long Street that the Town Council

wish to be included in the conservation area.

Cllr Marshall reported that the Ritz Cinema had shown the first of the films from yesteryear on Sunday and had been a great success. .

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported that the County Council Cycle plan will be out soon for final consultations; has asked that in future when snow or icy condition prevail that St Mary's Walk/Dowber Lane/ Hambleton Place/ Hambleton Drive be gritted as it is a main road for so many residents.

New bus timetables leaflets for Thirsk proving popular, summer timetables will be available in April.

NYCC Committee for Hambleton meeting has been arranged for 28th January 2002 at County Hall at 5.00pm; Town Council to ask for the meeting to be moved around the area and at a time more suitable to most people.

NYCC budget on the agenda of this meeting; bus-stop near Tesco Store will be restored to previous place for outward buses but the stop for incoming buses will not be as the area is not now suitable.

York Road is to be closed while resurfacing takes place in February.

Still no date when work in Finkle Street will begin.

Work by Yorkshire Water in Westgate/ Station Road has been deferred.

Report by the Audit Commission has ruled that NYCC school bus services are poor, Cllr Marshall has asked for a copy of the report, will forward to Town Council.

Dropped kerbs scheme in Thirsk will go ahead.

Sowerby Parish Council are willing to loose a parking space near the Town Hall so that a dropped kerb can be sited in a "safer" place; Councillors voted and agreed to support for this (6 for 3 against 1 did not vote).

Cllr Jackson asked if NYCC had replied re the promised study of the roundabout at Town End; he felt it could control speed on Westgate.

Cllr Salmon asked for details of the number of accidents on Westgate.

Cllr Robinson raised the matter of the traffic island being installed opposite a gate into a property on York Road without consideration being given for the entrance. .

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson reported that he is no longer on HDC Cultural & Social committee; now on Finance & Resources committee. .

Cllr Marshall reported that the next HDC Cabinet meeting agenda included a report on Long Street, Thirsk; there will not be a report on Long Street Enhancement at this meeting.

Planning:

Granted:

2/01/152/0048C Prop: Revised application for alterations for use as a ground floor tourist information centre with associated ground floor, 1st and 2nd floor staff and office facilities.

Location: 49 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: HDC (TC approved)

2/01/152/0121A prop: Construction of a domestic garage.

Location: Green Bank, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: JB Smallwood (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0122E Prop: Change of use if existing public house to a dwelling.

Location: 40 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr A Moore (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0122E Prop: Change of use of existing public house to a dwelling.

Location: 40 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr A Moore. (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/01/152/0575A Prop: Change of use of existing agricultural land to recreational use to include the formation of a skate park and cycle track and construction of a storage building amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 19th December 2001

Location: O S Field 8741, St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: E Johnson Bequest Fund. (TC refused)

2/01/152/0678 Prop: Alterations to existing retail shop building.

Location: 21,25,27 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs B Abbott. (TC

2/01/152/0678A Prop: Application for LBC for alterations and repairs to existing retail shop buildings.

Applicant: Mrs B Abbott. (TC

Accounts:

Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Murkett seconded that a donation to cover the cost of the Remembrance Day wreaths of £50.00, agreed.

Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Murkett seconded payment of the following accounts, agreed.

K Dickinson, clean office windows, 3 wks £6.00

Record Playground Equipment, seats/chains, Holmes, E Thirsk £1,336.85

Todd Waste management, B. Bd, empty skip £108.19

BT, office phone £48.12

C Pattison, office rent £975.00

Thirsk Garden & tropical fish centre bulbs etc, Thirsk in Bloom £83.93

D J Mann, clean windows bus shelter, Mkt Place £62.50

Fox's Trophies, engraving mayor's chain £56.87

RBL Wreathes £50.00

Public Works Loan Board, 1st instalment Annex £9,712.50

C Amy:

Wkly inspection Play areas £162.80

Holmes repair swings/parallel bars/bench £110.00

Mill gardens, 4 wks £120.00

Picnic area, litter etc £15.00

Holmes, remove hanging branch; fell dangerous tree £40.00

Christmas lights, erect/remove fencing £80.00

Holmes/Carrs Field boundary remove trees/repair fence £60.00

Castlegarth, litter picks £20.00

Whitelass beck remove debris £20.00

East Thirsk make safe tree after storm/apply kerb granules £40.00

Holmes/Cent. Field apply kerb granules materials/labour £119.25

Stockton Road tree care £10.00

Little Green tree care tree replacing (free of charge) £35.00

Millennium Green play area inspection £30.00

Shire park apply kerb granules £10.00

Long St. apply kerb granules £5.00

Paid since last meeting:

St Mary's Parish Church, War Memorial repair £1,130.35

Christmas Lights donation £300.00

A M Wilkinson salary £708.72

Memorials:

Approval of the following proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Bull, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:
Michael Lovell

Correspondence:

HDC, Street naming, new development, Thirsk Industrial Park: Woodstock Way, Thirsk Industrial Park, Thirsk. Y07 3TF, noted.

NYCC County Committee for Hambleton, meeting 28th January 2002, noted;

NYCC, Blakey Lane road closure, dates noted.

NYCC County Committee for Hambleton, 28th January 2002, noted.

The following items had been circulated to Councillors:

DTLR, Model Code of conduct information.

YLCA, Code of Conduct, information.

HDC Code of Conduct, Local government Act 2000.

NY Police, reply to letter to Chief Constable.

Burial Board Report:

Cllr Hall reported that the following items to be discussed at the meeting on 2nd February 2002 in the cemetery at 10.30am – notice board, survey, action on survey, specifications to be issued to gravediggers, undertakers and stonemasons.

Cllr Murkett concerned about the amount of litter he had seen in the cemetery when attending a funeral recently. Cllr Hall explained the system of litter clearing now in force.

Cllr Robinson expressed the wish that the skip had a cover fitted which would stop rubbish already collected blowing about again; to be discussed at the meeting.

Queen's Golden Jubilee:

Cllr Robinson reported on the meeting of the working party; idea for a permanent memorial of the occasion to floodlight St Mary's Church; a member of the public had suggested to the clerk that a fancy dress parade or similar involving children, perhaps with the RBL Band leading could process between Carrs Field and the Market Place; another idea from the meeting would be to hold a charity fair in the Market Place. Some discussion followed; Cllr Murkett suggested that plaques to mark buildings, places and famous people of Thirsk; Cllr Marshall reported that this is already being planned hopefully with Local Heritage Funding. Cllr Marshall proposed that the Town Council should approach Rev. Norris with the proposal to flood light St Mary's Church, Thirsk seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed (9 for 1 abstain).

Suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Cllr Hall proposed that an open meeting is held to find out what is being already planned by other organisations etc in the town and also to allow members of the public to express their wishes of how to mark the occasion seconded Cllr Pack, agreed; this to be arranged as soon as possible.

Cllr Bull suggested that a competition held annually between local children's choirs with a perpetual Jubilee Cup beginning this year; this to be brought to the open meeting approved earlier.

Member of the public left the meeting.

Proposed Standards Committee:

After discussion it was agreed to hold a separate meeting for Councillors to discuss any issues of the Code of Member Conduct – Local Government Act 2000 that may need further consultation with HDC. It was agreed that representatives of the Council should

attend the Parish Liaison meeting where it will be on the agenda.

Quality Councils consultation, response date 14th February 2002; Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Marshall seconded that all councillors be given a copy for study and a meeting be arranged in time to reply, agreed.

Community Policing:

It was agreed to defer this item; Cllr Bull & Cllr Hubbard agreed to attend a Community safety meeting on 29th January 2002.

Cllrs Murkett and Salmon left the meeting.

Representatives Reports:

Eat Thirsk Community Hall: Cllr Marshall reported on the recent sale of books to raise funds for a wall hanging.

Members Reports:

Cllr Pack: concerned about the sticky remains of taxi notices on the bus shelter in the Market Place; clerk has asked Mr Amy to remove them.

Cllr Robinson reported that Mr Ewan Cameron, Countryside Agency, would be in the town on 23rd January 2002 to hear local views on the effects of Foot & Mouth on the area.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

The meeting closed at 10:18pm.

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting
held on Thursday 7th February 2002 at 7:30pm in the Town Office.**

Present:

Cllrs Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Hubbard, Marshall, Roberts and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Bull, Hall, Jackson, Murkett and Pack, accepted.

Minutes:

10th January 2002: Approval proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Parking on grass, Herriot Way, letter has been distributed to residents.

Street Cleaning: Cllr Hubbard asked if HDC had sent details re the putting out of rubbish and its collection? To date this has not been received; agreed to ask again; also ask for a plan of the areas that HDC have responsibility to clean; ask why the street cleaner is still emptying the litter bins in the town centre; copy to Mr E Kendall, HDC, Head of Environmental, Health and Housing.

Fly tipping: Cllr Robinson gave details of enquiries at HDC re the problem of fly tipping on Town Council ground.

Cllr Salmon arrived.

Website: Cllr Adamson informed the meeting of further progress he had made on the Town Council website; Cllr Robinson thanked him for his work and time.

Skate park: Cllr Roberts gave a report on her visit to the skate park at Thornton- le Dale and her conversation with skateboarders there; meeting has been arranged for 27th February 2002, Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Correspondence: Craig's Way play area: Completion of the transfer of this land to the Town Council is expected soon.

HDC have confirmed in writing that the area that Mr Burnham, 83 St James Green asked to be made into a parking area is the responsibility of the Town Council.

Renewal of licence, Regent Bingo: Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Committee Reports:

Central Areas: Cllr Hubbard reported that the town clock had graffiti on it; Mr Amy has been asked to clean. The fingerpost in the Market Place incorrect, fingers need to be fastened in position; clerk to contact Cllr Hall.

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson intends to call a meeting soon.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Hubbard reported that the Chamber of Trade intends to buy some bunting to be used for the Queen's Golden Jubilee; it was agreed that the Town Council should purchase additional bunting.

Cllr Hubbard reported that a pole had been installed on St James Green by BT; Mr J Bell to be asked if he gave permission; needs to be moved as it stops vehicular access to Carrs Field.

Cllr Roberts asked for the state of the road in Chapel Street to be reported to NYCC Highways Dept.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Cllr Roberts reported that when the annual service of the heaters in the Town Hall had taken place the 2 gas heaters in the main hall had been condemned and turned off by the service engineers; after discussion it was agreed that as Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council had paid for the previous ones they should do so again.

Cllr Marshall asked that a lottery application form be obtained from RANY so that the Town Council can apply for funding to cover the cost of the interpretation boards planned in Castlegarth and on the Holmes.

Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held on Monday 18th February 2002 at 7:15pm in the Annexe,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hall, Hubbard, Pack, Robinson, 2 members of the public, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Jackson & Salmon.

Minutes:

Town Council, 21st January 2002:

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Police Report:

No police present.

It was agreed to put the Hambleton Crime & Disorder Audit 2001 on the agenda of the next meeting.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Open Forum:

Rev. Nigel Sinclair gave details of a meeting to be held on Thursday re the proposed Drop In Centre; needs committee to organise;

Rev. Sinclair to send a report to the Town Council; Cllr Pack, Bull and Murkett agreed to attend.

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Member of the public left the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Community Policing, Cllrs Bull and Hubbard have had a meeting with Insp. Broadley, Sgt

Frank and Mr D Moore chairman of Thirsk Chamber of Trade; Insp. Broadley to contact M/S Chris Fields: broader based meeting with other interested parties included to be arranged.

Proposed Flood lighting of St Mary's Church, Rev. Norris has been contacted re next step to take.

Queen's Golden Jubilee meeting: notices have been distributed.

Fly posting on bus shelter, have been removed but glue still there.

Visit of Mr Ewan Cameron Countryside Agency: Cllr Roberts reported he had visited some businesses in the town, met farmers from the area; lunch had been in The Golden Fleece followed by question time.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported that the NYCC budgets for 2002/2003 are to be discussed on Wednesday;

Environmental Scrutiny committee to look at "safer routes to school": better time keeping of school buses; possible stewarding on school buses.

Cllr Marshall has had her letter requesting revised gritting schedules acknowledged.

District Council Reports:

Cllr Robinson reported that 6,100 bus passes had been issued, rather less than expected.

Quality Councils, HDC have promised support particularly for smaller parishes.

Long Street Enhancement scheme has HDC support; HDC will draw plans of scheme; will go out for consultation.

Green Paper on Planning, some details discussed; more applications will be delegated; Cllr Adamson pointed out that CPRE have a different interpretation of the proposals;

Debate on the role of HDC cabinet system and officers; the amount of discussion at HDC meetings has decreased.

Recycling in Hambleton is now about 70% but the Government target is to be raised shortly to 85%.

Cllr Marshall asked that Hambleton Community Safety Partnership be informed that the response from the Town Council will be late.

Cllr Marshall reported that there had been a spate of fly tipping in Millgate car park.

Planning:

Granted:

2/01/152/0635A Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling.

Location: 13 Nursery Gardens, Thirsk. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0641A Prop: Construction of a greenhouse.

Location: 7 The Crescent, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Walker (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0672 Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to existing building.

Location: 21,25.27 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Fox's Copy Centre (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0673 Prop: Construction of a car canopy as amended by details received by HDC on 12th December 2001.

Location: 12 St Mary's Avenue, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs Thompson (TC no objections).

Refused:

2/01/152/0575A Prop: Change of use of existing agricultural land to recreational use to include the formation of a skate park and cycle track and construction of a storage building amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 19th December 2001.

Location: OS Field 8741 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Ethel Johnson Bequest Fund. (TC refused).

2/01/152/0670 Prop: Two storey extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 19 Favenfield Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Metcalfe (TC refused)

2/01/152/0674 Prop: Construction of 2 dwellings.

Location: 14 Finkle Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clark (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/01/139/0306K Prop: Display of an internally illuminated fascia sign

Location: Tesco Stores, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores, Ltd. (TC refused)

2/01/152/0102Z Prop: Extensions to existing filling station forecourt canopy.

Location: Tesco Stores Ltd Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0675 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 5 St James Court, Piper Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Brooks (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0676 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 5 Whitelass Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hudson (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0677 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 15 Herriot Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Harrison. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/ 0678 Prop: Alterations to existing retail shop building.

Location: 21, 25, 27 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs B Abbott. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0678A Prop: Application for LBC for alterations and repairs to existing retail shop buildings.

Location: 21,25,27 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs B Abbott (TC no objections)

2/02/152/0679 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house.

Location : 3 Herriot Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Huxley (TC no objections)

Cllr Hall asked how it is decided whether a planning application should be delegated or put to the planning committee? Clerk to get details from HDC.

Accounts:

Cllr Adamson indicated that he wished to raise an item relating to one of the following accounts under confidential items at the end of the meeting.

Cllr Hall proposed delaying the approval of payment to the end of the meeting, agreed.

Memorials:

Approval of the following applications proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

Ernest Oxtoby

Catherine Anne Leighton

James Edward Heath

Press and member of the public left the meeting at 9.03pm.

Correspondence:

For information:

Thirsk & District Chamber of Trade, copy of letter to Hambleton Community Safety Partnership, noted.

HDC, re satellite dishes (reminders): noted.

6 Pinfold Place, Thirsk.

51 St James Green, Thirsk

50, St James Green, Thirsk

49 St James Green, Thirsk

Green View, 48 St James Green, Thirsk

NYCC closure York Road, 18th-22nd February 2002, noted

St Mary's Church, letter of thanks, read and noted.

NYCC, Waste Local Plan, pre-inquiry changes, to be copied to Councillors for their response.

NYCC, Copy of speed limit changes approved recently, noted.

Rotary Club of Thirsk.

To have decision on: CAB, donation request, agreed.

Regent Bingo & Social Club – renewal of licence, agreed.

Thirsk, Sowerby & District Community Care Assn, Voluntary Car Scheme, second offer to speak, agreed to ask to speak at April meeting.

Code of Member Conduct, Cllr Robinson had attended a meeting for HDC Councillors: any alterations at this stage will only complicate the proposals; Cllr Murkett reported that the YLCA interpretation of the proposals were being misunderstood; to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Burial Board Report:

Cllr Hall reported on the meeting held at the cemetery on 2nd February 2002 at 10.30am; still pursuing a price for the notice board; C Amy to remove old footpath, level and turf; beech hedge to be planted round grass opposite Garden of Rest, will be grown by the time the area needs to be used; donation of a seat, will replace the old one near the wall. Cllr Robinson asked if there had been any development re a cover for the skip? Cllr Hall promised to attend to this.

Parish Liaison Meeting;

Cllrs Hall and Roberts agreed to attend for the Town Council; Cllrs Marshall and Robinson will be there as District Councillors; Cllr Murkett to send his apologies.

Representatives Reports:

Thirsk Community Primary School: Cllr Adamson had attended a meeting;

Cllr Marshall is to have a site visit re "getting to school safer".

East Thirsk Community Hall: Cllr Adamson reported the success of a recent car boot sale, next one planned for 17th March 2002; joining with Millennium Green for Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported the town is entered in Yorkshire in Bloom; more hanging baskets and planters are planned; the buggy purchased to making the task of plant watering easier is now being painted.

Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity; Cllr Robinson reported that the next meeting will be on 7th March 2002 in the Town Hall.

Thirsk Infants School Charity: Cllr Marshall gave details of the trustees.

Detached Youth Worker Project: Cllr Bull reported on the liaison with the Police.

Chamber of Trade: Cllr Hubbard reported that £100 is to be spend on bunting for the town; it was agreed that the Town Council should also spend £100 for more bunting.

Member's Reports:

Cllr Pack read a letter she had received re the lorries delivering to the Co-op and causing damage to the verges near Gillings Court; agreed to forward to HDC and NYCC.

Cllr Robinson asked if the Town Council will see the Long Street Enhancement Scheme before it goes out for public consultation? Cllr Marshall assured him the Council would see the plans first.

Cllr Hubbard still concerned about the fence near the kissing gate in Castlegarth; it has been built as per the approved plan

Accounts:

It was agreed that items required for use by the amenity worker will in future be provided by him.

Approval for payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

K Dickinson, clean office windows £8.00

Guy Johnston, Christmas Lights install/remove £277.30

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, room hire £120.00

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, ½ insurance £541.20

Thirsk Hall Farms, licence fee, Castlegarth £120.00

A Robinson, refund, Christmas lights etc, office. £37.00

Lister Lutyens, seat, cemetery £535.05

C Amy:

Wkly. Insp open areas £203.50

Mill Gardens, litter pick etc £150.00

Picnic Area £25.00

Castlegarth, litter pick/glass, re-hang gate replace post/fence £120.00

Paid since last meeting:

Christmas Lights appeal, donation £300.00

A M Wilkinson, salary, January 2002. £708.74

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

The meeting closed at 10:07pm

**Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting
held on Thursday 7th March 2002 at 7:30pm in the Annexe, Thirsk & Sowerby Town
Hall.**

Present:

Cllr Robinson, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hubbard, Pack, Marshall, Roberts and Salmon, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Hall, Jackson and Murkett.

Minutes:

7th February 2002:

Approval proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Cllr Hubbard arrived.

Matters Arising:

Craig's Way: Transfer of Land has been received from HDC; Cllr Marshall proposed seconded Cllr Roberts that it should be photocopied for office use then the original stored at Barclays Bank, agreed.

Greens & Ingramgate Committee is to meet when the evenings are lighter. Cllr Pack asked if the Town Council had any objections to the installation of more permanent tubs being placed on Ingramgate; no objections were raised but permission needs to be given by Mr Roberts, NYCC.

New pole, St James Green: No response re removal of the pole has been received; clerk to contact Mr J Bell, landowner for any details he may have; clerk to contact BT again; Mr P Penny NYCC Rights of Way, needs to be informed of the reduced access, may be able to help re the removal of the pole.

Cllr Bull arrived.

Bunting: Clerk to give price list received to Cllr Hubbard.

Town Hall heaters; Cllr Roberts reported that the new heaters had been installed.

Correspondence:

Damage to verges rear Co-op, Gillings Court: HDC reply that NYCC are responsible for these areas and have forwarded all the details that the Town Council had sent on to NYCC; Cllr Marshall asked that the ownership needs to be checked; clerk to ask Mr S. Quartermaine for confirmation of ownership.

NYCC, Winter maintenance meeting, 8th April 2002, County Hall Northallerton: Cllrs Bull and Marshall agreed to attend; concern re gritting on St Mary's Walk/Dowber Way/Hambleton Place/Hambleton Drive; Cllr Salmon asked for junctions on to main roads to be included.

Provision of a Skate Park:

Cllr Hubbard gave a report of the recent meeting held in the Town hall; reasonable turnout of interested parties including some skateboarders; 3 possible areas to be investigated; Swimming Baths/Flatts area - Cllr Roberts is having a site meeting with Mr D Goodwin, Head of Leisure Services HDC and Mr M Robson, Flatts Trust chairman on Monday; Thirsk School, area near all-weather pitch - Mr W Charlton, Head of Youth Section, Thirsk

Community Education to consult with Thirsk School Headmaster, Mr C Lewis; Land at junction Station Road/Newsham Road - Cllr Hubbard to discuss with the owner Mr J Bell; next meeting to be held on 21st March 2002 in the Town Hall: discussion on the merits and problems of all the areas and the possibility of some smaller areas followed; Cllr Pack asked for contact to be made with other organisations that have parks already in operation and NYPFA for any helpful information; Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Pack seconded that the Town Council should have a strategy to encourage provision for skateboarding, roller-blading and BMX biking, 1 major site and possibly smaller sites around the town, agreed. (7 for, 0 against, 1 abstain).

Committee Reports:

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported that the water buggy is to have the names of sponsors painted on it; some old tubs in the Market Place are to be replaced with wooden barrels; have entered Yorkshire in Bloom; Tesco wish to sponsor 2 tubs at the entrance to Castlegarth and hanging baskets on the Town Hall; entrances to the town have been cleared and bulbs planted. Cllr Adamson asked for the removal of the old notice re a Christmas event to be removed from the window of Tan Express as it would promote a better image of the town.

Open areas: Cllr Marshall reported there will be a meeting soon; Interpretation Boards, English Heritage to be contacted again, demand an urgent reply; Plaque scheme could be funded by Lottery funding/ Market Towns Regeneration.

Press reporter left the meeting, (9.03pm).

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Robinson reported that the fence on St James Green had been replaced: prices for putting turf on areas on Little Green are being obtained.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Hubbard reported that the toilets in the Market place are in a dreadful state, damaged and filthy; had reported to HDC earlier in the week but had visited on his way to this meeting to find that the condition was still the same; Cllr Robinson to contact HDC in the morning.

Cllr Salmon gave a report on the meeting of Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths held just before this meeting: recent assessment had been very good, considering organising transport to the baths for people in Easingwold and developing Over 60's Group facilities. Cllr Marshall asked for the "no parking" signs on the Holmes to be cleaned; milestones for the town rusty, need painting and the one on Sutton Road needs repair, Cllr Hall to be asked to collect, Mr Roberts to be informed of its removal for repair;

Thirsk Library is celebrating its Twentieth Anniversary this year; Thirsk Museum would appreciate details and photographs of the digging out of the monasteries after the war; Long Street, plan of proposals shown, will go out for consultation.

Cllr Bull reported that Thirsk Community Primary School is to mark the Queen's Jubilee by giving each pupil a coin.

Cllr Pack is concerned about the changes proposed by Consignia to the delivering of mail and that this is to be on trial in Thirsk; Cllr Pack proposed Cllr Marshall seconded that a representative from Consignia be asked to the next Town Council meeting, agreed. (6 for, 2 against)

Cllr Salmon proposed inviting members of Sowerby Parish Council and Thirsk Chamber of Trade to attend if they wish, agreed (6 for 1 abstain)

Cllr Robinson expressed concern about the traffic problems that will occur when gas maintenance is being done in Westgate; has suggested that there should be a one-way system put into operation.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7:00pm on Monday 18th March 2002
in the Annexe Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present:

Clks Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hall, Marshall, Murkett, Pack, Robinson and the clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Hubbard, Jackson and Salmon.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, 19th March 2001:

Approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Matters arising:

none.

Chairman's report:

The thing that has had the biggest impact on Thirsk in the last 12 months has been, unfortunately, the foot and mouth epidemic. With the closure of the footpaths from the middle of February and all the regulations about movement of livestock the countryside has been closed down, resulting in a huge drop in tourism all of which has affected the businesses in the town. It is hoped that the disease has gone for good and that the visitors will return this year.

The Market Towns Initiative, which roughly translated means money for Thirsk for improving the town in various ways, was announced in May and is now underway with various schemes in the pipeline. There will be opportunities for more schemes to be brought into the Initiative in the next few years.

Last summer our Thirsk in Bloom committee as we might say 'privatised' in that the committee is no longer under the Town Council but has now been launched as a separate organisation still partly funded by the Town Council. The town looked superb all last summer and this has been a great success for the committee and congratulations to Cllr Carole Pack whose enthusiasm started the venture.

As normal we have tried to improve the visual aspect of the town. As well as Thirsk in Bloom work we have planted a line of trees in Stockton Road, Cllr Robinson planted more bulbs in Ingramgate and on Little Green and work has continued on the footpaths.

Open Forum:

No members of the public present.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

none.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
held on Monday 18th March 2002 in the Annexe,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall after the Annual Parish Meeting**

Present:

Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Bull, Hall, Marshall, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, 2 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Hubbard, Jackson, and Salmon, accepted.

Minutes:

Town Council, 18th February 2002:

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Police Report:

None present.

Cllr Murkett informed the meeting of his concern that NY Police will receive more than HDC in 2002/3 budget; Cllr Marshall explained that NY Police had done a consultation at the NYCC Committee for Hambleton but due to poor arrangements for the meeting members of the public had left before it was given; agreed to ask the Chairman of the NYPA, Miss Jane Kenyon to explain Police funding and spending at a Town Council meeting soon.

Cllr Adamson raised the problem of speeding in the town; recently a car had crashed into a house in Stammergate causing considerable damage; agreed to ask for speed cameras, particularly in Long Street and 20 mph in the areas where the speed limit is being constantly broken; Contact HDC and Police.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed

Open Forum:

Mrs Storm expressed concern about the amount of litter in the town.

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Committee for Town Clock cafe: Cllr Marshall understands that Town Council is to have 2 representatives: Cllrs Bull and Pack had attended a meeting and had expressed their willingness to be committee members: Cllrs Bull and Pack agreed to be the representatives of the Town Council.

Yorkshire in Bloom: judging to take place on 2nd April 2002.

Damaged verges, Gillings Court: ownership to be checked with Mr S. Quartermaine, HDC.

County Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported:

Environmental Services have set up a working party to study all aspects of safety to school, routes used and school buses; Cllr Marshall has had a site meeting at East Thirsk

Community Primary School with the headmaster and NYCC;

NYCC R&R Works, resurfacing to take place in Long Street, Westgate and A168/B1448 junction; Winter Maintenance meeting 8th April 2002 at County Hall will raise gritting of St Mary's Walk/Dowber Way/Hambleton Place and road junctions to other roads.

District Council Reports:

Cllr Robinson reported: Waste Management Scheme, wheelie bins to be on trial in 3 areas of Thirsk for a year:

Article 4 Direction in Thirsk and Sowerby to be approved at next Council meeting;
 The World of James Herriot has won an award.
 Cllr Marshall reported: HDC Culture and Social Scrutiny Committee strategy will be out shortly for consultation;
 bookings of market stalls including charity stalls now have to be made at the new HDC office Darlington Road, Northallerton; this is contrary to HDC policy of having all their offices together at Stone Cross.

A member of the public arrived.

York Road, traffic calming, Cllr Marshall is unable to follow up as it is out of Thirsk parish; agreed to send a letter to HDC Chief Executive and Mr S Quartermaine explaining that issues like this which affect Thirsk greatly but cannot be addressed by the Town Council as the area and Thirsk Industrial Park are outside the parish hence the reason for the Town Council asking for these areas to be transferred to Thirsk when the parish boundaries were being discussed and altered.

Planning Report:

Cllr Marshall expressed concern re delivery and collection of items at the proposed Bathroom Emporium (application no 2/02/152/0357B) in Finkle Street; agreed to send a letter to HDC Planning Dept with this point. (4 for, 3 against, 1 abstained).

Granted:

2/01/152/0675 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 5 St James Court, Piper Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Brooks (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0676 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 5 Whitelass Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hudson (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0677 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 15 Herriot Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Harrison (TC no objections).

2/01/152/0678 Prop: Alterations to existing retail shop building

Location: 21,25,27 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs B Abbott, (TC no objections)

2.01.152.0678A Prop: Application for LBC for the alterations and repairs to existing retail shop buildings

Location: 21 25 27 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs B Abbott (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0102Z Prop: Extensions to existing filling station forecourt canopy

Location: Tesco Stores Ltd Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco stores Ltd (TC no objections)

Refused:

2/00/152/0639: Prop: Layout of land and construction of 68 dwellings with domestic garages as amended by plan received by HOC on 22nd March 2001 and letter of 31st January and 1st February 2002.

Location: Land off Stockton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Barratt, York Ltd, (TC refused)

Applications:

2/02/152/0027M Prop: Extension to existing warehouse.

Location; 29-33 Westgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Calvert's carpets Ltd (TC refused)

2/02/152/0293H prop; extensions to existing ground floor restaurant and 1st floor living accommodation.

Location: 42 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr Ahmad. (TC no objections)

2/02/152/0357B Prop: Provision of a new shop front and change of use of existing 1st and 2nd floor office and domestic accommodation to associated display accommodation and existing 3rd floor domestic accommodation to associated storage accommodation.

Location: 5-5a Finkle Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Bathroom Emporium (TC no objections)

2/02/152/0396C Prop: Construction of a boundary fence to replace existing fence.

Location: 37 Darrowby close, Thirsk

Applicant: M Turner (TC refused)

2/02/152/0680: Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 9 Darrowby Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Choules (TC no objections)

2/02/152/0682 Prop: Construction of a boundary fence.

Location: 35 Darrowby Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: I R Laking. (TC refused)

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

K Dickinson, clean office windows £6.00

Smiths of Derby, clock maintenance £115.15

BT, office phone £153.33

P M Burniston, Burial Board remove old seat fix replacement £54.29

P M Burniston, Burial Board cut hedge, remove elders £60.00

P M Burniston, gen. work cemetery (12th Nov-11th March) £114.00

F M Roberts, ½ Chairmans allowance £200.00

D J Mann, clean bus shelter windows (3rd Dec - 27th Feb) £62.00

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd, Castlegarth, rails & posts £20.63

Beech House Nursery, Thirsk in Bloom, plants £24.00

Petty Cash £50.00

C Amy Weekly inspections £162.80

Mill gardens, litter pick etc £ 120.00

Mkt. Place, attempt to remove graffiti from clock £ 15.00

Picnic area, litter pick, repair fence £ 25.00

Whitlass lngs, clear fallen tree £ 20.00

Castlegarth, litter pick, repair fence £ 40.00

Favenfield, burn garden rubbish, lay hedge, gap up £ 45.00

St James Green, repair fence £ 55.00

East Thirsk playarea, gap up hedge £ 38.33

Paid since last meeting:

Detached Youth Worker Project, donation £500.00

A M Wilkinson, salary £708.73

Cllr Adamson asked for an explanation of" burning of garden rubbish" on the invoice from Mr C Amy; clerk to ask Mr Amy.

Memorials:

Approval of the following memorials proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

Peter Stapylton

Correspondence:

Broadacres, letter re warden changes, noted.

Riverside Mews residents & Owners Assn. letter re an Entertainment Licence Application, Blacksmiths Arms: It was agreed to contact HDC re the concerns of the residents;

Councillors felt that as there are 2 public houses on the Market Place already licensed for public entertainment there was no need for a third.

NYCC temporary speed restriction, York Road, noted.

Pubmaster, transfer of licence, Frankland Arms: Agreed to transfer, providing the new licensee attends a suitable a course for new licensees.

HDC reply re planning decision conditions, new system being implemented by HDC, noted.

NYCC, road works programme, noted

Burial Board Report:

Cllr Hall reported:

The donated seat has been installed; the beech hedge has been planted; work on the replacement path is delayed, waiting for turf; details of the design and cost of the notice board given; price has been accepted and installation will be shortly.

Cllr Hall demonstrated the method of fixing of memorials, used and recommended by The War Graves Commission and to be adopted in Thirsk Cemetery

Cllr Adamson reported he had seen cobbles in the waste bins in the cemetery; Cllr Hall informed the meeting that the proposed written specification for gravediggers would include details of soil and cobble disposal.

HDC Crime and Disorder Audit 2001:

Cllr Marshall reported that fear of crime is much greater than reality; when the Town Council has discussions on crime in the town it is usually reported well out of proportion by the local press; Councillors supported more a "police on the beat" policy.

Press Releases:

This item was on the agenda for consideration with Quality Councils in mind and due to the poor press coverage with inaccurate and part reports the Town Council had been given recently; Cllr Marshall said that North Yorkshire News were always pleased to accept press releases; it was agreed that each month the clerk should contact the Darlington & Stockton Times and North Yorkshire News with the date and time of the next meeting;

Cllr Robinson proposed a report written by the clerk in consultation with the chairman be sent to North Yorkshire News, Darlington Stockton times and The Northern Echo, agreed.

Code of member Conduct:

Discussion on various aspects of the code took place; Cllr Marshall said that only "interests within Thirsk Parish" need to be included by Councillors when they complete their registration.

Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Murkett seconded that the Town Council adopts the Model Code of Conduct (S.I. 3576) at the next Town Council meeting without further discussion, agreed (6 for, 2 abstained).

It was agreed to ask Mr Ian Strong, YLC A secretary to a special meeting to clarify some of the issues raised by Councillors.

Donation to the Chamber of Trade:

Cllr Robinson reported that the Chamber of Trade are organising street entertainment in the Market Place for the Queen's Jubilee and has set aside £500; Cllr Adamson proposed seconded Cllr Murkett that a donation of £500 be made towards this entertainment, agreed (7 for 1 abstained)

1 member of the public left the meeting.

Representatives Reports:

YLCA, Hambleton Branch meeting, 6th March 2002: Cllr Marshall reported: the issuing of Council newsletters explained and discussed; there is to be a change of rules for loans to Parish Councils; Cllr Murkett has been re elected NALC Vice chairman; next meeting 22nd May 2002.

Cllr Adamson thanked Cllr Marshall for her full report.

Thirsk Infant School Charity: Cllr Marshall reported progress being made re the lease.

Suspension of standing Orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Detached Youth Worker Project: Cllr Bull had not been at last meeting.

East Thirsk Community Primary School: Cllr Adamson missed the last meeting.

East Thirsk Community Hall: Cllr Adamson reported that the next meeting is the AGM; asked if it is the wishes of the Council that he propose Cllr Marshall to continue as chairman, all agreed.

Members Reports:

Cllr Marshall: Next meeting of the Market Town Regeneration is on 19th March 2002.

Exclusion of press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

The meeting closed at 10:28pm