

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 6th April 2000 at 7.30pm

Agenda:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Minutes, approved at Town Council, 20th March 2000.
3. ✓ To hear details of the Town Hall lottery application.
4. ✓ To decide to locate on the Town Council website on a host server, to accept a design outline and permit use of pages by community groups.
5. ✓ Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 2nd March 2000.
6. ✓ To receive correspondence.
7. ✓ To discuss The Cod Beck/Yorkshire Water/Environment Agency
8. ✓ To discuss the planning application at 33 Market Place, Thirsk.
9. To discuss the Jungle Field.
10. To receive sub committee reports
11. To receive other items of interest and information.



Mrs. A M Wilkinson.

Clerk to the Council.

**Minutes of the Amenity meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on 6th April 2000
in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Jackson, Marshall, Pack, Robinson and Salmon, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall, Morton, Murkett and Murray.

Minutes, approved at Town Council, 20th March 2000.

It was agreed to take the following 2 items before matters arising.

Town Hall, lottery application: Mrs J. Watson, a member of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall management committee and lottery sub committee attended the meeting to give details of the lottery application for the replacement annex. The third application has been sent off and acknowledgement has been received. It will be about 3 months before it is known if the application is successful and the estimated time for the work to be completed is 16 weeks. Mrs Watson reported that this application included more information, had been approached more professionally and help had been received from HDC. Mrs Watson was thanked for attending the meeting.

Town Council Website: Cllr Salmon explained the 3 ways which the website could be set up and maintained – 1) the Town Council to do all that is involved itself (which would be very time consuming), 2) pay for someone to set up and maintain or 3) take up the offer which had been put to the Town Council by Newsquest who would use our Domain name, set up and maintain the site (at no expense to the Town Council). A design team would visit and produce designs for the pages as the Town Council wished, pages are able to be changed monthly and links from other websites in the north east could be made with Newsquest acting for us. Cllr Marshall expressed concern re legality of the proposed set up. Cllr Adamson explained that the Town Council would have pages for its own use.

Cllr Robinson arrived.

After further discussion Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Adamson seconded “ that the Town Council accept the offer from Newsquest to provide a 30 page site on the basis of proposals and following the strategy as set out by Newsquest to fund the site through the interests of commercial organisations and that this will act as a service to the community all at no cost to the Town Council”, agreed unanimously. Cllr Salmon was thanked for all his time and work. Cllr Salmon to contact M/S L. Paramore, Newsquest Ltd. Working Party to be formed at next Town Council meeting.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Millgate Picnic Area: Official opening to be on 13th April 2000. C Amy to bring price for including this area in his weekly inspection to the office by Monday. Cllr Marshall proposed that the area is included in the Market Place/Mill Gardens sub committee seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed. It was reported that shrubs and trees have been pulled up on the area. Town Council are to clarify who has the right to fish from the banks there.

Seats: Maintenance and painting of the seats is almost complete, only one seat left to paint, at the junction of Hambleton Drive and Long Street. Cllr Robinson expressed concern that seats which had been painted had not had a "wet paint" notice left on them.

Carrs Field, Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust: Cllr Adamson thanked the Council for the offer of fencing, post and wire so that the hedge can grow among it. Cllr Adamson reported that another dog bin is necessary in the field and that all notices that are put up are promptly removed. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Pack seconded that a dog bin be ordered, agreed.

Cllr Jackson asked if the rubber "chippings" which Cllr Hall had offered to the Council free of charge had been suitable for playareas; sample is to be sent to York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association for their comments as to suitability for use instead of wood chippings.

Correspondence:

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall constitution: Councillors had all received a copy for study. Various amendments were discussed and made; details to be given to Mrs Watson, Town Hall Management committee.

Letter informing the Council of a duck race at The Holmes on 9th April, noted.

D. Fraser, Herriot Way: letter of complaint re rope swings in the tree on the open space opposite his house. C Amy to be asked to remove swings from stump (left when branch partially removed) and "tidy up" the stump.

An oak tree has been given to the Town Council by Mrs Bruce, 9 Millbank Court, Thirsk. It has been planted in Centenary Field; a letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Bruce.

The Cod Beck, overflow: Cllr Adamson gave details of the recent problems, a letter of response from the Environment Agency has been received. Cllr Adamson proposed that the Town Council pursues Yorkshire Water as to why this raw sewage is coming from the overflow so regularly. (Copy to HDC Environmental Health).

Planning Application, 33 Market Place, Thirsk: Cllr Marshall proposed seconded Cllr Adamson that the Town Council inform English Heritage that the application has been made, express the concern of the Town Council that the building is in a conservation area, it is the last of its type on the Market Place and ask for it to be made a listed building. Item to included on next Town Council agenda.

Jungle Field:

Cllr Marshall reported that she had visited the area after Cllr Robinson and the clerk had found that The Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board had made numerous visits to the area. It was decided to fence the area along the roadside, C. Amy to remove branches that are unsafe on 2 willow trees and remove debris left by Drainage Board as soon as possible. Cllr Marshall proposed seconded Cllr Adamson the quote Mr C Amy had given for a post and wire fence with an access in it. It was agreed that the area should have some crack willows planted in it. Notice stating ownership to be put on fence.

Sub Committee reports:

Cllr Marshall gave a report on her visit to the following areas –

Centenary Field: Barbed wire fencing to be removed, sign stating Town Council ownership, banking needs reinforcing with more tree planting, old fence near stell needs removing and new fencing and old tree guards removing.

Whitelass: tree guards on young alders need attention.

Holmes: Fence opposite NYCC depot needs painting, sluice gate needs attention and shrub removing, public footpath sign near road needs painting, contact IDB to remove debris in beck near waterfall, more damage to footpath to Centenary Field and ash tree growing in wall near waterfall needs removing.

Cllr Robinson reported that 2 flagstones on the base of the town clock are to be replaced.

Cllr Pack gave a full report of the visit of the judges of the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. A committee has been formed to help the working party with the tasks that are to be undertaken.

Cllr Adamson asked that members of the Office sub committee see him after the meeting so that a meeting could be arranged.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Marshall said she had been asked by Cllr Morton to have the fence repaired on St James Green. It was agreed to go ahead with seat installation on the Little Green.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 17th April 2000 at 7.15pm.

Agenda:

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 20th March 2000.
✓ To approve minutes of the Amenity meeting held on 6th April 2000.
3. ✓ To receive Police Report.
4. ✓ Open Forum (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with the Town Council.
5. ✓ To consider Matters Arising from Town Council meeting, 20th March 2000.
6. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) County Council ~~b)~~ District Council.
7. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
8. ✓ To discuss planning application at 33 Market Place, Thirsk.
8. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
9. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
10. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
11. ✓ To consider giving financial support to the Detached Youth Worker for Thirsk project.
12. ✓ To discuss Gratuity fund requirements.
13. ✓ To discuss the Millennium project.
14. ✓ To form a working party for content of Internet pages.
15. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) Sub committees b) Representatives c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 17th April 2000 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Hall, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murray, Pack, Roberts, Robinson and Salmon, PC Hannan, 7 members of the public, 1 press reporter, and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Murkett.

Minutes:

Town Council, 20th March 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Amenities meeting, 6th April 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Police Report:

PC Hannan explained and left a letter on Thirsk Summer Community Initiative which is being organised over the 5 week period of the school holidays. The cost of the project is £2000 and to date £1000 has been raised. Cllr Salmon asked if the increase of incidents reported during the school holidays last year was due to the fact that there had not been a project. PC Hannan said that this was more than likely the reason. It was decided that the project be included on the next Town Council agenda. PC Hannan then answered general questions and before leaving the meeting gave her apologies for the next meeting. Cllr Adamson thanked PC Hannan for attending.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mr P. Tate asked to speak on the planning application he and his wife have made for 33 Market Place. Cllr Salmon explained that the Town Council would be discussing the item later when Mr Tate would not be allowed to speak but the members of the public are welcome to stay to hear the opinions of the Councillors.

A parishoner raised the perennial problem of cycling on the pavements. Cllr Roberts felt that it was a pity that PC Hannan had left the meeting.

Another parishoner praised the mosaic on Millennium Green and asked how it was to be protected from damage, already a piece appeared to be missing. Cllr Marshall explained that in fact the mosaic was not yet finished, the piece had now been put in and the acid treatment had still to be done.

Mrs Watson, St James Green, raised the problem of the difference between her postal address and the signs stating "The Green" and asked could a sign "St James Green" be installed on The Green to solve the situation. Cllr Roberts suggested that HDC should be contacted. NYCC to be contacted re the resiting of the misleading "No entry" sign on The Green.

Mr P Tate explained various aspects of his planning application at 33 Market Place. Mr Snelling the previous owner told the meeting that his family had owned the area of the Market Place in front of the property for many years which Mrs Tate hopes to landscape with trees, seats and maybe a sculpture. Mr Tate said that it is possible that the pavement in front of the building may be moved out away from the building

however the views of NYCC will need to be sought first. Cllr Marshall reminded the meeting that this application is very near to Castlegarth. Cllr Hall suggested that various options for the entrance should be considered.

4 members of the public left the meeting.

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Town Council meeting, 20th March 2000:

P1112 - NYCC and HDC to be asked again about the idea of having a place in Thirsk where the public are able to make contact with them.

P1114 - The recent removal of the hedge by Persimmon Homes on the Former Gas Works site is on the agenda of the next HDC Planning committee meeting. It was decided to send a fax to HDC expressing the views of the Town Council, asking for copies to be circulated to all planning committee members before the meeting, that planning conditions are pointless if they are not to be enforced particularly with developers who have not adhered to conditions on previous sites.

P1117 - No reply from The Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board re allowing personnel to work alone in the water.

County Council Report - none.

District Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported that street cleaning etc is now controlled by HDC Operational Services Dept.

Finkle Street car park: Problems at the moment, a letter to be sent to HDC asking for the agreed signage etc that should have been installed prior to opening, which appears to have been premature, to be carried out as soon as possible and ask when the final surface of the roadways will be applied. Concern over the large number of parking signs which have been put in Kirkgate, NYCC to be asked if so many are necessary. Cllr Salmon asked for bollards in Castlegate to prevent pavement parking.

2 members of the public returned to the meeting.

Planning Report:

Granted:

2/99/152/0572D Prop: Application for LBC for the provision of a new shop front as amended by plans received by HDC on 20th January 2000.

Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant Briggs & Burley. (TC approved)

Refused:

2/99/152/0593 Prop: Alteration to existing vehicular access as amended by letter and plan received by HDC on 30th July 1999.

Location: Grizzle Field, Thirsk.

Applicant: The National Grid Co plc (TC refused)

2/00/152/0609 Prop: Installation of replacement windows.

Location 3 Brewers Court, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs Swinton (TC refused)

2/00/152/0610 Prop: Installation of replacement windows.
 Location: 6 Brewers Court, Kirkgate, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mrs Cartwright-Terry. (TC refused)

Applications:

2/00/009/0193 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building to provide office accommodation with associated facilities as amended by plans received by HDC on 5th April 2000.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Severfield Reeve Projects Ltd. (TC approved)

2/99/152/0533C Prop: Details of the construction of 33 dwellings.

Location: The Former Nursery Site, Finkle Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: HDC

2/00/152/0612 Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling for use as a ground floor shop with first and second floor offices and layout of land and construction of 3 dwellings and 4 flats.

Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P. Tate (TC refused)

2/00/152/0614 Prop: Replacement of existing windows with UPVC windows.

Location: 51 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: J Wood

2/00/152/0615 Prop: Construction of a detached garage.

Location: 38 Craigs Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr T Meehan.

After discussion Councillors decided to discuss application no: 2/00/152/0612, 33 Market Place. Cllr Marshall welcomed the information on the history of the site which Mr Tate had given in open forum. Cllr Adamson withdrew his comments made at the last amenities meeting after hearing details in open forum. Cllr Salmon asked for more consideration to be given to the development of the rear of the site, it should be in keeping with the building already there. Cllr Robinson reminded the meeting that plans for a site in the vicinity had been refused because of the impact it would have on Castlegarth. Cllr Salmon supported the comments already made by the Town Council Planning committee which were read out by Cllr Roberts and added that both HDC and NYCC need to give careful consideration to the whole application before a decision is taken.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Yorks & N Yorks P.F.A. sub 2000/2001	£ 25.00
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, room hire	£ 11.00
BT, phone rental	£ 45.01
Thirsk Motors, fuel, B Bd.	£ 27.07
YLCA, sub. 2000/2001	£ 346.00
Power Point, socket set, line, hire etc	£ 111.81
Millgate Hardware, wood, stain etc	£ 16.68
Todd Waste Management Ltd, empty skip, B Bd.	£ 119.62

J Toms, tree guards	£ 16.63
C Pack, refund, Yorkshire in Bloom entry fee	£ 25.00
C Pack refund, Ideal Homes & Gardens ent. fee	£ 30.00
C Amy, wkly insp, Mill gard. chip & clear; L St supply & plant	£ 449.27
C Amy, Holmes plant, tidy near sluice, Little Green tidy	£ 333.13
C Amy, St James replace tree, move bins, Cent. Field fell tree, prune young trees	£ 132.80
HDC, Cem lodge, C Tax, DD	£ 94.27
HDC, office, C Tax, DD	£ 76.58
K Dickinson, clean office windows	£ 4.00
I Atkinson, salary, (31.03.00) BACS	£ 425.87
A M Wilkinson, salary (31/03/00) BACS	£ 596.29
J Bell, office rent 4 weeks	£ 40.00

Paid since last meeting:

Inland Revenue, B Bd, Tax & N I	£ 124.48
Inland revenue, Council, tax & NI	£ 431.28

It was agreed that the account already submitted by KT H Ltd can be paid when work is satisfactory.

Correspondence:

HDC Thirsk Town Centre Signs: Plans of the proposed signs that are to replace those already in the Market Place were studied by Councillors. It was agreed that a sub committee consisting of Cllrs Adamson, Roberts, Pack and Morton should meet and study the proposals on site.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall: details of the new secretary/treasurer given.

YRCC membership 2000/2001: subscription due by 30th June 2000.

Local Councils Review: It was agreed to purchase a copy each month.

Cohens Solicitors: Transfer of licence, Kirkgate Hotel, Kirkgate, Thirsk, agreed. New licensee to attend suitable course.

HDC letter re 16-18 Finkle St, Thirsk: Details of restrictions that have been put on the new occupants. Banner signs to be removed from windows.

Exclusive Rights and Memorials:

Application for additional inscription:

Marjorie Elizabeth Wood

Approval proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

To consider giving financial support to the Detached Youth Worker for Thirsk project:

To be adjourned proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Gratuity Fund requirements:

Cllr Adamson gave details (copy on file). Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Marshall seconded that Thirsk Town Council sets up a gratuity scheme in accordance with Part VI of the local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996 to provide payments for Retirement (including retirement due to ill health) and Death in service, agreed.

Millennium Project:

Cllr Roberts that progress towards the purchase of mugs was being made.

Working Party for the content of Internet Pages:

Cllr Salmon, Adamson, Roberts and Morton plus the clerk agreed to serve on the working party. Cllr Salmon said that information that will go on the pages could include photographs.

Sub Committee reports:

Cllr Pack gave a report on the visit of the judges for Yorkshire in Bloom on 5th April. Thanks expressed to the people who had helped and to the owners of the private gardens which had been visited. An open meeting is planned for 17th May 2000, speaker will be Yorkshire in Bloom judge. The summer judging will take place in July. Cllr Hall reported that the post of Superintendent/Caretaker for the cemetery had been advertised in the Darlington & Stockton Times and North Yorkshire News. Discussion followed about selection of short list and interviewing of applicants. It was agreed that the Personnel Committee plus Cllr Hall as chairman of the Burial Board should carry out these tasks.

The remaining members of the public left the meeting.

Representatives:

Cllr Marshall reported on the Parliamentary Select Committee visit to Thirsk which was also attended by Cllrs Adamson, Robinson and Murkett. More briefing prior to the meeting would have helped and some of the points made have been taken up at HDC.

Cllr Roberts reported from NYPFA that visits to the playareas now have to be booked in advance due to the amount of problems that have occurred recently.

Cllr Salmon reported on the progress that has been made in developing the Town Council website. No definition of "local" has yet been made but should include surrounding villages.

Suspension of Standing Orders for 10 minutes proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Members Reports:

Cllr Adamson had attended N. Yorkshire Structure Planning meeting in Northallerton and had been given a very good information pack and opened the Millgate Picnic Area opened on 13th April in the rain.

Cllr Marshall asked that a letter be sent to Hambleton CAB asking for the Thirsk branch hours of opening to be restored now that a lottery grant had been awarded to them. Thirsk Museum now has the relics found in Castlegarth on display. A sub committee to consider content and graphics for information boards in Castlegarth to consist of Cllr Marshall and Cllr Adamson.

Cllr Pack concerned about the roundabout at Stammergate/Long Street, perhaps a sign showing who has right of way would help.

Cllr Hall thanked Cllr Jackson for the report circulated re Yorkshire Water and sewage problems.

Cllr Murray concerned about the loss of a parking space each Monday by the parking of the trailer advertising the Falconry Centre.

Cllr Morton reported that there was still no improvement to the "grasscrete" which had been laid on Little Green and that the matter needs to be followed up as it is dangerous.

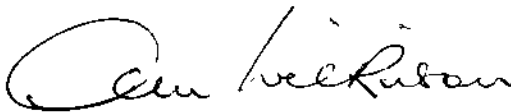
The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 4th May 2000.

Agenda:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes, approved at Town Council, 17th April 2000.
3. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 6th April 2000.
4. To receive correspondence.
5. To receive sub committee reports
6. To receive other items of interest and information.



Mrs. A M Wilkinson.

Clerk to the Council.

**Minutes of the Amenity meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on 4th May 2000
in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: Cllrs Hall, Jackson, Pack and Miss A Lewis (press reporter).

Minutes, approved at Town Council meeting, 17th April 2000.

Matters Arising:

Town Council website: Cllr Salmon reported that Newsquest are progressing with the setting up of the website. If any organisations in the area contact the Town Council re pages on the website their details will be forwarded to Newsquest.

Millgate Picnic Area: Opened on 13th April 2000. Cllr Adamson suggested that the tables and seats be painted with black Ronseal in an effort to prevent graffiti.

Grasscutting of the area was discussed. Cllr Robinson would like the area cut once a week. Decided that Mr Walker be contacted on Monday and asked to include with the rest of his schedule, needs cutting soon. Mr C Amy is to visit the area 3 times per week. Mr Calvert to be asked who has the right to fish there. A resident of St James Green whose property runs down to The Cod Beck has complained to Cllr Marshall that the area is being frequented by teenagers who are abusing the tables etc. Cllr Marshall had explained that the Town Council are powerless on this and that the police should be contacted, perhaps the CCTV camera would be of help.

Seats: KTH Ltd still have to paint one seat which has been missed. Cllr Salmon reported that Inner Wheel are contemplating putting 2 seats in Castlegate. Cllr Marshall said that if seats were not allowed on Castlegate perhaps they could be put on Castlegarth which is still without any.

Carrs Field, fencing: Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Roberts seconded that the estimate submitted by Mr C Amy be accepted for the fencing of the south side. A dog/litter bin has been ordered.

Rubber Chippings: Cllr Roberts is to take more to YPFA for further testing.

Town Hall Constitution: Cllr Roberts reported that it will be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee which is next Monday.

The Cod Beck over flow: All relevant correspondence has been copied and sent to Mr M Coates, HDC as requested. Cllr Marshall had received letters updating her on the situation re the improvement of the banking of The Cod Beck which were read to the meeting. A letter to HDC saying trees that have been removed should be replaced and no more removed; if there is any spare gravel when the beck is being cleared Carrs Field Trust would be glad of it.

Town Clock repair: Cllr Robinson expects this to be completed soon.

Yorkshire in Bloom: Cllr Marshall asked that the Library be asked to attend to their tubs. Cllr Murray reported that the Market Place was not cleaned sufficiently after the market on Monday. HDC to be asked to do more.

Correspondence:

Clerk to write again to HDC re response to "A" board on The Green.

Sub Committee Reports:

Castlegarth: Cllr Marshall showed photographs of English Heritage approved boards and has 2 addresses of companies who supply them, perhaps funding could be obtained from Lottery - Grants for all and a good designer will be required to design possibly three. Cllr Adamson and Cllr Marshall looking into content and graphics.

Other items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Roberts showed a newspaper article on a person who is interested in milestones, details, photographs and OS numbers of the ones in Thirsk parish to be sent to him. Cllr Murray reported that the one at Plump Bank is in need of repair. Cllr Roberts said the one on Stockton Road also needed repairing. NYCC to be asked if Town Council can carry out necessary repairs.

Cllr Marshall asked that HDC be informed of the dangerous state of the grass crete on Little Green.

Cllr Marshall asked for a letter of complaint re the nearness to the church of the new parking signs.

Thirsk Infants School Trust: Cllr Marshall reported that there are no signs marking the disabled parking spaces or the "in" and "out" of the library. Cllr Marshall asked if Town Council is willing to take on the small areas (grass/flowers) near the library? Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Salmon seconded that they should be taken on now for a decent amount. Cllr Marshall to find out the amount which is on offer. Rumours that the reference library at Northallerton is to close were reported.

Cllr Robinson asked that the grass on the grass crete near the Lord Nelson, St James Green be cut soon and that it should be cut as and when necessary. Next year the area to be included in the tenders.

Cllr Robinson asked if the Thirsk sign on Stockton Road could be moved away from the rubbish which grows around it, Mr M Roberts, NYCC to be asked if he has any objections.

Cllr Robinson suggested that a request for disc parking in Westgate be made to Sowerby Parish Council. Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that Sowerby PC be approached, agreed.

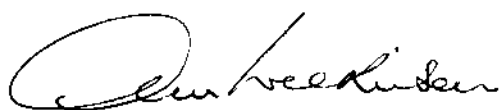
the Meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Thirsk Town Council

**THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY
15TH MAY 2000 IN THE UPPER ROOM, THIRSK & SOWERBY TOWN
HALL AT 7.00PM**

AGENDA.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. ✓ To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for 1999/2000.
3. ✓ To receive minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 17th May 1999.
4. To receive and accept written reports from Representatives.
5. To receive and accept written reports from Committees 1999/2000
6. To appoint committees for 2000/2001.
7. Other Items of Interest & Information.



Clerk to the Council.

**Minutes of the Annual meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 15th May 2000 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr Adamson, in the chair, Hall, Jackson, Morton, Pack, Roberts, Robinson and Salmon, 3 members of the public, press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Marshall, Murkett and Murray.

Retiring chairman Cllr Adamson expressed his thanks to his fellow Councillors and the clerk for their cooperation during the 2 years he had been in office. Cllr Adamson then presented the Town Council with a CD he had compiled of the minutes of Thirsk Town Council from its inception in 1974 to March 2000. Councillors thought this was an excellent idea and thanked Cllr Adamson for all his work and time in compiling the CD.

Nominations for Chairman 2000/2001: Cllr Adamson nominated and Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Roberts. No further nominations were made Cllr Roberts accepted office. Cllr Adamson formally handed over the chain of office to Cllr Roberts who then signed the book of acceptance after Cllr Robinson reminded the meeting that until this had taken place the Chairman is not legal.

Cllr Jackson gave a vote of thanks, on behalf of the council, to the retiring mayor,

Cllr Hall arrived.

Nominations for Vice Chairman 2000/2001:

Cllr Roberts nominated and Cllr Jackson seconded Cllr Adamson.

Cllr Hall nominated and Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Robinson.

A paper ballot was agreed on.

The result of the ballot was 4 for Cllr Adamson 4 for Cllr Robinson. Cllr Roberts used her casting vote as chairman in favour of Cllr Adamson.

Cllr Adamson accepted office.

Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 17th May 1999:

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

The list of committees was circulated for Councillors to put down which committees they wish to serve on.

Other Items of Interest and Information: none.

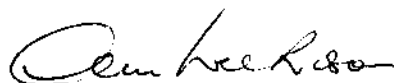
The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Thirsk Town Council

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a) County Council b) District Council.
7. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
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9. ✓ To approve accounts for audit
10. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
12. ✓ To consider a donation to Thirsk Summer Community Safety Initiative.
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a) Sub committees b) Representatives c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 15th May 2000 after the Annual meeting of the Town Council.

Present: Cllr Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Jackson, Morton, Pack, Salmon, ¹ press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Murkett, Marshall, Murray and Robinson, PC Hannan.

Minutes:

Town Council, 17th April 2000:

After page numbering had been corrected approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Amenities, 4th May 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Cllr Salmon suggested that in future the pages of the minutes for amenity meetings be numbered seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Police Report: No police in attendance. In future if there is any point councillors wish to make to Thirsk Police please inform the clerk who will pass it on so that an answer can be given at the next meeting.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs Reynard raised the problem of the cleanliness of Thirsk again. Promises were made at the public meeting last year that had not been kept. It was agreed that photographic evidence of offending problems should be collected as proof. HDC to be contacted asking for better cleaning in Thirsk, schedules of cleaning were promised to be asked for again.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting are to be available to the public attending the meetings.

Resumption of the standing orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Town Council meeting, 17th April 2000:

P1119: No reply to date re signs on The Green.

P1120: It was suggested that a request be sent to HDC for the car park on the Former Nursery site to be a long-term park so as to relieve the congestion within the parking area. The library needs to be asked for their plans re parking.

P1122: The sub committee formed to study the proposed new signs in the Market Place had met. The placing of 2 information boards on the public toilets was thought to be unnecessary. A smaller one was all that was needed.

P1124: HDC to be contacted again re the grasscrete on the Little Green.

County Council Report: none.

District Council Report: none.

Planning Report:

Refused:

2/00/152/0611 Prop: Construction of a polytunnel.

Location: Hollin Barn Cottage, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: C Hartley (TC refused).

Applications:

2/00/009/0186A Prop: Display of a non-illuminated sign.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk.

Applicant:

2/00/009/0194: Prop: Construction of a domestic workshop.

Location: 28 Rymer Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: HDC.

2/00/152/0017K: Prop: Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and domestic double garage.

Location: Land adjacent to Millbank Court, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Relative Builders. ((TC no objections)

2/99/152/0245P Prop: Construction of boundary walls as amended by letter and plans as received by HDC on 18th April 2000.

Location: The Darrowby Inn, Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr G Jackson (TC

2/00/152/0616 Prop: Installation of roof lights.

Location: 21 Stammergeate, Thirsk. (TC approved)

2/00/152/0611 Prop: Construction of a domestic workshop.

Location: 28 Rymer Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr A Hirst. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0618 Prop: Extension to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage and construction of boundary walls with fencing to incorporate a vehicular access to replace existing access.

Location: 3 Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Smith (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0619 Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 1 Megson Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M. A. Lill (TC have asked HDC to rethink)

2/00/152/0620 Prop: 2 storey extension to existing dwellinghouse and alteration to existing vehicular access.

Location: 2 Whitelass Close, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nash. (TC

2/00/152/0621 Prop: Change of use of existing dwelling to a children's day nursery.

Location: Stone Hall, Stockton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs T Humpheries and Mrs J Wernyj. (TC

Cllr Jackson left the meeting.

Accounts:

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

Power Point, hire trailer/drill, amenities

£ 22.20

Ackrill, advert B. Bd	£ 107.87
CE & CM Walker, grasscutting	£ 697.95
Wicksteed, swing seats/chains, E Thirsk	£ 374.81
N. Electric, office electricity	£ 192.48
Eccles Heddon, solicitors expenses to May 2000.	£ 564.00
Quill, stationery	£ 18.72
HDC, dog/litter bin Carrs Field	£ 301.95
Millgate Hardware, bolts/padlock	£ 8.33
Cornhill Ins, insurance 2000/2001	£1451.70
C Amy, Carrs Field clearing & ditching	£ 205.00
C Amy, wkly insp, replace chainlink fence, E Th.	£ 227.60
C Amy, White Mare shrubbery/roundabout, weed & plant.	£ 65.00
C Amy, Mill Gardens, 4 weeks maint.	£ 120.00
C Amy, St James Green/Little Green repair fence, move bins etc	£ 30.00
C Amy, Holmes/Whitlass, strim, weed young hedges, replace spirals etc	£ 85.00
C Amy, Whitlass lngs, repair footpath edging	£ 50.00
C Amy, Jungle Field, pollard willow	£ 50.00
C Amy, Jungle Field, consultant's tree report	£ 100.00
K Dickinson, clean office windows	£ 6.00
J Bell, office rent 4 weeks	£ 40.00
HDC, C Tax, office DD	£ 75.00
HDC, C Tax, Cem Lodge DD	£ 92.00

Paid since last meeting:	
Newsquest Ltd, advert B Bd	£ 230.68
F. Roberts, represented cheque	£ 31.20

Adoption of accounts for audit:

Adoption proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Hall, agreed.

Cllr Salmon asked for details of legal expenses during the year.

Cllr Salmon proposed that the Finance committee should look into long term investment for some of the funds held by the Town Council seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Memorials:

Approval of the following applications proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

Charles Geoffrey Penty

Application for an additional inscription:

Cecil Rutherford

Olive May Butler

Correspondence:

HDC Planning – "Game On", Market Place, Thirsk – details sent to occupier re restrictions of the conservation area.

HDC Planning – 75 Station Road, Thirsk – details of planning needed for the display of cars for sale.

HDC New Political Structures, copy given to each councillor.

Mr Pearson, re Salem Chapel – letter read to meeting, Cllr Salmon gave details he had supplied previously. Cllr Hall proposed that Mr T Watson should be reminded of his responsibility to look after the burial area. Reply to be sent to Mr Pearson.

Thirsk Detached Youth Project – letter read, Cllr Salmon welcomed the details supplied and wished the new chairman well.

Riverside Mews Resident Assn. – This letter to be copied to Licensing Authority, Thirsk police and M/s Mackintosh MP.

Transfer of Licence – The Black Lion, Market Place, Thirsk, approved. Town Council complimented the owners on the high standard of their recent refurbishment.

Sub Committee reports:

Cllr Adamson reported on the findings of the working party formed to study the new signage proposed for the Market Place, one large sign to replace 3 or 4 smaller signs.

Cllr Hall reported that the short list of 4 applicants for the Cemetery Superintendent/Caretaker would to be interviewed on 18th May 2000.

Cllr Pack gave a full report on the judging of Yorkshire in Bloom held recently. Cllr Adamson agreed to attend the open meeting on 15th May representing the Town Council. It was agreed that a water carrier and 2 self-watering precinct planters could be purchased.

Representatives:

Cllr Salmon reported that the Chamber of Trade is to have a marquee at Thirsk Festival.

Cllr Roberts reported on the Town Hall meeting, Flea markets had been held in the Town Hall on both recent Bank holiday Mondays.

Members:

Cllr Adamson had attended the AGM of North Yorkshire Youth Clubs and the AGM of Thirsk Rugby Club (his last function as mayor).

Cllr Salmon reported interest from members of the Chamber of Trade in the Town Council website.

Cllr Pack reported that the Ideal Home and Garden exhibition held recently had been so successful it was to become an annual event. It had raised a substantial amount of money which is to be spent in the town.

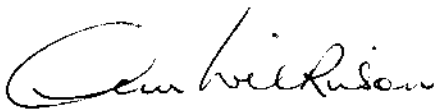
The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 1st June 2000.

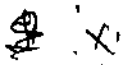
Agenda:

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Appointment of Chairmen of sub committees.
3. ✓ Minutes, approved at Town Council, 15th May 2000.
4. ✓ Matters arising from minutes of meeting held 4th May 2000.
5. ✓ To receive correspondence.
6. ✓ To discuss the Jungle Field.
7. ✓ To receive a report on Castlegarth.
8. ✓ To receive report on Workhouse Playarea.
9. To receive sub committee reports
10. To receive other items of interest and information.



Mrs. A M Wilkinson.

Clerk to the Council.



Minutes of the Amentity meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on 1st June 2000 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the Chair, Adamson, Marshall, Morton, Murray, Pack, press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Jackson and Hall.

Appointment of Amenity committee chairman for 2000/2001:

Cllr Adamson was proposed by Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Murkett. No further nominations were made. Cllr Adamson accepted office, agreed.

Cllr Adamson took the chair.

It was agreed that each sub committee will appoint its own chairman if the committee meets before the next Town Council meeting. If the sub committee has not met the chairman will be appointed at the next Town Council meeting.

It was recommended that Castlegarth sub committee should merge with Holmes/Paths/Playareas under a new name, suggestions for a suitable name to the next Town Council meeting.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 15th May 2000.

Cllr Murray arrived.

Matters arising:

Millgate Picnic Area: Cllr Marshall reported there had been an incident in which beer cans had been thrown across The Cod Beck into a garden opposite. Sgt Frank had taken details of the incident. Cllr Robinson had visited to hear the views of the owners of the garden into which the cans had been thrown who made the suggestion that perhaps a table and seats placed in Carrs Field would attract the young people away from the picnic area. Cllr Adamson said that there are restrictions as to what can be installed on Carrs Field but that there is a meeting of the trust shortly at which the matter could be raised.

Seats, Castlegate: It was suggested that these seats would be more appreciated on Castlegarth as there are already seats in Castlegate.

Town Hall Constitution: Cllr Roberts reported that the draft constitution had been seen by both councils and was now with Mr M Armstrong for completion.

Overflow, The Cod Beck: Cllr Marshall explained Mr Coates, HDC is studying the situation. Plans for the removal of the gravel that has built up in the beck will be discussed shortly by HDC.

Mileposts: Some repair is necessary to posts in Thirsk parish, NYCC to be asked to carry out work as these are part of the heritage of the area. YLCA, and perhaps LCA, to be asked to urge other parishes to ask for their mile-posts to be maintained by their County Council.

Grasscrete, Little Green: Cllr Marshall reported that Mr S Quartermaine is to have a look at the area causing concern.

Infant School Trust: It was reported that there has been a site meeting of the trustees

and the developers to discuss signs, entrance, pathway etc for the library. Cllr Marshall will ask for result; also has not heard anything re the grassed areas which have now been planted and look good.

Correspondence:

FWAG information, circulated.

Transfer of Licence, Maltese Knight: approval agreed.

Letter requesting the views of the Town Council re the concreting of the alleyway from the Market Place to Chapel Street. Councillors suggested that HDC be contacted and recommended paving instead either concrete or tarmac.

Castlegarth:

Cllr Roberts reported on a meeting with Mr J Bell and a representative from English Heritage on Castlegarth. It was agreed that seats could be put on Castlegarth providing ancient monument consent was granted. A site visit is to be arranged.

Playarea, Workhouse site: Details of the order and delay re installing of play equipment due to transfer of land to the Town Council by HDC given. Cllr Marshall was not pleased that HDC had not mentioned that the transfer had to happen before installing the equipment until now. It was agreed that a letter to the HDC Chief Executive re the delay this is causing when it could have been attended to earlier.

Sub Committee reports:

Cllr Pack reported on the judging of Yorkshire in Bloom. Cllr Morton suggested that companies on the Industrial Estate may be interested in sponsoring a tub in the Market Place. Leaflets showing various plant containers were looked at. Cllr Murkett proposed Cllr Marshall seconded that 2 tower containers be purchased for the Market Place, agreed. Permission will be needed from HDC as to the positions they can be in near the clock.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Pack asked that seats are placed in Millgate car and bus park now there are more tourists visiting the town and The World of James Herriot. HDC to be contacted. Cllr Marshall requested that a litter bin be installed at Riverside Mews. HDC to be contacted. Many complaints had been received about the late grasscutting and lack of clearance of the long grass by contractors employed by NYCC. A letter giving the views of the Town Council to be sent to Mr Roberts, NYCC, asking that the high standard expected by NYCC of the parishes be maintained by their own contractors and requesting that the long grass left on paths and roads be cleared as soon as possible. The official opening of the Millennium Green is to take place on 14th July 2000.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Confidential Items

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

Re telephone conversation between Cllr Marshall and Mr P Tate:

Cllr Marshall gave the latest details. She had received a letter from the solicitors of Cornhill Insurance. Some of the information in the letter had needed correction by Cllr Marshall. All Councillors were told not to enter into conversation with Mr Downes on the subject of 33 Market Place.

Hedge, Shire Park:

Mrs Kilvington has demanded that the hedge behind her house, which she claims belongs to the Town Council, is cut down as it is restricting her light. Clerk to contact HDC re the conditions which were placed on the hedge when planning permission was granted.

Mrs Kilvington has repeatedly contacted the clerk at her home on various Town Council matters. Councillors agreed that a letter from Mr Armstrong telling Mrs Kilvington not to contact the clerk at home in future.

Open Area, Favenfield:

Cllr Marshall understands that this piece of land is amenity land and as such should not be fenced. Cllr Marshall has been told that some of the residents wish to fence off the area near their homes and turn into gardens. Clerk to check with HDC re conditions put on when planning granted.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 19th June 2000 at 7.15pm.

Agenda.

1. To receive Apologies for absence.
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 15th May 2000.
3. To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 1st June 2000.
4. To receive Police Report.
5. Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. To consider Matters Arising.
7. To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. To receive Planning Committee report.
9. To approve accounts for payment.
10. Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. To receive Correspondence.
12. Appointment of committee chairmen and representatives to outside bodies.
13. To discuss new medical evidence re leukaemia danger from power lines.
14. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.
15. Other Items Of Interest and Information.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room, Thirsk on Monday 19th June 2000 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murray, Pack, Salmon, PC Hannan, 1 press reporter, 2 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Murkett.

Minutes:

Town Council, 15th May 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Morton seconded, agreed.

Amenities, 1st June 2000: after amendments were made approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Police Report:

PC Hannan gave further details of Thirsk Community Safety Initiative Project to be held between 31st July and 1st September 2000, approximate numbers and type of children involved. Cllr Hall raised the problem of parked cars prohibiting vision to the right when exiting Stammergeate on to Long Street, PC Hannan to investigate. PC Hannan was thanked for her attendance before leaving the meeting.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Hall, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mr Horner raised the problems of the grasscutting in the cemetery; he was answered by Cllr Hall who also gave assurance that the Town Council hopes to maintain reasonable standards in the future.

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

Matters Arising:

P1125: Parking at the library is still causing problems; Cllr Marshall reported that the developers have not marked the area as agreed. *Cllr Marshall asked if any photographic evidence of litter in the town had been received - none to date.*

P1127: Cllr Salmon asked if meeting had been arranged re long-term investment for some of the funds held by the Town Council.

P1128: Cllr Marshall asked for the Detached Youth Worker Project to be put on the next council meeting agenda.

Cllr Morton asked if there had been any progress with the Town Council website; Cllr Salmon to report later in the meeting.

County Council report: none.

District Council report:

Cllr Marshall that HDC Councillors will have a new allowance scheme when the new structure of the District Council is in place. HDC have agreed to remove the flood bank of gravel in The Cod Beck; gravel to be used to repair the river bank;

Environmental Health are attending to the problem of the effluent; Millgate gravel footpath to be repaired.

Cllr Jackson asked if a sign for "Thirsk" could be installed on the A1 at the A168 turn off northbound; to be asked for again.

Planning Report:**Refused:**

2/00/152/0614 Prop: Replacement of existing windows with UPVC windows.

Location: 51 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: J Wood. (TC refused)

Granted:

2/00/152/0017K Prop: Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and domestic double garage as amended by site plan as received by HDC on 5th May 2000.

Location: Land adjacent to Millbank Court, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Relative Builders. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0269A Prop Construction of a domestic double garage to replace existing carport.

Location: 8 Ingramgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Dr R Hiles. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0269B Prop: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing wall.

Location: 8 Ingramgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Dr R Hiles. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0616 Prop: Installation of 2 roof lights.

Location: 21 Stammerge, Thirsk.

Applicant: M A Butler (TC approved)

2/00/152/0617 Prop: Construction of a domestic workshop.

Location: 28 Rymer Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr A Hirst (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/00/009/0195 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with associated facilities for use as a printing works and construction of a cycle shed.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Stratus Holding Ltd. (TC

2/00/152/0017K Prop: Construction of a detached dwelling house and domestic double garage as amended by site plan as received by HDC on 5th May 2000.

Location: Land adjacent to Millbank Court, Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Relative Builders. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0492A Prop: Change of use of existing shop to a sun-tanning salon.

Location: 20 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tan Express. (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0085D Prop: Change of use of existing domestic land to use in connection with the parking, display and sale of cars.
 Location: 75 Station Road, Thirsk.
 Applicant: C K Stevens (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0244C Prop: Additional use of existing shop for Class A3 purposes.
 Location: 87 Market Place, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs W Palfreeman. (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0269A Prop: Construction of a domestic double garage to replace existing carport.
 Location: 8 Ingramgate, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Dr R Hiles (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0269B Prop: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing wall.
 Location: 8 Ingramgate, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Dr R Hiles (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0477D Prop: Provision for replacement windows
 Location: 31 Ingramgate Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr J Crackell (TC refused)
 2/00/152/0482A Prop: Extension to existing dwellinghouse.
 Location: 13 Herriot Way, Thirsk. (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0621 Prop: Change of use existing dwelling to a children's day nursery as amended by plan received by HDC on 5th June 2000.
 Location: Stone Hall, Stockton Road, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mrs Humphries & Mrs J Wernyj. (TC
 2/00/152/0622 Prop: Extension to existing bungalow
 Location: 31 Gormire Close, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr J K Coates (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0623 Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling.
 Location: 7 St James Green, Thirsk.
 Applicant: C & G Shaw. (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0624 Prop: Ground Floor extension to existing dwellinghouse.
 Location: 51 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs I Hall (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0625 Prop: Alterations to existing storage building for use as offices.
 Location: 36 Market Place, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Cavermill Estates Ltd. (TC no objections)

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Thirsk Hall, wayleaves	£ 5.00
Farmway, rails	£ 6.35
Refund J. Marshall, roses	£ 19.13
Refund A M Wilkinson, telephone change	£ 35.80
Thirsk Motors Ltd, fuel B Bd., April/May	£ 78.20
I Atkinson, telephone rental	£ 32.23
C Dale, repair to clock	£381.88
C E & CM Walker, grasscutting	£1032.82

BT , office phone	£168.53
I Atkinson, salary, May 2000	£402.50
A M Wilkinson, salary, May 2000	£604.00
K Dickinson, office window clean, 3 weeks	£ 6.00
Petty Cash	£ 50.00
J Bell, office rent 5 weeks	£ 50.00
HDC, C Tax, office, July. DD	£ 75.00
HDC, C Tax, Cem Lodge, July DD	£ 92.00

Memorials:

Approval of the following applications proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Application for an additional inscription:

Daisy Hillings
Elsie Sowdon

Application to erect a memorial:

Beatrice Watson

Correspondence:

North Yorkshire Waste Plan – to be studied.

Local Agenda 21 Plan – copies circulated.

Election of User Representatives to the Steering Committee, Hambleton & Richmondshire Transport Partnership – nominations made.

HDC Parish Review of Hambleton – to be on next council meeting agenda.

HDC Todds Court, access road, request for access while new Ecoblock surfacing is laid. Cllr Adamson suggested that permission should be withheld until conditions of original application are to be carried out. Request to HDC for original surfacing proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

YLCA, Annual conference & Joint Annual meeting, 9/10 September 2000 – Cllr Adamson and Cllr pack to attend on Saturday.

Countryside Agency Markets Initiative, Living Above the Shop – discussed.

From Tabled Correspondence:

A. Robinson, letter of resignation – Cllr Roberts had sent acknowledgement, an election has been requested.

HDC District/Parish Liaison Meeting report – Cllr Salmon was pleased to note that precepts do have a ceiling.

HDC Affordable Housing – Cllr Salmon was pleased that land on which planning permission would not normally be granted could be used for affordable housing and said that the Town council should give this more consideration.

Re proposed Construction of Powerlines – new medical evidence.

Cllr Jackson reported to the meeting on the new medical report which had been published recently. After discussion it was agreed that copies of the report should be sent along with the concerns of the Town Council to the following HDC, NYCC, local MPs, local MEP, and Secretary of State for the Environment (asking for

comments). Thanks expressed to Cllr Jackson for bringing this to the notice of the Council.

Sub Committee reports:

Greens Committee: Cllr Morton reported that more tarspraying is to be considered on St James Green this year when the annual maintenance is being done.

Cllr Jackson has taken over looking after the town clock; a second set of keys to be obtained and a deputy is required.

Thirsk in Bloom Working Party: Cllr Pack reported that the volunteers had been very busy in the town. The next judging takes place on 10th July. Cllr pack has asked that the festival bunting be left in place for this.

Representatives Reports:

Thirsk Community Primary School: Ofsted report coming soon. *confusion*

Chamber of Trade: Cllr Salmon reported on the recent meeting, ~~concern~~ *concern* re Town Council website had been expressed, ~~particularly~~ *particular* re the cost. Cllr Adamson, Salmon and Marshall to compile a letter that will be sent to all members of the Chamber of Trade to try to get more support for the website. *no action taken*

Millennium Green: Cllr Marshall said the official opening will be on 14th July 2000.

C.A. B.: Cllr Roberts reported that all who had attended recently had enjoyed the musical evening held.

York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Assn. AGM to be held on 27th July in East Thirsk Community Hall.

Members Reports:

Cllr Roberts said that Ancient Monument Consent Forms had been received so the application for seats on Castlegarth can now be made. Cllr Roberts gave details of various events that she had attended including the recent visit of HRH Prince Charles to Carlton Lodge.

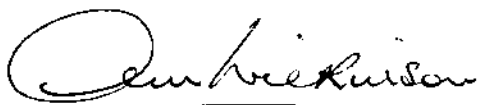
Exclusion of the press and public proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 6th July 2000 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Appointment of Chairmen of sub committees.
3. Minutes, approved at Town Council, 19th June 2000.
4. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held 1st June 2000.
5. To receive correspondence.
6. To receive sub committee reports
7. To receive other items of interest and information.



Mrs. A M Wilkinson.

Clerk to the Council.

There will be a Confidential Item at the end of this meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity meeting on 6th July 2000 in the Town
Council office at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Roberts and Pack, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Hall, Jackson, Marshall Murray and Salmon.

Meeting abandoned at 7.20pm.

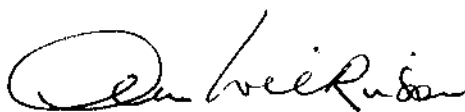
Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 17th July 2000 at 7.15pm.

Mr W Charlton & Miss Heather Cocoran will be attending this meeting to explain the Detached Youth Worker Project planned for Thirsk.

Agenda.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 19th June 2000.
3. ✓ To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 6th July 2000.
4. ✓ To receive Police Report.
5. ✓ Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. ✓ To consider Matters Arising.
7. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) County Council ✓ b) District Council ✓
8. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
10. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
12. ✓ To discuss the Parish Review of Hambleton.
13. ✓ To discuss support for the Thirsk Detached Youth Worker Project.
14. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

NB. There will be a Confidential Item at the end of this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 17th July 2000 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Jackson, Morton, Murkett, Murray, Pack, Robinson, 1 police officer, 1 press reporter, 4 members of the public, Mr W. Charlton, Miss H. Cocoran and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall and Salmon.

Minutes:

Town Council, 19th June 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall agreed after some amendments were made.

Amenities, 6th July 2000: meeting abandoned only 3 members attended.

Police Report: Pc Hannan had no specific items to report to the Town Council. Cllr Marshall reported that there had been more disturbances on Millgate Picnic Area, and had had a site meeting with the resident involved and Sgt Frank to try to find a solution to the problem.

Cllr Jackson expressed concern that traffic turning left at the roundabout at Town End is not stopping. Pc Hannan to monitor and NYCC Highways to be asked for signage. Cllr Pack raised the problem of cycling in the area near the town clock and Cllr Robinson concerned that numbers of motorbikes that use it for parking when it is a pedestrian area. Thanks were expressed to Pc Hannan.

Cllr Roberts introduced Mr W Charlton, Community Youth Tutor and Miss H Cocoran, Detached Youth Worker in Northallerton who had come to the meeting to explain the advantages there would be in having detached youth workers in the town. Mr Charlton said that it is hoped to advertise soon for 2 workers. Councillors then asked questions. Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Charlton and Miss Cocoran for attending and being so helpful.

Cllr Murray and press reporter arrived.

Suspension of standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Jackson, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs K Reynard told the meeting of her concern about the parking along by St Mary's Church to Norby Front Street.

Mr P Tate reiterated his invitation for Councillors to view the inside of 33 Market Place. Cllr Murkett had already visited.

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

Matters arising:

P 1129: Cllr Adamson reported that there is still a problem with cars that are for sale being parked outside the car saleroom on Long Street blocking the vision to the right of vehicles approaching the roundabout from Stammergate. It was agreed that NYCC

Highways are asked for help and HDC Planning to be contacted again re solving this traffic hazard.

Exit from the library is still being blocked by parked cars, Cllr Marshall informed the meeting that HDC had given Wainhomes Ltd. 21 days to implement the conditions of their planning application and mark the entrance and exit as specified. Cllr Robinson requested the early installation of the promised yellow box junction and signs in Finkle Street and Ingramgate. HDC are to be contacted again asking for the park to be changed from a short stay park to long stay with adequate signage. Cllr Pack asked that the cable across the exit of the library be removed.

P 1130: Cllr Morton asked if progress was being made re the flow of effluent into The Cod beck near the bridge in Finkle Street. Cllr Marshall had received a letter from the Environment Agency, read to the meeting, which Cllr Adamson had sent a reply. It was decided to request that the project study should be brought forward as the problem needs urgent attention.

"On line" to be deleted and corrected at next meeting that is attended by Cllr Salmon. Todds Court/Little Green, remedial works still to be done, reply to be requested. Cllr Roberts reported on a meeting that she and Cllr Jackson had attended re the Corona ions from power-lines. Tests are being carried out along existing power-lines in the area. National Grid stated that the evidence shown was circumstantial and not of serious consequence.

P 1133: Cllr Adamson reported that the Chamber of Trade had now received the correct costs of being on the Town Council website.

County Council Report:

Cllr Murkett said points he wished to make would be made as the items arose in the meeting. Cllr Marshall asked that NYCC insist on traffic calming in Finkle Street. Cllr Marshall said that NYCC have funds from developers for traffic calming on Sutton Road and Stockton Road. Cllr Jackson asked Cllr Murkett to pursue the problem caused by traffic turning left at Town End without stopping. Cllr Robinson asked if the Town Council would be consulted re the trial 20mph speed limit on Topcliffe Road.

District Council Report:

Cllrs Marshall and Robinson had nothing special to report.

Planning Report:

Refused:

2/00/152/0477D Prop: Provision of replacement windows.

Location: 31 Ingramgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr Crackell (TC refused)

2/00/152/0492A Prop: Change of use of existing shop to a sun-tanning salon.

Location: 20 Market Place, Thirsk. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0619 Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage

Location: 1 Megson Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lill (TC asked for rethink)

Withdrawn:

2/00/152/0612: Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling for use as a ground floor shop with first and second floor offices and layout of land and construction of 3 dwellings and 4 flats.

Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tate. (TC refused)

Granted:

2/00/152/0625 Prop: Alterations to existing storage building for use as offices

Location: 36 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Cavermill Estates Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0621 Prop: Change of use of existing dwelling to a children's' day nursery as amended by plan received by HDC on 5th June 2000.

Location: Stone Hall, Stockton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs Humphries & Mrs Wernyj (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0623 Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling

Location: 7 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: C & G Shaw (TC no objections)

2/152/00/0624 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse

Location: 51 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hall (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0622 Prop: Extension to existing bungalow

Location: 31 Gormire Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr Coates (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0620 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwellinghouse and alteration to existing vehicular access

Location: 2 Whitelass Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nash

2/00/152/0582B Prop: Removal of Condition 04 (Ref: 2/99/152/0582A) to permit the provision of a replacement hedge and screen fence as amended by letter and plan received by HDC on 18th May 2000.

Location: Former gas Station, Long Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Persimmon Homes (York) Ltd. (TC refused)

2/99/152/0245P Prop: Construction of boundary walls and fences as amended by letter and plans as received by HDC on 18th April 2000.

Location: The Darrowby Inn, Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr G Jackson

2/99/152/0245Q Prop: Application for LBC for the construction of boundary walls as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 18th April 2000.

Location: Darrowby Inn, Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr G Jackson

Applications:

2/00/152/0209F Prop: Formation of a self-contained flat

Location: 35 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: M/s S Lakeland (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0209G Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to existing hotel.

Location: 35 Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: M/s Lakeland (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0239G Prop: Display of an internally illuminated projecting sign

Location: 42 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: A Hasan (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0366D Prop: Installation of 3 radio antennas and 2 microwave dishes on existing mast.

Location: Thirsk Telephone Exchange, Masonic Lane, Thirsk.

Applicant: B.T. (TC no objections)

2/00/139/0533 Prop: Outline application

Location: Land to west of Admirals Court, Sowerby, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Taylor (TC refused)

2/00/152/0611A Prop: Construction of a polytunnel for horticultural purposes OS 7511, Hollin Barn Cottage, Thirsk

Location: Hollin Barn Cottage, Thirsk

Applicant: C Hartley (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0618 Prop: Extension to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage and construction of boundary walls with fencing to incorporate a vehicular access to replace existing access as amended by plan received by HDC on 23rd June 2000.

Location: 3 Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Smith (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0626 Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwellinghouse

Location: 1 drovers Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Elders (TC no objections)

Accounts:

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

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd, paint & brushes	£ 44.54
Thorntons Printers, purchase order books	£ 65.21
BT, phone rental	£ 44.96
Todd Waste ltd, empty skip (2) B Bd.	£ 205.60
Amberol, Planter, baskets etc	£1,461.12
Wilgro Nurseries Ltd, plants for tubs	£ 105.68
CE & CM Walker, grasscutting	£ 726.15
CE & CM Walker, grasscutting, cemetery	£ 119.75
SCH Ltd, water carrier	£ 484.10
Impact China Ltd, millennium mugs	£1,295.56
Power Point, hire hedge trimmer	£ 16.45
M L Burnett, install seats, seats repaired Little Green	£ 676.50
DJ Mann, clean bus shelter windows, (13 weeks @ £3.50)	£ 45.50
C Amy:Wkly insp. (5 wks @ £38) plus travel £12.90	£ 202.90
E. Thirsk, long St. & McCleans, cut hedge & prune	£ 25.00
Herriot Way, remove stub oak tree	£ 50.00
Little Green, weed shrubbery	£ 10.00
Holmes/Carrs Field, weed hedge, replace canes 7 spirals- 250 spirals-112 canes- £54.48, labour - £135.00	£ 189.48
Castlegarth, pick litter	£ 10.00
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K Dickinson, clean office windows	£ 8.00
J Bell, office rent 4wks @ £10	£ 40.00
HDC, C Tax, Cem. Lodge, DD	£ 92.00
HDC, C Tax, office, DD	£ 75.00
Refund, M. Greenwood, plants Cem. Garden	£ 34.20
Refund, M. Greenwood, telephone number change	£ 27.99

Cllr Robinson asked for clarification re quotations and tenders for works between £1,000 and 10,000. Cllr Adamson stated that the standing orders of the Town Council were those recommended by NALC ^{FINANCIAL}
_{based}

Memorials:

Approval of the following applications proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

Eliza Bowron

William Kerr Marshall

Application for an additional inscription:

Ethel Hoggart

Correspondence:

Invitation from Mr Tate to view the interior of 33 Market Place - clerk to make arrangements.

HDC, Chief Executives Dept - result of uncontested election, Mr A Robinson elected. NYCC, Traffic Management, proposed waiting restrictions, Norby Estate - discussed, request that the area is looked at as a whole as parking on the Holmes is necessary, site visit between NYCC, HDC and Town Council suggested.

NYCC, parking Kirkgate - further information.

Thirsk Chamber of Trade, re proposed mural on Regent Bingo - after discussion and study of possible pictures for inclusion it was agreed to support this project (7 for 2 against).

YLCA, annual conference 9/10 September 2000 - programme details, Cllr Adamson and Cllr Pack to attend on Saturday.

Herriot Country 2001 - agreed to advertise, details to be updated.

Parish Review of Hambleton:

After studying a OS map of the parish it was agreed to submit the changes as submitted previously:

1. Thirsk Industrial Park to be included in Thirsk Parish.
2. The boundary between Thirsk and Carlton Miniott to be the main railway line.
3. Station Road to be "tidied up" by using the old railway line as the boundary between Thirsk and Sowerby.
4. To extend the boundary which runs along Chapel Street and Westgate to behind all properties south of Chapel Street and Westgate emerging between Thirsk Police Station and the newsagents.

Thirsk Detached Youth Worker Project:

Discussion on what support the Town Council should give. Cllr Marshall declared an interest as treasurer of Thirsk Detached Youth Worker Project and told the meeting that the positions are to be advertised this week. Cllr Jackson proposed Cllr Roberts seconded that the Town Council donates £1000 this year and will review next year to the amount of £1000 for the 3 years, agreed unanimously.

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Sub Committee Reports:

Greens: Cllr Morton reported that Foden Spence Construction Ltd are preparing a quotation for annual maintenance work on St James Green.

Thirsk In Bloom Working Party: Cllr Pack reported on the visit of the judges of Yorkshire in Bloom. The weather was appalling, thanks expressed to all who had helped in any way prior to the judging day.

Representatives:

Cllr Murkett reported on the recent meeting of the Hambleton Branch of LCA. Cllr Marshall reported that Detached Youth Worker Project committee had met on 10th July 2000 when adverts for the workers had been finalised. The official opening for the Millennium Green had taken place on 14th July 2000.

Suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Cllr Roberts gave details of the AGM of York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Assn. on 27th July 2000 at East Thirsk Community Hall at 5.30pm.

Members Reports:

Cllr Marshall reported some progress re ownership of Barrett's ditch and the Millennium Green ditch had been made by HDC.

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

Confidential Items.**Planning Application, 33 Market Place, Thirsk.**

Cllr Roberts reported that the first application to renovate the house and construct 4 flats and 3 houses on land at the rear of the building had been withdrawn. This has been replaced with a application for the demolition of the present building only which will be considered at the next HDC Planning meeting on 10th August 2000. Cllr Murkett having visited the site and inspected the interior recommended that Councillors should accept the invitation from Mr Tate. Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Morton seconded that Councillors should visit, if possible with Mr M Cann, HDC, agreed.

Cemetery Superintendant.

Cllr Morton reported on his visit to investigate a reported oil leak at Cemetery Lodge, reported by Mrs Greenwood to the clerk. Cllr Roberts reported the outburst by Mrs Greenwood in the office this morning re the incompetence of the whole Council and the "cowboy" contractors employed by the Council. It was agreed that in future the Town Council, as landlords, exercise their right to inspect the property annually. This inspection to take place prior to the meeting where the budgets for the following year are set (end September/October), proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Morton. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Murray seconded that Cllr Adamson, Cllr Roberts and the clerk meet Mr Greenwood soon to discuss his position as Cemetery worker and any problems with Cemetery Lodge and the work being undertaken.

Job Description, Mr C. Amy.

Cllr Pack reported that she had experienced some difficulties recently with the work and the amount charged by Mr Amy. As there has not been any contract or job definition agreed between the Town Council and Mr Amy, Cllr Pack requested that a clear job definition be compiled for Mr Amy to agree to and sign. Any changes to this new agreement to be recorded for future reference, agreed.

Cllr Murray left the meeting.

Damage to seat, Market Place.

Cllr Marshall gave details. Thirsk Police had taken a statement from the clerk. Cllr Murkett proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that the Town Council go head with proceedings against the offender, who had been identified on CCTV, after the incident was reported to the police by visitors to the town, agreed (1 against). Quote for repair to be supplied to the police this week.

Damage to trees on Whitelass.

Letter from Eccles Heddon to Mrs Kilvington requesting that the clerk is contacted only at the office in future and that the Town Council intends making a claim for the remedial work and replacements for the damage caused on The Whitelass by her contractor, plus

legal costs and any expenditure incurred by the Town Council. Mr Amy had supplied a remedial work necessary and replacements, which was accepted. It was agreed that the work should be carried out as soon as possible and that the replacements be planted at the appropriate time. Town Council to proceed with the recovery of any costs when the work is complete.

Suspension of standing orders for 2 minutes proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Clerk left the room.

Clerk's salary, 2000/2001.


Cllr Marshall proposed an increase in the clerk's salary in line with the National Joint Council for Local Government Service recommendations for 2000/2001 to £8637.72 per annum, unanimously approved.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 4th August 2000 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. / To receive Apologies for Absence
2. / Minutes of meeting 6th July 2000.
3. / Matters arising from minutes of meeting held 1st June 2000.
4. / To receive correspondence.
5. / To receive update on Finkle Street sewerage escape.
6. / To receive sub committee reports
7. To receive other items of interest and information.



Mrs. A M Wilkinson.

Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the Amenity Meeting held on Thursday 3rd August 2000 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack and Roberts, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall and Salmon.

Minutes: 6th July 2000 - meeting abandoned, insufficient Councillors in attendance.

Matters Arising: from meeting held on 1st June 2000:

Library parking, Wainhomes Ltd have done some of the marking required, Cllr Marshall is to write requesting early completion.

Castlegarth, ancient monument consent for seats has been applied for.

Play equipment for Workhouse site, solicitor for Crowther Homes Ltd will not reply to letters from HDC.

Market Place, purchase of 2 tower containers - only one was purchased because HDC only gave permission to site one where the Christmas tree stands.

Correspondence:

HDC letter re T P O for trees on Stockton Road – Cllr Roberts to investigate if hedge is correctly marked on plan supplied and is still there.

HDC re cycling scheme, information of pilot scheme given, idea welcomed by Councillors.

HDC Planning Dept. re Whitelass hedge, copy of letter to resident who had cut hedge below agreed height read to meeting.

HDC Planning Dept. re Favenfield open area, reply to request re ownership. HDC have no powers to stop owners fencing this open space. Mr M Roberts to clarify the situation on Megson Place.

Cllr Marshall asked for a copy of the D. E. T. R. document to be obtained so that information re drains can be obtained.

Audit Commission: Comments on local council audit can be obtained free. Cllr Marshall to supply phone number.

Sub Committee Reports:

Millgate Picnic Area: Cllr Marshall reported the flowerbeds were over grown, some trees are dead and long-term plans are needed for the replanting of the beds. Mr M Burnett had supplied a quote for moving the seat and picnic table and fencing about 30feet of the beck side. A letter is to be sent to The Rotary Club of Thirsk explaining what is happening. A scheme and quotation is needed for the planting of the flowerbeds from Mr Amy.

Cllr Marshall had contacted Mr McGloin HDC re the state of the ^{can}shawl under Millgate Bridge and has asked for the overhanging willows to be looked at.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack is to meet the supplier of the tower to try to solve the problem of the plants dieing. ^{dieing}

St James Green: Cllr Morton asked that HDC be contacted re the plastic-crete which is so unsatisfactory.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Marshall asked that HDC be approached re painting their seats in the Market Place. Sponsorship for litterbins should be considered.

Castlegarth: Mr Amy to be asked to clear all barbed wire, and repair fence on Masonic Lane. Meeting to discuss interpretation boards to be arranged.

Long street Enhancement: Working group formed to draw up suggestions for the area, Group to consist of Cllrs Morton, Pack and Marshall.

Former Gas Works Playarea: Letter to be sent to HDC Planning and Legal departments asking for progress soon as houses are now inhabited.

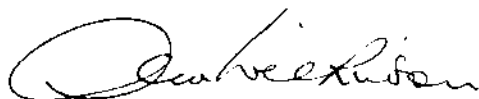
Cllr Roberts reported that she had sent a card to H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother on her 100th birthday from the Town Council.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 21stth August 2000 at 7.15pm.

Agenda.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 17th July 2000.
3. ✓ To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 3rd August 2000.
4. ✓ To receive Police Report. *not present*
5. ✓ Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. ✓ To consider Matters Arising.
7. ✓ To receive reports from:
✓a) County Council ✓b) District Council
8. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
10. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
12. ✓ To discuss Station Road parking/Sunday Car Boot Sale.
13. ✓ To review Town Council Standing Orders.
14. ✓ To discuss Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.
15. To discuss car and bus parking in Thirsk.
16. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday 21st August 2000 in the Upper Room Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, Salmon, 2 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Murray and the Police.

Minutes:

Town Council, 17th July 2000:

P1139: "are based" added.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Approval of the minutes proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Amenity meeting, 3rd August 2000:

Report on Cod Beck effluent problem to be added.

Approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Police Report: none.

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

Open Forum: no one wished to speak.

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

Matters Arising:

Cllr Marshall asked that minutes on confidential items be posted to Councillors in future.

Town Council minutes:

P 1135: Cllr Marshall reported that the Detached Youth worker project has been given charitable status.

P 1136: Cllr Jackson asked if there had been a reply to the request for Finkle Street car park to be changed from short stay to long stay, not to date.

Cllr Hall arrived.

Cllr Salmon reported that there should be a "stop" sign, not just written on the road, for drivers exiting the library car park. Damage can be caused to cars due to the poor road surface. Letter to be sent to Wainhomes, HDC, NYCC and copy to library.

Cllr Jackson asked if there had been any response from the police for a "~~stop~~" sign at Town End – not to date.

Traffic calming, Finkle Street: Cllr Murkett said an answer from NYCC be given soon.

P1138: Planning application 2/00/152/0293G: Cllr Salmon objected to a projecting illuminated sign being acceptable to the Town Council. Cllr Robinson reported that the sign had been approved by HDC.

P1138: Cllr Adamson asked that a follow-up telephone call be made to NYCC re parking at Front Street, Norby.

P1140: Cllr Roberts reported on the AGM of the York, North Yorkshire Playing Fields Assn. held at East Thirsk Community Hall and included a visit to playareas on which the Town Council were congratulated.

County Council Report:

Cllr Murkett gave details of A170 (Sutton Bank) road closure from 2nd – 9th October. Cllr Murkett has written to the NYCC Chief Executive expressing his concern re the Right of Way through the Three Tuns Yard now that a planning application has been submitted to HDC. Concern on loss of car parking in the yard as this could lead to more use of public parking in the town. Cllr Jackson asked for HDC to compile a planning brief for the area as a whole, Cllr Roberts agreed.

District Council Reports:

Cllr Marshall reported HDC Political Structures committee had met and information will be received shortly. It is expected that HDC will be ready to implement the Government Transport Bill to help the elderly and disabled by April 2001. Cllr Marshall read a letter she had received re the Market Towns Initiative from Mr Underwood, HDC explaining the procedure for application to the scheme. After discussion it was decided to hold a meeting of the Town Development Working Party to consider the way forward to secure funding for the town. Cllr Marshall gave details of work on The Cod Beck area, which should be done from 18th September – 13th October. Cllr Morton asked if progress had been on the replacement of the grasscrete on Little Green and suggested that Mr J Bell, owner be asked for his views and support on the issue.

Planning:

Cllr Hall asked for an application for a TPO on a semi mature tree at Three Tuns Yard/Chapel Street.

Refused:

2/00/152/0085D Prop: Change of use of existing land to use in connection with the parking, display and sale of cars.

Location: 75 Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr K Stevens (TC no objections)

Granted:

2/00/152/0209F Prop: Formation of a self-contained flat.

Applicant: Ms S Lakeland (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0209G Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to existing hotel.

Location: 35 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: M/s Lakeland. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0244C Prop: Additional use of existing shop for Class A3 purposes

Location: 87 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs W Palfreeman (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0293G Prop: Display of an internally illuminated projecting sign

Location: 42 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: A Hasan (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0366D Prop: Installation of 3 radio antennas and 2 microwave dishes on existing mast

Location: Thirsk Telephone Exchange Masonic Lane Thirsk.

Applicant: BT (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0611A Prop: Construction of a polytunnel for horticultural purposes at OS 7511, Hollin Barn Cottage, Thirsk.

Location: Hollin Barn Cottage, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: C Hartley (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0618 Prop: Extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage and construction of boundary walls with fencing to incorporate a vehicular access to replace existing access amended by plan received on 23rd June 2000.

Location: 3 Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Smith (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/99/009/0045E: Change of use of existing agricultural land to industrial use and formation of roads and footpaths and provision of landscaping.

Location: Thirsk industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: HDC (TC no objections, but asked for more information)

2/00/009/0195 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with associated facilities for use as a printing works and construction of a cycle shed.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Stratus Holding Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/00/500/0097 Prop: Construction of a building to comprise 3 dwelling units

Location: Chapel Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Aspect Homes (TC refused)

2/00/152/0110A prop: Extension to existing bungalow to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage

Location; 21 Dowber Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Turner (TC refused)

2/00/152/0244C Prop: Additional use of existing shop for Class A3 purposes

Location: 87 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Palfreeman (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0288C Prop: Variation of condition 03 planning reference 2/95/152/ 0288B

Location: 72-74 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr A Swales (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0288D Prop: revised application for alterations and extension to existing building to incorporate a first floor self-contained flat in lieu of approved exhibition area

Location: 72-74 Long Streets, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr A Swales (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0356F Prop: Siting of a feed bin

Location: Sunnybank Farm, Woodcock Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr G Bainbridge (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0506A Prop: Alterations and first floor extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 1 Lynbrook Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mousette (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0619A Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 1 Megson Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lill (TC refused)

2/00/152/0627 Prop: 2-storey extension to existing dwelling as amended by plans received by HDC on 9th August 2000.

Location: 31 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr L Carr (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0628 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing bungalow

Location: 18 Alexander Close, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mitchell (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0629 Prop: Display of 2 illuminated signs
 Location: Austin Reed, Station Road, Thirsk
 Applicant: Austin Reed (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0631 Prop: Construction of a domestic garage
 Location: 37 Craigs Way, Thirsk
 Applicant: M/s Goodyear (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0633 Prop: provision of 2 replacement windows
 Location: 78 St James Green, Thirsk
 Applicant: M R Bouner (TC no objections)

Accounts:

Approval for payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

North Electric, office	£ 137.91
K Dickinson, clean office windows	£ 8.00
CE & CM Walker, grass cutting	£1,131.52
HDC, Parish Council Election	£ 68.91
Tarmac, readymix cement, Holmes	£ 171.01
Tarmac, readymix cement, Holmes	£ 17.63
YLCA, annual conference	£ 75.20
M L Burnett, Millgate Picnic Area, (move seat/fencing)	£ 400.00
M L Burnett, repair seats, Mkt Pl., fit troughs etc library	£ 79.00
Thirsk Motors Ltd, petrol, B. Bd.	£ 104.99
Power Point Ltd:	
Gauntlets (C. Amy)	£ 4.19
Generator hire/grinder, (C Amy- Holmes)	£ 14.16
Stiga belt, B. Bd.	£ 67.92
Fuel can, gloves, padlock etc B Bd	£ 82.66
Spot lamp, oil etc	£ 35.75
Repairs mower	£ 45.66
Repairs Stiga Park	£178.68
	£ 429.02
Pronto Services Ltd, clean drains Cem lodge	£ 205.63
A Swift, Bathroom refit etc Cem. Lodge	£ 1,500.85
A Swift, additional to above & fit new pump on oil burner	£ 649.82
M Greenwood, refund for stationery B Bd	£ 12.91
S Turner, boots, waterproofs etc B Bd	£ 177.17
B&Q, wallpaper, paint etc Cem lodge	£ 1,000.00
Petty Cash	£ 50.00
J Bell, office rent, 5 weeks @ £10	£ 50.00
Wilgro Nurseries, plants for tubs etc Mkt Pl.	£ 84.74

C Amy;		
Wkly insp,	£ 162.80	
Water, Mkt Pl./Mill gardens	£ 120.00	
Bolts, new bushes, Holmes swings	£ 171.35	
Move monkey bars/ parallel bars	£ 545.11	
Weed White Mare roundabout	£ 40.00	
Millgate Picnic Area, weed etc	£ 20.00	
		£ 1,059.26
HDC, C Tax, office, DD (1 st Sept.)		£ 75.00
HDC, C Tax, Cem Lodge, DD (1 st Sept.)		£ 117.33
BACS – M Greenwood, Cem Supt. (1 st Aug.)		£ 570.18
BACS – A M Wilkinson, clerk, (1 st Aug)		£ 660.85
Paid since last meeting:		
Donation to Detached Youth Worker Project		£ 1,000.00
SLCC, course fee		£ 70.00
KTH Ltd, seat repairs and paint		£ 749.78
Audit Commission, annual audit 1999/2000-08-21		£ 423.73

Memorials:

Approval of the following applications proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial:

Jean Mary White

Application for additional inscription:

Maurice Lawes

Correspondence:

Dept for Culture, Media and Sport, Castlegarth: letter re application for seats, noted
Dept for Culture, Media and Sport, re 33 Market Place, Thirsk: referral of planning application, noted.

Telemessage of thanks for Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother's birthday card.

YRCC, Youth Council Conference, York - 7th October 2000, noted.

Action for Market Towns Annual Convention, Ripon – 22/23 September 2000, agreed Cllr Pack to attend.

Hambleton and Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership, meeting 12th September 2000, Council Chambers, Stone Cross, Northallerton - 7pm, Cllr Adamson to attend.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Assn, AGM 20th September 2000, Bedale at 10.30 am., noted.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau, AGM, Northallerton Library - 7th September 2000, 7.00pm, Cllr Roberts to attend.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau, nominated representative, management committee, Cllr Roberts willing to continue.

The Rotary Club of Thirsk, Thirsk Festival, thanks for assistance, noted.

NYCC Highways, A170 road closure, noted.

HDC Planning Dept - Salem Chapel, noted.

The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) – Salem Chapel, noted.

Mrs Garbutt, re Cemetery gates, noted.

HDC, District Local Plan, thanks for comments.

Cllr Marshall asked for 12 copies of The Essential Guide to Parish Councils to be obtained from YLCA.

Parking, Station Road:

Cllr Adamson raised the problem of people parking on Station Road when attending the car boot sales on Sunday mornings when free parking is provided on the racecourse. The Police used to put cones along the road but now say that shortage of manpower prevents them being able to continue. Cllr Roberts read the conditions of the planning application to hold the car boot sales. It was decided to ask the Chief Constable for an explanation for the cutting of this service, copies to NYCC, HDC, and Sowerby Parish Council. Cllr Marshall stated that yellow lines would prevent parking for 365 days in the year and cause restrictions to the residents, when the problem only occurred on a small number of occasions.

Town Council Standing Orders:

Cllr Adamson proposed alteration of: 11. Contracts, as follows 11(B)(i) delete £10,000 substitute £2,500; 11(G) delete £1,000 substitute £2,500, seconded Cllr Jackson, to be put on the next meeting agenda for agreement and adoption.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annex:

Copies of refusal of National Lottery application for funding for the replacement annex had been circulated. Letter from Sowerby Parish Council asking for a joint meeting received. Cllr Marshall recommended that this meeting should take place as soon as possible. Cllr Robinson said the outside of the Town Hall is in need of urgent painting and cleaning.

Car and bus parking:

Cllr Morton raised his concerns on the 2 hour parking restrictions in the town for buses and cars and suggested that 3 hours would satisfy the needs of both local people and visitors much better. Cllr Murkett would like to see the system adopted by many towns where visitors are dropped at a convenient place; the bus goes to park returning after an unspecified time to collect its passengers. Cllr Marshall suggested the Norby Depot would be suitable and asked for these suggestions to be sent to HDC. Cllr Murkett asked for a sign in Millgate car and bus park indicating Millgate Picnic area.

Suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Sub Committee Reports:

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Morton reported that quotation for maintenance work had been accepted; work to be done early September. Little Green will be enhanced in the autumn. Cllr Marshall said that some uniformity of the lamp standards would enhance the Greens area.

Holmes and Playareas: Cllr Marshall said there must be a committee meeting soon.

Burial Board: Cllr Hall reported that all the grass in the cemetery was at an acceptable length. Cllrs Hall and Murkett had visited the cemetery to monitor the situation there and would make another visit in about a month.

Market Place, Mill Gardens & Millgate Picnic Area: Cllr Pack reported repairs, planting and weeding had been done at Mill Gardens. A coat of paint would improve lampposts and seats in the Market Place owned by HDC.

Thirsk in Bloom W.P.: Cllr Pack circulated report of results of Yorkshire in Bloom competition, thanked to all who had helped in any way by sponsorship, weeding and cleaning. Cllr Hall thanked for his help re the flower tower. Cllr Roberts said Cllr Pack was to be congratulated on her effort and enthusiasm and wished her luck in next year's competition. Cllr Hall enquired if the planter would be planted with suitable plants for the winter months and offered to move it when the Christmas tree is in position.

Representatives:

Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity: Cllr Salmon had attended the AGM, reported a reasonable year and that during the Christmas break the "ponding" problem is to be remedied.

N.A.L.C.: Cllr Murkett offered his apologies for the next Council meeting as he will be attending the Labour Party Conference on behalf of NALC.

Members:

Cllr Morton reported on his visit to Millgate Picnic area, expressed concern re the moving the seat and the moving of the commemorative stone by vandals.

Cllr Robinson he did not see the fence along the side of the beck as an improvement to the area.

Cllr Jackson had heard of the need for premises for the traffic wardens, offered the museum as possibly suitable and will contact HDC on this.

Cllr Marshall asked for NYCC and HDC to attend to the surfaces of the footpaths in East Thirsk and on St James Green.

Cllr Salmon asked for a meeting with Cllr Pack re the parish map.

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

Confidential Items:

P1141:

Matters Arising:

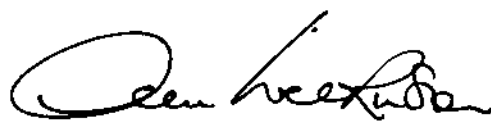
Cllr Marshall was concerned re the reports on the Cemetery Superintendent and the work at Cemetery Lodge. Cllr Murkett replied that due to the unsatisfactory circumstances reported to the previous meeting he and Cllr Hall had visited Mr Greenwood to make clear that recent events were not to be repeated. A further visit will be made in about a month.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 7th September 2000 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Minutes of meeting 3rd August 2000, agreed on 21st August 2000.
3. ✓ Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 3rd August 2000.
4. ✓ To receive correspondence.
5. ✓ To discuss Millgate Picnic Area.
6. ✓ To discuss Long Street enhancement.
7. — To discuss Tranmire ditch.
8. To receive sub committee reports
9. To receive other items of interest and information.



Mrs. A M Wilkinson.

Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the Amenity meeting held on 7th September 2000 in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Pack, Salmon, 3 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Hall, Murkett and Roberts.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 21st August 2000.

Matters Arising:

P-A5:

Cllr Marshall reported that she had not had a reply from Wainhomes re the completion of the road marking which is to indicate the entrance and exit of the library.

L. Scavage
Cllr Salmon arrived.

HDC, Proposed cycle route scheme: meeting has been arranged, survey of cyclists in the town has been carried out.

Parking, Finkle Street car park: No reply to letter asking for this park to be changed from short stay to long stay. A survey on the use of all parking areas of Thirsk has been carried out recently.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported the "tower" containing flowers in the Market Place had been tidied.

Workhouse Playarea: Cllr Marshall that progress in the transfer of ownership is at last being made.

T.P.O. on trees, Stockton Road: Cllr Roberts has checked information sent from HDC re the hedging shown on the plan.

Cllr Jackson had studied the copy of the D.E.T.R. drainage consultation document which Cllr Adamson had printed from the internet. The response date for comments is 31st October 2000.

HDC recycling scheme: Cllr Marshall reported that it had been approved and will begin in the next financial year.

Millgate Bridge area: Cllr Marshall reported that the necessary work on the overhanging willows and the ~~removal of the shoal~~ *improvement of area* is not priority work at the moment. NYCC and Internal Drainage Board to be informed of Town Council concern.

P-A6:

HDC seats in the Market Place: HDC have been contacted re the painting of these seats.

Castlegarth: C. Amy to be asked again to remove the barbed wire and mend the fence.

Former Gas Works site playarea: Cllr Marshall reported that Mr Underwood, HDC is consulting HDC Planning dept. re the surface of the playarea.

Correspondence:

Thirsk Chamber of Trade: letter re purchase of bunting for the town: Town Council agreed to their suggestion that the cost of the bunting is shared.

NYCC: Notice and dates of proposed highway works in Kirkgate and Millgate.

Cod Beck flood bank repair and footpath works: HDC to begin works late September early October, Councillors studied plans.

Millgate Picnic Area:

Letter from the Rotary Club of Thirsk read. Cllr Pack reported on recent meetings held between the Town Council, the Police and the Rotary Club. The commemorative stone which has been dumped in the beck is to be retrieved and secured on its original place. Police to be asked for surveillance with CCTV cameras every night. Mr Calvert to be asked to trim the trees on his adjoining land which prohibit a full view of the picnic area. HDC have been asked to install demountable posts on Millgate car park near the entrance to the picnic area.

Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Morton seconded the suspension of standing orders for 10 minutes, agreed.

Residents of St James Green gave details of the various acts of vandalism they had witnessed on the Picnic Area which have occurred in recent weeks. They wish to work with the Council and the police to solve the problems of the area. Hopes were expressed that the commemorative stone and the picnic table directly behind it could be resited, that when the fence is repaired it is bolted rather than nailed, that CCTV coverage will not be intrusive and signs informing visitors to the area of the camera coverage be placed at each entrance. Cllr Marshall told the meeting that the first Detached Youth Worker had been appointed and a second is to be advertised for this week. Thanks expressed to the Town Council and the police for their help on this matter.

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

Cllr Pack thought that the signs at the entrances a particularly good idea. "CCTV cameras in operation in this area" agreed. Cllr Morton suggested a meeting between the Rotary Club and the Millgate Picnic Area committee would be helpful. Members of the public left the meeting.

Long Street enhancement:

Letters, re assistance with the scheme, from HDC to the Town Council and Cllr Marshall read. Plans of the area given to Councillors for them to put on their ideas so that these could be considered at a joint meeting between HDC, Town Council and NYCC. Further contact to be made with NYCC.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Tranmire Ditch:

Cllr Marshall reported on progress re ownership and responsibility for cleaning the ditch.

Sub Committee Reports:

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Morton reported the annual maintenance work is being done.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson said a meeting to be held soon.

Market Place, Mill Gardens & Millgate Picnic Area: Cllr Pack reported on further damage to the seat in the Market Place, now repaired to be put back soon.

Holmes: Cllr Marshall had inspected the resited play equipment and is considering putting 2 picnic tables on the Holmes. Playdale equipment, leaning poles, to be corrected.

East Thirsk Playarea: Cllr Marshall gave an update of the position re the 7 acres phase 2.

Footpath between Todds Court and Waterside: Cllr Marshall reported that there is still a gap in the footpath between Todds Court and Waterside. HDC is in the process of purchasing one piece of land and is approaching the other landowners.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

New Town office: Cllr Marshall brought leaflets of premises that are for sale or to let in or near the Market Place and asked that the moving of the office be considered as a matter of urgency. Cllr Adamson to visit properties on Monday.

Cllr Jackson asked Councillors for their views on writing to Mr Jimmy Young, BBC radio presenter, regarding the plight of the Town Council and people in the surrounding area at the lack of concern by the Government on the serious matter of research proving cancer links, by downwind pollution, from overhead pylons.

Councillors agreed that some additions to the draft letter they had been given should be made before it is sent.

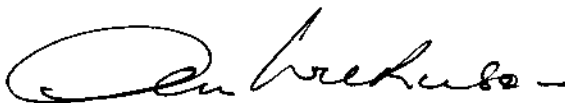
Damage to an oak tree in the shrubbery near White Mare roundabout has been reported to the Council. Mr Amy is meeting Mr Roberts, NYCC to discuss replacement etc.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 25th September 2000 at 7.15pm.

Agenda.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 21st August 2000.
3. ✓ To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 7th September 2000.
4. / To receive Police Report.
5. / Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. / To consider Matters Arising.
7. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
10. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
12. ✓ To agree Town Hall annex.
13. ✓ To adopt changes to Town Council Standing Orders.
14. / To discuss Town Council website.
15. / To discuss Town Council office.
16. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk town council held on Monday 25th September 2000 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Hall, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, ~~Adams~~ Robinson and Salmon, PC Hannan, 3 members of the public, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Cllr Roberts announced that the resignation of Cllr Murray had been received. Members asked that a letter be sent to him thanking him for his years of service to the council.

Apologies: none.

Cllrs Hall and Robinson arrived.

Minutes:

Town Council, 21st August 2000:

P 1143 – replace “slow” with “stop”

Approval of the minutes proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Marshall agreed.

Amenity meeting, 5th September 2000:

A 7 – add “and signing” and “regarding shoal and sandbanks”.

Police Report:

PC Hannan reported that the person who runs the car boot sale on the racecourse each week is willing to contribute £200 towards the cost of painting yellow lines to restrict parking on Station Road by people attending the boot sale. Cllr Marshall explained that this would restrict parking at all times for the residents which was not a suitable remedy to the problem. Discussion followed. PC Hannan to report the remarks of the Council to Insp. Broadley. Cllr Marshall gave details of the proposed cycle routes through the town to make cycling safer and hopefully stop cycling on the pavements. Cllr Robinson expressed concern re the lack of a sign on Long Street, near the junction to Stammergeate, which would indicate there is no left turn into Stammergeate, PC Hannan to investigate.

Cllr Hall asked for information regarding the recent spate of vandalism in the town and had CCTV recorded any incidents. Councillors told PC Hannan of their concern on any benefit being gained by having CCTV cameras in the town. Cllr Pack asked for HDC to give the Town Council details of how the cameras will be organised when they assume responsibility of CCTV in the area. PC Hannan will supply details of crime incidents with relation to CCTV monitoring at the next meeting. PC Hannan left with thanks for her attendance.

Suspension of Standing Orders for 15 minutes proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr pack, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mr Twiss raised the problems that wheelchair users face in certain areas of the town. Councillors discussed some of the problems. A member of the public arrived.

Mr Norfolk raised the matter finance for the proposed replacement annex on the Town Hall; he considered that the precept should not be raised to cover this expense.

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

Cllr Murkett proposed that a meeting should be arranged with Mr M Roberts, NYCC to consider where alterations to the kerbs should be made.

Mr Twiss and Mr Norfolk left the meeting.

Matters Arising:

P1143: Cllr Jackson asked if there had been a reply to the request for Finkle Street car park to be changed from short stay to long stay; acknowledgement has been received. Cllr Marshall had received a call from Wainhomes Ltd. re the signage at the library/car park entrance and exit, Finkle Street. NYCC and HDC to asked for prompt action.

P1144: Mr J Bell to be asked again for his thoughts on the surface of Little Green. Cllr Murkett read a letter he and the Town Council had received re the Right of Way through the Three Tuns Yard.

P1148: Cllr Morton asked if Cllr Murkett had raised the matter of bus/car parking in Thirsk and that he is persistant until the problems are solved.

County Council Report: Cllr Murkett had nothing further to add.

District Council Report:

Cllr Marshall gave details of the proposed concessionary fares that it is hoped will be introduced in April 2001. Cllr Robinson reported on the replies to the recent questionnaire on the new political structures for the District Council most had been in favour. East Thirsk is to have an experimental recycling scheme next year costing £14,500. The vending machines in the public toilets in the Market Place, which were installed on an experimental basis, have been a success and will now be permanent.

Planning:

Refused:

2/00/152/0110A Prop: Extension to existing bungalow to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.

Location: 21 Dowber Way

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Turner TC refused)

2/00/152/0572E Prop: Display of a non-illuminated fascia sign

Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: British Heart Foundation (TC refused)

Withdrawn:

2/00/152/0633 Prop: Provision of 2 replacement windows.

Location: 78 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: M R Bouner (TC no objections)

Granted:

2/00/152/0180P Prop: Application for LBC for the formation of an internal doorway.

Location: 77 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Downes Illingworth Partnership (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0288C Prop: Variation of condition 03 planning reference 2/95/152/0288B
 Location: 72-74 Long Street, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr A Swales (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0356F Prop: Siting of a feed bin
 Location: Sunnybank Farm Woodcock Lane Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr G Bainbridge (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0506A Prop: Alterations and first floor extension to existing dwelling house
 Location: 1 Lynbrook Close, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs I Mousette (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0612A Prop: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing dwelling
 Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tate (TC refused)
 2/00/152/0619A Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage.
 Location: 1 Megson Place, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs MA Lill (TC refused)
 2/00/152/0627 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwelling as amended by plans received by HDC on 9th August 2000.
 Location: 31 Long Street, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr L Carr (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0628 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing bungalow.
 Location: 18 Alexander Close, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mitchell (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0629 Prop: Display of 2 illuminated signs
 Location: Austin Reed Station Road, Thirsk.
 Applicant: Austin Reed (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/ 0631 Prop: Construction of a domestic garage
 Location: 37 Craigs Way, Thirsk
 Applicant: Ms Goodyear (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/00/152/0180P Prop: Application for LBC for the formation of an internal doorway
 Location: 77 Market Place, Thirsk
 Applicant: Downes Illingworth Partnership (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0433B Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling house
 Location: 30 Herriot Way, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mrs Croft (TC no objections)
 2/00/152/0572F Prop: Provision of a new shop front
 Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk
 Applicant: British Heart Foundation (TC refused)
 2/00/152/0572G Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to existing ground floor shop and provision of a shop front.
 Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk
 Applicant: British Heart Foundation (TC refused)
 2/00/152/0630 Prop: Construction of 2 pairs of semi detached dwellings
 Location: Three Tuns Yard, Market Place, Thirsk. (TC refused)
 2/00/152/0632 Prop: Extensions to existing dwelling house

Location: 3 Church View, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Swinhoe (TC over development)
 2/00/152/0634 Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling
 Location: 15 St James Green, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mrs Walker (TC no objections)

Accounts:

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

Power Point Ltd, mower repairs, B Bd, hire hedge trimmer	£ 171.66
Fox Copy Centre, photocopy etc	£ 117.61
CE & CM Walker, grass cutting	£ 726.15
Cod beck Internal Drainage Bd, rates	£ 19.25
Thirsk Motors Ltd, fuel, B Bd	£ 39.11
BT, office phone	£ 181.65
Mr C Wilkinson, grave digging, B Bd	£ 180.00
K Dickinson, office window cleaning, 4 wks	£ 8.00
Yorkshire Water, Cem. Lodge Lodge	£ 128.96
Yorkshire Water, office	£ 20.00
Harmer Mortimer, survey of premises	£ 250.00
Refund, Cllr Pack, photocopy etc Th.in Bloom	£ 13.59
Refund, Cllr Pack, brass plaque, Th. in Bloom	£ 8.22
Refund, Cllr Pack, speaker exps. Th. in Bloom	£ 15.00
Todd Waste Management, empty skip, B Bd	£ 94.40
F D Todd & Sons, JCB hire, Holmes	£ 115.15
Thirsk Garden & Tropical Fish Centre, tubs, plants etc, Th. in Bloom	£ 294.04
M L Burnett, repair seat Mkt. Pl.	£ 115.25
Action for Mkt Towns, membership	£ 88.13
Beachcroft Wansburgh, interim account, solicitors, excess + vat	£ 239.66

C Amy:

Wlky insp. Playareas	£ 203.50	
Mkt Pl. /Mill Gard. Water, litter pick etc 5 wks	£ 150.00	
Picnic area, weed beds, litter pick etc	£ 80.00	
White Mare roundabout/shrubbery,		
weed, supply & plant shrubs	<u>£ 70.00</u>	£ 503.50
HDC, C Tax, office (1 st Oct) DD		£ 75.00
HDC, C Tax, Cem Lodge, (1 st Oct)DD		£ 115.00
J Bell, office rent 5 wks @ £10		£ 50.00

Memorials:

Approval of the following application proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Application for an additional inscription:
 Phyllis Foxton

Correspondence:

NYCC, Forward Planning, National cycleway, reply that there is not a designated route through the town.

NYCC, Committee Services Unit, Area Committees, meeting 2nd October 2000, Cllr Robinson agreed to attend.

NYCC, Three Tuns Yard, Right of Way, had been read earlier.

Thirsk Hall Estate, office lease, not to be signed for the moment.

Cowling, Swift & Kitchen, Thirsk Cemetery, request for information as to whether a payment had been made to the Town Council re a legacy in the estate of Elsie Mawer, clerk to research and reply.

Revolt, AGM, meeting on 5th October 2000. It was agreed to move the Amenity meeting, scheduled to be held on the same evening, to 12th October 2000.

NYCC, proposed traffic changes to Picks Lane, Councillors expressed their concerns on how this will affect other roads in the town. Cllr Murkett has had a site meeting with Mr E Hayward, NYCC when most of these concerns had been raised.

Beacon Millennium Ltd; to be passed to Thirsk Round Table as a possible organisation to take up the idea of a beacon in the area.

Town Hall Annex:

Details of exact figures involved still to be supplied to the Town Council by the Town Hall Management Committee. Discussion on ways of financing the project and the costs involved ended with a decision that Cllr Marshall and Cllr Salmon should work together to find the most acceptable method for the Town Council to use. A vote was taken on the proposal by Cllr Roberts that project should go ahead as agreed at the recent joint meeting, (8 in favour Cllrs Hall and Robinson against until all the facts and figures have been made available to them).

Press Reporter left the meeting.

Adoption of the changes to the Standing Orders:

After discussion of the practicalities of the proposals made at the last meeting Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Hall seconded the following changes which were approved:

11(B) (i) for expenditure of over £10,000 3 tenders to be obtained.

11(B) (ii) for expenditure of £1,500 - £10,000 3 quotations to be obtained.

11(B) (iii) for expenditure of under £1,500 3 prices to be obtained, the Chairman of the spending committee or his appointed Vice-chairman and the clerk shall have executive power.

Town Council Website:

Cllr Salmon had little to report, as it appeared that Newsquest had ground to a halt, to be put on the next meeting agenda when Cllr Salmon hopes to have firm information.

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

Town Office:

Cllr Adamson withdrew his request for this item due to the financial requirement needed for the Town Hall annex. Cllr Marshall said that the matter of finding a new office was extremely urgent. Discussion on various properties available followed. Cllr

Hall said more office space was urgently needed. Clerk to follow possible renting of premises.

Sub Committee Reports:

Greens & Ingramgate: Cllr Morton unhappy with maintenance work so far.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson asked for a meeting immediately prior to next Amenity meeting. Cllr Jackson gave a report on the recent BBC programme on the pylons and their dangers, he has a recording of it if anyone wishes to borrow it.

Burial Board: Cllr Hall reported that a meeting had been held the details of which have still to be discussed with Mr Greenwood.

Thirsk in Bloom Working Party: Cllr Pack gave a report and details of a special day, 15th October, when volunteers propose clearing the path between the Marage and St James Green.

Cllr Murkett left the meeting.

Representatives Reports:

Cllr Salmon reported on a Chamber of Trade meeting: late night shopping, Santa arriving and lights to be switched on 1st December.

21st Dec 2000

Members Reports:

Cllr Adamson recommended that old minutes etc. be sent to County Archives Dept. for safekeeping.

Cllr Pack had attended the conference held in Ripon by Action for Market Towns, very informative and a copy of bidding for SRB funding had been obtained. Cllr Marshall to study. A survey on Thirsk had been carried out by Action For Market Towns, a copy is to be obtained.

Confidential Item:

Minutes:

P1150: Approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Town Office on Thursday 12th October 2000 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of meeting 7th September 2000, agreed on 25th September 2000.
3. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 7th September 2000.
4. To receive correspondence.
5. ✓ To discuss new office.
6. ✓ To discuss Carrs Field.
7. To receive sub committee reports
8. To receive other items of interest and information.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity meeting on 12th October 2000 in the Town Council office at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Hall & Jackson.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 25th September 2000.

Matters Arising:

A7: Workhouse Playarea, Cllr J. Marshall and Cllr F. Roberts to be signatories on behalf of the Town Council.

A8: Millgate Picnic Area, Cllr Pack gave a report on the remedial work carried out last week (repairs to fencing, extend fencing and commemorative stone re-installed and fixed), Decided to write to Thirsk Rotary Club requesting funding for tree and shrub planting this autumn.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Long Street Enhancement: Meeting with NYCC, HDC and the Town Council to be arranged.

Tranmere Ditch: Cllr Marshall and clerk to compile letter to Yorventure for possible funding. Mr C Amy to be asked to do an environmental survey of the area.

St James Green, maintenance has not been completed due to tar spraying equipment being stolen, will be undertaken next spring. Trees to be planted on Little Green this autumn, Golden Acer and Flowering Cherry suggested. Clumps of bulbs, daffodils, narcissus and crocuses, are to be planted on the Little Green, Cllr Marshall to get some prices. The small area on Ingramgate, without any bulbs, will also have some planted on it.

Cllr Marshall reported on the site meeting held on 9th October with Mr M Roberts, NYCC, Cllr Roberts, the clerk and herself, to study where dropped pavements need installing, adjusting or removing in the Market Place, Kirkgate, Millgate, Castlegate and Finkle Street. Mr Roberts is to put the results together as a total scheme for the area.

Correspondence:

C. Amy, proposals for area adjacent to Millgate Picnic Area, discussed. Grants could possibly be obtained for any necessary environmental work. Mr C Amy to be asked for a scheme.

English Heritage, letter giving conditions and consent for 2 seats to be put on Castlegarth. Catalogues for seats to be obtained.

New Town Council Office:

1, Castlegate, Thirsk: Details of the lease for 6 months, rent £715 per quarter in advance to be paid on 16th October 2000. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Roberts seconded that the above lease be accepted, agreed. Details of arrangements for the move were made.

Carrs Field: Cllr Adamson read a letter he had received from National Grid re some possible financial assistance towards the installing of a skate board ramp on Carrs Field. Discussion followed re the suggestion, by PC Musgrave, that Carrs Field was not a suitable area for a ramp. A letter to be sent to The Flatts Trust suggesting (on PC Musgrave's recommendation) that the Flatts would be a more suitable area for a skateboard ramp. Other suggestions for funding in the town will be sent to National Grid. *Suggested road from A14 to A170*

Sub Committee Reports:

Playareas: Cllr Marshall asked that ROSPA and Wicksteed be requested to sort out the differences recommended by both for equipment at East Thirsk. ROSPA report still being studied. Meeting to look at enhancing the Playareas arranged for 29th October 2000 at 3.00pm at the Holmes.

Finance Committee: Reminder to all sub committee chairman ^{members} that the budgets for the year 2001/2002 to be given to the clerk by the Town Council on 20th November 2000.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack gave details of the plans for the clearing of the path from The Holmes towards St James Green on 15th October. Discussion on the future of Thirsk in Bloom followed, Cllr Pack to put a plan to the Town Council.

Millgate Picnic Area: Cllr Pack suggested the planting of bulbs for the spring and that Mr Amy be asked for his views on the trees and shrubs which look rather "sick".

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Marshall requested permission to display a notice from Thirsk Infant School Trust re charitable status in both notice boards in the Market Place, agreed.

Plans for the annex of the Town Hall also to be displayed on the notice boards.

Cllr Robinson raised the problem of cars parking near White Mare roundabout and concealing the signs from motorists, NYCC to be consulted on a remedy, perhaps bollards are the answer.

The meeting closed at 9.59pm.

Thirsk Town Council

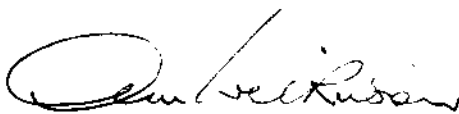
A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 16th October 2000 at 7.15pm.

Richard

TC R. Bentley, NYPA Traffic Management Officer and Mr E. Hayward, NYCC Area Traffic Manager will be attending this meeting.

Agenda.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 25th September 2000.
3. ✓ To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 12th October 2000.
4. ✓ To discuss the traffic problems of the town with Police and NYCC Area Traffic Manager.
5. ✓ Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. ✓ To consider Matters Arising.
7. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
10. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
12. ✓ To discuss Town Council website.
13. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 16th October 2000 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, and Salmon, TC Richard Bentley (NY Police), Mr E. Hayward, (NYCC Highways Dept.), 3 members of the public and the clerk.

Minutes:

Town Council, 25th September 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Amenity meeting, 12th October 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Cllr Roberts welcomed and introduced TC Bentley, NY Police and Mr Hayward, NYCC Highways Dept. who were attending the meeting to discuss various traffic issues in the town.

TC Bentley began by giving a broad outline of the problems re traffic control for occasional events, the different methods available which depend mainly on available manpower, either for putting out cones or record keeping. Mr Hayward gave details of some schemes that had worked in other areas. Constructive discussion followed in which Councillors expressed concern re the use of yellow lines in Station Road to control parking by people, attending the Sunday car boot sales held during the summer, who do not use the car park provided. Councillors asked that the Town Council be consulted after the Police and NYCC Highways have done a study of possible options. Cllr Jackson asked if a 'stop' sign could be installed at Town End roundabout for the traffic turning right to Sowerby? Mr Hayward said he would have a traffic officer look at the layout of this roundabout as whole and inform the Town Council of the outcome. Cllr Salmon asked for the enforcement of 'no parking' on pavements. Mr Hayward informed the Town Council that details of proposed alterations to traffic near Tesco's is in the post for consultation. Councillors discussed the proposed traffic calming for Masonic Lane but expressed concern re the possible increase of traffic in Cemetery lane if the proposals are installed. TC Bentley said that most traffic problems in the town would be solved if a 20mph zone was in force for the Market Place, Kirkgate and Masonic Lane (with possible inclusion of Finkle Street and Millgate at a later date). Mr Hayward outlined highway problems in Long Street and Sutton Road. Councillors explained their wish for help and support from NYCC and HDC re their proposed enhancement scheme. A meeting is to be arranged between NYCC, Mr Hayward, HDC and Town Council.

Cllr Roberts thanked TC Bentley and Mr Hayward for their attendance at the meeting which all agreed had very informative.

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

Open Forum:

Mrs Dodds asked for the public to be given a copy of the Amenity minutes as well those of the Council meeting. Mrs Dodds added comments on traffic problems in the town.

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Matters Arising:

P1152: Surface, Little Green, no response from the owner Mr Bell to date.

P1153: Request to change short stay parking, Finkle Street, no response to date.

P1155: Cllr Salmon reported that after recent difficulties he expected the Town Council website would be set up by 1st December 2000. Cllrs Adamson, Marshall and Salmon agreed to meet re website contents. Cllr Robinson apologised for his not attending the NYCC Committee Services Unit, Area committee on behalf of the council.

P1156: Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that the Christmas lights in Thirsk are to be turned on by the winner of a competition arranged by the Chamber of Trade on 1st December 2000.

County Council Report: none.

District council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported proposed details of changes to parish boundaries. Consultation will be made with the parishes soon. HDC have encountered some difficulties as to the placing of the boundary between Thirsk and Sowerby in the area near the swimming baths.

Planning:

Cllr Roberts said that the application by Tesco's would be looked at the end of the meeting.

Granted:

2/00/152/0615 Prop: Construction of a detached garage as amended by letter as received by HDC on 4th May 2000.

Location: 38 Craigs Way Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr T Meehan (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0634 Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling as amended by plans received by HDC on 25th Sept 2000.

Location: 15 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs R walker (TC no objections)

Withdrawn:

2/00/152/0433B Prop: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 30 Herriot Way, Thirsk (TC

2/00/152/0572F Prop: Provision of a shop front.

Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: British Heart Foundation. (TC refused)

Applications:

2/00/009/01195A Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with associated facilities for use as a printing works as amended by plan received by HDC on 18th September 2000.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Stratus Holdings Ltd (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0447A Prop: Construction of a building for use in connection with additional use of existing agricultural land for the keeping of horses.

Location: Hillcrest, Plump Bank, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Ellis (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0583B Prop: Outline application for residential development.

Location: Highway Depot, Norby, Thirsk

Applicant: Highways Agency. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0612B Prop: Construction of a building to comprise a ground floor shop with 2 first floor flats and 2 second floor flats and construction of a building to comprise 1 dwelling house and 4 flats and a building to comprise 3 dwellings.

Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tate. (TC refused)

2/00/152/0623A Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling.

Location: 7 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: C Shaw. (TC approve)

2/00/152/0634 Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling.

Location: 15 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs R Walker. (TC no objections)

Accounts:

Approval of the following accounts was proposed by Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.

Power Point Ltd- B Bd. repair Stiga, Whitelass, hire chain saw	£ 367.73	
M L Burnett- Mill. Picnic Area, extend & repair fence, refix comm.stone	£ 167.00	
Thirsk Motors- B Bd, fuel (2mths)	£ 83.09	
BT- office, phone	£ 49.25	
A M Wilkinson- refund mileage	£ 26.40	
YLCA- 12 x "Essential Guide to Parish Councillors"	£ 31.74	
Playground Management Services- ROSPA report	£ 323.13	
CE & CM Walker- grass cutting	£ 405.37	
Quill- stationery	£ 111.93	
K Dickinson- clean office windows (2wks)	£ 4.00	
J Bell- office rent 3 wks @ £10.00	£ 30.00	
Inland Revenue- B Bd,	£ 246.80	
Inland revenue- Town Council	£ 462.98	
M Greenwood, Cem Worker, BACS	£ 507.01	
A M Wilkinson, Clerk, BACS	£ 618.04	
C Amy:		
Wkly insp, Playareas(incl travel)	£162.80	
Hedgecutting, E. Thirsk/Long Street	£ 20.00	
E Thirsk, re-hang gate, parts and labour	£ 40.00	
Mill Gardens- 4 wks	£120.00	
Millgate Picnic,weeding, 10 gorse etc	£121.50	
Carrs Field, Hedge cutting	£ 5.00	
Holmes/Whitelass, prune damaged/obstructing branches	£ 40.00	
Castlegarth, remove barbed wire & broken fencing, repair		
Fence Masonic Lane	£ 25.00	
Little green, weed shrubbery	£ 20.00	
Jungle field, burn brash	£ 40.00	total £594.30

Paid since last meeting:
C. F. Pattison, 3 mths rent (in advance)

£ 715.00

Memorials:

Approval of the following proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Murkett, agreed.
Application to erect a memorial:
Kevin Blunden
Edna & George Hodgson

Correspondence:

Community Care Assn. AGM – 26th October 2000, noted.
Royal British Legion, 12th November 2000 Remembrance service details, given.
HDC Grants Roadshow, 2nd November 2000, Cllr Salmon agreed to attend.
HDC Thirsk Cycling Group, 19th October 2000, Cllr Marshall will attend.
Thirsk Detached Youth Worker Project: letter of thanks for Town Council donation.
Cllr Murkett asked for information re the Summer Initiative Scheme.

Sub Committee Reports:

Town Development Working Party: Cllr Jackson reported on the recent meeting. He has concerns that grants had been missed by HDC re development in town centres, feels a Town Manager (full or part time) is necessary in Thirsk and better rural transport is essential. Cllr Murkett suggested that Mr Ian Strong YLCA would be suitable person to come to a meeting to inform the Council on Market Town Initiative. Cllr Marshall suggested that Mr M. Jewitt, HDC should also be asked, to a separate meeting. Clerk to arrange. Action for Market Towns: Cllr Pack reported on the conference she had attended recently in Ripon.
Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported on the work undertaken by a group of volunteers yesterday clearing the path from The Holmes to St James Green. A meeting has been arranged to decide the future structure of Thirsk in Bloom Working Party.
Playareas: There is to be a meeting on 29th October 2000 at 3.00pm on The Holmes.
Finance Committee: Chairman of sub committee were reminded to have their budgets for 2001/2002 to the Clerk by 20th November 2000.

Representatives:

Cllr Salmon had attended the Chamber of Trade meeting.
Cllr Marshall asked for a replacement for Mr G Murray on East Thirsk Community Association. Cllr Adamson's offer to fill the vacancy was accepted.

Members Reports:

Cllr Jackson expressed concern about the loss of the agricultural pharmacy in the town due to it not being able to find a unit on Thirsk Industrial Park. Cllr Marshall will make enquiries with HDC.

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

Cllr Salmon gave a short report on a meeting of Thirsk Swimming Pool Charity Trust that he had attended.

P1161

Cllr Murkett expressed the need for a TIC in the town centre. A letter to the Tourism Manager HDC to suggest again the urgent need of a 'one stop shop' in Thirsk.
Cllr Roberts gave a brief report on the work being undertaken on the banking etc near Finkle Street bridge.

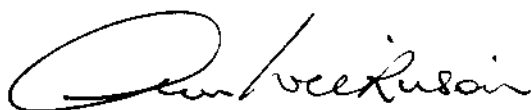
The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Town Office on Thursday 2nd November 2000 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. / To receive Apologies for Absence
2. / Minutes of meeting 12th October 2000, agreed on 16th October 2000.
3. / Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 12th October 2000.
4. / To receive correspondence.
5. / To receive sub committee reports
6. / To receive other items of interest and information.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity meeting on 2nd November 2000 in the Upper Room, Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Roberts and Robinson and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall, Jackson, Pack and Salmon (attending Grants Road Show on behalf of Town Council).

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 16th October 2000.

Matters Arising:

A10: Long Street Enhancement: Cllr Marshall proposed that a meeting should be arranged between Town Council, Hambleton District Council and North Yorkshire County Council as soon as possible.

Tranmere Ditch: Application forms from Yorventure for grants have been received, will be filled in as soon as C. Amy has completed his survey of the area.

Little Green, trees: A list of possible suitable trees from C. Amy was considered. Cllr Murkett offered to donate an English Oak for planting on The Little Green. Cllr Morton thanked him and accepted his offer. Price and size of trees need to be obtained before a decision can be made. There will possibly be some trees planted in the enhancement of Long Street and Stockton Road area.

Castlegarth: Seat catalogue has been received.

Bulbs: Cllr Marshall has purchased 1net of bulbs. Volunteers needed, date to be arranged. Cllr Marshall said that some of the bulbs would be planted on the one area of Ingramgate that does not have any.

New office: The move to 1 Castlegate on Saturday 28th October was reported. Clerk thanked the Town Council for the move and the Cllrs, Adamson, Marshall Roberts and Robinson for their time and energy. Portable shelving and a folding table are to be purchased, prices and types to be investigated.

A11: Cllr Adamson has asked for the Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust to consider having a skateboard ramp erected on the Flatts at their next meeting.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack had sent a message that the tower in the Market Place will be tidied up this next weekend.

Playareas: The ROSPA report has been received and circulated. A meeting of the committee on 29th October had been cancelled due to adverse weather. A new date will be fixed when the floods have subsided.

Budgets: Further details will be distributed to Councillors with the agenda for the next Town Council meeting. Chairmen, who have not given their budget details to the clerk, need to do so by the next council meeting.

Town Hall Annex: Cllr Marshall gave a report on the meeting between Cllr Cartridge (Sowerby PC) Mrs V Wells (Sowerby clerk), Cllrs Hall, Marshall, Roberts and Salmon and the clerk when a lot of outstanding details and questions were clarified. A working party is necessary to oversee details during the construction of the annex, (to be put on each Town Council agenda until annex is completed). There are still some details which need to be cleared with the consultants.

Correspondence:

HDC, Environmental Reporting Network- telephone numbers, each Councillor to be given a copy of the new list.

BTCV: Letter requesting work for 2001 summer. Cllr Marshall suggested that BTCV could be asked for a price for the path work from the bridge on The Holmes to Carrs Field and the completion of the path on the Whitelass, agreed.

Cemetery, 'poop-scoop' problem – Letter from Mrs Clough-Smith, HDC has been received with advice on addressing the problem. The notice included was amended by Councillors and is to be returned for acceptance. Clerk to ask for leaflets which will be distributed to houses surrounding the cemetery.

Sub Committee Reports: none.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Robinson asked who was in charge of the key for the town clock when Cllr Jackson was away, is there a spare key in the office? Cllr Jackson's daughter has both keys. It was decided that the spare key should be kept in the office and that a Councillor needs to be appointed as deputy to Cllr Jackson.

Cllr Marshall said details of the results of the Summer Initiative Scheme will be sent to the Town Council shortly, to be circulated to each Councillor.

Detached Youth Worker Project has not appointed anyone yet, but hope to do so in the New Year.

Cllr Marshall said the proposed boundary changes between Thirsk and Sowerby near the baths were causing some concern. Where it should actually be needs study and maybe a site visit before ideas are given to HDC.

Cllr Morton left the meeting.

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

Confidential item:**Personnel committee:**

Clerk reported that there had been a meeting of the committee on 27th October 2000 when Mr Greenwood and his representative, Mr Nicholson had also attended. Cllr Marshall said the committee had decided to issue a final warning to Mr Greenwood regarding his post as Cemetery Superintendent and the Town Council had now received a letter appealing against this warning.

The Appeals Committee consists of Cllr Morton, Murkett and Salmon.

Nominations for the remaining member were requested.

Cllr Pack² nominated Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Roberts.

Cllr Robinson³ nominated Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Morton.

Voting took place, Cllr Pack 3 and Cllr Robinson 2.

As Cllr Pack was not present Cllr Robinson was asked if he would take her place if she refused, he declined.


The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 20th November 2000 at 7.15pm.

Agenda.

1. To receive Apologies for absence.
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 16th October 2000.
3. To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 2nd November 2000.
4. Police report.
5. Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. To consider Matters Arising.
7. To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. To receive Planning Committee report.
9. To approve accounts for payment.
10. Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. To receive Correspondence.
12. To discuss the Town hall annex
13. To discuss implications of the green paper on the future of local councils.
14. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

There will be a confidential item at the end of this meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th November 2000 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Hall, Marshall, Morton, Pack, Robinson and Salmon, 3 members of the public, press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Adamson, Jackson and Murkett.

Minutes:

Town Council, 17th October 2000:

After amendments approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Pack, agreed.

Amenity meeting, 12th October 2000:

Approval Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Police Report: none.

Cllr Marshall reported that Insp. Broadley had been unaware that TC Bentley was attending the meeting on 17th October 2000.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs Reynard reported that sand and mud deposited during the recent floods on paths near the Cod beck needed removal. Mr C Amy has been asked to clear.

Cllr Salmon arrived.

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

Matters Arising:

P1157: Meeting with HDC, NYCC and the Town Council to discuss Long Street Enhancement to be arranged as soon as possible.

P1158: Town Council website, Cllr Salmon gave details of the problems he has been having with Newsquest. Details given of how the Chamber of Trade and the Town Council could share a website to the advantage of both and the town. Councillors raised various issues. It was felt that Newsquest had let the Town Council down. Cllr Marshall suggested Newsquest is given one last chance, seconded Cllr Hall, agreed. To be put on December Town Council agenda when it is hoped a decision can be made. A representative of Newsquest is to be asked to the Amenity meeting on 7th December 2000.

P1160: Cllr Marshall had given a copy of a letter from HDC to the Town Council stating that Market Pharmacy had not approached them re an industrial site anywhere in Hambleton district.

County Council Report: none.

District Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported that road repairs and resurfacing in Kirkgate are to be completed on 21st November 2000.

Details of proposed changes in charges for leisure services in the Thirsk area were read out.

Cllr Salmon stated he is unable to attend the next meeting of ^{SWINNING WARD TRUST} Hambleton Sports Council; clerk is to ask if a replacement can attend.

Cllr Marshall is to pursue the possibility of more funding from HDC for the replacement annex. Cllr Marshall is to ask for continued support for the minibus at the next HDC Policy and Resources meeting when the statutory minimum fare scheme will be discussed. Cllr Marshall asked for any information, particularly of the evacuation and photographs on the recent floods. East Thirsk Community Hall is now listed ^{as a} as an evacuation centre; first and second being the Town Hall and Thirsk School.

Cllr Morton queried the new method of warning of possible flooding which had been introduced by the Environment Agency. The next meeting of the HDC Public Protection and Emergency committee is to discuss all aspects of the floods.

Planning:

Granted:

2/00/152/0180Q Prop: Change of use of existing first floor storage accommodation to office use.

Location: 2 Millgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Downes Illingsworth Partnership Ltd (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0433C Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse to replace existing ground floor extension

Location: 30 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs B Croft (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0447A Prop: Construction of a building for use in connection with additional use of existing agricultural land for the keeping of horses.

Location: Hillcrest, Plumbank, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

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

2/00/152/0623A Prop: Alterations to existing dwelling

Location: 7 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: C Shaw (TC approve)

2/00/152/0632 Prop: Extensions to existing dwellinghouse

Location: 3 Church View, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Swinhoe (TC refused in present form)

2/00/152/0636 Prop: Provision of a canopy

Location: 56 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Banks (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0637 Prop: Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and domestic double garage

Location: Land adjacent to Millbank Court, Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Relative Builders (TC no objections)

Appeals:

2/00/152/0085D Prop: Change of use of existing domestic land to use in connection with the parking, display and sale of cars.

Location: 75 Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: C K Stevens (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0477D Prop: Provision of replacement windows

Location: 31 Ingramgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J Crackell (TC refused)

2/00/152 Prop: Installation of replacement windows

Location: 6 Brewers Court, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs Cartwright-Terry (TC refused)

2/00/152/0614 Prop: Replacement of existing windows with UPVC windows

Location: 51 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: J Wood (TC refused)

Withdrawn Appeal:

Tan Express, Market Place, Thirsk

Applications:

2/00/500/0097 Prop: Construction of a building to comprise 3 dwelling units as amended by plans received by HDC on 7th September 2000 and 3rd October 2000.

Location: Chapel Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Aspect homes. (TC refused)

2/00/152/0102T Prop: Construction of a petrol filling station with associated facilities

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0102U Prop: Application for Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing showroom building

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0109C Prop: Alterations and extension to existing buildings

Location: Meadow Ridge farm, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr M Featherstone. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0180Q prop: Change of use of existing 1st floor storage accommodation to office use

Location: 2 Millgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Downes Illingsworth Partnership Ltd (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0195 prop: layout of land and construction of a building with associated facilities for use as a printing works as amended by plans received By HDC on 18th September 2000

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Stratus Printing (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0433C prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwellinghouse to replace existing ground floor extension

Location: 30 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs BD Croft (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0567A Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic double garage with car port to replace existing garage and storage buildings

Location: 21 Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J Rogers (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0637 Prop: Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and domestic double garage

Location: Land adjacent to Millbank Court, Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Relative Builders (TC no objections)

2/00/152/ 0638 Prop: provision of replacement windows

Location: 18 Ingramgate, Thirsk

Applicant: J Herrington (TC refused)

Councillors discussed the revised application by Tesco Stores, agreed with the comments made by the planning committee adding that the drainage of the area needed attention.

2/00/152/0639: Plans for Barratts, Phase 2, Stoneybrough Lane were studied.

Councillors agreed in principal recommending that the play areas must remain the size stated and in the places allocated on this plan. A drainage plan is to be asked for.

Accounts:

Payment of the following accounts proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

M. Greenwood, telephone refund Cem Lodge	£ 28.63
Refund, D Adamson, frames & stands, office	£ 10.37
Thirsk Garden & Tropical Fish, bulbs	£242.56
Wilgro Nurseries Ltd, pansies etc, Mkt, Pl.	£100.02
Amberol, baskets & liners	£634.51
Sowerby Parish Council, Flatts, grasscutting	£410.66
Refund, A Robinson, kettle, office	£ 14.50
Sam Turner & Sons, planter, spring, E Th.playarea	£ 5.98
Sam Turner & sons, spade, axe, trowel, B. Bd	£ 53.01

C Amy:

Weekly Insp, Playareas	£200.80	
Mill Gard./Mkt. Pl. move/Prune shrubs,		
Sweep, repair bench	£150.00	
Millgate picnic area, weed/sweep/trim	£ 40.00	
White Mare shrubbery/ roundabout, weed	£ 10.00	
Mkt Pl plant tubs	£168.00	
Fencing near Sluice gate, clear area /paint	£ 50.00	
Centenary Field, cut	<u>£130.00</u>	£748.80
J Marshall, refund, bulbs,		£ 45.00
R. Cowells, sign boards, office		£130.00
BT, phone, office		£ 70.94
BT, phone, office		£ 15.23
CE & CM Walker, grasscutting		£405.37
K Dickinson, clean office windows		£ 8.00
Thirsk Motors, fuel, B Bd		£ 40.13
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, room hire		£186.00
Petty Cash		£ 50.00
A M Wilkinson refund, sundries for office		£ 22.90
J Bell office rent 4 wks		£ 40.00
HDC C tax, Cem Lodge DD		£ 99.00

Paid since last meeting:

Post Office Counters Ltd, redirection of mail

Nightingales, security system, office

£21-00
£50-00

Memorials:

Approval proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Application for additional inscription:

Mary Elizabeth Ankers

W H L Thomas

Correspondence:

HDC Planning Dept. re 13, Station Road, access across pavement without a dropped kerb, noted.

HDC Planning Dept. re 19, Station Road, access across pavement without a dropped kerb, noted.

HDC Meeting, presentation by Yorkshire Water 29th November 2000 Cllr Adamson or Cllr Jackson to attend.

HDC - Precept notification for 2001/2002, noted.

HDC Signage – Persimmon Homes sign displayed without permission at Thirsk Racecourse, noted.

Local Government Act 2000 – Standards Committee: details read. Town Council are willing to assist.

HDC – nominations for election Town Council, details read.

DETR, Periodic Review: Changes Order signed 22nd September 2000.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Assn. meeting 6th December 2000, no one able to attend.

YRCC Parish Government Conference 2/4th March 2000, noted.

NYCC A170 Speed Limits: proposed amendments, agreed.

Thirsk Detached Youth Project: Letter from the chairman giving details of progress to date, noted.

Town Hall Annex:

Cllr Marshall outlined the issues that still needed clarification from Kaye Consultancy. It was decided to ask Mr Kaye to attend the next Amenity meeting, 7th December 2000, so that Councillors can be given details of the progress to date, see plans and have their questions answered. Town Council were pleased that there had been a display of the plans in the library.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Cllr Roberts reported that Cllrs Robson and Cartridge and Mrs V Wells, clerk, had been agreed to represent Sowerby Parish Council on the Annex Working Party. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Morton seconded that the Town Council representatives should be Cllrs Roberts and Robinson and Mrs M Wilkinson, clerk, agreed. Mrs J Watson is to be co-opted to the committee.

Cllr Salmon said that he had gone to the recent meeting between the Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council apprehensive on many aspects of the proposed annexe but had come away very reassured. Cllr Roberts thanked Cllr Salmon for his comments and for putting any problems there had been in their correct perspective. Cllr Hall asked for a forecast of income that the annex will generate and said he still had not been assured re VAT and some building aspects.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Government Green Paper: (re future of local councils)

Councillors are to give any comments to the clerk for submission by 8th December 2000).

Sub Committee Reports:

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack gave out copies of her report, it was agreed to include discussion on the future of Thirsk in bloom on the agenda of the next Amenity meeting.

Millennium Green: Cllr Marshall asked for volunteers for tree planting on 24/26th November 2000. East Thirsk Senior Citizens Christmas Party is to be held on 25th November 2000. 9/12

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

Confidential Item:

Personnel Committee:

Present: Cllrs Hall, Marshall and Roberts.

Apologies: Cllr Jackson.

Minutes of meeting held in the Town Office on 27th October 2000:

After minor alterations approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Hall, agreed

Appeals Committee Report:

This committee met on 10th November 2000 and will make their decision at their next meeting on 21st November 2000 at 9.00am in the Town Office.

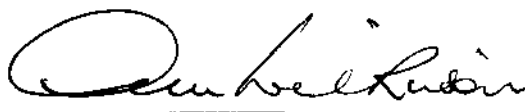
Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 7th December 2000 at 7.30pm.

Mr I. McGowan , Applegarth Building Management is attending the meeting re the replacement annex, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

Agenda:

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Minutes of meeting 2nd November 2000, agreed on 20th November 2000.
3. ✓ Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 2nd November 2000.
4. ✓ To receive correspondence.
5. ✓ To discuss a donation to R.B.L. Band.
6. ✓ To approve payment for R.B.L. wreathes.
7. ✓ To discuss date for January^{4th} Amenity meeting.
8. ✓ To discuss new trustee for Carrs Field Trust.
9. ✓ To discuss the future of Thirsk in Bloom
10. ✓ To receive sub committee reports
11. To receive other items of interest and information.



Clerk to the Council.

She,

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity meeting on 7th December 2000 in the Upper Room, Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Adamson, in the chair, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Roberts and Salmon, Mr I. McGowan (Kaye Consultancy), 2 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Hall

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 20th November 2000.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Cllr Adamson introduced Mr McGowan, Kaye Consultancy, who was attending the meeting to outline the scheme for the replacement annex on the Town Hall, what has already happened and the expected timescale of the building programme. Councillors were shown plans and an artist's impression of the annex. Mr McGowan answered questions. It is expected to take approximately 16 weeks to build and needs 3-4 weeks notice to begin but Mr McGowan sees the earliest starting date as the end of January allowing for the Christmas holidays.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Cllr Adamson thanked Mr McGowan for his helpful discussion with Councillors.

Mr McGowan left the meeting.

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Long Street Enhancement: Cllr Marshall showed photographs she had taken recently of Long Street. A meeting between Mr S Quartermaine, HDC, NYCC Highways and the Town Council is planned for January.

Tranmire Ditch: Mr C. Amy has completed a survey of the wildlife etc. and Cllr Marshall will study the information it contains.

Trees, Little Green: Details and prices of suggested trees to be planted are to be studied by the Greens committee.

Castlegarth: Seat catalogue has arrived. Crocus bulbs are to be planted by Mr Amy.

Ingramgate: Mr Amy to be asked to plant daffodil bulbs on area that is without bulbs in Ingramgate.

Flatts Trust meeting: Cllr Adamson reported that the matter of a skateboard ramp was not discussed.

Correspondence:

Mr Wood, letter re discarded tyres at ATS, Long Street, asking for Town Council support for their removal to be passed to Mrs Dodson, HDC.

Thirsk Rotary Club: details of next years bed race, during Thirsk Festival, agreed.

Thirsk Rotary Club: letter accompanied by donation of £300.00 for trees and shrubs and gift of bulbs for planting on the Picnic Area. Letter of thanks has already been sent and bulbs have been delivered to the office. Mr Amy will be asked to plant the bulbs along the fence adjoining the moat area.

HDC Chief Executives Dept: re responsibility for the wall, Workhouse Playarea.

Clerk to ask for detailed plan of what is involved.

Hambleton Carers Assn Annual Christmas social: details of the event on 14th

December 2000 to be given to Cllr Salmon.

NYCC, Legal Services Prohibition of Waiting Order, Norby: details given.

Donation to Royal British Legion Band: Cllr Morton proposed Cllr Murkett seconded that a donation of £100.00 be made, agreed.

Donation for wreaths, Royal British Legion: Cllr Adamson proposed Cllr Pack seconded a donation of £50.00, agreed.

January Amenity meeting will be held on 4th January in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

Carrs Field Trust: Cllr Adamson reported that Mr P. Bardon's term of office as a trustee had ended. Town Council need to appoint a replacement trustee, to be put on the next agenda, press to be asked to report the vacancy.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack explained the report she had distributed to Councillors at the last Town Council meeting. The main points being to have distinct areas for which Thirsk in Bloom are responsible. It is hoped to raise funds by sponsorship. Cllr Marshall suggested that the Town Council could sponsor the planting of the tubs in the Market Place. Cllr Jackson congratulated Cllr Pack for all her work during the first year of Thirsk in Bloom.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

Sub Committee Reports:

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson said a meeting is to be held immediately after this meeting.

Playareas: Cllr Marshall said a meeting will take place as soon as possible.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Murkett had attended a meeting of the Countryside Assn. at which the Government White paper was discussed. Yorkshire Forward's attitude towards the White Paper was causing him concern.

Cllr Robinson reported on the HDC Planning meeting he had attended earlier that day. Tesco Stores Ltd amended plan and 33 Market Place had been approved. Cllr Robinson had recommended, and it was accepted, that the Planning committee should make a site visit to the Three Tuns Yard before making a decision on the application. Cllr Robinson is concerned that there is not a resident warden at Gillings Court now. Town Council decided to raise their concerns with Broadacres Housing Assn.

Cllr Marshall gave details of the recent removal of trees etc. from the banking of the Cod Beck opposite the Nursery development. Town Council are to write to the Internal Drainage Board expressing deep concern.

Cllr Marshall asked for a letter to be sent to Mr D Goodwin HDC asking for the funding promised for the Town Hall annex to be 'rolled over' to next year.

Cllr Marshall on the recent meeting at HDC with Yorkshire Water. A letter is to be sent to both Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency for their priorities regarding sewer improvement in the Thirsk area.

Cllr Roberts gave a report on the Chamber of Trade meeting including queries re Town Council website.

The meeting closed at 10.14pm.

Confidential Item:

Planting of tubs, Market Place: Cllr Marshall explained the agreement that Town Council have with Mr C Amy re planting of tubs in Market Place. Cllr Jackson proposed Cllr Murkett seconded that Mr Amy should continue as he is until 31st March 2000.

Thirsk Town Council.

**A meeting of the Finance Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the
Town Office on Thursday, 14th December ~~1999~~ at 8.00pm.**

2000

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes, approved Town Council meeting, 13th December 1999.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Budgets for 2001/2002.
5. To discuss possible loan for Town Hall annex.
6. Precept 2001/2002.
7. Any Other Business.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on Thursday 14th
December 2000 at 8.00pm in the Town Office.**

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

Apologies: Cllr Salmon.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 13th December 1999.

Matters Arising:

Gratuity Fund, Cllr Adamson said that the status required for the gratuity payment of any employee to be tax-free had now been established.

Local Review: It was agreed to subscribe to a copy for the Town Council.

Budgets 2001/2002:

The merits of each requested budget were discussed, some were agreed and some were adjusted.

Town Hall Annex funding:

After lengthy discussion as to how the replacement annex could best be funded it was proposed by Cllr Roberts that the Town Council precept for an extra £30,000 in 2001/2002 and borrow £35,000, from the Public Works Loans Board, which would be repaid over 2 years by raising the precept in 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 by £17,500 each year, seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Precept, 2001/2002:

When calculations, which include the proposed adjustments, have been made it is expected that the precept will be in the region of £90,000.

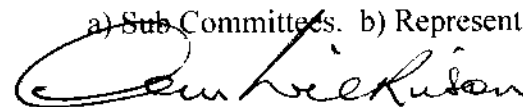
The clerk is to contact PWLB and LCA re the loan as soon as possible.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 18th December 2000 at 7.15pm.

Agenda.

1. To receive Apologies for absence.
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 20th November 2000.
3. To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 7th December 2000.
4. Police report.
5. Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. To consider Matters Arising.
7. To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. To receive Planning Committee report.
9. To approve accounts for payment.
10. To approve precept for 2001/2002.
11. To approve donations to Christmas Lights Appeal.
12. Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
13. To receive Correspondence.
14. To discuss the Town hall annex
15. To discuss date of April 2001 Town Council meeting
16. To discuss Town council website
17. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

The minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday 18th December 2000 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Robinson and Salmon, 3 members of the public and the clerk.

Cllr Roberts began the meeting by welcoming Cllr S Hubbard to his first meeting since his election to the Town Council on 14th December 2000.

Minutes:

Town Council, 20th November 2000:

After some corrections approval was proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Amenities, 7th December 2000: Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Finance Committee, 14th December 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Matters Arising:

P1162: Long Street enhancement, date still has to be arranged.

Cllr Marshall said that the Chamber of Trade is going ahead with a website of its own.

Cllr Jackson reported that Mr Watson, Market Pharmacy, had not been given a satisfactory response re his ^{APPLICATION} ~~application~~ ^{ADVICE} ~~premises~~ within HDC area. Cllr Marshall promised to take the matter up with HDC Planning and Economic Development Dept.

P1165: Cllr Marshall gave details of a recent meeting of the Thirsk Cycling Group at which concern had been expressed re cyclist's safety on mini roundabouts. ^{TECW}

County Council report:

NYCC, Hambleton District Area meeting, 22nd January 2000, Cllr Roberts to attend.

Letter to NYCC requesting more consistency on the timing of these meetings and an agenda so that it can be displayed to the public who may wish to attend.

Cllr Murkett arrived.

Cllr Murkett reported that the hedge on Sutton Road had been neglected and now had been badly cut. Mr M Roberts, NYCC, has agreed to remedy the situation as soon as possible. Cllr Hall wondered if removal and replanting would be the best solution long-term. A letter is to be sent expressing great concern and requesting urgent remedial work to NYCC.

Concern expressed re the expense of the large Winter Maintenance leaflet, Cllr Murkett said it was in line with Government instructions.

Cllr Robinson asked if there is to be a big increase in the budget necessary for NYCC in the coming year, Cllr Murkett said that council taxpayers could expect a rise of about 1.6 to 1.8%.

Three Tuns Yard, right of Way, after discussion it was decided to write to Chief Executive NYCC, HDC Head of Planning asking for the footpath to be determined

before the planning application which has been submitted is considered, proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

District Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported that grant aid for the minibus/car scheme is still under consultation.

Yorkshire Water/HDC meeting: Cllr Marshall said schemes for the next 10 years had been shown. There are to be 3 raw sewage outfalls, 2 in Thirsk and 1 in Sowerby in 2003, Cllr Marshall had asked if these schemes were dependant on the Environment Agency? Reply still to come.

Recent floods, there has been a meeting of HDC Public Protection and Emergency committee, Cllr Marshall has sent a letter to the Internal Drainage Board. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Salmon seconded that an open public meeting should be held in Thirsk for the residents of Thirsk and the surrounding area to attend.

Representatives of NYCC, HDC, Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Board Police and NY Fire and Rescue Services are to be asked to attend. A letter of thanks to HDC for sandbags and other help given during the recent floods.

Planning:

Granted:

2/00/152/0109C: Prop: Alterations and extension to existing bungalow to provide office accommodation.

Location: Meadow Ridge Farm, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr M Featherstone (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0288D Prop: Revised application for alterations and extension to existing building to incorporate a first floor self-contained flat in lieu of approved exhibition area as amended by plans received by HDC on 20th October 2000.

Location: 72-74 Long Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr A Swales (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0572G Prop: Application for LBC for internal alterations to existing ground floor shop as amended by plans received by HDC on 13th, 22nd and 28th November 2000.

Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: British Heart Foundation (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0635 Prop: Revised application for the construction of a dwelling at Plot 13 as amended by plans received by HDC on 6th November 2000.

Location: Plot 13 Finkle Mews, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr JC Watt (TC no objections)

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

Location: 18 Ingramgate, Thirsk

Applicant: J Herrington (TC refused)

Applications:

2/00/152/0019L: 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 change of use of 1st & 2nd floor former hotel accommodation to self contained flats.

Location: 11 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Clarence Mill Developments Ltd (TC refused)

2/00/152/0282K Prop: Variation of condition 3(Ref: 2/97/152/0282H) to permit the use of an approved painting 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, Thirsk.

Applicant: R Bennett. (TC approve)

2/00/152/0396B Prop: Construction of boundary fencing and a garden shed.

Location: 37 Darrowby Close, Thirsk (TC refused)

2/00/152/0612B Prop: construction of new building to comprise a ground floor shop with 3 flats above (each with 2 floors) on the site of 33 Market Place and a building to comprise 3x1 bedroom mews apartments with a second building to comprise 3x2 bedroom houses at the rear (south west) of the site as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 20th November 2000.

Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr P Tate. (TC approve)

2/00/152/0630 Prop: Construction of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings

Location: Three Tuns Yard, Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr Robinson (TC refused)

2/00/152/0635 Prop: Revised application for the construction of a dwelling at Plot 13 as amended by plans received by HDC on 6th November 2000.

Location: Plot 13 Finkle Mews, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J C Watt (TC approve)

2/00/152/0639 prop: Layout of land and construction of 52 dwelling houses with domestic garages.

Location: Land off Stockton Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Barrett (York) Ltd (TC approve but)

2/00/152/0640 prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 7 Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0641 Prop: Extension to existing domestic garage

Location: 7 The Crescent, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr Walker (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0642 Prop: Construction of a domestic garage

Location: 40 Craigs Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr C Hale & Mr N Webley (TC no objections)

2/152/139/0306H Prop: revised application for a extension to existing Class A1 store to incorporate additional car parking space.

Location: Tesco Store, Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd (TC comments made)

Accounts:

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

M Burnett – Picnic area, repair fence	£ 121.10
K Dickinson – clean office windows, 4 wks @ £2	£ 8.00
F Roberts – ½ Mayor's allowance	£ 200.00
Quill, shelving	£ 195.47
Foden Spence construction Ltd, St. James Green, repair surface	£ 452.67
District Audit, annual audit 1999/2000.	£ 381.97
Bow House Ltd, advert Herriot 2001	£ 397.15

Calvert's Carpets Ltd, office carpet	£ 73.79
Bridge Garage, Burial Bd, fuel	£ 39.40
Refund, J Marshall, 2 films	£ 14.68
D J Mann, clean bus shelter windows 21 wks@ £3.50	£ 73.50
BT, office phone	£ 83.78
Thirsk Motors, Burial Bd, fuel	£ 40.13
Wilgro Nurseries, Mkt. Pl., plants	£ 4.10
The Colour Centre, office, paint etc	£ 36.46
Petty Cash	£ 50.00
HDC, C Tax, office	£ 129.45
HDC, C Tax, Cem lodge, DD	£ 99.00
C Amy,	
Wkly insp, Playareas	£162.80
Mill Gard/ Mkt Pl. clean etc	£120.00
Picnic area, after flood/design new	
planting scheme	£ 55.00
Little green, weeding	£ 10.00
Whitelass Ings clear debris make safe 4 trees	£165.00
Holmes management plan, plant new hedge	
(100m) plants, canes, spirals	
Labour £350.00	£757.40
Tranmere ditch, survey and report	£180.00
Millgate Moat, survey study	£200.00
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	£1,650.20

Paid since last meeting:

RBL Band, donation	£100.00
RBL Poppy Appeal, wreaths	£ 50.00

Precept, 2001/2002.

Cllr Marshall presented details of the precept of £84,000 for the coming year as agreed at the Finance Committee meeting held on 14th December 2000. After discussion Cllr Morton proposed Cllr Jackson seconded, agreed. (Cllr Hall did not vote).

Memorials: none.

Correspondence:

HDC Parish Council Training, noted.

HDC Parish Review of Hambleton, original changes and reasons to be submitted again.

HDC Barbeck Children's Nursery, noted

NYCC Temporary closure Thirsk Industrial Park, noted

YRCC Parish Conference 2/4 March 2001, Cllr Adamson to attend.

Johnsons solicitors, agreed.

National Grid, noted.

Garthwaite/Crawford, to be passed to Mr Roberts, NYCC.

Town Hall Annex:

There is to be a meeting of the representatives of both councils and Mr Kaye, Applegarth Consultancy, on 20th December 2000 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Upper Room. Letter of Intent is not to be signed until the Representatives are satisfied with the details of it.

Town Council meeting, April:

It was agreed to change the meeting from 16th April (Easter Monday) to 23rd April 2000.

Cllr Murkett left the meeting.

Town Council Website:

Cllr Salmon gave update of the proceedings.

Cllr Hubbard explained the position of the Chamber of Trade website.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Discussions on possible ways that the Chamber of Trade and the Town Council can best promote the town. Newsquest is willing to compile an information page for the council. Cllrs Adamson, Marshall and Salmon to meet to study the content of the pages for the Town Council.

Sub Committees:

Burial Board: Cllr Hall said the committee would meet shortly to discuss the changes that need to be made in the coming year.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson reported that the committee had agreed to donate £350 to the Christmas Lights Appeal and £400 towards the extension of lights in the town. Letters of thanks for this year's display to be sent to Mr H Woodhead (tree), Mr G Johnston (electrical work) and R.S. Hall Engineering for their help in installing and dismantling the lights and tree.

Representatives:

Cllr Salmon reported on the Chamber of Trade meeting. The winners of a painting competition had carried out the switching on of the lights on 1st December and a late opening night is on 21st December. The amount of new goods being sold in charity shops in the town is causing concern to members.

Cllr Salmon had attended the AGM of the Community Care Assn.

Cllr Marshall as a trustee of the library asked if the new scheme, which is being implemented, could be displayed on the Town Council notice board? Agreed. A new trustee will also be required due to the death of Mrs Tina Clements.

Cllr Marshall had attended a meeting of Thirsk Cycle Route Group, gave plans of the proposed routes, a plan will be in the office.

Exclusion of press and public plus a further suspension of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Confidential Item.

Minutes: (P1168) Approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Appeals Committee:

Cllr Salmon reported on the meeting held to hear the appeal made by Mr Greenwood against the final written warning letter issued to him by the Personnel Committee. Cllr Salmon explained the 'final' written warning had been changed to a written warning on a technicality.

Cllr Marshall stated that the Personnel Committee meeting had been conducted correctly, regretted that the unapproved minutes of that meeting had been given to Mr Greenwood and his representative and felt Mr Greenwood had failed in his responsibility to run the house and cemetery properly.

Cllr Pack asked if Mr Greenwood's agreement included a trial period?

Cllr Hall replied that this was difficult when a tied house was involved.

Cllr Marshall felt that all had learnt a lesson by the experience and hoped the matter was at an end so that normality could resume at the town council.

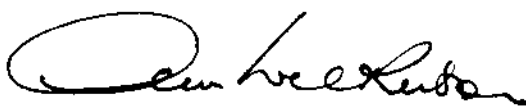
The meeting closed at 10.22pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 4th January 2001 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Minutes of meeting 7th December 2000, agreed on 18th December 2000.
3. ✓ Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 7th December 2000.
4. ✓ To receive correspondence.
5. ✓ To discuss new trustee for Carrs Field Trust.
6. To receive report on Town Hall Annex. *22/01 & 14/16 weeks.*
7. ✓ To receive sub committee reports
8. To receive other items of interest and information.



Clerk to the Council.

NB. The Town Office is closed until 4th January 2001.

If there are any urgent matters which arise during my holiday I will bring them to your attention at this meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity meeting on 4th January 2001 in the
Upper Room, Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Adamson, in the chair, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Pack, Robinson, Roberts and Salmon, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall and Cllr Murkett.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 18th December 2000.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Matters Arising:

A15: Long Street enhancement: meeting arranged for 16th January 2001 at 7.30pm in the Town Office.

A16: Cllr Jackson expressed concern that the system of wardens, for the elderly, in the town particularly at Gillings Court. It is understood that there is no longer a resident warden at Gillings Court and that there wasn't one in attendance when the evacuation took place during the floods. Discussion followed, the clerk was asked to make enquiries at Broadacres Housing Assn.

Cllr Marshall asked if the bulb planting had taken place? Clerk to enquire.

Cllr Robinson reported that the planning applications at the Three Tuns yard and Chapel Street had been deferred so that the listed building status of the hotel and other buildings could be verified. Cllr Roberts reported on the site meeting.

Cllr Salmon asked for an urgent item to be discussed, planning applications near Masonic Lane. It was agreed to take this item at the end of the meeting.

Cllr Marshall showed photographs of the devastation caused by the floods in the Cod Beck area and reported on the action taken by the Internal Drainage Board opposite the Wainhomes development. Cllr Salmon asked for an explanation from the Minister of the Environment why the Drainage Board could take this action without consultation. An Open Public Meeting is being planned to which Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency, HDC, NYCC, IDB, Police and Fire & Rescue and neighbouring parishes will be asked.

Correspondence:

NYCC Highways: The plans for a proposed one-way system to be installed before the applications for planning on Masonic Lane were studied. There is very great concern as to the effect of the proposed plan to make Masonic Lane one-way that traffic wishing to get from the A61 to the road to Northallerton or the east of Thirsk and avoiding the town centre will use Cemetery Lane which is just not suitable. This proposal will also mean more traffic on Newsham Road which is narrow and without a footpath.

Cllr Roberts left the meeting.

All aspects were discussed. Reply to be made to NYCC that the Town Council want the area studied as a whole and not just in part.

Cllr Marshall read a letter she had received re fly tipping on Dowber Lane.

Trustee, Carrs Field Trust:

There is a vacancy of a Town Council nominated trustee due to the resignation of Mr P Bardon. M/s H Robbins and Cllr Hubbard have both indicated that they wish to be considered for the vacancy.

M/s Robbins proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Marshall and Cllr Hubbard proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Jackson.

Voting resulted in M/s Robbins 2 votes and Cllr Hubbard 4 votes.

Cllr Robinson asked if anything was known about the incident of 3 dead sheep having being found in Carrs Field? Cllr Adamson, chairman of Carrs Field Trust, said that the matter had been promptly attended to when it had been brought to their notice.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Town Hall Annex:

A report on the meeting of the representatives of the Council and Mr Kaye was given.

A copy of the letter of Intent was read, agreement proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Pack, agreed. It had already been agreed that the representatives of the Town Council on this committee have delegated powers.

Dates for the commencement of the work were given as either 5th or 12th February 2001, with completion expected to be 14-16 weeks later, 29th May 2001. The next meeting has been arranged for 8th January 2000 when the clerk will be unable to attend. Cllr Adamson felt that a letter should go to the chairman of the committee asking that meetings in future should only be held when both clerks are able to attend, agreed.

Sub committee reports:

Holmes/Whitlass and Paths: Cllr Marshall gave a report of her walk around the town, showed photographs and said that she had reported the bad state of the path to Centenary field to Mr M Roberts, NYCC who had visited to see if the path was safe for public use. Contact had also been made with Mr I Tait, Paths and Rights of Way who promised to give a report of necessary action by the next meeting. Cllr Marshall has studied the report made by Mr Amy on the ditch and asked permission for a copy to be given to HDC to help when establishing ownership of the ditch.

Thirsk in Bloom: Cllr Pack reported on the poor state of the tubs in the Market Place, perhaps some are in need of replacement and on her meeting with Mr M Kneebone, HDC who has promised more support for next year's entry to Yorkshire in Bloom competition.

Other Items of Interest and Information: *Notes*

Cllr Adamson reported on his involvement in compiling a list of people who are most in need of smoke alarms in the town and that there could be funding available to provide them to those who are unable to afford them and pay for installation.

Cllr Hubbard put forward the idea of running a lottery in the town, in conjunction with other organisations such as the Chamber of Trade. Funds from such a lottery would go for the benefit of the people in Thirsk, to be put on next Town Council agenda.

Cllr Robinson reported on the loss of the key for the clock tower.

Cllr Pack reported that the path from the church to St James Green has been cleaned.

Cllr Marshall asked for the report by Mr Roberts on dropped kerbs to be chased up.

Planning applications:

2/00/152/607A & 2/00/152/608A, Masonic Lane.

Councillors studied the planning applications separately.

Councillor Hubbard concerned that it is taken for granted that public parking areas are expected to be used by residents of nearby developments as their only parking place

The following points are to be added to those already made by the Planning Committee:

Knocking down a 16/17th century farm building, which is part of the heritage of the town, should not be permitted.

Houses should not be built on parts of the gardens of 29 and 31 Kirkgate, as this would really detract from the ambience of the whole area.

Parking should be with the building it serves and provision is insufficient on these sites.

Voting resulted as follows (including the planning committee comments):

Planning application 2/00/152/608A (large development) - 3 for approval, 3 against approval and 3 abstained.

Planning application 2/00/152/607A (small development) – agreed with the comments of the planning committee.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

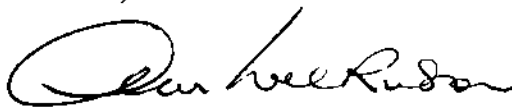
Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 15th January 2001 at 7.15pm.

Mr Mick Jewitt, IHDC. will be attending the meeting to discuss funding for the development of town centres.

Agenda.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 18th December 2000.
3. ✓ To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 4th January 2001.
4. ✓ Police report including Sgt Hunter explaining CCTV in the town.
5. ✓ Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. ✓ To consider Matters Arising.
7. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) County Council ✓ b) District Council ✓
8. ✓ To receive Planning Committee report.
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
10. ✓ Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
12. ✓ To discuss the Town hall annex
13. ✓ To discuss Town council website
14. ✓ To discuss a possible town lottery.
15. ✓ To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

There will be a confidential item at the end of this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday 15th January 2001 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Salmon, 3 members of the public, PC Hannan & Sgt Hunter, 1 press reporter, Mr Mick Jewitt Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development, HDC and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Robinson.

Minutes:

Town Council, 18th December 2000:

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Amenities, 4th January 2001:

A 20 – add “ with North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue”.

Approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Cllrs Hubbard and Salmon arrived.

Police report:

PC Hannan apologised for the police not being able to attend the two previous Town Council meetings.

Station Road, parking at car boot sales: the police have made the suggestion that double yellow lines should be from Thirsk Auction Mart to 20B Station Road, operable from 8.00am to 2.00pm Sundays only. Cllr Murkett said he would object to this proposal whatever meeting he is attending. Enforcement of these yellow lines will be another task for the police and could simply move parking further along Station Road. Councillors decided to wait for a firm proposition to be made before taking a vote. PC Hannan reported that the town centre had been quiet over the festive period. The use of registered bouncers on various public houses had made a noticeable difference.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Sgt. Hunter explained how the CCTV system is worked at the moment and that the control room will be moving from Racecourse Lane, Northallerton, will be totally staffed by civilians and run by Hambleton District Council; it is not known where it will be located yet. Councillors expressed concern on the proposed move and the loss of cover that radio operators provide at the moment. Cllr Salmon felt that if an operator who has local knowledge of the particular town watched CCTV there would be better response to both incidents to which the police were called and events that the police asked for observation. Councillors asked for evening surveillance of the Picnic Area.

Cllr Roberts thanked PC Hannan and Sgt Hunter for attending before they left the meeting.

Cllr Roberts introduced Mr Mick Jewitt, Head of Planning Policy and Environmental Services, HDC who was attending the meeting to explain what help can be obtained and the way to work towards better town development for Thirsk. *Report Cllr*

After questions from the Councillors, Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Jewitt for attending.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs K Reynard asked that the sand on the footpath, left from the floods be removed.

Mr Amy had already removed sand from the area, to be checked again.

Mrs S Dodds expressed her concerns re the proposed plan for Masonic Lane to be one-way. Mrs Dodds said the exit, to be used by the residents of the proposed development, onto Masonic Lane is already dangerous but the danger looks likely to increase if the proposals stay as the application. Mrs Dodds intends to inform HDC Planning Dept. of her concern.

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

Matters Arising:

P1169: Meeting re Long Street enhancement, 16th January at 7.30pm in the Town Office.

P1170: Cllr Marshall asked if the Town Council had received a reply to the question of why the delay to 2003 for the proposed outfalls in Thirsk and Sowerby, no reply to date. Posters will be displayed and leaflets delivered to properties affected by the floods to be distributed advertising the open meeting on 31st January 2001 in the Town Hall.

P1172: Precept details to be added to minutes of previous meeting.

P1173: Town Council website, Councillors on the working party have met and considered the way forward. Cllr Marshall said the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales have given approval to the scheme that will alter the trusts of the charity previously known as Thirsk Charitable Trust and now known as Thirsk Infant School Charity. A notice of this approval will be displayed shortly.

County Council Report:

Cllr Murkett expressed his concerns re the proposals for traffic in Masonic Lane.

Cllr Salmon took details of the meeting on 22nd January 2001 of the NYCC County Committee for Hambleton from tabled correspondence, said he was pleased that the county was to be divided as it was too large and that there is to be parish representatives on the committee.

District Council Report:

Cllr Marshall reported on the drainage problems being faced on the Thirsk Industrial Park. HDC Leisure committee is meeting on 16th January 2001 to set base for charges in the district. Cycleways within HDC are expected to cost £20,000, which it is proposed, will be taken from the grants budget, Cllr Marshall will oppose this *reduction* vehemently. Cllr Marshall is compiling a list of all the properties flooded in Thirsk area. A copy of the Emergency Plan has been requested from NYCC Emergency Services Dept.

Planning:

Granted:

2/00/152/0102U: Prop: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing showroom building and existing car wash building

Location: Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0567A Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic double garage with carport to replace garage and storage buildings. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0640 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house.

Location: 7 Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk

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

2/00/152/0642 Prop: Construction of a domestic garage.

Location: 40 Craigs Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr C Hale & Mr N Webley (TC no objections)

Refused:

2/00/152/0396B Prop: Construction of boundary fencing and garden shed.

Location: 37 Darrowby Close, Thirsk

Applicant: M Turner (TC refused)

Appeals:

Dismissed:

2/00/152/0614 Prop: Replacement of existing windows with UPVC windows

Location: 51 St James Green, Thirsk.

Applicant: J Wood. (TC refused)

2/00/152/0477D Prop: Provision for replacement windows

Location: 31 Ingramgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J Crackell (TC refused)

Applications:

2/00/152/0094M Prop: Installation of 60cm grey satellite dish.

Location: 17 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Natwest Bank. (TC asked for further details)

2/00/500/0097 Prop: Construction of a building to comprise 3 dwelling units as amended by plans received by HDC on 7th September & 3rd October 2000.

Location: Chapel Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Aspect Homes (TC refused)

2/00/139/0102V Prop: Change of use of existing car showroom to offices with storage and car parking facilities in connection with a proposed store extension.

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC no objection)

2/00/152/0288D Prop: Revised application for alterations and extension to existing building to incorporate.

Location: 72-74 Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: (TC no objections)

2/00/152/ 0547A Prop: Alterations of agricultural building to farm office and storage

Location: Grizzlefield, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr C. Legard (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0566A Prop: Construction of a warehouse extension.

Location: Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Trac Lighting and Controls Ltd. (TC approved)

2/00/152/0567A Prop: Ground floor extension to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic double garage with carport to replace existing garage and storage buildings

Location: 21 Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: J Rogers (TC unable to comment, site plan requested.)

2/00/152/0572H Prop: Application for LBC for the display of a non-illuminated fascia sign and repainting of existing shop front

Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: British Heart Foundation (TC refused)

2/00/152/0643 Prop: Alterations to disused storage buildings for use as a dwelling house.

Location: 39 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Delderfield. (TC No objections)

2/00/152/0644 Prop: Construction of a domestic garage

Location: 19 Craigs Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs Orpin (TC no objections)

2/00/009/0199 Prop: Layout of land for 2 buildings to comprise 7 industrial units.

Location: Thirsk industrial Park

Applicant: ? (TC approved)

2/00/009/0195A Prop: Amendments to plans for cycle shed

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park

Applicant: Stratus (TC approved)

Accounts:

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

Todd Waste Management Ltd, B Bd, empty skip		£ 122.83
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd, Mkt Pl. 2 barrels	£ 57.54	
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd, Ch. Lights, 2 rolls fencing	<u>£ 66.76</u>	£124.30
Park Security, B Bd, service alarm system		£ 41.13
East Thirsk Community Assn, office table		£ 100.72
C F Pattison, office rent, 3 months		£ 715.00
SLCC, annual subscription 2001.		£ 53.00
Thirsk Hall Farms, Castlegarth, lease		£ 120.00
C Amy:		
Wkly Insp Playareas/amenity areas 4 wks	£162.80	
Mkt Pl/Mill Gardens, 4 wks	£120.00	
Millgate Picnic Area, clearing litter/flood debris	£ 20.00	
Christmas Lights, erect/remove fencing	£ 80.00	
Holmes Management, remove 4 willows	£350.00	
Holmes Management Plan, clearing burning etc 5 days	<u>£350.00</u>	
		£1082.80
K Dickinson, clean office windows 3 wks @£2		£ 6.00
Donation to Christmas Lights		£ 350.00
Donation to Christmas Lights		£ 400.00
HDC, C Tax Cem Lodge DD		£ 115.00
HDC, C Tax, office DD		£ 129.45
M Greenwood, Cem Supt, salary, Dec 00,BACS		£ 794.91
A M Wilkinson, clerk, salary, Dec 00, BACS		£ 618.04

Cllr Murkett left the meeting.
1 member of the public left the meeting.

Memorials: none.

Correspondence:

Hambleton CAB, letter asking for donation: Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Marshall seconded that £500.00 approved in this year's budget be donated, agreed. A letter welcoming the restoration of hours to Thirsk branch will accompany this donation. NYCC, Footpath to Centenary Field: there will be temporary closure for approximately 2 days for repairs, after recent flooding, that are being carried out by Mr Amy.

Town Hall discos, letter from Miss K McDowell & Miss N Taylor: A copy has been forwarded to the Town Hall Management committee. Cllr Hubbard is disappointed that this facility is being taken away from the youngsters of the town. Cllr Salmon said that the discos had been well managed in the past and that the organisers should do any clearing up.

NYCC Best Value and Budget Meetings, 22nd January 2000 at 4.30pm: Cllr Roberts will attend as representative of the Town Council. DID NOT GO

YLCA, membership fees: Advance notice of an increase in fees for membership, which it is hoped, will be maintained for the next 2 years.

Town Hall Annex:

Cllr Roberts reported on the meeting held on 8th January 2001 at which Mr Ian McGowan outlined savings that could be made to cover cost increases. A list is to be supplied to each Council by Mr McGowan. Cllr Marshall said that a dishwasher was totally unnecessary, Cllr Roberts said she agreed and that she had said this all through the planning stages but had been outvoted every time. Meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday in each month, if a meeting is thought necessary.

Town Lottery:

Cllr Hubbard explained his initial plans for a town lottery. He would like the initiative to be taken by Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council; tickets would be for sale around the town and money left after expenses would go to local projects. Cllr Hubbard suggested that perhaps The Rotary Club of Thirsk, Thirsk Round Table and the Chamber of Trade could undertake the running and the selection of worthy causes, who made requests for funding. Councillors agreed to Cllr Hubbard making further investigations on the setting up and running of a town lottery.

Reports:

Sub Committees:

Greens: Cllr Morton given details and prices of trees for Little Green. Meeting to be arranged where this will be discussed.

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

Representatives:

Carrs Field: Cllr Adamson explained that an error had occurred at the Amenity meeting on 4th January 2001. Cllr Adamson said that as of this meeting he wished to stand down as the Town Council representative. Cllr Hubbard who was elected to be a trustee as a Town Council representative at the Amenity meeting agreed to take his place. The trust will co-opt a member to fill the vacancy that occurred with the resignation of Mr Bardon.

Thirsk Conservation Area Advisory Group: Cllr Marshall said objections had been made to the Masonic Lane traffic proposals and the removal of the original window at 52 Market Place. *File W.*

Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr Roberts reported on the successful Christmas concert at Cllr & Mrs Jackson's home that had raised £299.

Members: None.

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

Confidential Items:

Minutes: (P1174) Approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Cllr Hall asked for an explanation of the salary paid to Mr Greenwood, cemetery superintendent. Cllr Adamson replied that the payment was correct and the details will be provided to the auditors.

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

Cllr Marshall reported on the meeting held on 10th January 2001 with 2 representatives of the Charity Commission at the offices of Eccles Heddon. Problems have arisen over the charitable status of the Town Hall Management committee which it appears was given by the Charity Commission on the details on the deeds of the Town Hall. The mistake lies with the Charity Commission who are not admitting this but who are willing for corrections to be made when more facts are established. Mr Armstrong is to contact Mr Hiley and Mr M. Richards, HDC re any possible they have.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

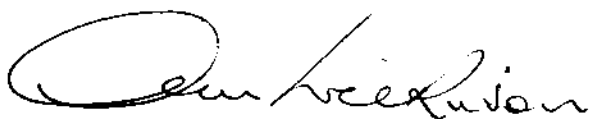
Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 1st February 2001 at 7.30pm.

Mr I. Strong, L.C.A. will be attending this meeting to discuss funding for future town centre development.

Agenda:

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Minutes of meeting 4th January 2001, agreed on 15th January 2001.
3. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 4th January 2001.
4. ✓ To receive correspondence.
5. ✓ To discuss annual seat maintenance.
6. ✓ To receive sub committee reports
7. To receive other items of interest and information.



Clerk to the Council.

A There will be a confidential item at the end of this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity meeting on 1st February 2001 in the Upper Room, Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Adamson, in the chair, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Pack, Robinson, Roberts, Mr I. Strong YLCA and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Hall and Cllr Murkett.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council, 15th January 2001.

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

Cllr Adamson introduced Mr I Strong, secretary of YLCA branch at York and director of YRCC also at York. He was attending the meeting to explain ways in which town development should be going and how a town like Thirsk can take advantage of help and grants that are or are becoming available. Councillors put questions that were answered in detail. (Details to be given separately). Cllr Adamson thanked Mr Strong for coming and being so helpful.

Resumption of standing orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Minutes:

Approved at Town Council, 15th January 2001.

Matters Arising:

A19 – Wardens at Gillings Court, no reply from enquiries with Broadacres Housing Assn. has been received. Mr Jewitt, HDC to be reminded we are waiting for his response re Long Street enhancement.

Cllr Roberts left the meeting.

Cllr Robinson reported that he had attended HDC Planning committee today the following applications had been passed.

Three Tuns Yard, have to demonstrate that there is parking for 18 cars.
Houses at the end of Chapel Street.

A20 – Starting date for Town Hall replacement annex, 19th February 2001. Cllr Robinson reported that the Town Hall Management Committee is to inform hirers of the hall, surrounding businesses and residents and a notice to inform the general public attending events in the hall to be placed on the notice board. Details of 'savings' to be made will be given to each council when it has been agreed with the contractors. No minutes of this meeting have been received.

Mr Roberts, NYCC is to be asked again for further details re dropped kerbs scheme. Clock key- Cllr Morton will get a replacement key made; Mr Johnston is willing to pay for this being made.

Correspondence:

HDC Operational Services: Storage of sandbags at HDC depot, ^{A19 Sandbags} Thirsk Industrial Park agreed. Ask for a further store at NYCC Highways depot, Norby for other side of the Town.

Cllr Marshall agreed to undertake the filling in of the HDC cycleway survey.

Seats, annual maintenance.

Agreed that the clerk contact Mr M Burnett, Mr Amy and one other for quotations for maintenance this spring. A survey of work that is necessary to be carried out.
Cllr Marshall left the meeting.

Sub Committee Reports:

Greens: Cllr Morton asked if details and prices of trees for planting had been received, clerk to get further copy if original cannot be found.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Robinson said he is against the proposed change of use at 13 Market Place. It is against the 'living over shop' scheme that is being promoted in the town.

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

Confidential Items:

Grsss cutting tenders, 2001.

Tenders (4 received) were opened by Cllr Adamson and numbered.

Amounts quoted for each area were read out.

Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Morton seconded that nos. 2 and 3 should not be considered, agreed.

Cllr Marshall asked for the names on the tender forms of nos. 1 and 2 to be disclosed, agreed.

It was agreed unanimously to accept the tender from CE & CM Walker as the standard of his work was known to the town council. *and best value*

Misrepresentations of Town Council.

Cllr Marshall is greatly concerned about the misrepresentation of the town council which is taking place with Mr M. Roberts NYCC and Mr M. Kneebone, HDC.

It was agreed that letters are sent to to clarify the situation and state that any issues regarding Thirsk Town Council will come from the clerk and should be addressed to the clerk.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 19th February 2001 at 7.15pm.

Agenda.

1. To receive Apologies for absence.
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 15th January 2001.
3. To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 1st February 2001.
4. To receive Police report.
5. Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. To consider Matters Arising.
7. To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. To receive Planning Committee report.
9. To approve accounts for payment.
10. Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. To receive Correspondence.
12. To discuss the Town Hall annex
13. Flooding in Thirsk – report on meeting, action being taken and future programme.
14. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

There will be a confidential item at the end of this meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th February 2001 in the Upper Room,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15pm.**

Present: Cllr Roberts, in the chair, Hall, Hubbard, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Pack, Robinson, Salmon, PC Hannan, 2 members of the public, 1 press reporter (NY N) and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Jackson and press reporter (D/S Times).

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Minutes:

Town Council, 15th January 2001:

P 1175: Cllr Marshall asked for the report from Mr Jewitt's visit to be added.

P1176: add "in grants budget"

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Amenities, 1st February 2001:

A22: Change LCA to YLCA.

Approval proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Cllr Hall arrived.

Police Report:

PC Hannan reported on a Licensed Traders meeting. Violent incidents in the Thirsk area are down on last year. The visit to the town by Manchester City supporters on their way to Middlesbrough had caused problems; the traffic warden had called the police to attend. PC Hannan to get details for the next meeting. Cllr Hubbard asked for increased monitoring by CCTV. PC Hannan said that forward warning of such visits usually means more police presence. Cllr Roberts reported that frequently large lorries use the pavement while negotiating the corner outside the town office. A photograph showing tyre marks was given to PC Hannan. CCTV is to be checked for lorry details.

Thanks to PC Hannan for attending the meeting. PC Hannan gave her apologies for the next meeting; any promised details will be given to the clerk.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Open Forum:

Mrs Reynard complained again about sand on the path near the waterfall bridge. Cllr Roberts explained that it had been cleared twice since the floods. Cllr Marshall had also visited the area and agreed that it was now reasonable.

Mrs Reynard also complained about the condition of the path along The Cod Beck near The Crescent, this is the responsibility of NYCC. Grassed areas near the Little Green and Todds Court need attention; Cllr Marshall to confirm ownership and ask when the necessary work will be completed.

Resumption of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Hubbard, agreed.

Matters Arising:

P 1176: Long Street Enhancement to be put on next Amenity meeting agenda to form a committee and decide date for a meeting.

P 1179: Cllr Marshall expressed thanks to Mr Amy and the clerk for prompt action to repair the path (installation of bridge) from the Holmes to Centenary Field which had been damaged by the floods.

Cllr Roberts apologised for not attending the meeting of the County Committee for Hambleton on behalf of the Town Council on 22nd January 2001.

Town Hall discos: Cllr Robinson is against a ban on all discos but felt the organiser of the disco at which there had been trouble should be banned. Cllr Pack said each application should be considered individually. Cllr Roberts to report these views to Town Hall Management committee.

P 1180: Carrs Field, Cllr Marshall asked for a report on the recent meeting of the Trust. Cllr Hubbard said he had been elected chairman and Mr P Bardon who had put his name forward for consideration had filled the vacancy.

County Council Report:

Cllr Murkett had nothing to report as he had been away. Cllr Pack raised the problem of litter on York Road. This is the responsibility of HDC. Cllr Murkett to ask when lights on York Road will be in use. Cllr Marshall has asked for plans of Thirsk showing HDC and NYCC responsibilities so that complaints can be made correctly.

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson reported that a planning application for 7 small units on the Thirsk Industrial Park had been passed at HDC Planning meeting. This area was included in the District Wide Plan as an area to be made available for lorry parking. Town Council had not been made aware of this when consulted on the application. HDC to be asked what alternative provision will be made if they are allowed to change the District Wide Plan designation. The Road Haulage Association to be informed of this application. Cllr Robinson said the barriers in Millgate car park were to be removed as the trial period of 12 months had ended with no problems having been reported. Cllr Marshall expressed concern re the number of planning applications opposed by the Town and Parish Councils, who have local knowledge, that are passed by HDC Planning committee. Discussions followed comments sent to HDC on the applications for the development of Masonic Lane. Cllr Salmon suggested the matter required an urgent fax to HDC. Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Morton seconded that a fax to Mr Cann, HDC Development Control explaining that the Town Council agreed with development of the area but did not agree with the plans that had been put forward, agreed.

Parish Review of Hambleton, Cllr Marshall reported that E U funding would not be affected if Thirsk Industrial Park becomes part of Thirsk parish.

Cllr Marshall thanked North Yorkshire News for the good report on Thirsk minibus.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

HDC are proposing to withdraw annual funding, capital grants for minibuses as well as abolishing car schemes. Cllr Marshall asked that the Town Council write opposing these measures, as support is vital for continued existence of all minibus associations. (Cllr Murkett declared an interest, as he is a director of Thirsk Minibus Assn).

Planning:

It was agreed to ask Mr S Quartermaine, Director of Planning Services and NYCC Highways to give serious consideration Chapel Street as a whole and not as individual applications. Attention needs to be paid to traffic growth and its entrance and exit of the area.

Granted:

2/00/500/0097 Prop: Construction of a building to comprise 3 dwelling units as amended by plans received by HDC on 1st December and 7th December 2000.

Location: Chapel Street, Thirsk.

Applicant: Aspect Homes (TC refused)

2/00/152/0547A Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing disused agricultural building to form office and storage accommodation for use in connection with a proposed mail order business. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0572H Prop: Application for LBC for the display of a non-illuminated fascia sign and re-painting of existing shop front.

Location: 52 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: British Heart Foundation (TC refused)

2/00/152/0612B Prop: Construction of a new building to comprise a ground floor shop with 3 flats above (each on two floors) on the site of 33 Market place, and a building to comprise 3 x 1 bedroom mews apartments with a second building to comprise a terrace of 3 x 2 bedroom houses at the rear (south west) of the site as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 20th November and 6th December 2000.

Location: 33 Market Place, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tate. (TC refused)

2/00/152/0641 Prop: Extension to existing domestic garage.

Location: 7 The Crescent, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr Walker. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/00644 Prop: Construction of a domestic garage.

Location: 19 Craigs Way, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs Orpin. (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0645 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage.

Location: 22 Fairfield, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dunn (TC no objections)

Refused:

2/00/152/0094M Prop: Installation of a satellite dish.

Location: 17 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Natwest Bank (TC refused)

Appeals:

Granted:

2/00/152/0085D Prop: Change of use of existing domestic land to use in connection with the parking, display and sale of cars.

Location: 75 Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: C. K. Stevens (TC no objections)

Dismissed:

2/00/152/0610: Installation of replacement windows

Location: 6 Brewers Court, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Applicant: Mrs Cartwright-Terry. (TC refused)

Applications:

2/01/009/0200 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with associated facilities for use in connection with a haulage, carrier and distribution business.

Location: Thirsk Industrial park

Applicant: Economove (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0048A Prop: 2/00/152/0048A prop: Change of use of existing ground floor shop to a tourist information centre and of existing 1st Floor storage accommodation and 2nd and 3rd Floor disused accommodation to a self contained flat

Location: 49 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: HDC (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0126Z Prop: Change of use of 1st and 2nd floor from residential accommodation to office use

Location: 13 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr P L Fearn (TC refused)

2/01/152/0141G Prop: Alterations to existing shop front.

Location: 65-67 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-operative Ltd. (TC approved)

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

Location: 9 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: W A Jacob (TC no objections)

2/97/152/0567 Prop: Renewal of outline consent for the construction of 2 detached dwellings

Location: 21 Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J Rogers (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0607A Prop: Alterations to existing workshop buildings for use as 6 dwelling houses and 2 flats

Location: Masonic Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Seegar Homes Ltd (TC concern, no parking)

2/00/152/0608A prop: Layout of land and construction of 7 dwellings and 2 flats and conversion of existing disused agricultural building to 9 dwellings

Location: Masonic Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Seegar Homes Ltd (TC approve development but many aspects need alteration)

2/01/152/0630A Prop: Application for LBC for the demolition of 4 garages

Location: Three Tuns Yard, Thirsk.

Applicant: M Robinson (TC opposed)

2/01/152/0640A Prop: Provision of replacement windows

Location: 7 Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Manning (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 31st January 2001.

Location: 39 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Delderfield (TC approved)

2/00/152/0645 Prop: Two-storey extension to existing dwelling house to include a domestic garage

Location: 22 Fairfield, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dunn (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0646 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 5 Lynbrook Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Prince (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0647 Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling house

Location: 24 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: R Gammon (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0649 Prop: Construction of a boundary fence

Location: 11 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs L Bedford (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 J Dundon and Miss C Long (TC refused)

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

Location: 2 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: S A Grainger (TC no objections)

Accounts:

The following accounts were approved for payment proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

C Amy:

Community Paths Initiative, construction of bridge	£ 626.00	
White Mare roundabout, weed	£ 10.00	
Ingramgate, bulb planting	£ 10.00	
Little Green shrubbery, plant bulbs and weed	£ 10.00	
St James Green, repair fence	£ 40.00	
Wkly insp, Playareas	£ 200.80	
Mill Gardens, prune, weed, replace tree	£ 180.00	
Millgate picnic area, sweep, litter pick, plant bulbs etc	£ 88.00	
E. Thirsk playarea weed apply kerb granules	£ 20.00	
Whitlass Ings, corrective surgery, supply trees & plant	£ 388.00	
		£1,572.80
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, room hire	£ 122.00	
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, insurance	£ 478.99	
Playground Management Services, insp.	£ 64.63	
Yorkshire in Bloom, entrance fee	£ 30.00	
Amberol, planter	£ 381.88	
Guy Johnston, Christmas lights install & bulbs	£ 234.53	
B & Q, bolts, Cem Lodge	£ 5.98	
North Yorkshire Timber Co Ltd, scaffold boards	£ 88.95	
Refund, Cem Supt, phone rental & calls	£ 36.25	
Petty Cash	£ 50.00	
K Dickinson, clean office windows, 5 wks	£ 10.00	
HDC, c. tax, office, DD	£ 389.45	

Paid since last meeting:

BT, phone office

£ 159.70

HDC, Building Regs. Town Hall Annex

£ 285.52

Memorials: none.

Correspondence:

Thirsk & District Chamber of Trade, letter of thanks for donation to Christmas Lights appeal.

NYCC Election of Parish Representatives, details given to councillors.

NYCC County Committee for Hambleton, 5th March 2001, Cllr Robinson to attend.

NYCC, Station Road waiting restrictions, Cllr Robinson proposed Cllr Adamson seconded that the proposals should be accepted. (6 for 1 against 1 abstained).

NYCC, invitation to Chairman's reception, agreed Cllr Roberts should attend.

DLA, transfer of licence, agreed, if new licensee should attend training course.

Cartwrights, transfer of licence, agreed if new licensee should attend training course.

Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport Partnership, 13th March 2001, Cllr Adamson to attend.

HDC Parish Council Training, 12th April 2001, noted.

HDC Parish Review of Hambleton, details received are as Town Council's proposals, accepted.

HDC, ATS Long Street, copy letter re tyre storage.

HDC Parish precept, 2001/2002, granted.

HDC Housing need in Hambleton, noted

HDC Cycling draft plan, Cllr Marshall had filled in questionnaire, returned to HDC.

Priory Publications, advert, not this year.

Mrs Jackson, 27 Station Road, re election cards and expenses, reply has been sent.

Mrs J Watson, noted.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau, thanks for donation.

Association of Burials Authorities, membership to be considered.

Town Hall:

Cllr Robinson gave short report on meeting held on 13th February. Work is scheduled to begin on 26th February 2001, the clerks have not signed a contract, list of possible savings to cover inflation since tender submitted is being drawn up not quite complete, a cheque for a HDC Building Regulations Inspection for £285.52 was paid. Clerk keeping separate account book of all payments and repayments for the Annex.

Flooding in Thirsk:

Cllr Roberts gave a report of the Open Meeting held on 31st January 2001, well attended and helpful to all concerned.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

NYCC/ HDC/IDB have looked at problem of sandbanks under Millgate and Finkle Street bridges. Millgate to be cleared as soon as possible and Finkle Street when the water is low enough. Formation of an After Floods sub committee, it was agreed that all Councillors should be members. The editor of the D& S times to be asked why

meetings held after the floods in Northallerton and Romanby were given front-page coverage and Thirsk was not. Cllr Marshall reported that Todds Court had been built to Environment agency recommendations, that she had obtained a map showing the Mill Race and all correspondence she had received on the floods had been copied to HDC.

Further Suspension of Standing Orders for 5 minutes proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Morton agreed.

Sub Committee reports:

Burial Board: Cllr Hall asked all members to remain after this meeting so that a meeting date could be arranged.

Representatives:

Detached Youth Worker, Cllr Marshall reported that interviews would be taking place shortly.

Members Reports:

Cllr Roberts and Cllr Pack are disgusted at the amount of litter and rubbish in the town. Cleaning schedules, daily/weekly/monthly to be obtained from HDC.

Cllr Robinson asked for details of money in the budget for Thirsk Festival. He felt some should be used by the Town Council to 'decorate' the Town Hall during the festival, to be put on next agenda.

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

Confidential Items:

Minutes:

P 1181: Approval proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Matters arising:

Town Hall: No further information from Eccles Heddon.

Thirsk in Bloom:

Cllr Pack gave Councillors a draft copy of a constitution to study, to be considered as a confidential item at the next Amenity meeting.

Cllr Robinson said that he did not like members of the public interrupting in meetings.
All agreed.

Tranmire Ditch:

Cllr Marshall asked all Councillors to visit the area and then give their ideas for the area when it was discussed at the next Amenity meeting as a confidential item.

Carrs Field Trust:

Cllr Roberts asked what insurance the trust had, if any, at the moment? Cllr Adamson said there was no cover. Cllr Hubbard is to investigate what cover is necessary now and for skateboarding, if installed. A grant to cover the cost of insurance could be made from the Town Council. To be on next Amenities Agenda as a confidential item.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council will be held in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 1st March 2001 at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of meeting 1st February 2001, agreed on 19th February 2001.
3. Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 1st February 2001.
4. To receive correspondence.
5. To discuss Long Street Enhancement.
6. To receive sub committee reports
7. To receive other items of interest and information.



Clerk to the Council.

There will be confidential items at the end of this meeting.

Committee
**Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity ~~meeting~~ held in the Upper Room, Thirsk
 & Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday 1st March 2001 at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies: Cllr Hall and Jackson.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council meeting, 19th February 2001.

Cllr Marshall arrived.

Matters Arising:

A 22: Wardens, Gillings Court - Still no response from Broadacres, supervisor not available when clerk rang for details for this meeting.

Long Street enhancement: HDC representative to be Mr Tony Robinson and Mr Chris Vincent if necessary.

Replacement annex, Town Hall - work to begin on 26th February 2001.

Dropped kerbs scheme for Thirsk - Mr Roberts, NYCC has submitted his scheme for funding.

Clock key - Cllr Morton has obtained a replacement key. Mr Paterson is to be thanked for making the key free of charge.

Sandbags - HDC would not be responsible for either storage or distribution of any bags stored at NYCC Norby Depot. Mr Roberts to be asked if he had been approached by HDC re storage. Councillors feel a store of sandbags is necessary on both sides of The Cod Beck.

Whitlass - Remedial work on damaged trees and bushes has been completed and replacement trees planted. Details of the costs to be given to Mr M Armstrong, Eccles Heddon, so that a claim for all the expenses involved can be made from the person responsible for the damage.

A 23: Cllr Salmon raised various queries re the grass cutting tender details. It was agreed that the quotes should be presented more clearly next year.

Long Street enhancement:

Mr Roberts, NYCC, has agreed to the Town Council planting suitable replacement trees in the existing gaps on Stockton Road.

Mr Roberts also visited the area on Stockton Road where damage by traffic to the grass areas has occurred and will supervise the remedial work necessary.

Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Town Council representatives on the Long Street enhancement committee will be Cllrs Marshall, Morton and Pack with Cllr Hubbard as reserve. It was agreed to hold a meeting for 'fact finding' on 22nd March 2001 in the Town Office at 7.30pm.

Correspondence:

NYCC, Hambleton District meeting, 5th March 2001, Coxwold: Cllr Adamson is unable to attend, Cllr Robinson agreed to take his place. Cllr Marshall objected to the meeting being moved from The Galtres Centre, Easingwold to Coxwold as it was not so accessible.

Details of Foot and Mouth notices issued by NYCC given.

Area Representatives for Hambleton area: Councillors approved the Thirsk & Thorntons area.

Mrs Roscamp, letter re grass in Herriot Way, concern about the use of the grass for parking and turning. possible solutions were discussed. Cllr Pack is to monitor the situation as to how much use and damage is done.

Sub Committee reports:

Playareas: Meeting arranged on 8th March 2001 in the Town office at 7.30pm.

Greens: Positions of trees to be planted agreed. Mr Amy to be asked to undertake the work as soon as possible. Cost of trees, planting, guards etc to be £230. The oak tree has been donated by Cllr Murkett.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Town Council newsletter: Cllr Marshall and Cllr Pack had obtained newsletters from other areas. It was agreed that both would find out more details re the running, financing and distribution of the letters.

Town Council website: No further details available.

St James Green: Clerk to investigate the hole which has been dug outside No. 7.

Castlegarth: Details of seats to be discussed at meeting on 8th March.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that there are to be changes in the NHS in our area. it was agreed to ask Mr Tony Bruce, Project Director for the Primary Care Group to speak at the April meeting of the Town Council.

Cllr Morton told the meeting that Parent-line is to be launched in the Thirsk area on 19th March 2001.

Cllr Marshall asked for a press release to be made explaining the Town Council's precept for the coming year.

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

Confidential Items:

Thirsk in Bloom:

Cllr Pack had circulated a draft constitution for the Councillors to consider. Cllr Marshall proposed the choice 3b as the most suitable role for the Town Council. (3b: an independant organisation with its own constitution and finance to which the Town Council would make a grant and be represented on the committee), agreed. Cllr Pack to organise a public meeting for the initial set-up. The tubs in the Market Place to remain in Town Council ownership but planting and watering to be undertaken by Thirsk in Bloom when it is up and running.

Carrs Field Insurance:

Cllr Hubbard is attempting to obtain insurance cover for the area to include skateboarding. Cllr Roberts said that public liability is needed now.

Tranmire Ditch:

Cllr Marshall reported on progress re ownership. Councillors decided that HDC should ask Barretts to culvert the ditch, only a small diameter pipe is required and then the area would make a good entrance into the Millennium Green.

Town Hall:

Cllr Marshall reported that a letter from Eccles Heddon informed the Town Council that HDC and Mr Hiley, solicitor, do not have any records re the purchase of the Town Hall. Cllr Marshall is to research HDC minutes via the contribution HDC made towards the purchase.

The meeting closed at 10.17pm.

Thirsk Town Council

The Annual Parish meeting will be held in the Upper Room Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 19th March 2001 at 7.00pm.

Agenda:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, 20th March 2000.
3. Matters Arising from previous annual meeting.
4. To receive the Chairman's Report.
5. Open Forum for the Electors of the Parish.
6. Other Items of Interest & Information.



Clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the Annual parish meeting held on 19th March 2001 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Robinson, Salmon, 1 press reporter and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Jackson.

Minutes: Annual Parish meeting, 20th March 2000: Approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Matters Arising: none.

Chairman's report:

Cllr Roberts gave a brief summary of the events of the year in particular the serious flooding that Thirsk experienced in November. (Copy on file)

Cllr Marshall arrived.

No electors present.

Other Items of Interest and Information: none.

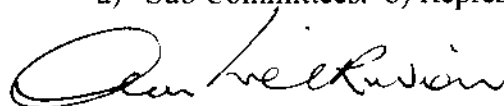
The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of Thirsk Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 19th March 2001 after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Agenda.

1. To receive Apologies for absence.
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council meeting, 19th February 2001.
3. To approve Minutes of the Amenity meeting, 1st March 2001.
4. To receive Police report.
5. Open Forum, (15 minutes): Members of the public may raise matters with Town Council.
6. To consider Matters Arising.
7. To receive reports from:
a) County Council b) District Council
8. To receive Planning Committee report.
9. To approve accounts for payment.
10. Approval of exclusive rights and memorials.
11. To receive Correspondence.
12. To discuss the Town Hall annex
13. To discuss Carrs Field Trust.
14. To discuss banner for Town hall during festival.
15. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees. b) Representatives. c) Members.



Clerk to the Council.

There will be a confidential item at the end of this meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th March 2001 in the Upper Room,
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall after the Annual Parish meeting.**

Present: Cllrs Roberts, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Hubbard, Marshall, Morton, Murkett, Robinson, Salmon, 1 press reporter, 3 members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Jackson and PC Hannan.

Cllr Roberts asked the meeting to stand and observe a minute of silence in remembrance of Col. Peter Consett who died recently. Councillors recalled their own memories and paid tribute to his long and dedicated service to the local community.

Minutes:

Town Council, 19th February 2001:

Approval proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Robinson, agreed.

Amenity meeting, 1st March 2001:

Approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Members of the public arrived.

Police Report:

PC Hannan had supplied the clerk with details of the incidents reported to her at the last meeting.

Cllr Salmon arrived.

Suspension of Standing Orders proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Pack, agreed.

Open Forum:

No one wish to speak.

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

Matters Arising:

P1183:

Long Street Enhancement meeting, 22nd March 2001, 7.30pm, Town Office

P1187:

After Floods Working Party is to meet on 11th April 2001 at 7.30pm in the Town Office.

P1188:

Cleaning schedules in process of being 'adjusted' will be sent by HDC when completed. Cllr Marshall has asked for plans of responsibilities from HDC and NYCC re cleaning, litter etc. Cllr Marshall will supply Autolink telephone number to the clerk so that a formal complaint can be made re litter on roads that they have responsibility for in the parish. Cllr Murkett had not had a reply as to why the lights on York Road were not in use.

Lorry Park, Thirsk Industrial Park: Cllr Hall asked if there were any further developments. He fears parked lorries will block the roads on the estate. Cllr Robinson asked for a letter of objection to be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Regions.

Millgate car park: Cllr Robinson reported that after a year of monitoring the car park the barrier is to be removed by HDC.

Cllr Marshall reported that direct grants from HDC for Minibus Associations were to be discontinued by HDC. A letter is to be sent to HDC on the need for continued support for minibuses that provide such a valued service to local communities.

P 1185:

Masonic Lane planning application: Cllr Marshall asked for correction of Town Council comments to be sent by fax tomorrow.

P1187:

NYCC, Hambleton Area meeting, 4th June 2001, Coxwold: Cllr Robinson had attended and reported that the next meeting will be held at East Thirsk Community Hall on 4th June 2001 which a more accessible venue. The elected members for each area will not be able to vote and will only be allowed to speak as a member of the public.

P1188:

Flood meeting, 31st January 2001: Clerk to ask for a reply to letter sent to the Darlington & Stockton Times.

County Council Report:

Cllr Murkett did not have any further items to report.

Newsham road, speed limits: Cllr Marshall raised the urgent need for these to be re-sited. It is understood that this is to be part of the traffic changes planned for Masonic Lane.

District Council Report:

Cllr Robinson reported that HDC Planning committee are to visit Thirsk Industrial Park and the Former Nursery site on 27th April 2001.

Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS): A bid to this scheme has been made by HDC and NYCC for £20,000. Councillors decided to discuss this at the next Town Council meeting.

Cllr Marshall is now on the HDC Community Safety Panel.

There will be Local Plan meetings to review allocations given in the District Wide plan. It was agreed to write to Mr P Underwood, HDC re new Masonic Lane sign, ask for 'Picks Lane, also known as Masonic Lane'.

There are to be elected parish representatives on HDC Standards committee. Cllr Adamson asked if NALC would be giving any guidance? Cllr Murkett expects there will be help made available to parish councils.

Planning:

Granted:

2/00/152/0048A prop: Change of use of existing ground floor shop to a tourist information centre of existing first floor storage accommodation and second and third floor disused accommodation to offices.

Location: 49 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Hambleton District Council (TC approve)
2/00/152/0102V Prop: Change of use of existing car showroom to offices with storage and car parking facilities in connection with a proposed store extension

Location: Station Road, Thirsk.

Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd. (TC approve)

2/00/152/0566A Prop: Construction of warehouse extension as amended by plan received by Hambleton District Council on 5th February 2001.

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Trac Lighting & Controls Ltd. (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0630A Prop: Application for LBC for the demolition of 4 garages.

Location Three Tuns Yard, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr M Robinson (TC refused)

2/01/152/0640A Provision of replacement windows

Location: 7 Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Manning (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0646 Prop: Conservatory extension to existing dwelling house as amended by plans received by HDC on 21st February 2001-03-19 Location: 5 Lynbrook Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Prince (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0648 Prop: First floor extension to existing dwelling house as amended by plans received by HDC on 12th February 2001.

Location: 33 Darrowby Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Haw (TC no objections)

Refused:

2/01/152/0647 Prop: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling house

Location: 24 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: R Gammon (TC no objections)

Applications:

2/00/152/0110B Prop: Extension to existing bungalow to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage

Location: 21 Dowber Way Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Turner (TC refused)

2/01/152.0141G Prop: Alterations to existing shop front

Location: 65-67 Market place, Thirsk

Applicant: Yorkshire Co-operatives Ltd (TC approve)

2/00/152/0400a prop: Alterations to existing ground floor shop

Location: 73 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Market Cross Jewellers (TC no objections)

2/00/152/0400B Prop: Display of an externally illuminated sign and a non-illuminated sign

Location: 73 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Market Cross Jewellers (TC no objections)

2/01/152/0648 Prop: First floor extension to existing dwelling house

Location: 33 Darrowby Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Haw 9TC no objections)

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)
 2/01/152/-653 Prop: Alterations to existing garages
 Location: 14A Market Place, Thirsk
 Applicant: Freeman Quality Products (TC no objections)
 NYCC - Application to extend Thirsk Community Primary School
 (TC no objections)

Application no: 2/00/152/0607A: Noted that there are 2 dwellings less than the previous application and that car parking had been included. Concerns re turning circle, speed will increase when Picks Lane is made one-way. It was proposed that HDC be asked to defer decision and Town Council will give their decision when car parking, traffic movement and calming have been addressed by developers, agreed.

Application no: 2/00/152/0608A: Discussion on application which includes demolishing part of the old wall was followed by Cllr Salmon proposing Cllr Marshall seconding that the Town Council reject this application because the Town Council do not wish to see the heritage of Thirsk lost to an engineering solution. (9 for 1 against)

Application no: 2/01/152/0492B: Change of use of retail unit to amusement arcade. Councillors raised strong objections. Refusal proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Pack (9 for 1 against). Thirsk School to be informed of this application.

Application no: 2/01/152/0400A: Cllr Hall wants the frontage of this shop retained as it is part of the heritage of the town centre. Refusal with strong objections proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Hall (9 for 1 against).

Cllr Marshall showed a photograph of containers standing behind Sutton Court/Hambleton Place, HDC enforcement officer to be contacted for removal.

Accounts:

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

C Amy:

Carrs Field, JCB hire, Carrs field	£ 55.50
Wkly insp, play/amenity areas 4 wks	£162.80
Repair parallel bars, Holmes	£ 31.00
Mill Gard. Prune/weed/sweep	£132.69
Picnic Area, clean pick litter	£ 20.00
Castlegarth, repair gate, pick litter	£ 45.00
Carrs Field, fence south boundary, labour plus	
Straining posts	£210.00
Carrs Field, hedging for fence line	£310.00
Herriot Way/s Dowber Way, repair fence	£ 65.00
Homes/Whitlass lngs replace canes etc, clear beck,	
Burn beck/garden rubbish	£126.50
Little Green, supply and plant trees, as quote	£230.00
Little Green, supply & plant oak	£ 25.00
S Dowber lane, tree care	£ 5.00
Long Street, kerb granules, hedge	£ 5.00

£1,423.49

The Colour Centre, paint/brushes etc, Cem Lodge	£ 59.95
C Wilkinson, grave digging	£220.00
Calverts Carpets, carpet/fit, office Cem Lodge	£ 75.96
Bridge Garage, B.Bd, fuel	£ 21.97
William Potts & Sons, clock maintenance	£115.15
YRCC, membership, 2001/2002	£ 25.00
B. T., office phone	£171.36
Quill, stationery	£ 55.68
Fox Copy, photocopy etc	£124.43
Sam Turner & Sons, Carrs Field, fencing materials	£ 99.36
Sam Turner & Sons, warning tape	£ 4.43
Inland Revenue BACS	£ 76.58
Power Point, B Bd, strimmer harness, oil	£ 39.18
HDC, parish election	£1,063.69
K Dickinson, clean office windows, 3 wks	£ 6.00
Inland Revenue, BACS	£188.04
Inland Revenue, BACS	£247.11
M Greenwood, salary, BACS	£756.44
A M Wilkinson, salary, BACS	£618.05
Barclays Bank, BACS charges	£ 10.00
Paid since last meeting:	
Zurich Municipal, burial seminar	£ 88.13

Memorials:

Approval of the following proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Morton, agreed.

Application to erect a memorial –

Joan H Wood

Francis William Wood

Correspondence:

YRCC, Village Halls Conference, 28th April 2001, Ricall, N. Yorks.- noted.

HDC – Coach parking Millgate, longer hours, noted.

HDC – Parish Council Training, 12th April 2001, Civic Centre, Northallerton 7-9pm – Cllr Adamson to attend.

HDC – copy letter re banner, Black Lion, Market Place, Thirsk – noted.

HDC – copy letter re street naming, Trac Lighting, Station Road, Thirsk – objection to the use of 'Euro Park' on sign.

HDC – Local Agenda 21 Strategy for HDC – to be circulated.

NYCC – Traffic calming, Green Lane East, Thirsk – noted.

NYCC – Traffic calming, A170 York Road, Thirsk – agreed.

NYCC – Speed limits, Sutton Road, Thirsk

South Kilvington Parish Council – A168/A19 Thirsk Bypass, Cllr Marshall suggested that representatives of HDC Planning and NYC Highways department should be invited to attend.

Hambleton and Richmondshire Primary Care Group, 29th March 2001, Thirsk Racecourse, Cllr Murkett to attend.

Posters for CIP meeting, Thirsk Town Hall, 21st March 2001 7.30pm – noted.

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

Town Hall:

Report on recent meeting which was held so that each council could be brought up to date. It is expected that an account will be received from Roberts Construction in early April. Mr Kaye will advise the Town Council when this will be.

Carrs Field:

Cllr Hubbard asked if the remainder of the 2000/2001 budget allocated to Carrs Field could be carried forward to 2001/2001. Cllr Marshall explained the financial system used by the Town Council. Cllr Salmon suggested that a scheme, with costs, and details of other funding obtained, could be put to the Town Council for consideration.

Thirsk Festival Banner:

Cllr Robinson suggested that the Town Council provides a 'banner' for use during the festival to identify the Town Hall. It was proposed that Mr R Cowells to be contacted to undertake painting a suitable board. Bunting will also be bought to decorate the Town Hall.

Sub Committee Reports:

Playareas: A report will be made at the next Amenity meeting.

Yorkshire in Bloom: Judging will take place between 2nd and 20th April 2001.

Millgate picnic Area: Plan will be brought to next Amenity meeting.

Greens: Trees have been planted.

Representatives:

Detached Youth Worker: Cllr Marshall reported that 1 has been appointed, advertising for a second.

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

Confidential Items:

Minutes:

Approval proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr Adamson, agreed.

Matters Arising:

Town hall: Mr M Richards, HDC and Mr Hiley, solicitor had not been able to supply any details of the purchase. HDC had searched their minutes, the details found have been given to Mr Armstrong, with a request that Mr Shirtcliffe be asked if he has any record of the purchase.

Thirsk in Bloom: Meeting to form a committee has been arranged for 25th April 2001 at 7.30pm in the Friends Meeting House. Mr Amy to be offered a 6-month contract for watering the tubs.

Carrs Field Trust: Cllr Hubbard reported he is still investigating insurance cover. BTCV have an insurance scheme that may give suitable cover.

Burial Board: Cllr Hall gave a report on the Burial Board meeting held on 6th March 2001 at which after consideration it was agreed to recommend the termination of the Cemetery Superintendent's contract. The proposals for change in the running of the cemetery had also been accepted.

An incident concerning the repair of the chimney at Cemetery Lodge had occurred last week that had prompted the Cllr Hall and the clerk to consult Eccles Heddon, solicitors as to how the situation should be approached. Mr Armstrong recommended a meeting with Mr David Shackleton, an expert in employment law. Mr Shackleton, Cllr Hall and the clerk met on 19th March 2001. Mr Shackleton supplied a draft letter re the dismissal of the Cemetery Superintendent which was read to the meeting and unanimously approved. Cllr Adamson asked that the solicitor be consulted re the position of the Town Council now that Mr Greenwood had submitted a sick note before the letter terminating his employment is sent. Cllr Hall and the clerk agreed to remove records, books etc from the cemetery office tomorrow. It was agreed to put consideration of burial fees to be put on the next council agenda.

Whitelass House, website: Cllr Marshall reported that to date HDC have not taken any action on details about HDC.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm.