

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

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**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School, on Monday, 21st April 1975 at 7.40 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. T. W. Bateman (Chairman), C. J. Megson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, A. Palliser, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott, H. D. Craig, Also present - a member of the Public.  
**Apologies** Couns. Mrs. B. Thiede, J. J. Allenby.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Lamp-post - Kirkgate** No progress.

**Lighting - Barnett's Yard** Nothing reported.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Letter from the owners stated that their records do not indicate that it is their responsibility. Letter from the Chief Executive of the County Council stated that the path had not been 'adopted' but that a sensible solution would be for the County Council to take it over. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the County Council take over the path.' Agreed.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Letter from Technical Officer H.D.C. stated that he did not consider any remedial work necessary at the present time. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the H.D.C. be asked to grout the area between the flower troughs.' Agreed.

**Hambleton Estate** Letter from the County Surveyor stated that the imposition of 'waiting restrictions' at present is not justified. Coun. Craig reported that cars are now parked on one side of the road only.

**Cemetery Lodge** Estimate of £58 for damp-proofing received from Mr. Kendall - to carry out the work from the outside. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Rentokil estimate be accepted.' Voting was 6 in favour - 1 abstention.

**No Parking Area** No action taken yet. Letter to be sent to the Secretary of H.D.C. regarding this.

**Cemetery Mower** It was agreed to keep the old mower from the Cemetery for use on the Greens.

**Kerb** Kerbstone not yet back in place. It was agreed to ask the County Council to make up the footpath in front of the renovated cottages near F. D. Todd and Sons.

**Correspondence**

**Resignation** Letter of resignation received from Coun. Cook. It was agreed to accept it and send a letter of appreciation. **A Casual Vacancy** was declared - to be filled by Co-option at the next meeting.

**Thirsk Churchyard** Letter received requesting an increased donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the amount be increased to £150.' Voting was 5 in favour - 2 abstentions.

**Thirsk Church Bells** Letter received from the Vicar appealing for help towards the cost of repairing the bells. It was agreed that it be left on the table.

**War Graves Commission** Letter received proposing to make payment for the upkeep of 11 War Graves in the Cemetery every three years. Agreement given.

**National Conference of Local Councils** Invitation received to send delegates to the Conference in London in October. It was agreed to leave it on the table until the next meeting.

**The Green** Letter received from Mr. B. Ogleby regarding remarks made by Coun. Megson at the Annual Parish Meeting about the planting of trees on the Green. The letter was accepted as read.

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

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	-	£ 6.12
E. T. Harland & Co.	- New Mower for Cemetery	-	£54.15
" "	- Mower Repairs	-	£15.99
North Yorks. Ed. Comm.	- Hire of School for Meetings	-	£ 4.96
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Stone for the Green	-	£37.23

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that stones had been obtained and placed round the edge of the Green but were not yet properly set. An employee from the Cemetery had tidied up the Mill Gardens for Easter. An account would be to pay for his wages.

Any Other Business

Stones on the Green Coun. Megson registered his objections to the purchase of the stones without resolution by the Council. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that what had been done was necessary and that the stones be properly set and painted white.' Voting was 6 in favour - 1 against.

Car Park Entrance Coun. Palliser reported that the footpath should be re-instated and brought up to standard. The gully in the entrance is a danger to pedestrians. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Mr. Barclay of the County Council and Mr. Dunning, the Technical Officer H.D.C. be asked to meet Councillors on site.'

Agreed.

*E. Megson Chairman*

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School on Monday, 19th May 1975 at 8.30 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. C. Kirk, H. D. Craig, C. J. Megson, T. W. Bateman, Mrs. B. Thiede, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott, J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser - A member of the Public

**Election of Chairman** Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Wyon that Coun. Megson be elected. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Bateman that Coun. Kirk be elected.

**Voting** was Coun. Megson 5 - Coun. Kirk 4. Coun. Megson was duly elected. Coun. Megson took the Chair, thanked the Council for his election, and stated that he hoped the coming year would be one of no unnecessary expenditure due to the present economic situation.

**Election of Vice Chairman** Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Palliser that Coun. Kirk be elected. There being no other nominations, Coun. Kirk was elected.

**Appointment of School Managers**

**Thirsk County Infant** Coun. Thiede was re-appointed.

**Thirsk County Junior** Coun. Wyon was re-appointed.

**Local Councils Association** Coun. Bateman and Coun. Kirk were appointed representatives.

**Civic Society** Coun. Wyon was appointed as representative.

**Flatts Preservation Trust** Coun. Craig was appointed as representative.

**Charities** It was agreed that Couns. Craig and Allenby remain as representatives.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Lamp-post - Kirkgate** No progress.

**Lighting - Barnett's Yard** Light erected and in working order.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Letter from Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that consideration will be given to grouting the area at a later date. Coun. Palliser produced a Minute dated 17.10.66 in which it stated that the N.R.C.C. be asked to adopt the footpath. N.Y.C.C. to be asked what the reply was to this request.

**Hambleton Estate** Nothing reported.

**Cemetery Lodge** Letter from Rentokil confirming that it will be necessary for the kitchen units to be removed. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the work be done, and the account passed on to the H.D.C.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Mr. Hopps be approached to remove and replace the units in conjunction with Rentokil's operation.' Agreed.

**No Parking Area** Letter from Secretary H.D.C., stating that the H.D.C. is prepared to make an Order prohibiting the parking of traffic in the area concerned.

**The Green - Kerb** Kerb not yet in place. Mr. Woods will have the footway repaired when his workmen are again in the locality.

**National Conference of Local Councillors** It was agreed not to send a representative.

**Car Park Entrance** Coun. Bateman reported on the meeting. It was agreed to leave the matter until the works are completed.

**Co-option of New Member** No nominations received. To be re-advertised for the next meeting.

**Review of Clerk's Salary** Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Palliser to go into Committee to protect the interests of an employee. The Council's decision was that the matter be reviewed after the next election. The Chairman stated that the Clerk should be given a month to consider the decision.

**Correspondence**

**Electoral Arrangements** Copy of Local Government Boundary Commission - Initial Review of District Electoral Arrangements for the Hambleton District presented. It was agreed that it be left on the table.

**Infants School** Letter presented from the Correspondent to the Managers stating that the school will not be available for meetings after July. Prop. Coun. Palliser sec. Coun. Allenby 'that meetings continue at the school.' Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that the Chairman and Vice Chairman inspect the New Courthouse and report on it's suitability at the next meeting.' Agreed.

**Footpath - The Green** Letter presented from a resident requesting action to be taken regarding the state of the footpath from 48 to 51 The Green. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that Mr. Woods' attention be drawn to it, and a survey of all the footpaths on the Green requested.' Agreed.

**Re-naming of Streets** Letter presented from the H.D.C. giving notice of intention to pass a resolution regarding the re-naming of streets.

**Town and County Planning - Tree Preservation** Letter presented from H.D.C. regarding the Preservation of trees in Conservation Areas. It was agreed to request a copy of the new regulations for display on the Public Notice Board.

**School Sports** Request received from Thirsk Infants School for the use of the Little Green for Sports Day. It was agreed to write to the headmistress expressing the Council's pleasure that they use the Green.

**Plans** No objections were raised to the following plans:-  
Alterations to dwelling house - 79, The Green.  
Outline application for workshop and showroom - Jet Filling Station, Long Street.  
Use of land for parking and maintenance of vehicles - The Hollies, York Road.

**Accounts** Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Bateman, that 5 copies of the Local Council Review be purchased in future. Agreed. 2 accounts from E. T. Harland were withheld. The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman.

John Bell	- Rent and Wayleaves, The Holmes	- £ .31
Yorks. Assn. of L.C.	- Subscription etc.	- £35.60
Thirsk Churchyard Fund	- Donation to upkeep of Churchyard	- £75.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	- £ 9.02
N.E.E.B.	- Erection of Light - Barnett's Yard	- £48.00
R. Coates and Sons	- Felling and removing dangerous trees The Holmes	- £81.00
T. W. Bateman	- Purchase of plants, moss etc. for Hanging Baskets.	- £12.00

#### Any Other Business

**The Holmes** Coun. Bateman reported that when the two dangerous trees had been removed, other trees were also found to be unsafe. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter. The Chairman was given permission to have the grass cut on The Holmes when necessary.

**Gardener** It was reported that Mr. Pugh is no longer able to work and the Street Sweeper has not time to attend to the garden. It was agreed to ask the H.D.C. how much the Street Sweeper will cost this Council this year as he is only doing grass cutting on it's behalf.

**Resignation** Coun. Thiede delivered her letter of resignation to the Chairman. It was agreed that it be accepted as read. Coun. Thiede requested to be allowed to remain as representative on the Gas Council and as Manager at the Infants School. It was agreed that Mrs. Thiede remain on the Gas Council. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Palliser that Mrs. Thiede remain as School Manager until the Casual Vacancies are filled and a decision reached then. Agreed.

**Casual Vacancy** A casual vacancy was declared to be filled by co-option at the next meeting.

**Notice Board** Coun. Stott reported that the glass is broken in the Notice Board.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

*E. Megson*  
*Chairman* 16/6/75

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk County Infants School, on Monday, 16th June 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), T. W. Bateman, A. Palliser, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott - a member of the Public.

Apology Coun. Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were contested regarding the resignation of Coun. Thiede. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the Minute should read "that Coun. Thiede be allowed to remain on the Gas Council until the Casual Vacancies are filled".' The Minutes as amended were approved Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Lamp-post - Kirkgate No progress.

Footpath - Golden Fleece Nothing reported.

Footpath to Zebra Crossing No reply from N.Y.C.C. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the H.D.C. be asked when the grouting will be done and also to have the yellow lines renewed.' Agreed.

Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Cemetery Lodge Mr. Hopps agreed to do the work but unable to give an estimate. The Clerk reported that Rentokil had been asked to contact Mr. Hopps regarding the work. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Coun. Palliser oversee the damp proofing work on behalf of the Council.' Coun. Palliser agreed to do this.

Clerk's Salary Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Council go into Committee for the Clerk to reply to the Council's decision.' Agreed. The Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the recommended formula for clerks' salaries. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that at the next meeting the Clerk claim expenses against the Council for the use of her home as the Council Office.' Agreed.

Meeting Place The Chairman and Vice Chairman had visited the new Court House and considered it most suitable as a meeting place. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that permission be sought to use the Court House, starting in July if possible.' Agreed.

Footpaths - The Green Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that he has inspected the footpaths and will take remedial action.

Tree Preservation Copies of regulations received.

The Holmes Mr. Coates, who felled the dangerous trees, to be asked to remove the remains.

Gardener - Street Sweeper Letter from H.D.C. stating that an amount of £85 would be charged for grass cutting for the year ended March 1975. The amount for 1975/76 to be notified at a later date. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that this reply be accepted.' Agreed.

Notice Board Broken glass replaced.

Re-option of New Members Mr. Ogleby - one of the candidates - was present and was given the option of withdrawing from the meeting and chose to remain. By Majority Votes, Mr. L. Stuart and Mr. B. Ogleby were elected. The other candidates were Mr. Bevan, Mr. Wood, Mr. Blenkhorn and Mr. Cumberland.

Review of Cemetery Charges Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk meet the Cemetery Superintendent to review the charges and report back to the next meeting.' Agreed.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig 'to apply to the County Council to have the footpath behind Nos. 5 - 14 Norby diverted and use the footpath along the front of the houses.' Voting was 6 in favour, Coun. Megson against.

Employment of Part Time Gardener The Chairman reported that Mr. Cartman had tidied up the Mill Gardens. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the Chairman approach Mr. Collinson to give a price to keep tidy the Mill Gardens and Little Green Garden.' Agreed.

## Correspondence

**The Green** Letter from residents of The Green presented complaining of children playing football on the Little Green and mis-using the seats. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig 'that no action be taken regarding the children' Agreed. It was agreed that the seats should either be fixed down or moved to another site.

**Street Plan** Letter from Forward Publicity presented regarding the publication of a revised Street Plan. It was agreed that the text remain the same, that the lettering on the cover be blue and that the Clerk amend the map as necessary.

**Play Equipment** Inspection report from Chas. Wicksteed presented, recommending the need for two replacement seats for the swings. The report and recommendation was accepted and two seats to be ordered.

**Plans** No objections were made to the following plans

Outline application for construction of storage and workshop buildings  
8 & 10, Long Street;

Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling house, 86, The Green, Thirsk.

## Accounts

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

E. T. Harland & Co.	-	New Mower for Cemetery	-	£ 53.28
"	-	Mower Repairs	-	£ 16.96
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol for Cemetery	-	£ 5.52
H.D.C.	-	Removal of Cemetery Refuse	-	£ 6.00
H.D.C.	-	1 Year's Rates Cemetery Ld.	-	£ 43.67
D. G. Collinson	-	Salary Apl. - Jun. & Dividends-	-	£247.00
F. D. Todd & Sons	-	Cobbles for The Green	-	£ 18.58
Peat & Son	-	Headed Notepaper	-	£ 18.50
Dept. of Environment	-	Audit Fee	-	£ 52.92
P. Smith	-	Salary & Expenses Apl. - Jun.	-	£ 64.03
N.Y.C.C.	-	Amenity Lighting - Market Pl.	-	£206.46

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Mill Gardens had been tidied, the Little Green Garden cleared, The Holmes grass cut and the flower troughs in the Market Place replanted. The seats in the Bus Shelter need repairing. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the Chairman ask Mr. Hopps to carry out the repairs.' Agreed.

## Any Other Business

**Hambleton Estate** Coun. Bateman had received a complaint about a dog belonging to a resident of Hambleton Estate. Coun. Craig agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Housing Dept. of H.D.C.

**Our Park** Coun. Craig reported the dumping of rubbish on The Marriage. The matter had already been taken up by the Chairman.

**Lighting - Barnett's Yard and Market Place** The Chairman suggested that the H.D.C. be approached to see if they will re-imburse this Council for the amount of these accounts.

**Long Street** Mr. Woods' attention to be drawn to the state of the frontage of Calverts 121, Long Street, where stagnant water stands.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

*J. Megson*

**Minutes of a Meeting of Shirk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 21st July 1975 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), G. Kirk, A. Palliser, H. D. Craig, E. E. Stott, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, J. J. Allenby, L. Stuart, B. Ogleby.  
Apology - Coun. T. W. Bateman.

Coun. Stuart and Coun. Ogleby signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Book and were welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Lamp-post - Kirkgate** No progress.

**Footpath to Golden Eleece** No progress reported. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the County Council be asked if the path has been dedicated and to take immediate action to bring it up to standard.' Agreed.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Letter from H.D.C. stating that the area will again be inspected in the not too distant future. Letter from Mr. Woods stating that the path was taken over by the County Council in October 1966 and they will undertake any repairs to the path which in their opinion are necessary. It was agreed to ask the County Council to have it made up to a safe standard.

**Quatery Lodge** A letter to the H.D.C. regarding the dampness, drafted by Couns. Palliser and Kirk and approved by the Chairman, was read to the meeting. The reply from the Environmental Health Officer was also read. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that this Council is not convinced that a damp course has been injected and wish to meet the Technical Officer and Environmental Health Officer on site at their convenience.' Agreed. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Coun. Palliser to attend.

**Clerk's Salary** The Chairman decreed that the Council should go into Committee to protect the interests of a member of staff. The Clerk stated that she had been advised that £150 would be a suitable amount for the use of her home as an office. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to suspend Standing Orders.' Agreed. After a debate it was agreed that a rise in salary be given instead of expenses. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the Clerk's Salary be raised by £150 per year.' Voting was 7 in favour. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the rise commence on 1st August 1975.' Agreed. The Clerk stated that in future she would not be making a claim for half her telephone rental.

**Meeting Place** Members expressed their satisfaction with the new meeting place. It was agreed that a meeting be held in August.

**Footpaths - The Green** Work completed.

**The Holmes** Tree remains removed.

**Quatery Charges** The recommendations of the sub-committee had been circulated to the other members. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the recommendations of the sub-committee be accepted.' On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig 'to postpone discussion until the next meeting.' Voting was 5 - 4 in favour of the amendment.

**Diversions of Norby Footpath** Letter from the County Surveyor stated that it is necessary for the Hambleton District Council, as owners of the path, to confirm that they are willing to make formal application for the diversion. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to act in accordance with the directions of the County Surveyor.' Agreed.

**Employment of Part-time Gardener** Gardens tidied up by an employee of Mr. Collinson. No price yet received from Mr. Collinson.

**Seats - The Green** It was agreed that the seats should be fastened down. Members to suggest suitable sites on the Little Green at the next meeting.

**Street Plan** Letter from Forward Publicity stated that the Council will be given 500 free copies. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that the Clerk be given authority to order a further 500 copies at a cost of up to £20.' Agreed.

**Play Equipment** Coun. Kirk and Coun. Palliser agreed to attend to the fixing of the new seats. It was agreed that the swing seats be taken down in winter.

**Car Park** Rubbish not yet removed.

**Lighting** No reply from the H.D.C.



Long Street Mr. Woods taking action.

Notice of Motion - re toilets. Coun. Palliser and seconder Coun. Craig agreed to withdraw the motion.

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that this Council draws the attention of the Local Authority (Hambleton District Council) to the urgent need for public toilets, including facilities for disabled persons, on the Millgate Car Park at Thirak.' Agreed.

### Correspondence

Parking Letter from Mr. Woods presented - regarding parking on waste land opposite the Norby Depot. It was agreed to pass on the letter to the Hambleton District Council.

Transfer of Licence Statutory Notice from Mr. D. Torr presented - of his intention to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Red Bear Hotel.

Yorks. P.C.A. Preliminary notice of A.G.M. on 20th September presented.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.

Construction of Detatched Dwelling House and Garage - Station Road.  
Construction of a Pair of Semi-detached Bungalows - St. Mary's Way.  
Extensions to Dwelling - 27, Stammergate.  
Construction of 11 Bungalows - St. Mary's Walk.  
Erection of 146 Private Dwelling Houses and Garages - Dowber Lane.

### Accounts

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

Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Combined Policy	-	£36.40
G. Smith & Son	- Glass for Notice Board	-	£ 5.14
	and fixing		
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes	-	£17.28
Chas. Wicksteed	- Seats for swings	-	£ 5.89
Thirak Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	-	£ 2.80

Precept A precept for £2,500 was signed. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Wyon.

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the seats on the Green and in the Bus Shelter are being repaired. Permission had been sought for the placing of a trade notice in the bus shelter. It was agreed that it should be refused. The Holmes had been out for a second time and overhanging tree branches cut off. a building on the Green was for sale for £350. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Clerk make an approach to purchase, for no more than £350, the building situated on the Little Green now in the occupancy of Mr. Parling. The cost of legal fees to be shared.' Agreed.

### Any Other Business

Crossing - Norby Coun. Craig stressed the need for a crossing for children going from Norby Estate to the play area. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the N.Y.C.C. be asked for a safe crossing for children crossing from the Norby Estate to The Holmes.' Agreed.

Car Park Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members meet Mr. Woods on site to consider alterations to the road and pedestrian safety.' Agreed.

Dogs Coun. Ogleby drew the Council's attention to the dangers and diseases caused by dogs. Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the Council would wish to see the bye-law regarding the fouling of footpaths enforced and the attention of the H.D.C. drawn to the problem of stray dogs in the Thirak area.' Agreed. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to supply notice boards with the wording 'Childrens' Play Area -Dogs Prohibited'. Coun. Palliser and Coun. Ogleby agreed to see to the erection of the notices.

SITTING

*G. E. H. H. H. H. H.*  
*Chairman*  
18/8/75

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 18th August 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

**Matters Arising**

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Letter from County Council stated that Trust Houses Forte have not yet confirmed that the footpath is not their responsibility. It was reported that the path has been made safe by the County Council.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Cemetery Lodge** Meeting arranged and taken place. Neither Departments of the H.D.C. present would take responsibility for the damp course.

a letter from Dean Securities Ltd., was presented asking if all the monies due to G. Roebuck Ltd under the contract had been paid. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the letter be noted and left on the table.' Agreed.

**Diversions of Norby Footpath** Letter from the Secretary, H.D.C. stated that the observations of the Planning and Technical Departments had been requested.

**Seats** It was agreed to leave the siting of the 'Green' seats until next Spring. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that Mr. Hopps be approached with regard to treating the wood seats which are the property of the Town Council'. Agreed.

**Street Plan** Nothing reported.

**Play Equipment** Couns. Kirk and Palliser had not considered it necessary to replace the seats at present.

**Car Park** The Chairman agreed to attempt to get the rubbish removed.

**Public Toilets** Letter from the Secretary, H.D.C., stating that money is not available for permanent toilets at the present time. The question of portable toilets as a temporary measure was being investigated.

**Parking - Norby** Letter from Technical Officer, H.D.C., stated that the matter should be dealt with by the Town Council. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that no further action be taken by this Council with reference to the letter regarding Willow Garth.' Agreed.

**Building - The Green** The owner of the building had received a much larger offer. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that this Council do not extend the offer.' Agreed.

**Crossing - Norby** Letter from County Surveyor stated that he could not recommend the provision of a pedestrian crossing. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that the County Council be asked to "notice" the road - CAREFUL 2 CHILDREN CROSSING - from both the North and South approaches.' Agreed.

**Car Park** It was reported that the meeting had taken place. Mr. Woods was prepared to co-operate with the H.D.C. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that access to the small Car Park be closed from the Millgate end and that access be gained at the West end.' Agreed.

**Accounts** Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Stott 'that in addition to the Agenda an 'Accounts for Payment' list be circulated to Councillors.' Agreed.

**Dogs** Letter from Environmental Health Officer suggested that the H.D.C. be asked to consider the appointment of dog catchers to deal with the problem of stray dogs. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to act on Mr. Parker's advice re- the appointment of dog catchers.' Agreed.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that Coun. Kirk represents the Council on the Gas Consumers' Council and Coun. Palliser as Manager at Thirsk County Infants School.' Voting was 8 in favour - Couns. Megson and Wyon abstaining.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that No Smoking be allowed at any meeting of the Town Council.' Voting was 9 in favour - Coun. Craig against.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that Hambleton Council be requested to take over full responsibility for maintenance, operation and running costs of Thirsk Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge.' Coun. Palliser requested a recorded vote. In favour - Couns. Kirk, Allenby, Ogleby, Craig, Stott, Bateman, Wyon, Palliser. Against - Couns. Megson and Stuart.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Craig 'that this Council applies for a Pelican Crossing to replace the Zebra Crossing in the Market Place.'

Agreed.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that this Council takes action regarding the noise and danger from low flying aircraft over Thirsk.'

Agreed.

### Correspondence

North Yarks County Structure Plan Letter from County Planning Officer inviting views on the plan by 8th Sept. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun.

Allenby 'to await the draft plan before commenting.' Agreed.

Transfer of Licence Statutory notice from Mr. A. Leary of his intention to apply for the licence of the Blacksmith's Arms.

Flatts Preservation Trust Letter presented requesting the money promised towards the Football Field project and asking if the grant will be an annual one. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the promised precept be paid as requested.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. rate is guaranteed for next year.' Voting was 9 in favour - Coun. Criag abstaining.

Plans It was agreed that the plans will be available at 7.15 p.m. preceding the Council meeting at 7.30 p.m.

The following plans were inspected and no objections made.

Display of internally illuminated fascia sign - J. Swales, Long Street.

Change of use from Office to Dwelling Unit - 49, Market Place.

Construction of 33 Elderly Persons Flatlets - Gillings Court.

Outline application for Detached Dwelling House - land adjacent to Thirsk Vicarage.

Change of use of disused Dwelling House to Folk Museum - 16, Kirkgate.

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

North Yarks. Education Comm.	- Use of School for Meetings	- £ 3.90
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	- £ 9.68
Flatts Preservation Trust	- Grant to Football Field	-
	Project	- £1400.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that Mr. Woods had arranged for the removal of the concrete pipe from the river. Letter of thanks to be sent.

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the dangers of buses and caravans going up Sutton Bank.

### Any Other Business

Parking - Market Place Coun. Wyon expressed concern at bad parking on the Market Place. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the H.D.C. be asked to introduce Disc Parking' in Thirsk Market Place.' Voting was 6 - 4 in favour.

Litter Bins Coun. Ogleby stressed the need for more litter bins. It was agreed to request a second allocation.

*C/Mr. G. S. 15/9/75.*  
The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday 15th September 1975 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), L. Stuart, H. D. Craig, A. Palliser, B. Ogleby, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, J. J. Allenby, C. Kirk.  
**Apologies** Couns. E. R. Stott, T. W. Bateman.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that the Chairmen of the N.Y.C.C. and the H.D.C. be asked to find out who is responsible for the footpath'. Agreed.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** No further reply yet from the Secretary of the H.D.C.

**Seats** Estimate for £97.60 received from Mr. Hopps to treat all the wooden seats.  
Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that the seats on the retaining wall of the Little Green be dismantled and the wall made good. Mr. Hopps' estimate be accepted less the amount for the fixed wall seats on the Little Green.' Agreed.

**Street Plan** Nothing reported.

**Play Equipment** It was agreed that the swing seats and chains should be taken down for the winter months. Coun. Palliser agreed to be responsible for this.

**Public Toilets** Nothing reported.

**Crossing - Norby** County Council unable to provide requested signs because they are not specified in the Traffic Signs Manual. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the County Council be asked if there are any alternative signs to the one requested.' Agreed.

**Car Park** The Clerk had been informed by a member of the Technical Officer's Department that the matter is in hand.

**Dogs** Letter from the Secretary of the H.D.C. stated that the employment of a dog catcher at present is felt to be undesirable. 'Stray Dogs' to be on the next Agenda.

**Representation on School Management and Gas Consumers' Council** Letter from the Gas Consumers' Council stated that one elected, members are normally allowed to serve until the end of the term of office. It was agreed that this letter be left on the table and members be given sight of the letter to the Gas Consumers' Council at the next meeting.

**Thirsk Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge** The Secretary of the H.D.C. considered it unlikely that the H.D.C. will assume responsibility. A further reply awaited.

**Pelican Crossing** County Surveyor arranging a pedestrian/vehicle count at the Zebra Crossing.

**Low Flying Aircraft** The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to R.A.F. Leeming, the C.A.A. and Farm Supplies Ltd. No replies yet received. It was agreed that the matter be left for a month and be put on the next Agenda.

**North Yorkshire County Structure Plan** The County Planning Officer would still like to receive the views of this Council.

**Parking - Market Place** Request for Disc Parking passed on to the County Surveyor. It was reported that Disc Parking for Thirsk has been discussed by H.D.C. in June. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that this Council wish to receive a copy of Minutes in which Thirsk is involved.' A Recorded Vote was taken - in Favour Couns. Megson, Palliser, Ogleby, Kirk, Allenby, Wyon, Stuart, Craig. A debate took place on the white and yellow lines put on the Market Place by the H.D.C. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that we deplore the marking of Thirsk Market Place in the method that has been adopted.' Voting - 7 in favour - Coun. Craig abstaining. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that this Council would approve the H.D.C. "Disc Parking" Thirsk Market Place with necessary white lines only.' Voting was 5 in favour - Couns. Megson, Stuart and Craig abstaining.

Litter Bins No second allocation available. Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Palliser 'to provide 3 new litter bins at a cost of no more than £10.' Agreed.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that Thirsk Council applies for the powers of the Road Traffic Act 1972, Section 31, to cover Thirsk.' Agreed. Request to go to the N.Y.C.C. for all roads in Thirsk.

Notice of Motion - Flatts Preservation Trust Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'to suspend Standing Orders.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that this Council has reconsidered the matter and rescinded their promise of the product of a 1/2p. rate for next year.' Voting - 6 in favour - Couns. Megson and Stuart Against.

#### Correspondence

North Yorkshire County Council Letter from County Surveyor presented - asking that requests be sent to the correct departments.

Transfer of Licence Notice of Intention from Mr. C. D. Owens to apply for the licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor for the Austin Reed Group.

Transfer of Licence Notice of intention from Mr. E. J. Perkins to apply for the licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor at Fine Fare Ltd, Thirsk.

Street Cleansing, etc. Letter from the Secretary H.D.C. asking to attend the next meeting along with the Technical Officer to discuss (a) Street Cleansing etc (b) Grass Cutting etc. It was agreed that they be invited to the October meeting and be told (a) Street Cleansing and the emptying of Litter Bins are not this Council's function. (b) Grass Cutting is part of this Council's responsibility - The Holmes, The Greens and the Mill Gardens.

Recreational Facilities - Joint Provision in the Planning of Educational Establishments Letter from the Secretary H.D.C. presented - 'Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'that this Council would wish for the sharing of playing field facilities that may be available at the new school.' Agreed.

Plans No objections were made to the following plan  
Extensions to Dwelling House - 6, Barbeck, York Road, Thirsk.

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

#### Accounts as circulated

Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Motor Mower Ins.	-	£ 4.50
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes etc.	-	£ 33.48
Peat & Son	- Meeting Notices	-	£ 11.72
P. Smith	- Salary July - Sept.	-	£ 75.00
"	- Expenses	-	£ 12.84
D. G. Collinson	- Salary July - Sept.	-	£225.00
"	- B.B. Clerical Work	-	£ 15.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	-	£ 2.76

#### Additional Accounts

D. G. Collinson	- Tidying Mill Gardens	-	£ 36.00
L. C. Hopps	- Repairs to Bus Shelter Seats	-	£ 70.98
"	- Repairs at Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 24.15

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that a corner of the Cemetery Gate had been knocked by a lorry. Mr. Kendall had been asked to carry out the necessary repairs. The Chairman's action was approved.

#### Any Other Business

The Holmes Coun. Allenby reported that a ratepayer had offered to cut The Holmes and tidy up in exchange for the grass. The offer was accepted.

Chamber of Trade It was reported that an invitation will be received to send representatives to the next meeting of the Chamber of Trade. It was agreed that Couns. Palliser and Ogleby should go.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

*E. J. Megson*  
Chairman. 20-10-75

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 20th October 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), L. Stuart, H. D. Craig, A. Palliser, T. W. Bateman, C. Kirk, J. J. Allenby, B. Ogleby, E. R. Stott, Mrs. A. M. Wyon.  
Also present to discuss Street Cleansing - Mr. R. H. Peacock, Secretary H.D.C., and Mr. G. Flanagan - Assistant Technical Officer H.D.C.

**Street Cleansing** Mr. Peacock explained the H.D.C.'s policy on Street Cleansing etc. The H.D.C. will pay three fifths of the cost of Street Cleansing - the Town Council to pay the remaining two fifths and to bear the full cost of grass cutting and any other miscellaneous amenity services. Mr. Flanagan outlined the duties of the Street Sweeper. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that we accept the proposals put by Mr. Peacock and Mr. Flanagan on behalf of the H.D.C.' Voting was 8 in favour - Couns. Palliser and Ogleby abstaining.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Replies received from the Chairmen of the H.D.C. and N.Y.C.C. A letter from the Deputy County Surveyor stated that he hopes soon to have a reply from Trust Houses Forte Ltd, and if it is confirmed that the footpath is the responsibility of the County Council they will carry out whatever repairs are required to ensure the safety of the public.

**Footpath - Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** It was agreed that the H.D.C. be asked for a reply regarding this.

**Street Plan** Nothing reported.

**Public Toilets** Nothing reported.

**Crossing - Norby** The County Council will arrange for the erection of 'Children' signs.

**Representation on N.E. Gas Consumers' Council and School Management** Letter to N.E.G.C.C. read to the meeting. It was agreed that Mrs. Thiede is still a member of the N.E.G.C.C. Letter presented from the Correspondent to the Managers of Thirsk County Infants School stating that it is necessary to obtain the agreement of the other minor authorities concerned to the change of Manager. Coun. Palliser withdrew his nomination and it was agreed that Mrs. Thiede remain as School Manager.

**Thirsk Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge** No further reply yet received.

**Parking - Market Place - Minutes** Letter received from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that Minutes from October 1975 - March 1976 will be supplied at a cost of £2.70.

**Litter Bins** Letter from Environmental Health Officer stated that the cost of Litter Bins is £5.55 + V.A.T. each. It was agreed not to purchase.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that Standing Orders are suspended in order to debate again the Council's decision regarding the giving of a grant to the Flatts Preservation Trust in the next financial year.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that this Council now guarantees the product of a 1p rate for next year.' Unanimously agreed.

**Stray Dogs and Dogs not on leads** A letter from the County Surveyor stated that it would be premature to take any action until the publication of the report of the Working Party set up by the Dept. of the Environment. It was agreed that the scope of the order should cover all roads in Thirsk. Sowerby P.C. to be informed.

**Low Flying Aircraft** Letters from the Civil Aviation Authority and the Officer Commanding R.A.F. Leeming were read to the meeting and accepted.

**Christmas Lights** Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that we have lights to the same standard as last year.' Agreed. Electricians in Thirsk to be invited to tender before next meeting. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that Sowerby P.C. be asked if they would care to make a contribution to Thirsk Christmas Lights.' Voting 9 in favour - Coun. Megson abstaining.

## Correspondence

Junior Civic Society Letter from Thirsk Junior Civic Society presented offering assistance in improvement schemes. It was agreed to ask them to continue to maintain the flower trough outside the Nat/West Bank and to ask if they will clear the path alongside Whitelass Beck from Holmeshead to the Waterfall Bridge.

Transfer of Licence Notice of intention received from Mr. J. B. Edwards to apply for the licence of the Royal Oak Hotel.

## Plans

No objections were raised to the following plans

**Construction of an Internally Illuminated Pole Mounted Sign at White Horse Filling Station, Long Street.**

Alterations to Existing Shop Unit to include provision of a New Shop Front at 45, Market Place.

**Display of Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 45, Market Place.**  
 Alternations to existing double sided fascia sign.

Alterations to existing dwelling at 21, Ingramgate.

**Construction of Toilet Block at Cheap Ring, Thirsk Racecourse.**

Construction of a Porch on Mobile Home at 12, Millbank Court, Station Road.

Members expressed concern over the height of the Ariel Mast on the proposed Extension to existing warehouse at Farm Supplies Co., Long Street.

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

Accounts as circulated

J. Cartman	-	Clearing Shrubby at Mill Gardens	-	£30.00
F. Kendall	-	Rebuilding damaged wall at Cemetery	-	£31.21
Codbeck Int. D.BD.	-	Drainage Rates - Holmes & Messing	-	£ 1.80
Thirk Motors	-	Petrol for Cemetery	-	£ 2.76
J. Bell	-	Wayleaves	-	£ .11
Ham. Dist. Council	-	Minutes - Oct. '75 - Mar. '76	-	£ 2.70

### Additional Account

Thirsk Churchyard Fund	Second half of donation	-	\$75.00
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## Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that alterations to the Car Park entrance would cost approximately \$100.00. Members were reminded of the Remembrance Day Service. A wreath had been ordered on behalf of the Town Council.

**Any Other Business**

No Waiting Area The H.D.C.'s attention to be drawn to their previous letter regarding a 'No Waiting' area behind the Post Office.

Yorks. P.C.A. Meeting Coun. Bateman had attended. Details of the use of schools at weekends and during holidays had been requested.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

14-11-75

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 17th November 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, A. Palliser, T. W. Bateman, B. Ogleby, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk.  
**Apologies** Couns. J. J. Allenby, L. Stuart.

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

### Matters Arising

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Diversion of Morby Footpath** The Chairman reported that no action was being taken by H.D.C. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that the H.D.C. be asked to request the County Council to bring this footpath up to a safe standard.' Voting 6 in favour - Coun. Megson against.

**Street Plan** The Clerk reported that a representative of Forward Publicity is canvassing for advertising in the Street Plan. Some advertisers had been dis-satisfied with the method of distribution of the previous plan. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that this Council seeks the observations of the Chamber of Trade with reference to the Street Plan.' Agreed. Reply to be requested for the next meeting.

**Public Toilets** Reply from the H.D.C. that no further action is being taken. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to write to the M.P. drawing his attention to the lack of toilet facilities for Disabled Persons in the Millgate Car Park.' Agreed.

**Crossing - Norby** Further letter from the County Surveyor stating that permission would have to be obtained from the Dept. of the Environment for the erection of the signs.

**Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge** It was reported that no action is being taken by the H.D.C.

**Parking - Market Place** The Secretary of H.D.C. stated that the observations of the County Surveyor have not yet been received. The Chamber of Trade had raised objections to Disc Parking.

**Stray Dogs** Letter from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that the Environmental Health Officer finds there is no particular Public Health nuisance or danger at Thirsk. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that this matter be left until the January 1976 meeting.' Agreed.

**No Waiting Area** Letter from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that the Variation Order will be sealed during the next week and notices published hereafter.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that double yellow lines be requested from the front entrance of the British Legion Club, continuing into Pick's Lane to a distance of approximately 31 yards on both the North and South sides of the road.' Agreed.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that Speed Limit Signs of 30M.P.H. be requested at the Hambleton Drive and Sutton Road accesses to the Hambleton Estate.' Voting was 2 in favour - 3 against. Motion failed.

**Christmas Lighting** Only 1 tender received. Quotation from J. Whiting for £1.80 per hour + cost of materials. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Palliser 'to accept the quotation at a maximum of 100 hours.' Agreed. Lights to be on from 18th December - 6th January '76.

### Correspondence

**Swimming Baths Committee** Request from the Secretary H.D.C. for a representative on the new committee of Thirsk Swimming Baths. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Coun. Bateman be appointed.' Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that Coun. Megson be appointed.' Voting - 2 in favour of Coun. Megson - 4 in favour of Coun. Bateman. Coun. Bateman appointed.

**Diversion of Footpaths** Formal notice received of Diversion of Footpath Orders for paths from Stockton Road to South Dowber Lane.



Dogs Fouling The Greens Letter from Supt. of Police presented regarding a complaint made by Coun. Ogleby against Mr. J. D. Firth. It was agreed that a reply be sent stating that this Council upholds the laws regarding dogs.

Cemetery Superintendent's Salary Letter presented from Mr. Collinson requesting a substantial increase in salary. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec Coun. Craig 'that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.' Agreed. It was agreed to have Cemetery Lodge valued by the Rent Officer.

**Plans** No objections were made to the following plans.

**Construction of 3 Detached Bungalows on Plots 25, 42, 52 St. Mary's Walk.**

**Construction of a Private Garage at Station Road.**

Demolition of Disused Corn Mill and provision of Warehouse Units and

Parking Space at 40, Long Street.

Outline Application for one Dwellinghouse at Stockton Road.

Outline Application for one Dwellinghouse at Long Street.

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

### Accounts as circulated

Yorks. Water Authy.	- Water Rate-Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge	- £ 5.55
Hambleton Dist. Coun.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge	- £43.66

### Additional Accounts

Thirak Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 3.36
D. G. Collinson	- Work in Mill Gardens	- £12.00

## Burial Grants

Mr. & Mrs. Spence	23	B2	£	7.00
Frederick Freeman	8	C2	£	7.00
Margery Freeman	28	G5	£	7.00
George Bendelow	13	B2	£	7.00
Francis Alfred Cartwright	18	B2	£	7.00
Edith Annie Armstrong	22	A4	£	7.00
A. W. Dalton	22	B2	£	7.00
J. W. Todd	2	B3	£	7.00
G. R. Minnikin	14	B2	£	7.00
Charles Edwin & Eva Emily Brown	11	B2	£	7.00
Robert Lawrence Hall	7	B2	£	7.00
Eileen Wood	16	B2	£	7.00
Timothy Patrick Murphy	40.41	B2	£	14.00

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he has planted the trough outside the Nat/West Bank and the other troughs had been planted by the White Swan Gardening Club. He asked if any member had experienced difficulties with bus services for hospital visiting. The question of the charge for an infant buried in an adult sized grave space was discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

15-12-75

*C. H. Neeson*  
*- Hamilton*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 15th December 1975 at 7.45 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser, B. Ogleby, C. Kirk, T. W. Bateman, L. Stuart, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott.  
**Apology** Coun. H. D. Craig.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'That the attention of the County Council be drawn to the state of the footpath and to ask for it to be salted.' Agreed.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** A letter from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that a decision had not been reached and that the matter would be considered again at a meeting on 16th January.

**Street Plan** The Chamber of Trade suggest a minimum charge of 5p for copies of the Street Plan. The Chamber of Trade also suggest a display board on the Bus Shelter containing a map of Thirsk and Sowerby and information about local bodies, services etc. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to agree to the suggestions of the Chamber of Trade.' Agreed.

**Public Toilets** Copy of a letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. to John Spence, M.P., giving reasons why toilets can not be provided for Thirsk at the present time was read to the meeting.

**Crossing - Norby** Nothing reported.

**Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge** Coun. Palliser returned the documents relating to Cemetery Lodge to the Clerk. The Cemetery Superintendent had requested that no action be taken regarding the damp proofing until the better weather. Coun. Palliser reported that scrap left at Cemetery Lodge had been valued at £2.00. Coun. Palliser declared an interest. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the scrap at Cemetery Lodge as the result of the alterations be sold for £2.00.' Agreed.

**Christmas Lights** Erection of lights in progress.

**Parking - Market Place and Pick's Lane** Letter from the County Surveyor stated that he is to look into the management of parking in Thirsk and will consider the request regarding Pick's Lane at the same time. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Couns. Allenby and Craig should meet the County Surveyor to discuss this.' Agreed.

**Diversion of Footpaths** Copies of Diversion Orders presented. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Mr. J. Barker's attention be drawn to the fact that the stile at the extreme east end of the fence is inadequate to accommodate the public.' Agreed.

**Dogs Fouling The Greens** The Supt. of Police had advised that a warning letter be sent to Mr. Firth. It was agreed that such a letter be sent.

**Plans** Petition received from Mr. R. Lofthouse and other residents of Long Street against the application for the provision of warehouses and parking space at 40, Long St. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the petition be forwarded to the Planning Officer.' Agreed.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that Thirsk and Sowerby Councils should amalgamate.' Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that Sowerby P.C. be approached to discuss the possibilities of a joint Council.' Agreed.

**Cemetery Superintendent's Salary** The Chairman declared the Council 'in Committee' to discuss the application for a rise in salary. Certificate of Fair Rent of £5.00 per week (exclusive of Rates) received from the Rent Officer. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the pay of Mr. D. G. Collinson, the Cemetery Superintendent, be increased by £300 per annum to £1,200, as from 1st January 1976, and that all the other conditions of the agreement between Thirsk Town Council and Mr. Collinson, dated the 18th March 1974 remain as at present.' Agreed.

Cemetery Charges Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the sub-committee's recommendations of 24th June 1975 be accepted.' Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that the H.D.C. be approached for some financial assistance towards the running of the Cemetery.' Agreed.

Correspondence

Mrs. Thiede Letter from Mrs. B. Thiede presented thanking the Council for allowing her to remain as School Manager at Thirsk Infants School.

Adoption of Advance Payments Letter from the County Surveyor presented regarding the Adoption of the Advance Payments Code of the Highways Act 1959 and asking for assistance in the placing of notices etc. It was agreed to adhere to the requests in the letter.

Capital and Revenue Estimates Letter presented from the Treasurer H.D.C. regarding Capital and Revenue Estimates for 1976/77. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'to ask the H.D.C. how much they estimate the Street Sweeper will cost this Council in the next financial year.' Agreed.

Plans No objections had been made to the following plans.

Layout of Land for Construction of 41 Dwellinghouses with Private Garages at O.S. 4352 Thirsk. (Outline).

Construction of Building to comprise Offices, Store, Workshop and Garage at Long Street.

Construction of Front Porch at 'Culantern', Sutton Road.

Construction of Building to comprise Double Squash Court, Changing Rooms and provision of Parking Space at Newsham Road.

Outline Application for Construction of 2 Detached Dwellinghouses at Cemetery Road.

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

Accounts as circulated

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	- Wreaths for Remembrance Day	-	£ 4.30
	1974 & 1975		
D. G. Collinson	- Salary & Dividends	- Oct. - Dec.	£247.00
	" B.B. Clerical Work		
P. Smith	- Salary	Oct. - Dec.	£ 96.04
	Expenses		

Additional Accounts

Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Cover for Christmas Lights	-	£ 10.00
L. C. Hopps	- Making and fixing Signs for	-	£ 40.39
	The Greens		

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that Mr. Kendall had been asked to repair the wall at Mill Gardens. Mr. Cartman had given bulbs for the flower trough outside the Nat/West Bank and a flowering tree which had been planted in the Mill Gardens. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Cartman and letter of appreciation to the C of T for the Christmas Tree in the Market Place. The Chairman also reported cars crossing the grass on St. James' Green. Reminder letters to be sent to the offenders.

Any Other Business

Flatts Preservation Trust It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Miss Warner for giving 2 acres of land to the Flatts Preservation Trust.

Community Service Coun. Bateman proposed that information be obtained regarding Community Service work by offenders with a view to a local offender working on the Greens.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

*G. E. Megson*  
*Chairman*

19-1-76.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 19th January 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, L. Stuart, A. Palliser, B. Ogleby, J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott, T. W. Bateman, C. Kirk.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing yet reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** A letter from Mr. Woods stated that the work will be done when men are available. The path is gritted along with others in the Market Place.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** The Chairman reported that this matter had not been discussed at the H.D.C. meeting on 16th January. It was agreed to ask when a decision will be made.

**Agenda** It was agreed that the above aitema remain on the agenda until they have been satisfactorily resolved.

**Street Plan** Nothing reported.

**Grossing - Norby** Nothing reported.

**Christmas Lights** Donation of £50.00 received from Sowerby Parish Council towards the Lights.

**Parking - Pick's Lane and Market Place** Coun. Criag reported on a meeting between Mr. Barker of the County Surveyor's Dept., a member of the Police and representatives of the British Legion. It had been agreed that the 'No Waiting' area should extend from in front of the house on the corner to the rear entrance of the British Legion Club. The Chairman reported that Double Yellow Lines are to be put on the road at the entrance to the Millgate Car Park. A letter from the County Surveyor's Dept. stated that a survey of parking in the Market Place is to be carried out. When firm proposals are made this Council will be given the opportunity to comment.

**Diversion of Footpaths** The stile is not the responsibility of Mr. Barker. The Chairman reported that Yeadons Builders are going to rectify the matter.

**Plans** The petition had arrived too late. The plans had been passed with restrictions.

**Amalgamation with Sowerby** Letter received from Sowerby Parish Council rejecting the suggestion of a joint Council.

**Cemetery Charges** It was agreed that the new Cemetery Charges should commence as from this day. The Cemetery Superintendent had recommended that the charge for walled graves should be doubled. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Stott 'to accept the Superintendent's recommendation'. On an amendment Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet the Superintendent to discuss this matter.' Voting 7 in favour of the amendment. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that H.D.C. be asked to make a contribution of 50% towards the maintenance of the Cemetery property.' Agreed.

**Revenue Estimates** A letter from the Treasurer's Dept. stated that in future an account for payment in respect of Street Sweeping etc. will be submitted. It was estimated that Street Sweeping from Oct. 1975 to March 1976 will cost £520 and grass cutting £100 for the year. Next year's estimate for Street Sweeping is £1070. Prop. Coun. Craig sec. Coun. Palliser 'to precept for the product of a 2p rate for the next year and to agree to adopt the procedure of the H.D.C.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that this Council will be responsible for grass cutting.' Agreed. It was agreed to withdraw by way of precept all the credit balance with the H.D.C.

**Community Service** Letter from the Community Service Organiser offering to attend a meeting to explain the work of the Community Service. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

**Fallen Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck** It was agreed that the trees should be cleared. Two quotations had been received. 1. £165.00 or by the hour at £4.50 per hour. 2. £97.00. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Mr. Peckitt's quotation for £97.00 be accepted and he be asked to start immediately.' Agreed.

**Stray Dogs** The 'findings' of the Committee not yet received.

## Correspondence

**Provision and Maintenance of Public Seats** Letter from H.D.C. presented stating it's policy on Public Seats, and requesting that Parish Councils take over the responsibility for seats provided by former authorities. The H.D.C. will not provide public seats. It was agreed that the form accepting responsibility be signed.

**Yorkshire Arts Association** Letter presented reminding that the annual subscription is due. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the £5.00 subscription be renewed.' Agreed.

**Bus Shelter** Letter from Technical Officer H.D.C. presented stated that the Bus Shelter is still the property of the Town Council but that H.D.C. will undertake the maintenance.

**Plans** No objections were made to the following plans.

Renewal of Consent for the Stationing of a Residential Caravan at 29-31, Westgate.  
Construction of a Single Storey Building for Storage at F. D. Todd & Sons,  
The Green.

Extension to existing Factory to form Cold Store at Yorkshire Meat Packers,  
Station Road.

Conversion of Existing First and Second Floor Living Accommodation into 2  
Self-Contained Flats at Castlegate/Market Place.

A petition from the Caterers of Thirsk was presented objecting to the following  
Alterations and Extension to Disused Cafe to form Chinese Take-Away Shop and  
First Floor Living Accommodation at 3, Finkle Street.

Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'to support the petition against the  
Chinese Take-Away.' Voting was 5 in favour - Coun. Stott Against - Coun. Kirk Abst.

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

### Accounts as circulated.

North Yorks. County Council	-	Use of Court House for Meetings	-	£ 12.00
		July - Dec. 1975		
Ham. Dist. Council	-	Removal of Rubbish from Cemetery	-	£ 6.00
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol for Cemetery	-	£ 2.75

### Additional Accounts

J. Whiting	-	Christmas Lighting	-	£254.10
Yorks. Arts Ass.	-	Subscription	-	£ 5.00

### Burial Grants

T. Cunningham	23 A5	£30.00
T. Cunningham	22 A6	£ 7.00

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked members to make a decision regarding a donation to Thirsk Church Bells Appeal Fund. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig 'to give £100.00.' Agreed. The Cemetery Superintendent had requested a new grass cutter. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that the existing cutters be sent for overhaul and no new cutter purchased at the present time.' Agreed. It was agreed that the old cutter should be retained. New litter baskets had been requested for the Cemetery. Coun. Stott agreed to obtain prices. Mr. D. Brown had cleared the blackthorn from Whitelass Beck - letter of thanks to be sent. Members were requested to inspect the Public Footpath from The Holmes to Kilvington before the next meeting. The Public Right of Way through the Red Bear Yard had been blocked - Mr. Boughay to be informed.

## Any Other Business

**Charities** Coun. Craig reported that £50.00 had been distributed at Christmas.

**Dogs** Coun. Ogleby reported that dogs are still being allowed to foul The Greens.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

*Higson*  
*Chairman. 16/2/76*

Recommendations for increases in Cemetery Charges - made at a meeting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent on Tuesday, 24th June 1975.

Please refer to Rules and Regulations for the Management of the Cemetery

Part 1. Interments

1. For the interment, in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has not been granted-
- (i) of the body of a still-born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month. Increase from 75p to £1.00.
  - (ii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeds one month but did not exceed 12 years. Increase from £2.00 to £4.00.
  - (iii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeds 12 years. Increase from £6.00 to £10.00.

2. The same increase in fees to apply.

Part 2. Exclusive Rights of Burial in Earthen Graves-

1. For the exclusive right of burial-
- (i) in perpetuity,
    - (a) in an earthen grave 9' by 4'. Increase from £7.00 to £8.00.
    - (b) in an earthen grave 9' by 8'. Increase from £12.00 to £16.00.
  - (ii) for a period of 10 years in an earthen grave 9' by 4' in which a burial has taken place. Increase from £2.00 to £3.00.
  - (iii) for each individual period of 10 years NOT exceeding the total period of 30 years. Increase from £2.00 to £3.00.

Part 4. Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets and Monumental Inscriptions.

- (iv) this section to be deleted.  
No mounds.
- (v) a vase, (with inscription)
  - (a) not exceeding 18" in height. Increase from 75p to £1.00.
  - (b) exceeding that height. Increase from £1.50 to £2.00.

The fees indicated for the various heads of this Part include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first a fee of £1.50 is payable. Increased from £1.00.

No extra charge to be made for the use of 'grass'.

Registrar's Fees

For searching Register of Burials, one year or part of a year. Increased from 8p to 10p.  
For every additional year or part of a year. Increased from 4p to 5p.

All other fees to remain as before.

To commence from 20th January 1976.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th February 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies Couns. B. Ogleby, C. Kirk, A. Palliser.

Community Service Orders Mr. A. R. Morton, Community Service Organiser, spoke to the meeting on Community Service and outlined the kind of work which could be done by offenders. The Chairman asked members to have suggestions ready for the next meeting of the kind of work that can be done in Thirsk.

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

#### Matters Arising

Street Plan A letter from Forward Publicity stated that 500 copies of the Street Plan will be supplied free of charge and the run-on cost of additional copies will be pro-rata to £50.00 per 500 copies. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Bateman 'to accept the quotation of Forward Publicity of £50.00 per 500, taking 1000 in all, including the free 500.' Agreed.

Crossing - Norby It was agreed to ask the County Council what progress has been made.

Parking - Pick's Lane and Market Place Nothing reported.

Diversion of Footpaths The Chairman reported that the stile is now to his satisfaction.

Cemetery Charges The Chairman reported that the Cemetery Superintendent recommends that the charges for walled graves be doubled. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to accept the Cemetery Superintendent's recommendation regarding walled graves.' Agreed.

Revenue Estimates The Treasurer H.D.C. estimates that the balance of this Council with the H.D.C. at 31st March next would be a credit of £1,670.

Fallen Trees- The Holmes and Whitelass Beck The Chairman reported that the tops of 4 trees had blown down since the quotation had been accepted. It was agreed that these should be cleared. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stott 'That the Chairman ask Mr. Peckitt to do this work and to ask for a quotation to fell a dangerous tree on the corner of The Holmes.' Agreed.

Cemetery Cutter The Chairman reported that the old cutter had already been sold. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that all proposed purchases and sales at the Cemetery must come before the Council in writing.' Agreed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Cemetery Superintendent asking him to explain the position with regard to the sale of the cutter. It was agreed to request an inventory of all Council property at the Cemetery.

Cemetery Litter Baskets Coun. Stott had obtained a quotation from Francis Brown Ltd, of £85.00 + V.A.T. for 5 litter baskets. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Craig 'to accept the quotation.' Agreed.

Red Bear Yard Lock now removed from the gates.

Footpath - The Holmes to Kilvington Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to ask if Mr. Boughey, or his representative, would be willing to walk this footpath with a representative of this Council.' Agreed.

Footpath - Golden Fleece Nothing reported.

Footpath to Zebra Crossing Nothing reported.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Letter from H.D.C. stated that the matter had been deferred pending a detailed report by the Secretary.

#### Correspondence

Parish Government Course Letter from Yorks Rural Community Council presented, giving preliminary notice of the Parish Government Course in April. It was agreed not to send a representative.

Diversion of Footpaths Formal notice and plans of the proposed Diversion of Two Footpaths at O.S. Field No. 7251, Thirsk were presented. No observations were made.

Thirsk Cub Scout Pack Letter presented asking for a project for the Pack's entry for the North Yorks. Cub Scout Challenge. It was agreed to ask them to clear the fallen brash from the grass in The Holmes.

Queen's Jubilee Letter from Mr. K. Nutting presented suggesting a meeting of organisation to discuss the celebrations and asking if this Council would consider providing a flagpole in the Market Place. Members were asked to think of suitable sites before the next meeting, when a decision will be made.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans

Renewal of consent for the Stationing of a Recreational Caravan at Hollin Barn, Sutton Road, Thirsk.

Use of land as a Caravan and Camping Site at Station Road, on land adjacent to the Racecourse.

Alterations to Health Centre, Piper Lane, Thirsk.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 7, Barbeck, Thirsk.

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

Accounts as circulated

Thirsk Church Bells Appeal Fund	-	Donation	-	£100.00
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Additional Accounts

E. T. Harland & Co.	-	Repairs to Cemetery Mowers	-	£ 31.22
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Precept A Precept for £1,670.00 was signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the traffic signs at Stammergegate/Long Street have been realigned.

Any Other Business

Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig stressed the need for traffic signs on the Hambleton Estate. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that the Road Safety Officer's attention be drawn to the dangers from traffic on the Hambleton Estate and ask for his observations.' Agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

15-3-76

*M. J. Henson*  
*Chairman*



Year Ended 31st March 1976

	£	Burial Board	£
Dividends	17.38	Debit Balance 1.4.75	525.12
War Graves Commission	9.90	Salaries	1052.38
Burial Board Income	561.76	New Mowers	107.43
Sale of Mower	27.00	Mower Repairs & Fuel	108.94
Precept	2700.00	Insurances	26.76
Refund of V.A.T.	20.59	Establishment	160.24
Sale of 7% S.B.	102.00	Purchase of 9½% S.B.	100.00
Sale of Scrap	2.00	Balance of Investment	200.00
Investment at Bank	200.00	Balance	1359.76
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	3640.63		3640.63

	£	<u>Lighting</u>		£
Balance at 1.4.75	960.14		Lighting Barnett's Yard	48.00
			Amenity Lighting	
			Market Place	206.46
			Insurance	4.84
			Balance	700.84
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	£	<u>Summary</u>	£
Lighting Account	700.84	Bank Current Account	2635.84
Burial Board Account	1359.76	Deposit Account	369.91
General Account	1145.15	Investments	200.00
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**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House, on Monday, 15th March 1976 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Counc. G. H. Hegson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, A. Palliser, B. Ogleby, T. W. Bateman, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott, The Clerk, 2 Members of the Press and 1 Member of the Public.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the Annual Assembly, held on 17th March 1975, were read by the Clerk, approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Bateman.

**Accounts** The Audited Statement for the year ended 31st March 1975 was presented and accepted. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman.

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman reported that more willows had been planted at Whitelass Beck.

**Reports from School Managers**

**County Junior School** Coun. Wyon reported on a busy and successful year, and expressed appreciation of the many out of school activities, supervised on a voluntary basis by several members of the teaching staff.

**County Infant School** In the absence of Mrs. Thiede, Mr. J. Cook read her report on the Infant School. The need for the new Primary School was stressed and the dangers to children from the derelict old Salem Chapel was emphasised. Prop. Coun. Ogleby, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Coun. Turton be asked to press the case for Thirsk with regard to the building of a new Primary School and that the four local members of the H.D.C. be made aware of the resolution.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Palliser 'that the attention of the H.D.C. be drawn to the dangerous state of the disused Salem Chapel and that it be declared a dangerous building.' Agreed.

The Chairman expressed thanks for the reports and wished Mrs. Thiede a speedy recovery.

**Charities** It was reported that £50.00 had been distributed at Christmas.

**Any Other Business**

Coun. Palliser expressed concern at the length of time some items have to appear on the Agenda before they are resolved.

*G/H Hegson* The meeting ended at 7.58 p.m.  
*Chairman 21/3/77*

# Annual Report for Thirsk County

## Infant School 1975-76.

4 meetings of the Managers were held during the year.

In May 75, several subjects of concern were discussed. There had been no progress in the plans for a new school and the old premises are becoming more and more inadequate. The heating system is faulty, the very old stoves giving off unpleasant fumes in the classrooms. The fire-officer reported the dangerous lack of an extra exit door in the far classroom and other necessary precautions. These were discussed at length with a view to making structural alterations. The playground, always far too small, is even more so with one children under five now attending the school and having to be separated from the more boisterous older children. 117 children were having school dinners which necessitated using 3 classrooms plus extra trestle tables making lunch time a very hectic affair for all in such a small space.

At St. James' meeting, Mr Price, assistant education officer, attended and the proposals for a new school were discussed at length. It was stated that the new school for Thirsk did not have top priority but was on a short list when funds became available. Cut-back on spending on new schools had been drastic and no new primary schools were to be built in the next financial year. The managers asked if the land had been purchased and were told that this could not be done except immediately before final building plans were passed. The managers expressed great concern over this and felt that the Education Authority should obtain a good site in readiness. They also expressed dissatisfaction over the prospect of having an open plan type of school, this being the cheapest. They felt it unsuitable for the needs of Thirsk. The number of places in the new school was still fixed at 280 as the Education Department felt safe the numbers of children were falling. The managers stressed that

extensive new building of houses in Thirsk and Sowerby was imminent and that there would be a rise in the numbers. They asked that enough land could be purchased to allow for extensions. Mr. Price promised to keep the managers informed of any progress. There was some discussion over the lack of Trustees for the present building and legal investigations of the matter were under way.

In November, a special meeting was held to discuss the new 'rules of management' for primary schools. The manager made several comments on these draft proposals to the Education Authority. The chief of these were that:-

- 1) CAC should be taken by nominating bodies to choose managers that had a real interest in the school itself.
- 2) That a parent representative should be suggested by the head teacher and staff, there being no P.T.A.
- 3) That plans for a new school and any

radical changes in policy should be brought to the managers for their comments at an early stage to allow their suggestions to be of any effect.

At the February '76 meeting, the work of Trustees was again discussed and seemed probable that the Managers had to appoint new Trustees and this was to be considered further.

The Carol Service and Nativity Play were held in the Parish Church and been a great success and well-attended. The Christmas Party once again welcome Father Christmas (as represented by Mr J. Co).

The plans for fire-safety precautions were examined and work is to be done in the near future. A new pump has been fitted to the central heating system with some improvement in its efficiency but fuel was still there. The dangers of dilapidated condition of the Salem

Chapel and the loose Tiles on its roof were yet again brought to the attention of the Education Committee. Some years ago the managers had asked for this building to be bought and demolished for safety's sake and to increase the inadequate playing space. This request had not been repeated in recent years as the new school seemed imminent, but as this is now so far ahead, the request was repeated.

110 children were in the school in the Spring Term with an expected Total of 130+ in the summer. Despite increasingly inadequate premises, the school staff produce a truly happy atmosphere for the children to work and play in and much credit is due to them for their concerned efforts in such poor surroundings.

Brenda Thiede.

15.3.76.

## Junior School Report March '76.

It has been a very busy & successful year for the Junior School, with one teacher retiring & another leaving to get married, both of whom have been replaced by teachers who are proving to be most helpful in the school.

The managers are most appreciative of the amount of activities taking place outside school hours & supervised on a purely voluntary basis by several of the teachers.

The redecoration of the interior of the school was scheduled for '75 but due to the economy only the classrooms have been done.

Mr. Sharp dealt very tactfully with some trouble on the domestic side by allowing the differences to be aired & resolved - we are fortunate to have a headmaster with such good personal understanding of his staff, both teaching & domestic.

The number of children on roll in Autumn term was

398

The annual Summer Fayre was a great success & had record takings of £4.30



at the end of the year  
is 395

in July

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th March 1976 at 8.00 p.m.**

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

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

**Matters Arising**

**Community Service** Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Mr. Morton be invited to come and walk over the area to decide what work can be done under Community Service.' Agreed.

**Street Plan** Acknowledgement of order received.

**Crossing - Norby** Reply from County Council awaited.

**Parking - Pick's Lane and Market Place** No thing reported.

**Cemetery Charges** The Clerk reported that estimates of income and expenditure at the Cemetery had been requested by, and supplied to, the Treasurer H.D.C.

**Fallen Trees - Whitelass Beck** The Chairman reported that progress is slow.

**Cemetery Cutter** The Clerk reported that a cheque value £27.00 had been received from Thirsk Hall Estate in payment for the cutter. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that it be accepted.' Agreed. An Inventory of Council Property at the Cemetery was read to the meeting.

**Cemetery Litter Baskets** The Chairman reported that they had been delivered and are very satisfactory.

**Footpath - The Holmes to Kilvington** A report on the walk, received from the County Surveyor's Department, stated that landowners had agreed to erect new stiles.

**Diversion of Footpaths** Copies of the Confirmed Orders and Notices were presented to the meeting.

**Thirsk Cub Scout Pack** The Chairman reported that the Cubs had complied with the Council's suggestion.

**Queen's Jubilee** The site where the Christmas Tree stands was agreed upon. It was agreed to ask the permission of the H.D.C. to erect a temporary Flag-pole on the Market Place for the Jubilee Year in 1977.

**Hambleton Estate** Acknowledgement received from the County Surveyor.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** The Chairman reported that the H.D.C. have agreed to the Town Council's request.

**Correspondence**

**Town Clock** Letter from Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd presented asking the Council's agreement to the increase in the maintenance charge to £13.00 as from next year. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the increase be agreed to.' Agreed.

**Maylor Mower** Letter from Sam Turner & Sons presented stating that the mower is beyond repair at an economic price. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig, 'that a second opinion be sought.' Agreed. The Chairman agreed to ask the H.D.C. to take the mower to Mr. Deighton. Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that the Chairman ask Mr. Collinson to cut the grass on the Greens and Mill Gardens with a view to giving a price for further cutting.' Agreed.

**Plans** No objections were made to the following plans

Installation of 4,000 gallon petrol storage tank at Bridge Garage, Ingrams Gate.  
Outline application for Detached Bungalow, Private Garage and 2 Loose Boxes at Stockton Road.  
Alterations to Public House and use of adjoining cottage as Bottle Store, Cross Keys, Kirk Gate.

## Accounts

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

## Accounts as circulated

William Potts & Sons Ltd	-	Maintenance of Town Clock	-	£ 9.45
D. G. Collinson	-	Salary Jan. - March	-	£300.00
"	-	" B. B. Clerical Work	-	£ 15.00
"	-	Dividend	-	£ 3.38
P. Smith	-	Salary Jan. - March	-	£ 87.50
"	-	Stationery, Postages, etc.	-	£ 14.54

## Burial Grants

Michelle Louise Bottsford	23 B1	£8.00
Arthur & Doris Stokell	1 C6	£8.00
Olive Bunting	8 B2	£8.00
Grace Armstrong	42 C4	£8.00
Florence Gertrude Pashley	4 B2	£8.00
Beatrice May Hardy	10 B2	£8.00

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to the fact that a pony had been tethered on The Holmes and another on the Green. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that the matter be not further discussed at present.' Agreed.

## Any Other Business

Parking - Sutton Road Coun. Ogleby drew attention to vehicles being parked at the side of Sutton Road. Coun. Craig stated that permission had been given by the police for such parking and that no complaints had been received from residents.

Flatts To an enquiry as to how the taxpayers money is being spent on the Flatts Playing Fields, Coun. Ogleby was told that members would report back after the next committee meeting.

Trees - The Green Prop. Coun. Palliser, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that one oak and one birch tree be planted on the west side of the Green.' Agreed. Coun. Ogleby offered to obtain them and it was agreed to ask Mr. Collinson to plant them on arrival.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

*G. Megson*  
12/4/76  
*Chairman*