

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

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APRIL 1974

TO MARCH 1975

THE FIRST YEAR

OF

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Thirsk Town Council

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Morecambe House, Chapel Street, on Wednesday, 10th April 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. B. Thiede (Chairman), Mrs. J. D. Benson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott, A. Palliser, J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig, T. W. Bateman.
Apologies Couns. J. J. Cook, C. J. Megson.

Cemetery Lodge

Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Wyon that the Interim Payment of £1,000 to Graham Roebuck Ltd be approved. Agreed.

It was agreed that an Interim Payment of £500 be requested on the Grant.

Coun. Palliser reported that a Building Control Inspector of the Hambleton District Council had inspected the building and found defects.

A letter from Mr. Hey, resigning as Supervising Officer, was read to the meeting. It was agreed not to pay Mr. Hey's account of £15, and that a letter be sent stating that it was the Council's opinion that he had been more than adequately paid already.

Replacement of Supervising Officer

The Chairman stressed that whoever undertook the supervision would be entirely responsible to the Council for the work being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Sharpouse had been approached and was willing to undertake the supervision. Coun. Palliser stated his willingness to supervise. Coun. Palliser withdrew whilst discussion took place.

Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stott that Coun. Palliser take over as Supervising Officer. Prop. Coun. Benson, sec. Coun. Wyon that Mr. Sharpouse take over as Supervising Officer. Voting was 4 in favour of Coun. Palliser.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting on site between Coun. Palliser and Mr. Roebuck.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Brenda Thiede
22-4-74.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infant School on Monday, 22nd April 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. B. Thiede (Chairman), Mrs. A. M. Wyon, Mrs. J. D. Benson, J. Cook, C. J. Megson, H. D. Craig, E. R. Stott, A. Palliser, J. J. Allenby.

Apology Coun. T. W. Bateman.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Benson.

Matters Arising

Cemetery Lodge Discussion deferred.

Bye-laws Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Cook that the old bye-laws for St. James' Green be revoked and that application be made for bye-laws for St. James' Green, Little Green and The Holmes. Agreed.

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings The Clerk reported that Mr. Boughey had advised applying to the County Council for the footpath to be fenced off. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Wyon that the Council act on Mr. Boughey's advice. Agreed.

Hambleton Estate - Playing Field Coun. Craig reported that trees had been planted on the Dowber Lane site.

Notice Board A letter from the Bus Company stated that a Timetable Notice Case would soon be sited on the Bus Shelter.

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Market Place The Clerk reported that Mr. Wise had again promised to inspect the lighting columns.

Litter Bins A letter from Mr. Sharphouse stated that a litter bin had been ordered for the Mill Gardens.

Little Green 'No Parking' notice now in place. Coun. Palliser reported that one of the seats was broken. Coun. Cook agreed to ask Mr. Parling to repair it.

Parish Lights Coun. Stott reported that the lights are in order.

The Holmes A donation of £100 received from the Ladies' Circle. Four items of play equipment ordered from Chas. Wicksteed Ltd.

Town Hall Nothing to report.

Footpaths Permission received from Major Bell for the re-alignment of the footpath on the corner of St. James' Green. Mr. Wood has this matter in hand.

Charlie Browns Coun. Cook reported that the Council's objection had been upheld.

Mill Site The plaque was shown to the meeting. It was agreed that it should be sited on the end of the stone wall.

Closure of Footpath - Norby Coun. Megson gave notice of motion that, at the next meeting, he would ask the Council to reconsider its decision to have the footpath closed.

New Name for Council This Council now known as Thirsk Town Council.

Additional Telephone Facilities No reply from Telephone Manager.

Planning Planning lists are no longer available. It was agreed that in future the plans would be laid out for inspection before the commencement of each meeting.

Cemetery Lodge The Minutes of the Special Meeting, held on 10th April, were read to the meeting. Letters from Mr. Sharphouse and Coun. Palliser were read. Coun. Palliser's letter of resignation as Supervising Officer was also read. The Chairman reported that Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Norfolk, Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Teale - Officers of the Hambleton District Council - were satisfied with the building. It was reported that an Interim Payment of £750 on the grant had been sanctioned. A letter from Mr. Roebuck, requesting a further payment of £1,000 was considered. Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Allenby that Mr. Sharphouse be asked to take over as Supervising Officer. Voting was 7 in favour - Couns. Palliser and Craig abstaining. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Cook, that the Chairman negotiate the fee to be paid to Mr. Sharphouse.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Wyon that the Clerk be given permission to get a cheque signed in payment to Mr. Roebuck, subject to Mr. Sharphouse's agreement. Voting was 7 in favour - Couns. Palliser and Craig abstaining.

Cemetery Superintendent's Contract The Clerk reported that the contract had been signed by Mr. Collinson.

Gillings Yard Suggestions for a new name for the development, submitted to the Hambleton District Council, were - Lord's Close - Gillings Court - Holmes Crescent - Thomas Lord's Place - Church Close.

Hambleton Estate No developments.

Correspondence

Parking - St. James' Green Letter from the Automobile Association presented - regarding a complaint from a member who had been cautioned by the police for parking on the Green.

Clerks' Course The Clerk reported on the course for Parish Clerks at Scarborough. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Benson, that the Clerk be provided with a new typewriter and a filing cabinet when funds permit. Agreed.

Plans A plan for replacement signs at James Swales Garage was considered. No Representations were made.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and allowed. Prop. Coun. Benson, sec. Coun. Megson.

Hambleton District Council	- Hire of Boardroom	-	£ 3.25
	Thirsk R.D.C.		
F. G. Parling	- Concrete base for seat	-	£14.00
	The Holmes		
William Potts	- Maintenance of Town Clock	-	£ 7.30
N.E.E.B.	- Energy & Maintce. Mar. Qtr.	-	£67.40
J. D. Rucroft & Son	- New soil box etc. Cemetery	-	£68.25
Almonds Engravers	- Plaque - Mill Site	-	£11.88

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

J. W. Buteman

13-5-74.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 13th May 1974 at 7.30 P.M.

Present Couns. Mrs. B. Thiede, Mrs. J. D. Benson, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, J. Cook, A. Palliser, H. D. Craig, T. W. Bateman, J. J. Allenby.
Apology Coun. Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Benson that Coun. Thiede be elected Chairman.

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Palliser that Coun. Bateman be elected.
Voting was 4 in favour of Coun. Thiede, 5 in favour of Coun. Bateman.
Coun. Bateman took the chair and thanked the members for his appointment.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Benson that Coun. Cook be elected.

Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig that Coun. Stott be elected.
Voting was 3 in favour of Coun. Cook, 4 in favour of Coun. Stott. Coun. Stott was elected.

Appointment of School Managers A letter from the County Education Officer stated that the Council may appoint 2 representatives on the Management of the County Infants School, 2 at the County Junior School and 1 at All Saints' Roman Catholic School.

Thirsk County Infants School It was agreed that Couns. Thiede and Cook be appointed.

Thirsk County Junior School It was agreed that Couns. Wyon and Benson be appointed.

All Saints' R.C. School It was agreed that Mrs. K. Greensit remain as representative.

Sub-Committees Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Thiede, that sub-committees be appointed as and when required. Voting was 6 in favour.

Representatives

Local Councils Association It was agreed that Couns. Cook and Allenby remain as representatives with the addition of Coun. Thiede.

Civic Society It was agreed that Coun. Cook represent the Council again.

Charities It was agreed that Couns. Craig and Allenby continue as this Council's representatives. It was reported that Miss Brown of the York County

Savings Bank had agreed to take over as secretary of the Wrightson Charity.
Coun. Craig agreed to pass on the necessary information.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Allenby.

Matters Arising

Bye-laws The Clerk reported that a copy of the proposed bye-laws had been sent to Mr. Bell for his approval. Reply awaited.

Footpath - Ingrams Gate to Duckett Ings No reply.

Hambleton Estate - Playing Field No progress.

Notice Board It was reported that the United Automobile Company have placed a Timetable Notice Board inside the bus shelter.

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Market Place No progress.

Litter Bins Litter bin in place in the Mill Gardens. Coun. Stott agreed to ask Mr. Vasey to clean out the litter basket containers in the Market Place.

Little Green It was reported that the broken seat had been repaired.

The Holmes The Clerk reported that a quotation of £376.80 + V.A.T. had been received from Chas. Wicksteed for the provision and erection of the items of play equipment ordered, and the erection of the Hanging Ocean Wave previously purchased. It was agreed to ask the British Legion for a donation towards the play equipment.

Mill Gardens Plaque now in place. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Woods for his co-operation.

Cemetery Lodge Mr. Sparhouse had agreed to act as Supervising Officer. A Certificate for Interim Payment had been issued and £800 paid to the contractor. An Interim Payment on the Grant had been received - £750.

Letters from Mr. Hey and Mr. Sharphouse were read to the meeting. A letter from the Technical Officer of the H.D.C. stated that the work appeared to comply with Building Regulations 1972. An estimate for £146.40 had been received from the builder for Variations and Additional Work and approved by the Chairman. No work had been done since the last payment. Mr. Sharphouse had the builder's promise that the work would be finished by the grants dead-line date. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Allenby that Mr. Sharphouse obtain a finishing date before the next meeting. Voting was 7 in favour with Couns. Craig and Palliser abstaining. Coun. Thiede reported that the finishing date for grant work was to be extended.

Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported that many footpaths are still in need of attention - especially between Dowber Lane and Hambleton Avenue. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Woods regarding this.

Notice of Motion - Norby Footpath Closure Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Thiede that Standing Orders be suspended. Voting was 5 in favour, 4 against. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Thiede "That this Council do not take action to close the Norby footpath situated on the South Boundary of the R.D.C. Housing Estate." Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig that the footpath be closed. Voting was 3 in favour of the motion, 5 in favour of closure. The H.D.C. to be asked to proceed with the closure.

Correspondence

Grass Cutter A request from the Baths Manager to borrow the grass cutter was considered. It was agreed that it could be used out of normal working hours.

Clerk's Salary The Clerk made a verbal request for a substantial increase in salary. It was agreed to put it on the next agenda. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Benson that the increase be backdated.

Plans Application for a change of use of Studio 1 to a shop was considered. No representations were made. Application to build a garage at the rear of 13 & 15 Barbeck was considered. No representations were made.

Accounts

Approved at previous meeting - G. Roebuck Ltd., Interim Payment on Cemetery Lodge - £2000
The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Palliser.

Yorks. County Assn. of		
Local Councils.	-	Subscription etc. - £31.80
John Bell	-	Rent and Wayleaves - .31
Mun. Mut. Ins.	-	Extra Cover -
		Cemetery Lodge - £ 1.70
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol - Cemetery - £ 6.21

Chairman's Report The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Coun. Thiede for the way in which she conducted the meetings and for all her work during her term of office. This was seconded by Coun. Cook. The Chairman stated that he would take the chair for one year only.

Any Other Business

Clerk's Expenses Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Cook that the Clerk be allowed to spend up to £5. at any one time without having to obtain the consent of the Council. Agreed.

New Car Park Coun. Craig expressed dis-satisfaction with the lay-out. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig that a letter be sent to the H.D.C. regarding the footpath which prior to the enlarging of the car park, ran from the Northallerton Road to Millgate. Voting was 6 in favour.

Parish Handyman The need for a handyman or gardner was again considered. Coun. Craig stated that he knew of a suitable person. It was agreed that if he was interested, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would interview him. It was agreed to advertise if necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

G. W. Bateman 17.6.74

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Methodist Church Schoolroom St. James' Green, on Monday, 3rd June 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. J. D. Benson, Mrs. B. Thiede, J. Cook, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, A. Palliser.
Apology Coun. Mrs. A. M. Wyon

Emetery Lodge Members expressed dis-satisfaction at the poor workmanship and slow rate of progress.

A letter from Mr. Sharphouse, Supervising Officer, reported that progress was slow and intermittent. He had been assured by the builder that the scheme would be completed on time.

Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Megson, that if no substantial work had been done by mid-day on Thursday, 6th June, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman with Mr. Sharphouse meet the contractor and express extreme dis-satisfaction with the lack of progress. Voting was 4 in favour, Coun. Palliser against and Couns. Stott and Craig abstaining.

Emetery Grass Cutter It was agreed that a new grass cutter be purchased.

Little Green It was agreed that Thirsk Infants School could hold their Sports Day on the Little Green.

The meeting closed at 8.0. p.m.

T. W. Bateman

17-6-74.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 17th June 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), J. Cook, Mrs. J. D. Benson, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. B. Thiede, A. Palliser, E. R. Stott.
Apologies Couns. Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. J. Megson.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Benson, sec. Coun. Cook.

Matters Arising

Appointment of School Managers The Clerk reported that there had been a misunderstanding with County Hall and that only one representative was allowed on the Managements of the Infants and County Junior Schools. Coun. Benson withdrew from the County Junior. Coun. Cook on the Infants School Management in another capacity.

Charities Coun. Craig reported that Mr. Pitts had decided to continue as secretary to the Wrightson Charity and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Brown.

Bye-laws No reply from Mr. Bell.

Footpath - Ingrams Gate to Duckett Ings No progress.

Hambleton Estate - Playing Field No progress.

Long-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Market Place No progress.

The Holmes Donation of £2.52 received from Thirsk W.I. The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Thompson to cut the grass and to obtain a quotation for regular cutting throughout the season.

Handyman - Gardener Two applications had been received. It was agreed to offer the post to Mr. W. Pugh - 8 hours weekly at 60p per hour.

Secretary Lodge It was agreed to defer discussion until later in the meeting.

Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported the bad state of footpaths in Hambleton Farm and Dowber Lane. It was agreed to report to the H.D.C. that the boundary fence at the rear of 37, Hambleton Avenue had been uprooted and soil and rubbish deposited in the gutter and on the bridle way making it a public danger.

Clerk's Salary The Clerk withdrew whilst discussion took place. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Benson, that the Clerk's Salary be raised to £250 per year. Voting was 2 in favour. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Cook that it be raised to £200 per year and be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting. Voting was 4 in favour.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby "That the above Council applies to the H.D.C. to ban heavy lorries from the New Millgate Car Park" A letter from the Inspector of Police was read to the meeting, stating the difficulties if lorries were banned. On an amendment Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Benson, "That 'With special permits issued to local lorry drivers to keep them off the housing estates' be added". Voting for the motion was 4 in favour 2 against. Voting for the amendment was 2 in favour. Coun. Thiede requested that her objection to the Notice of Motion as worded, be recorded.

New Meeting Place Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Palliser, that the H.D.C. be asked to provide a meeting place at The Limes. It was agreed that the Chairman visit the Council Offices to see if a suitable room is available.

Correspondence **Junior Civic Society** A copy of a letter from the Junior Civic Society, received from the Secretary of the H.D.C., was presented, asking for ways in which they could help tidy up the unsightly areas of Thirsk. It was agreed to suggest that they clear the rubbish from the shallow stretch of the river between Finkle Street and Millgate Bridges and to remove such rubbish from the site.

Plans The following plans were considered. No representations were made.

Replacement of windows with bows - 73, Station Road.

Change of use from residential and industrial to industrial development -

8, 10 and 10a Long Street.

Change of use from residential and industrial to residential development - 5 houses

8, 10 and 10a Long Street.

3 flatlets instead of offices and maisonette - 13, Kirkgate.

Extension to form tyre store - Barkers Tyre Services, York Road.

Alterations to form shop and 2 self-contained flats - 7, Market Place.

Outline application for dwelling etc. - Green Lane, Woodcock.

Change of use from commercial to domestic (flats) - 69/71, Market Place.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Cook,
sec. Coun. Benson.

Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol etc. Cemetery	-	£ 6.14
D. G. Collinson	-	Salary, Burial Bd. Clerical		
		Work and Dividends.		
		Apl. - June	-	£247.00
E. T. Harland & Co	-	New Mower and Repairs	-	£ 63.80
Clerk's Salary and				
Expenses.	-	April - June	-	£ 56.31

Burial Grants

Claude Coates	-	6 B3	-	£7.00
Annie Bell	-	7 B3	-	£7.00
Alfred Darnborough	-	11 B3	-	£7.00
Wendy Elizabeth Gell	-	13 B3	-	£7.00
Helen Winspear	-	37 G4	-	£7.00

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had visited the Hambleton Estate with Mr. Woods who had promised to have the necessary work done when he had a gang available. It was agreed to remind Mr. Woods about the Norby Estate footpaths.

Cemetery Lodge The Chairman reported on a meeting with himself, The Vice-Chairman Mr. Sharphouse and the builder. Mr. Sharphouse had condemned some of the work done since the meeting. The minutes of the special meeting held on July 3rd were read and signed by the Chairman. It was agreed that the penalty clause be enforced as from 1st April. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr. Sharphouse regarding the action to be taken to have the work completed in a satisfactory manner.

Any Other Business

Siting of Headquarters of H.D.C. It was reported that Northallerton had been chosen rather than Thirsk, by one vote. It was agreed to write to the H.D.C. stating suitable sites at Thirsk. It was agreed on a proposal by Coun. Thiede, that letters should be sent to Col. Consett and W/Cdr. Davies stating this Council's concern at their lack of support for Thirsk as the new headquarters.

Market Place It was reported that Crow's Amusements had applied to the H.D.C. for permission to hold a fair on the Market Place. It was agreed to write to the H.D.C. objecting to this. Coun. Craig reported on the shocking state of the Market Place toilets and that the telephones in the Market Place kiosks had been vandalised.

Markets and Car Parks It was agreed to write to the H.D.C. and ask to be represented on the Markets and Car Parks Committee. Coun. Thiede reported that one of the trees in the Market Place is dead and the flower beds need attention.

Typewriter It was agreed that a new typewriter be purchased and the choice left to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

G. W. Bateson

15-7-74.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 15th July 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), J. Cook, H. D. Craig, Mrs. J. D. Benson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson.

Apologies Couns. Mrs. B. Thiede, A. Palliser, J. J. Allenby.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Benson, sec. Coun. Stott.

Matters Arising

Bye-laws A letter had been received giving Mr. Bell's approval to all but the clause regarding horse riding. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Cook that the bye-laws be deferred. Agreed.

Footpath - Ingrams Gate to Duckett Ings A letter from Mr. Boughey stated that no funds were available for fencing off the path. It was agreed to ask Mr. Boughey to pursue the matter to ensure that the public have a clear right of way on the Public Footpath.

Hambleton Estate - Playing Field No progress.

Ramp-post - Kirkgate No Progress.

Lighting - Market Place The Clerk reported that Mr. Walker was hopeful of obtaining two suitable columns.

The Holmes The grass had been cut. Coun. Megson agreed to tell Mr. Thompson when the grass needs cutting again. It was agreed to enquire as to when the play equipment would be arriving.

Gardener Mr. Pugh had accepted the post and had commenced working 8 hours weekly.

Banning of heavy lorries from Millgate Car Park A letter had been received from the Superintendent of Police asking if the Council has an alternative parking place for lorries in mind if they are banned from the Car Park.

New Meeting Place The Chairman had visited The Limes. The two heads of department had agreed to try to provide a suitable meeting room.

Siting of Headquarters of the H.D.C. A letter from Col. Consett was read to the meeting. The Clerk reported that a letter of apology had been sent to him. It was agreed to apologise to W/Cdr. Davies and express the hope that he would support Thirsk for the new headquarters at the next opportunity.

Cemetery Lodge Members had attended a meeting on site. A letter from the builder stated that the grant work had been completed. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig that the letter be left on the table until an official report is received from the Local Authority. Agreed.

Decoration of Cemetery Lodge It was agreed that the consideration of tenders for the interior decoration be deferred until the next meeting.

Hambleton Estate It was reported that footpaths on Hambleton Place had been repaired. It was agreed to report to the H.D.C. an overhanging hedge in the snicket between Hambleton Avenue and Hambleton Place and nettles in the snicket from Dowber Lane to Hambleton Avenue. Coun. Craig reported that 6 sodium lamps are out of order in Hambleton Place.

Correspondence

Yorks. P.C.A. Letter from Yorks. P.C.A. presented giving date of A.G.M. as 28th Sep

Donkers Caravan Site Letter from H.D.C. presented - asking if any objections would be raised to the re-naming of the site as Millbank Court. No objections were made.

Plans The following plans were considered - no representations were made. Alterations and Extensions to the rear of 51-55, Market Place. Construction of 2 Warehouses and 1 Workshop behind Yorkshire Meat Packers. Conversion of garage to living space and construction of a car port-Luddesdown, Stockton Road.

P.C.A. Meeting Coun. Cook reported on the last P.C.A. Meeting. Loans to Councils and Clerks' Salaries had been discussed. The meeting was told that the Clerk at Easingwold is paid £300 per annum.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Wyon,
sec. Coun. Cook.

G. Roebuck Ltd	- Payt. on Cemetery Lodge (paid 5-7-74)	-	£770.00
W. Pugh	- 8 hours weekly at 60p	-	£ 4.80
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E. Stott & Son	- Tools for Gardener	-	8.30
Thirsk Motors	- Oil and Repairs	-	£ 2.05
Eric Thompson	- Plugs for Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 2.00
Municipal Mut. Ins.	- Combined Insurance Policy	-	£ 23.01
N. of E. News.	- Advert- Int. Dec. Cem. Lodge	-	£ 3.54
"	- " " "	-	£ 1.56
M. L. Yeadon	- Supplies for Cem. Lodge	-	£ 72.05
N.E.E.B.	- Energy & Maintce - June Qtr.	-	£ 48.10
Rev. Canon			
Mainwaring Taylor	- Grant to upkeep of Churchyard	-	£ 50.00
T. W. Bateman	- Cooker Unit for Cem. Ldge	-	£ 2.99

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Chamber of Trade had offered to the Council £500 worth of Christmas decorations which cost £150 in power and installation. It was agreed to consider this at the Sept. Meeting and Coun. Megson agreed to find out who pays the cost of Christmas lighting at Northallerton.

August Meeting It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August. It was agreed that the Clerk confer with the Chairman with plans received in August.

Any Other Business

Gardener Coun. Megson stated that more hours per week were necessary. It was agreed to ask for volunteers to help tidy up the gardens every Saturday during August. Letters to be sent to the Rotary Club, Round Table, Civic Society, Chamber of Trade and Thirsk and Northallerton Lions Club. An appeal to be put in the Advertiser and in the notice board.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

J. W. Bateman

9-9-74

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held at Cemetery Lodge, on Thursday, 22nd August 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), A. Palliser, J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

Apologies Couns. Mrs. J. D. Benson, J. Cook.

Cemetery Lodge Reports from the Technical Officer of the H.D.C. - dated 12th August - and Mr. Sharphouse - dated 22nd August - were read by the members present.

Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Stott 'that Mr. Roebuck be told the Thirsk Town Council had come to a unanimous decision about the work at Cemetery Lodge and he be asked to complete the work and that it be passed as satisfactory by the Council's inspectors by Friday, 30th August and it be pointed out that by that date five months will have elapsed since the completion date as per contract - 31st March.

The penalty clause as written in the contract - 31st March - has been in operation from that date.' Agreed.

A letter to that effect to be sent to Mr. Roebuck.

Plans The members present inspected the August planning applications- No representations were made.

Alterations to existing offices - 11, Market Place.

Change of use from Department Store to Offices - 8, Castlegate.

Erection of 6 dwellings - part of O.S. Field No. 209 - Station Road.

Erection of Security Office - Yorkshire Meat Packers Factory, Station Road.

Accounts

It was Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Megson and agreed that the following accounts be paid.

W. Pugh	-	8 hours weekly at 60p per hour	-	£ \ 4.80
"	-	"	-	£ \ 4.80
"	-	"	-	£ \ 4.80
"	-	"	-	£ \ 4.80
"	-	"	-	£ \ 4.80
"	-	"	-	£ \ 4.80
Post Office	-	Audit Stamp	-	£ 20.00
Chas. Wicksteed	-	Playground Equipment	-	£ 295.90
D. G. Collinson	-	Joinery - Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 37.50

Typewriter

Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Megson that the Clerk be allowed to order a new typewriter. Agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

T. W. Bateman

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 9th September 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. E. W. Bateman (Chairman), Mrs. B. Thiede, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. J. Megson, J. J. Allenby, E. H. Stott.

Apologies Couns. Mrs. J. D. Benson, J. Cook, H. D. Craig, A. Palliser.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby.

Matters Arising

Footpath - Ingrams Gate to Duckett Ings A letter from the County Surveyor's Dept. stated that a member of staff had walked the footpath and made observations. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Megson that a reply be sent stating 'that the Council is pleased that they agree with our firm convictions regarding the footpath and hope that it will have high priority on their list.' Agreed.

Hambleton Estate - Playing Field A letter had been received from Thirsk Labour Party asking the present position regarding this. A reply had been sent giving details of the efforts made by this Council.

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Market Place Mr. Walker had obtained replacement lighting columns which were in position. Coun. Stott reported that one had been erected in the wrong place. Mr. Walker to be asked about this.

The Holmes Play equipment in position and in use. Coun. Thiede praised the workmen who erected it. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Wyon that Coun. Thiede be thanked for her supervision and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Chas. Wicksteed. Agreed.

Gardener The Chairman reported on the good work done by Mr. Pugh in the Mill Gardens. There had been a poor response to the appeal for volunteers. It was agreed to spend £20 on gravel for the paths in the Mill Gardens.

Millgate Car Park A letter was read from the H.D.C. stating that heavy lorries would not be banned from the Car Park.

New Meeting Place No room available at the Council Offices. The Clerk reported that the possibility of hiring the Court House was being investigated.

Siting of New Headquarters of the H.D.C. A letter was read from Coun. Craig requesting an apology regarding the naming of two H.D.C. members not supporting Thirsk as the New Headquarters. It was agreed that the Council feel no apology is due.

Hambleton Estate Coun. Cook had reported to the Clerk that a fence had been erected at the rear of 35, Hambleton Avenue but that the overhanging hedge in the snicket between Hambleton Avenue and Hambleton Place had not been attended to.

Christmas and Floral Decorations Coun. Megson reported on the H.D.C. meeting where Christmas Decorations had been discussed. The H.D.C. will not be taking over Christmas Lighting. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Wyon that estimates be obtained for the erection and dismantling of the lights. Agreed. Coun. Megson reported that the White Swan Gardening Club would plant and maintain the two flower troughs near the pedestrian crossing and the Junior Civic Society the one near the National Westminster Bank. Mr. Cartman had offered to supply bulbs and plants at half price. Letters of thanks to be sent.

Correspondence

Capital Programmes Letter from Yorks. P.C.A. presented reminding Councils that applications for loans had to be made before 15th October.

Closure of Norby Footpath Letter from Norby Estate residents presented requesting the closure of the footpath. Also letter from Coun. Craig preferring to acknowledge the alternative path. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby that the H.D.C. be asked to reconsider its decision not to close the footpath. Voting was 3 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

Library Letter from Coun. Craig suggesting the installation of a lift at the library. It was agreed not to take any action.

Litter Bins Letter from Environmental Health Department presented asking for sites for additional litter bins. A list of members suggestions had been sent.

Bus Shelter Letter from Technical Officer H.D.C. presented asking permission to replace the 'Parking' sign on the bus shelter with a larger one.

Prop. Coun. Megson sec. Coun. Thiede, that permission be given and that the H.D.C. be asked to take over the bus shelter. Agreed.

Age Concern Letter presented asking for financial assistance. It was agreed that it was not possible to contribute at present but to keep in mind for the future.

Glock Tower The Clerk reported that an original scale drawing of the Glock Tower had been received from a Mr. Heggs of Manchester.

Parking - St. James' Green Letter from Police Inspector presented regarding parking on the Green. It was agreed that no action be taken at

present.

Reason
Apology for Absence A letter was received from Coun. Palliser giving reasons for his absence.

Plans The following plans were presented.

Outline application for bungalow in South Dowber Lane. No representations.
Conversion of disused warehouse to dwellinghouse at 9, Barbeck, Thirsk. It was agreed that this would be an improvement.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon.

Clerk's Salary	- July to September	-	£ 50.00
Clerk's Expenses	- " "	-	£ 10.59
Dominiek McGreery Ltd	- Typewriter	-	£136.62
Mun. Mut. Ins.	- Ins. on Motor Mower	-	£ 1.80
Chas. Wicksteed Ltd.	- Balance on Play Equipment	-	£111.04
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes	-	£ 12.10
D. G. Collinson	- Salary July to September	-	£240.00
Yorks Water Authy.	- Water Rate - Cemetery	-	£ 4.38
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol etc. - Cemetery	-	£ 18.57
Peat and Son	- Printing Meeting Notices	-	£ 8.07
W. Pugh	- 2 weeks wages @ £4.80	-	£ 9.60

Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Wyon that an account for £17. from F. G. Parling be left on the table. Agreed. It was reported that the concrete pipes were broken and dangerous.

Precept A precept for £2,000 was signed.

Financial Statement The audited statement for the year ending 31/3/74 was presented.

Cemetery Lodge The Minutes of the meeting 22.8.74 were read by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman. A letter from Mr. Mosbuck stated that he would not accept the penalty clause being enforced as from 1st April. A report from the Technical Officer of the H.D.C. listed items still not satisfactory.

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr. Sharphouse who will have his report completed by the end of the week. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Wyon that future decisions be left to the Chairman and Supervising Officer, subject to final confirmation by the Council. Agreed.

A letter from Mr. Collinson, asking for compensation was read to the meeting. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon that it be left on the table. Agreed.

Interior Decoration of Cemetery Lodge Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Stott that the Council go into Committee. Agreed.

It was decided to revert to the Minute of 22-10-73 when it was agreed that the tenants be given a grant towards decoration. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Megson that Mr. Collinson be offered £300. Agreed.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

I. W. Bateman

14-10-74

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Golden Fleece Hotel, on Thursday, 19th September 1974 at 2.0 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), Mrs. B. Thiede, J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott.
Mr. R. M. Sharphouse was present at the invitation of the Chairman.
Apologies Couns. Mrs. A. M. Wyon, Mrs. J. D. Benson, C. J. Megson.

It was agreed by the members present that it was in order to hold the meeting on licensed premises, there being no other suitable room available free of charge.

Cemetery Lodge

A report from Mr. Sharphouse was read, also a statement of Final Account showing additions and deductions. The Penultimate Certificate for £312.11 had been signed by Mr. Sharphouse.

Mr. Sharphouse agreed to seek legal advice regarding the payment on the Penultimate Certificate and the claim against the builder for expenses.

Interior Decoration of Cemetery Lodge

A letter was read from Mr. Collinson not accepting the £300 offered towards the interior decoration.

Tenders for Interior Decoration

The following tenders were submitted:-

Labour Only 1. £333.50 2. £408.00. 3. £385 + V.A.T. 4. £341.20 + V.A.T.
5. £728 + V.A.T.

Labour + Materials 6. £410.63 + V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Thiede that a tender, to include labour and materials, from L. C. Hopps for £410.63 + V.A.T. be accepted. Agreed.

The Chairman reported that the work would be completed within a month and that Mr. Hopps would do minor joinery and plastering to completion.

The Meeting closed at 2.50 p.m.

J. W. Bateman 24-10-74.

Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Thiede, that legal advice be sought regarding payment on the Penultimate Certificate, for £312.11., issued by Mr. Sharpouse for work to 31st August, and of the claim against the builder for expenses. Also that the amount of the penalty clause of 14 weeks at £2.50 (£35) be deducted.

Mr. Hatch (solicitor) had advised that payment on the Penultimate Certificate should be made within 14 days of issue and that expenses could not be claimed.

T. W. Bateman

C. Megson I have read the above and understand the statement

R. Allenby

H. Gray

Ambyon

J. Benson

J. Thiede

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 14th October 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), Mrs. J. D. Benson, J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser, E. E. Stott, Mrs. B. Thiede.

Apologies Couns. Mrs. A. M. Wyon, J. Cook, H. D. Craig, G. J. Megson.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 9th September, having been circulated, were approved by 4 votes to 1, Coun. Palliser against, and were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stott.

Matters Arising

Hambleton Estate - Playing Field A letter from Thirsk Labour Party asked if it is the responsibility of both the District and Town Councils to provide a playing field. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Stott, that they be told that it is the responsibility of the Hambleton District Council. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Thiede, that this Council accept some responsibility when land is available. Voting was 4 in favour, Couns. Palliser and Allenby against.

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Market Place A reply from Mr. Walker stated that the lamp had been sited after consultation with members of this Council and that the installation is technically correct. It could be moved at the Council's expense. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby, that because of the cost, the lamp be left where it is and no further action be taken. All in favour. Coun. Palliser reported that two lamps on Millgate Bridge had been out of action for some time. Mr. Walker to be contacted.

The Holmes Enquiries to be made regarding insurance cover for the play equipment. Cover for Public Liability already in operation.

New Meeting Place Members expressed dis-satisfaction with the Court House as a meeting place. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Stott that the Court House is not used in future. All in favour. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Stott that future meetings be held in the Infants School. All in favour.

Closure of Norby Footpath Coun. Palliser requested that this appear on the next Agenda and if no action has been taken by the H.D.C., he will propose that application is made to the County Council for a diversion order.

Bus Shelter A letter from the Technical Officer of the H.D.C. stated that the request for the bus shelter to be taken over had been passed on to the Secretary.

Clock Tower The members present inspected the scale drawing.

Cemetery Lodge The Minutes of the Special Meeting on 19th September, were read by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Stott, that they were a correct record. This was agreed by the members who had been present. A cheque had been issued to G. Roebuck Ltd., for £277.11, and approved by seven members. The Chairman reported that Mr. Hopps was progressing with the work.

Coun. Palliser left the meeting at 8.16 p.m. for unspecified reasons.

Hambleton Estate The Chairman reported that the footpaths were under review.

Christmas Lighting Estimates not yet invited as the location of the lights and decorations not yet ascertained.

Correspondence

Charges for Public Lighting Letter from N.E.E.B. presented, advising that the charges for Public Lighting will be revised as from 1st April 1975.

Public Lighting - D.C. Bias Control Panels Letter from N.E.E.B. stating that this Council owns 1½ Bias Control Panels which are disconnected and only fit for scrap. N.E.E.B. to be asked to dispose of them

Remembrance Day Letter from the H.D.C. to Coun. Megson presented - regarding poppy wreaths. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Allenby, that the Chairman lay a wreath on behalf of this Council. All in favour.

Lighting - Barnett's Yard and Castle Terrace Letter on behalf of the residents presented - regarding lack of lighting. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stott that this be looked into before the next meeting. All in favour.

Local Council Administration Letter from Yorks. P.C.A. presented regarding Advance Orders for copies of "Local Council Administration" by Charles Arnold Baker. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Benson, that a copy be ordered at a cost of £7.00. All in favour.

Plans The following plans were presented.

New bedroom and garage extension - 36, St. Mary's Walk. No representations.
Change of use from offices to Thrift Shop - 18b, Market Place. No representations.
Additional doors to front, enlarged doorway to rear and erection of internal mess room for sale of motor accessories. Long Street Garage. No representations.
Erection of accommodation for Stable Lads - Thirsk Racecourse. This was found to be confusing as two different site locations were shown.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and approved, with the exception of £17. to F. G. Parling. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby. Agreed.

J. T. Thompson	-	Cutting The Holmes	-	£ 11.88
N.E.E.B.	-	Energy and Maintce. Sept. Qtr.	-	£ 66.88
Codbeck Int. Drainage Board	-	Drainage Rates - Holmes and Marriage	-	£ 1.76
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol - Cemetery	-	£ 2.12
W. Pugh	-	5 weeks @ £4.80	-	£ 24.00
D. G. Collinson	-	40 weeks rent for accommodation during the alterations	-	£200.00
Yorks. P.C.A.	-	Copy of L.C. Administration	-	£ 7.00

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting about the Gilling's Yard Scheme, which will go ahead. The Waterside Scheme will not proceed as planned but improvements will be made to some of the property. The Chairman also reported that Mr. Woods had arranged to tip hard core and good soil on an area of the Mill Gardens. The Chairman had offered the broken concrete pipes on the Holmes to the Golf Club.

Any Other Business

Play Equipment Coun. Allenby reported that adults were using the play equipment on The Holmes.

Footpath - Market Place Coun. Allenby reported that a lady had been hurt after tripping on an uneven path on the South Side of the Market Place. The Chairman agreed to report this and the state of the path near Lloyds Bank to Mr. Woods.

Little Green To a question by Coun. Thiede, the Chairman stated that the Gardener would soon be starting on the Little Green.

Car Park Signs The Clerk reported that complaints had been made about the lack of indication signs at the Northallerton Road entrance to the car park. H.D.C. to be asked for signs at both sides of the road.

Flatts Preservation Trust - A.G.M. 14th November Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Benson, that Coun. Cook continue as the representative of the Town Council. Agreed.

Notice of Motion Coun. Thiede gave notice that at the next meeting she would propose 'that only on major issues the proposer and seconder of a motion be recorded'.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

J. W. Bateman

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in St. Mary's Church Crypt, on Monday, 18th November 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), Mrs. B. Thiede, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, J. Cook, J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott.

Apology Coun. A. Palliser.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Allenby.

Matters Arising

Lamp-post - Kirkgate Still no progress.

The Holmes Municipal Mutual Ins. unable to offer cover against damage to the play equipment. Charles Wicksteed offer a free annual inspection service for their equipment. This had been accepted. It was reported that the quotation from Charles Wicksteed in May for the installation of play equipment was for erection only. An account for the equipment was being presented.

New Meeting Place A letter stated that the Infants School was not available. The use of the Crypt had been offered for meetings.

Remembrance Day The Chairman had attended the service. Coun. Megson had laid the wreath.

Lighting - Barnett's Yard Coun. Megson reported that a light is necessary. N.E.E.B. to be asked for an estimate.

Footpaths - Market Place Mr. Woods has surveyed the footpaths. New flags have been put down.

Little Green Mr. Pugh soon to start on the garden. It was suggested that Mr. Vasey could give assistance during the winter months when he has no grass to cut.

Car Park Signs Hambleton District Council looking into the matter.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Cook elected to the Committee. It was agreed to attend a meeting with the Trust Committee and Sowerby P.C. to discuss future development of the Flatts.

Cemetery Lodge Several members had visited Cemetery Lodge and approved the interior decoration. The Chairman reported that the inside work is complete and that the outside will be finished within the next few days. Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Thiede that a Cemetery Committee Meeting be held. It was agreed that the Press be invited to attend. The meeting was arranged for Monday, 25th November at 7.30 p.m.

Hambleton Estate It was reported that the footpaths will be repaired and curbed in the coming year. The state of the footpath in the snicket between Hambleton View and Hambleton Avenue to be reported to Mr. Woods. Out of order lights and a leaning lamp-post near 39, Hambleton Place to be reported to Mr. Walker.

Closure of Norby Footpath It was agreed to review this matter in six months time.

Christmas Lighting The Clerk reported that six electricians had been invited to tender for the work of erecting and dismantling the lights. Only Mr. J. Whiting had offered to undertake this - on a time basis at £1.50 per hour. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Cook that the Council wishes to have Christmas Lighting. Agreed. Mr. Whiting to be asked to proceed. A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade was read. It was agreed to write to the Chairman of the Chamber giving the Council's decision and saying that financial assistance would be appreciated. Coun. Palliser entered the meeting.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Cook 'that only on major issues should the proposer and seconder of a motion be recorded'. Voting was 5 in favour - 4 against. Couns. Palliser, Stott, Allenby and Craig against. A letter was read from the P.C.A. stating that it is not necessary to record names.

Correspondence

Diversion of Footpaths Letter from H.D.C. presented requesting comments on an application for the 'proposed stopping up and diversion of two footpaths' to enable land to be developed for residential purposes on St. Mary's Way. It was unanimously agreed to support the diversion.

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council Letter presented inviting the Council to submit nominations for representatives on the Gas Consumers' Council. The names of Coun. Thiede and Coun. Cook to be put forward.

Letter of Resignation from Coun. Benson presented. It was agreed that it be accepted and a letter of appreciation sent. Casual Vacancy to be advertised for Co-option at the next Council Meeting.

Plans The following plans were presented and approved.

Use of ground floor of Old Bank Chambers as a self service Jobcentre.

Demolition of Nos. 29, 30 and 31 Westgate and erection of Carpet Showroom with storage and First Floor Flat.

Development of land to the rear of 41, Station Road for storage of solid fuel.

Accounts

Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Wyon that the account from F. G. Parling - withheld for two months - be paid. It was agreed that some use could probably be found for the concrete cradles.

The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Wyon.

F. G. Parling	-	Concrete cradles and repairs to seat - The Holmes	-	£ 17.00
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol & Oil - Cemetery	-	£ 3.24
L. C. Hopps	-	Making and fixing window - Cemetery Lodge	-	£103.51
Northern Dairies	-	Obtaining Fireplace and Back boiler for Cemetery Lodge	-	£121.61
"	-	Wallflowers for Mill Gardens	-	£ 8.00
F. D. Todd & Sons	-	Gravel for Mill Gardens	-	£ 7.64
Charles Wicksteed	-	Cost of Play Equipment	-	£295.90
N.Y.C.C.	-	Hire of Court House	-	£ 2.25
E. Stott & Son	-	Tools for Gardener	-	£ 10.00
John Bell	-	Wayleaves	-	£ .11
Thirsk R. T. Asvertiser	-	2 Advertisements	-	£ 5.10
W. Pugh	-	5 weeks @ £4.80	-	£ 24.00
L. C. Hopps	-	Interior Decoration of Cemetery Lodge	-	£443.48

Coun. Palliser left the meeting at 8.56 p.m. for the reason 'that the Chairman was signing cheques before the accounts had been passed.'

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the good work done by Mr. Sharphouse at Cemetery Lodge.

Library Coun. Thiede reported that this Council has been misrepresented in the press with regard to the new library. Coun. Thiede read a letter to the meeting which she wished to send to the press. This was approved by 7 votes to 1 - Coun. Craig against.

Any Other Business

Notice Board Mr. Sharphouse to be asked to take down the map notice board and put it up again in the Spring. Coun. Stott agreed to ask Mr. Vasey to knock out the broken glass behind the board.

Typewriter It was agreed to offer the old typewriter to Age Concern.

December Meeting The date of the December meeting was given as 9th December to fit in with 'Planning'.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

J. W. Bateman

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Cemetery Committee of Thirsk Town Council, held in St. Mary's Church Crypt, on Monday 25th November 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser, H. D. Craig, C. J. Megson, Mrs. B. Thiede, J. Cook, E. R. Stott, the Clerk and Members of the Press.

Apology Coun. Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

Cemetery Lodge The Chairman reported that the interior work is complete and that the Cemetery Superintendent is in residence again.

A Financial Statement of the accounts of Cemetery Lodge to date, had been circulated to each member. There are accounts still outstanding for items of outside work.

After a debate, Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Thiede 'that the report, together with costs, presented on 25th November, regarding the work on Cemetery Lodge be accepted'.
Unanimously agreed.

An account for £75 from Mr. Sharpouse for work as Supervising Officer was presented. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Cook 'that the £75 be paid and appreciation be expressed'.
Voting was 4 in favour - Coun. Palliser against - Couns. Stott, Craig and Allenby abstaining.

Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Megson 'that the Insurance cover on Cemetery Lodge be increased from £10,000 to £20,000'. Agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

T W Bateman

9-12-74

Improvements to Cemetery Lodge

Amount of Tender accepted from G. Roebuck Ltd., - £3,448 + V.A.T.

Anticipated Local Authority Grant - £1,500 - Amount received to date - £750

Payments

<u>G. Roebuck Ltd</u>	<u>£</u>
1st Interim Payment	1,000.00
2nd " "	800.00
3rd " "	770.00
Penultimate " £312.11	
less £35 being 14 weeks	
Penalty Clause	277.11
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	2847.11

Amount retained £151.69
being 5% of Contract

Ins. Cover during alterations	1.70
Plugs	2.00
Cooker Unit	2.99
Yeadon - wood etc.	72.05
Collinson - Joinery	37.50
Hopps - making and fixing window	103.51
Fireplace, back boiler etc.	121.61
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	3188.47

M. D. Hey - 75% of fee for plans, specifications etc.	159.24
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Rent for Cemetery Supt. 40 weeks @ £5	200.00
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	3547.71

Interior Decoration	443.48
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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School, on Monday, 9th December 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, Mrs. B. Thiede, A. Palliser, J. Cook, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, J. J. Allenby.

Minutes The Minutes of the Meetings of 18th and 25th November, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Wyon.

Matters Arising

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No action taken yet.

New Meeting Place Infants School again available. A letter from the Correspondent to the Managers stated that there would be a charge of 20p for the room and the Caretaker's wages for 1½ hours. The Clerk was instructed to find out if the charge is permissible.

Lighting - Barnett's Yard N.E.E.B. will give a firm estimate when all the details are available.

Little Green Mr. Pugh has promised to start in the garden soon.

Car Park Signs Coun. Megson reported that the signs have been on order for several weeks, and that the Car Park will be tidied up in the near future. It was agreed to ask that the 'Bus Stop' sign be removed from Norby now there is no bus service.

Flatts Preservation Trust Meeting with Trust Officials, Sowerby P. C. and members of this Council arranged for 11th December. It was agreed to wait until after the meeting to decide what help can be given.

Typewriter Typewriter accepted by Age Concern.

Co-option of New Member By a majority vote, Mr. Colin Kirk was elected. The other candidates were Mr. W. Blenkhorn, Mr. D. Bendelow, Mr. J. Bevan and Mrs. E. Thompson.

Cemetery Lodge The balance of the 50% grant, £250, had been received from the H.D.C.

Hambleton Estate It was reported that the lighting has been greatly improved. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Thiede 'that representations be made to the County Council to have the footpaths on the Hambleton Estate, Norby Estate and in the Market Place, lowered at crossing places and junctions with bevelled curbstones.' Agreed.

Christmas Lights Most of the lights now erected ready to be in use from 14th December. It was reported that 'Fine Fare' is giving the electricity for the lights on the South Side of the Market Place. The Insurance Company had advised the taking out of 'All Risks' cover for the lights, at a cost of £10. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Cook that the Insurance cover be taken up. Agreed.

Precept 1975/76 Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Stott 'that the Precept be for the Amount of a 2p rate'.

On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Thiede 'that £4,000 be precepted'. Voting was 3 in favour of the amendment, 5 for the motion, Coun. Megson abstaining.

Plans

No objections were raised to an application for a Security Office, Weighbridge and Lay-by at Yorkshire Meat Packers, Station Road, Thirsk.

Accounts The Following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Craig.

D. G. Collinson	- Salary October - December and Dividends	- £247.00
P. Smith	- Salary October - December and Expenses	- £ 58.88
W. Pugh	- 3 weeks @ £4.80	- £ 14.40
N.Y.C.C.	- Supplying and erecting sign 'Turning Circle' etc.	- £ 12.66
Mun. Mut. Ins.	- Addt. Cover - Cemetery Lodge	- £ 7.96
H.D.C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge	- £ 17.12
R. Simpson & Son	- Bulbs for Mill Gardens	- £ 3.50

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that a lot of soil had been tipped on the Mill Gardens ready for use.

Any Other Business

Flower Baskets Coun. Megson stated that the hanging flower baskets should be emptied and suggested that they be filled with holly.

Street Sweeper Coun. Palliser requested that the H.D.C. be asked who is responsible for the Street Sweeper's salary.

Concrete Pipes Coun. Cook reported that children had cut their fingers on the sharp edges of the concrete pipes. Golf Club to be asked to remove them as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

J. W. Bateman

20-1-75.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School, on Monday, 20th January 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), J. Cook, A. Palliser, J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig, C. Kirk, Mrs. B. Thiede, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott.

Coun. Kirk signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Council.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby.

Matters Arising

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Meeting Place A letter from the P.C.A. stated that a charge for heating and lighting plus the Caretaker's wages was in order. It was agreed that the Council is satisfied.

Lighting - Barnett's Yard The Clerk reported that a verbal estimate of not more than £50. had been received. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stott, that the estimate be accepted when received in writing. Agreed. Prop. Coun. Palliser, Sec. Coun. Cook, that no charge is made to the residents. Agreed.

Little Green Mr. Pugh not yet started on the garden.

Car Park Signs Signs now erected. It was reported that cars are going the wrong way along Millgate after leaving the Car Park. Police to be notified.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Thiede reported on the meeting with representatives of Sowerby P. C. and Flatts Preservation Trust. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig 'that no money be spent outside the Parish'. On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Thiede 'that this Council takes no action until a decision is taken at a Public Meeting'. Voting for the amendment was 6 in favour - Couns. Palliser, Stott, Allenby and Craig against.

Christmas Lights Chamber of Trade unable to give financial assistance. Donation of £5. received from a Councillor. Mr. Whiting to be commended on his work. An account for £248.10 received.

Precept The Chairman and Clerk had visited the Treasurer's Department of the H.D.C. A statement of account from the H.D.C. was read to the meeting - showing an anticipated debit balance of approximately £2,100 by the end of the present financial year. It was estimated that £2,000 would have to be allowed for the Street Sweeper during the next financial year. Coun. Palliser gave notice that at the next meeting he will propose 'that this Council will not be responsible for the Street Sweeper after 31st March'. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Craig 'that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Environmental Health Committee and the Environmental Health Officer stating "that as so much of the work this Council is paying the Street Sweeper to do originates in the Market Place and Car Park which are used by people of the District, the District should take a large part of the responsibility for payment"'. Agreed. A letter from the Hambleton Ratepayers' Association was read to the meeting. The Clerk reported that the H.D.C. will now meet the cost of the electricity charges of the Town Council.

Flower Baskets Coun. Kirk offered to take down the flower baskets. It was agreed that they be put back at the appropriate time. Local nurserymen and the White Swan Gardening Club to be asked to quote prices for planting.

Concrete Pipes Coun. Kirk reported that steps were being taken to remove the pipes.

Cemetery Lodge A letter from the Department of the Environment to John Spence, M.P., stated that the final responsibility for the payment of Grants rested with the Local Authority and that the H.D.C. had not considered that the work was sufficiently complete to qualify for a 75% grant.

Hambleton Estate Reply from Mr. Woods stated that the kerbing will be done when men are available to do the work. It was reported that the path between hambleton Place and Hambleton View still requires attention.

Notice of Motion - 'Market Place and Millgate' Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby, 'that the Highway Authority are approached to make up to standard the footpath from the Black Bull corner to Northern Dairies, and to make good the entrance to the Lorry Park'. Voting was 9 in favour - Coun. Megson against. ~~abstained.~~

Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig, 'that the H.D.C. be asked to make the narrow area between the Post Office and the White Swan a

'No Parking' area'. Agreed.

The Highway Authority to be asked who is responsible for the area of footpath in front of the Golden Fleece.

It was agreed that all Councillors inspect the path from Z. Wright's to the Zebra Crossing before the next meeting.

Correspondence

Fine Fare Copy of an application for an 'Off Licence' at Fire Fare presented. It was agreed that no objections be made.

J. & G. Kirk Letter from J. & G. Kirk, Butchers, Kilburn, presented - requesting support in their appeal against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant a Slaughterhouse licence on the grounds that the premises were not up to standard. It was agreed by 7 votes and 3 abstentions 'that the appeal be supported if they are willing to bring up the premises to the required standard'. Coun. C. Kirk had declared an interest.

Plans The following plans were considered and 'No Objections' made.

New Bedroom and Bathroom at 'Rolston,' Stockton Road, Thirsk.

New Weighbridge and Security Block, Yorkshire Meat Packers, Station Road, Thirsk.

Change of use of Part First Floor from Empty Premises to Office Accommodation, 30, Market Place, Thirsk.

Change of use from Joiner's Workshop to Furniture Store and Auction Room with Retail Trade being carried on also.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig.

Municipal Mutual Ins.	-	Cover for Christmas Lights	-	£ 10.00
Sam Turner & Sons	-	Servicing Motor Mower	-	£ 19.85
John Whiting	-	Time and Materials for erecting Christmas Lights	-	£248.10


Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that no business is agreed in Council until Councillors present have the option of voting'. All in favour.

Any Other Business

Notice Board - Cemetery Coun. Megson reported that the notice board is broken. It was agreed that it should be repaired and re-sited about 12" above ground.

Green The Chairman reported that quarry waste was to be used to fill in potholes and it was agreed to obtain more if necessary.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.


26.19.1975

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School, on Wednesday, 19th February 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. J. Cook, H. D. Craig, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, J. J. Allenby, C. Kirk, A. Palliser, Mrs. B. Thiede.

Apologies Couns. T. W. Bassman (Chairman), Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Vice-Chairman, who conducted the business of the meeting in the absence of the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Palliser.

Matters Arising

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Barnett's Yard A written estimate of £48.00 had been received. The Clerk had asked the N.E.E.B. to proceed. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig that the Clerk's action be approved. Agreed.

Little Green Nothing reported.

Flatt's Preservation Trust Nothing reported.

Precept - Street Sweeper No reply from the Environmental Health Department.

Flower Baskets Two quotations received - £6.00 per basket and £3.50 + V.A.T. per basket. It was agreed to leave the matter until the next meeting.

Concrete Pipes Concrete pipes now removed. Thanks expressed to Coun. Kirk.

Market Place and Millgate Letter from Mr. Woods stating that arrangements are being made for the work in Millgate to be done. Coun. Craig reported on recommendations that he had made to be put to Mr. Dunning, Technical Officer H.D.C., regarding the 'No Parking' area. An 'on site' meeting is to be held.

Golden Fleece Mr. Woods stated that the area of footpath in front of the Golden Fleece the responsibility of the owners. It was agreed to ask the owners to bring up the path to a satisfactory standard.

Footpath - Wrights to Zebra Crossing Members had inspected the path. Coun. Palliser stated that the area of footpath between the flow tube is dangerous and could be remedied by grouting. It was agreed to ask the County Council to bring it up to a satisfactory standard. The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting between Mr. Woods and Coun. Palliser to decide what is necessary to make the footpath safe.

Hambleton Estate Coun. Cook reported that the County Council are working on the footpath. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the County Council be asked to put double yellow lines from Hambleton Drive, on the right-hand side, continued to the junction of Hambleton Avenue - Hambleton View and Hambleton Place - through to Sutton Road to give clear passage for bus services.' On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the County Council is told 'that this Council is concerned at the staggered parking on the Hambleton Estate roads and the difficulty for the buses negotiating them - can they offer any suggestion to alleviate this definite danger' ". Voting for the amendment was 5 in favour - Couns. Palliser, Craig and Allenby against.

Correspondence

Yorks. Arts Association Reminder that the Annual Subscription of £5. is due. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Cook to renew the subscription. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Stott to discontinue it. Voting to renew the subscription was 5 in favour, Couns. Stott, Palliser and Allenby against. It was agreed to request only 6 copies in future.

Parish Government Course Circular from the P.C.A. giving notice of the Parish Government Course in May. It was agreed not to send a representative.

History of Thirsk Letter from a Mr. Crossley giving details of an 1832 map of Thirsk, together with details of the town, and offering to send for inspection with a view to selling at a price of £4. It was agreed to request them for inspection.

Street Lighting Letter from the Secretary of H.D.C. regarding the handing over of Street Lighting to the District Council. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Palliser that this Council's lighting be handed over. Agreed.

Public Relations Letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. suggesting the attendance of District Councillors at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to accept the suggestion and that the 17th March or 21st April be the date of the meeting. It was agreed to advertise the meeting in the Thirsk Advertiser. It was agreed that meetings will revert to every third Monday of the month regardless of the date of Planning Meetings.

Gas Consumers' Council Notification that Coun. Thiede has been appointed to the North Central Area Committee of the Gas Consumers' Council.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that this Council will not be responsible for the Street Sweeper after 31st March'. On an amendment Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Megson 'that the matter be postponed until an answer is received from the H.D.C.' Voting was all in favour of the amendment.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans:-
Siting of residential caravan to the rear of 29, 31 & 33 Westgate, Thirsk.
Demolition of No. 1 Waterside and No. 2 Bridge Street, Thirsk.
Demolition of derelict cottage and alterations and extensions - Lloyds Bank Ltd.
Extensions and alterations - Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk.

The following representation was made to an application from F. D. Todd & Sons, The Green, for proposed portal frame building for storage and vehicle housing - 'that it is too near the Beck in view of the possible future development of a riverside walk and should be moved back by 4', and that the views of the River Board should be sought.'

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Thiede.

Yorks. Water Authority	-	Water Rate-Cemetery	-	£ 3.68
D. G. Collinson	-	6 week's rent of furnished accommodation during work on Cemetery Lodge	-	£30.00
Yorks. Arts Association	-	Subscription	-	£ 5.00

Burial Grants

Christopher Birtle	-	4 B3	-	£ 7.00/
Arthur William Snow	-	3 B3	-	£14.00/
Wilfred Evens	-	14 B3	-	£14.00/
Ellen Lazenby	-	12 B3	-	£ 7.00/
Gordon William Thackeray	-	16 B3	-	£ 7.00/
Herbert Brown	-	21 B3	-	£ 7.00/
Antonio Baldini	-	39 G4	-	£14.00/
Frances Ann Lockwood	-	5 B3	-	£14.00/
John Thomas McKeown	-	45 G3	-	£ 7.00/

Any Other Business

Minutes Coun. Megson suggested, and it was agreed, that the County Council representative be circulated with the Minutes.

The Green Coun. Cook reported cars on the 'No Parking' area of the Green.

Quarry Waste Coun. Cook queried on who's authority the quarry waste was obtained.

Resignation Coun. Palliser tendered, in writing, his resignation from the Council.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

I. W. Bateman

Abstract of Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1975

	£	<u>General</u>		£
Deposit Account Interest	30.61		Debit Balance 1.4.74.	171.77
Refund of V.A.T.	73.26		Salaries & Wages	315.00
Donation to Play Equipment	2.52		Play Equipment	702.84
Donation to Christmas Lights	5.00		Christmas Lights	248.10
Precept	2300.00		Open Spaces	178.74
			Subscriptions & Donations	99.95
			Insurances	16.60
			Administration	270.10
			Balance	408.29
	2411.39			2411.39
	£	<u>Burial Board</u>		£
Balance at 1.4.74.	1072.76		Salaries	974.00
Dividend (Knaggs Invest)	7.00		New Mower, Repairs & Fuel	114.83
" Savers "	7.00		New Soil Box	68.25
War Graves Commission	3.30		Insurances	23.03
Burial Board Income	455.03		Balance of Alterations to	
Sale of Mower	16.00		Cemetery Lodge	2975.75
Sale of B.B. Room Furniture	8.00		Interior Decoration	443.48
Grant for Cemetery Lodge	1000.00		Advertising	5.10
Precept	1700.00		Supervising Officer's Fee	75.00
Refund of V.A.T.	140.66		Cemetery Superintendent's	
Investment at Bank	200.00		Rent	230.00
Balance	525.12		Establishment	25.43
			Balance of Investments	200.00
	5134.87			5134.87
	£	<u>Lighting</u>		£
Balance at 1.4.74.	1021.75		Lighting & Maintenance	182.38
Refund of V.A.T.	14.23		Insurance	4.84
Re-imbusement from H.D.C.	111.38		Balance	960.14
	1147.36			1147.36
	£	<u>Summary</u>		£
Lighting Account	960.14		Burial Board Account	525.12
General Account	408.29		Balance in Bank	843.31
	1368.43			1368.43

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council. An Annual Assembly, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 17th March 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), J. Cook, G. J. Megson, Mrs. B. Thiede, H. D. G. Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. Kirk, J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser, E. R. Stott. The Clerk and three members of the Press.

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Assembly, held on 18th March 1974, were read by the Clerk, approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Cook, sec. Coun. Wyon.

Accounts The audited statement for the year ended 31st March 1974 was presented and accepted. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Kirk.

Chairman's Report The Chairman's report mentioned the difficulties experienced with the alterations to Cemetery Lodge, repairs to the roads on the Green and the planting of trees on the Green by a resident. The Chairman also mentioned the success of the Christmas Lights. The report was accepted by the Council.

Matters Arising from the Chairman's Report

Planting of trees on the Green Coun. Megson stated that the Council should have been consulted before the trees were planted. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Ogleby who had planted the trees.

Reports from School Managers

Infants School Coun. Thiede reported that the problem of inadequate space, poor playing area and toilet facilities remains and that the prospect of a new school seems even further away because of the National Economic difficulties.

County Junior Coun. Wyon reported difficulties with staff and the problem of several 'break-ins'. Children from the Infants Schools visit the Junior School and the Fourth Year Juniors visit Thirsk School prior to moving up.

Essential Charities Coun. Allenby reported that £52 had been distributed at Christmas. Coun. Craig stressed that the money is for the poor and 'in need' and not necessarily for pensioners. The Chairman reported that holidays are available at Scarborough through the Eric Thompson Trust and the Rotary Club.

The Members were thanked for their reports.

G. J. Megson
Chairman 15/3/76
The Meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman's Report

April 1974 - March 1975

In 1974 we were engaged on the extensions and alterations at Cemetery Lodge, and up to the end of November most of our time was taken up with this problem. You all know of the trouble we had with the contractor, so I do not wish to dwell on that. We decided to engage Mr. Hopps to finish the work left undone, and I feel that we were lucky to find someone willing to finish work started by another tradesman.

Mr. Pugh was engaged as part-time gardener and did a good job tidying up the Mill Gardens until he became ill this winter.

I had received complaints about the condition of the roads around the Greens. I asked Messrs. Todd to supply quarry waste to repair the roads. Coun. Palliser offered to supervise the spreading along with Mr. Vasey. This appears to have been much appreciated by the residents.

A resident on the Green has supplied and planted trees and Mr. Woods has given us the soil to repair the Greens.

Christmas Lights were a success. Plans for next Christmas ought to be considered earlier, so that maybe we can improve on 1974.

Despite the fact that we lost £500 of the grant on Cemetery Lodge and had to meet the cost of completing the work and the interior decoration, we are still going to end the financial year without going into 'the red'.

T. W. Bateman.

Thirsk Town Council.

Managers of Thirsk County Infant School.

Thirsk Town Council is represented on the above managers committee by Dr & Thiede, and Mr J. Cook was also elected as a County Council representative. They have both attended meetings every term when matters of general and particular interest were discussed. The school retains its old problems of inadequate space, poor playing area and toilet facilities but, because of the national economic difficulties, the prospect of a new school seems even further away. Much discussion at each meeting centres on this problem and the future disposal of the Infant School building once the new school is built. Although a new full primary school for Thirsk is on the short list of the North Yorkshire Education

Committee and preliminary drawings are being made, there has not been governmental approval so far. The managers were recently unanimous in their concern over the type of new school envisaged as present county policy is for an open type of structure and not for set classrooms. They have asked the County to reconsider the type of building planned for Thirsk and to be consulted in the early stages of planning when the time comes. Numbers of children at the school remain as usual but with the added numbers of children who are "five-year-olds" admitted at the beginning of the term in which they reach 5 years. Mr. Cook was once more, a most popular Father Christmas.

Thirsk Parochial Church Council

Chairman :
Rev. J. MAINWARING-TAYLOR,
T.D.
The Vicarage,
Thirsk

Treasurer :
Mr F. PITTS,
8 Westgate,
Thirsk

Secretary :
Mrs R. NEESAM.
21 Stammergate,
Thirsk

3, THE CLOSE,
SOWERBY, THIRSK

March 17th 1975

Wrightson Charity 1974.

At a meeting held at the above address
the following trustees were present.

Mr F. Pitts in the chair.

Councillor Craig.

Councillor Allenby.

The Bank statement for 1974 was examined
and a credit balance shown of £51-89.

It was resolved that £50 be distributed
to Senior Citizens of Thirsk based on
previous list of beneficiaries and
revised by the trustees at the meeting.

This was carried out

Fred Pitts.

Horsley

Report of Junior school Managers Committee.

I9-3-75

The number on the roll at the beginning of the Spring term 1975 was 397 children.

There have been some difficulties with staff during the last year, but the headmaster, Mr Sharpe, has met them all with his usual tact. A new master from York will be starting after Easter but Mr Armstrong (scale III post) retires in July so there will be yet another change.

The Headmaster would like to put on record his sincere thanks to those members of staff who devote considerable time and effort to out of school activities. He and the managers feel that these are a very important aspect of the school education.

During January and February intruders gained entry to the school premises on several Friday evenings; little was taken and work has now been completed to improve the security of the premises.

The annual carol service was well attended both in the school and in the Sowerby Parish Church in the evening, when a collection of £ 23.55 was sent to the local treasurer of U.N.I.C.E.F. The childrens performance was of a very high standard indeed.

The school journey for fourth year pupils will be on June 14th this to London and I assume this will prove to be a very valuable education to them all.

An arrangement which shows a nice understanding of children is that during July the three first year teachers together with the headmaster visit the Infant schools to meet the incoming children, who are later entertained at the Junior school by the older pupils. Also the fourth year children accompanied by their teachers visit Thirsk School in readiness for moving up in September.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 17th March 1975 at 8.03 p.m.

Present Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), J. Cook, C. J. Megson, Mrs. B. Thiede, C. Kirk, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser, E. R. Stott.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and then were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Kirk.

Matters Arising

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Lighting - Barnett's Yard Light not yet erected.

Flatts Preservation Trust The Chairman reported on a meeting between Trust representative and members of the Hambleton District Council. The Baths are to be handed over to the H.D.C. The Round Table had submitted plans to develop part of the Flatts as a football field with changing rooms, and funds are needed. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to suspend Standing Orders.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Minute of 20th January regarding the Flatts be rescinded.' Voting was 9 in favour - Coun. Craig abstaining. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Thiede 'that this Council gives the product of a 1p. rate this year, if the scheme goes ahead.' Agreed.

Street Sweeper The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with the Treasurer's Dept. of the H.D.C. in which it was stated that the H.D.C. would pay for the work done for the District Council and the Town Council would be expected to pay for the work done on Town property. It was envisaged that a meeting would take place between members of the Council and H.D.C. Officials to agree on the proportions to be paid. It was agreed not to make any further decisions until the meeting has taken place.

Flower Baskets Couns. Kirk, Palliser, Bateman and Cook volunteered to make up the hanging flower baskets. It was agreed that up to £10 can be spent on plants etc.

Concrete Pipes It was agreed to offer the concrete bases to the Golf Club.

Footpath to Golden Fleece No reply from the owners of the Golden Fleece. It was agreed to make further enquiries regarding responsibility before the next meeting.

Footpath to Zebra Crossing Coun. Palliser reported on a meeting 'on site' with Mr. Woods who had stated that the responsibility for the footpath is that of the H.D.C.

Hambleton Estate Coun. Cook reported that the footpaths have been greatly improved.

Yorks. Arts Association Request from Yorks. Arts Ass'n to continue to receive 12 copies. It was agreed to do so and Coun. Cook offered to distribute the copies to local organisations.

History of Thirsk Map and relative document inspected. Prop. Coun. Thiede, sec. Coun. Kirk to purchase them for £4 and give them to the Civic Society. Agreed. It was agreed to obtain photostat copies.

Meeting Dates Because the school will be closed for holidays, it was agreed to hold the July meeting on the 2nd Monday (14th) and not to hold a meeting in August.

Resignation Coun. Palliser stated that he had not resigned. The Clerk reported that after the last meeting had closed Coun. Palliser had destroyed his letter of resignation. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby that the resignation be rescinded. Voting was 5 in favour - 2 against - 3 abstentions.

Cemetery Lodge The final account from L. C. Hopps for £788.98 was presented. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk that it be paid. Agreed.

The Chairman reported that rising damp had been discovered in the kitchen cupboards. Rentokil had inspected and given a report and estimate for £108 - not including the removal of the cupboards etc. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig that the work should be done. Agreed. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig that Mr. Kendall be asked to give an estimate for the Sovereign system of treatment and for the other work entailed. The lowest estimate to be accepted.

No Parking Area - Market Place A plan of the proposed 'No Parking' area was received from the H.D.C. It was agreed that the area should extend from the Post Office to the Public Conveniences. Coun. Craig reported that he had requested a 'on site' meeting to consider that, and a 'one way' traffic system.

Correspondence

Charity Bed Race Letter from Capt. Runciman, Topcliffe Barracks, requesting help towards a Charity Bed Race in aid of purchasing a Kidney Machine for Northallerton Hospital. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that a donation of £10 be made.'
Agreed.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.

Outline application for construction of a detached dwelling house - Sutton Lodge.
Use of land for construction of 2 Squash Courts - Newsham Road, Thirsk.
Construction of storage extension and repositioning of Radio Mast at Long Street.
Alterations and extension to Fish and Chip Shop, 27, Westgate, Thirsk.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Kirk,
sec. Coun. Palliser.

The Post Office	- Tax on Motor Mower	-	£ 5.00
H.D.C.	- Removal of refuse from Cemetery	-	£ .25
William Potts & Sons	- Maintenance of Town Clock	-	£ 9.45
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Quarry Waste for Greens	-	£ 34.65
E. T. Harland & Co.	- Repairs to Cemetery Mower	-	£ 12.70
R. M. Sharphouse	- Renovation Publicity Board	-	£ 20.00
D. G. Collinson	- Salary Jan. - March	-	£ 240.00
P. Smith	- Salary and Expenses Jan. - March	-	£ 66.38
P. Crossley	- Purchase of Old Map	-	£ 4.00
L. C. Hopps	- Completion of work on Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 788.98
Capt. Runciman	- Donation to Charity Bed Race	-	£ 10.00

Precept A Precept for £2,000 was signed.

Any Other Business

Headed Notepaper It was agreed that the Clerk order new headed notepaper.

Cemetery Mower It was agreed that a new mower be purchased for the Cemetery.

Kerb Coun. Megson reported a kerbstone out of place on the footpath in front of the Lord Nelson on the Green. Mr. Woods to be informed.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

I. W. Bateman

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