

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
15th April 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, J. Brannon, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers, County Councillor G. Turton, Mr. J. Swales (Coun. Brannon's Legal Adviser), Mr. R. J. Wager, Mr. A. Bruce, Mr. R. King & Mr. M. Woods (North Yorkshire County Council), Mr. & Mrs. Howells (White Horse Service Station), Mr. J. Davison and 2 Members of the Press.

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and Council Meeting held on 18th March and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 22nd March, having been circulated and approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Craig.

Members agreed that the following matter should be the first business of the meeting

Encroachment Fronting White Horse Service Station Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Megson (in writing) and supported by

Couns. Craig, Stott and Bickers. That: 1. The Council's Resolution that the County Council take action to remove the obstruction in accordance with their duty under Section 130 of the Highways Act 1980, be re-affirmed. 2. Following the case of Regina v Surrey County Council exp. Send Parish Council, the County Council are acting Ultra Vires in using Stopping-Up powers to comply with Section 130. The Parish Council in the absence of an assurance that the County Council take action to comply with their duty under Section 130, apply to the High Court for Judicial Review, as necessary to bring about the removal of the encroachment. More specifically in the alternative:-

a. Order of Mandamus to compel the County Council to carry out its function.
B. Order of Prohibition to prevent the unlawful application to the Magistrates Court under Section 116 of the Highways Act. c. Order of Certiorari to quash any decision of the Magistrates Court in respect of the Stopping Up.

Mr. Swales, as Coun. Brannon's Legal Adviser, spoke on his behalf. He stated that in applying for a Stopping-Up Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, the County Council are acting beyond their legal powers. Under Section 130, it is the duty of the County Council to have the footpath obstruction removed and the Town Council should require them to do so. In his opinion, a criminal act had been committed in the obstruction of the footpath. The interests of the garage owner are being put before those of the general public.

Mr. Wager, for the North Yorkshire County Council, outlined the events leading up to the proposed application to the Magistrates Court for a Stopping-Up Order. Mistakes had been made and this appeared to be the best solution to the problem. He stated that the garage owner had valid planning permission and believed he had the right to develop land which was shown on his deeds. The land in question had belonged to the Department of Transport but when the road was de-trunked with the construction of the bypass, it became the property of the Highways Department. Mr. Wager stated that if the Town Council think that the N.Y.C.C. are wrong in principle in applying to the Magistrates Court for a Stopping-Up Order, they should pass a resolution to that effect at this meeting. Coun. Turton referred to the Town Council's February meeting when all the members present had agreed to take no further action regarding the footpath if agreement was reached with the garage owner regarding improving visibility at the corner. He recommended that anyone wishing to make objections should go to the Magistrates Court. The Chairman stated that a Council of laymen could not make a decision and the matter should go to the Magistrates Court.

Voting on the motion was 4 in Favour - 4 Against. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion in order that the matter should go to Court for the Magistrates to resolve.

Coun. Brannon, his Legal Adviser and the N.Y.C.C. representatives left the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Parking in Stammergegate Nothing reported.

Back Lane - Norby Coun. Bickers reported that he is obtaining evidence from former residents of Old Norby regarding the use of Back Lane as a highway. A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the County Council recognises that Back Lane is a highway but only to the extent of a Public Footpath, that is to say that there is no right of way over Back Lane with or without vehicles by the public at large as of right.

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The County Council have indicated to both the H.D.C. and the Complainants that the extent of their statutory maintenance obligations is to ensure that it is maintained for pedestrian access only and not to any higher standard that could accommodate vehicular traffic. A copy of a letter to Leon Brittan M.P., who had been approached by Mrs. Reynard, was enclosed.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens The Chairman reported that a plan of the gardens had been given to Mr. Cartman who had suggested and supplied suitable shrubs for planting at a cost of £60.50.

Seats - Market Place The seat outside Barclays Bank has yet to be moved. It was agreed that a suitable site for the bench seat would be on The Holmes to replace a broken seat. Mr. Hopps to be asked to remove the broken seat and fix the bench seat in its place. It was reported that a seat in the bus shelter is in need of repair. Coun. Craig stated that he had received requests for a seat on Stockton Road in the vicinity of the St. Mary's Estate. It was agreed that a seat could be sited within the bridle path if the County Council give permission.

Elm Tree - Cemetery Having been satisfied that he had suitable Insurance cover, it was agreed to accept a quotation from Mr. S. Grainger to fell and clear the elm tree at a cost of £100.00.

Height Barrier - Car Park It was reported that one barrier has been erected.

Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. together with a copy of a letter to the Chairman of the Harriers in which it was stated that there are no plans at the present time for the provision of a running track but when a decision is made in due course to provide such facilities careful consideration will be given to its siting.

Report on Meeting with the N.Y.C.C. Divisional Surveyor Coun. Craig reported on the meeting with Mr. Woods which was also attended by Coun. Bickers. Mr. Woods was considering a new surface for Bakers Alley and stated his willingness to remove the flagstones and put down tarmac as replacement flags or setts would be too expensive. The Royal Oak developer had been approached to contribute towards the cost. Members were opposed to tarmac and considered that the surface should be of flags or setts and the original channel retained. The Chairman suggested that the Highways Department approach H.D.C. for assistance with the cost as they have a fund for works in conservation areas. Mr. Woods suggestion that the setts in the footpath in the former White Swan Yard be replaced with tarmac was accepted. Mr. Woods had stated that the footpath in Chapel Street will be made up and the road levelled. The footpaths on The Green will be repaired and rekerbed when money is available. The railings at the Waterfall Bridge will be repaired. The kerbs in Hambleton Place will be dropped when the next footpath repairs are carried out. Coun. Craig had pointed out the lack of footpath outside Ebor Windows premises in Long Street where cars are parked, making it dangerous for pedestrians. Mr. Woods had agreed to put down white lines. Mr. Woods had expressed his willingness to have the bushes on the White Mare Corner roundabout removed if the Town Council would undertake future maintenance. Coun. Craig stated that there would be a £50.00 grant towards this.

Report of The Holmes Sub-Committee Couns. Craig, Foxton and Bickers had inspected The Holmes. Trees requiring attention had been marked - the trees near the roadside were in good condition with the exception of the one that had been uprooted. New trees are needed in the waterfall area. The Chairman stated that he had given permission for the dead trees to be removed. It was agreed that the full Council will walk The Holmes on Monday, 22nd April. It was also agreed that the Probation Officer be asked when the cross ditch at Whitelass Beck will be cleared out under the Community Service Scheme.

Report on The Holmes Play Equipment The Wicksteed Free Inspection Service Report stated that the equipment would benefit from being rubbed down and repainted. The grass should be removed from around Support Tubes and the general condition of the surface needs attention. Members agreed to inspect the equipment at the meeting on 22nd April.

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Casual Vacancy Letter presented from the Returning Officer H.D.C. stating that no requests had been received for an election to fill the casual vacancy which should now be filled by means of co-option. Letter presented from Mr. J. Davison of No. 1, The Crescent, Thirsk requesting consideration as a candidate for the vacancy. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'That Mr. Davison should be co-opted on to the Council'. Agreed.

Correspondence

Amusement Arcade - 63, Market Place Letter to Coun. Craig from Mrs. Goldthorp of 28, Kirkgate, read to the meeting requesting him to oppose any application by Mr. Nikolas Shaw for a gaming permit to operate amusement with prizes machines. Members regretted the fact that planning permission had been granted for the relaxation of a restrictive condition to allow Prize Bingo in addition to a limited number of Amusement with Prizes Machines but were told by the Chairman that there were no valid planning grounds on which the application could be refused. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. requesting, on moral grounds, that any application for a gaming licence should be turned down.

Community Adviser Letter presented from the County Emergency Officer stating that Mrs. V. Partington of 88, Saxty Way, Sowerby, Thirsk has completed a Community Adviser Course and has been given a grounding in Community Emergency Planning.

Northallerton Railway Station Letter presented from the Clerk to Northallerton Town Council enclosing a copy of a letter to the H.D.C. suggesting that Thirsk Town Council should be represented at discussions regarding the proposed modernisation of Northallerton Railway Station. The Chairman stated that representatives of Thirsk Town, Sowerby Parish and Carlton Miniott Parish Councils are being invited to attend a meeting on 30th April. It was agreed that Coun. Craig should be the Town Council representative.

Local Councils Association Letter presented from the Local Councils Association - Yorkshire & Cleveland Branch - giving notice that from 10th April the address of the office will be William House, Shipton Road, Skelton, York. The Chairman told members that both he and Coun. Allenby have been elected to the Executive Committee.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:

Construction of 5 Dwellings in lieu of Previously Approved Block of 4 Flats at Plots 15 - 18 and 82 at Stockton Road for P.L.C. Homes. The development should be restricted to 4 dwellings - the plot would be overcrowded with 5. Point out that the windows of the proposed new dwellings are not in keeping with those of the existing dwellings.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Pole Sign in Lieu of an Approved Sign at Stoneybrough for Mr. T. M. Singh. No Representations.

Use Part of Existing Domestic Accommodation in Connection with Public House at Blacksmiths Arms for John Smiths Brewery. Approve.

Listed Building Consent for Internal Alterations to Existing Public House and Provision of a New Doorway and the Display of an Internally Illuminated 'Entrance' Sign at Blacksmiths Arms. Approve.

Construction of a Building for the Storage and Hire of Light Industrial Plant and Equipment at Station Yard, Thirsk for Mr. A. B. Walker. No Representations.

Change of Use of Ground Floor of Existing Dwelling to Retail Use in Conjunction with Existing Adjacent Shop at 9, Westgate for Mr. A. Robinson. Approve.

Extension to Existing Bungalow at Greystones, Sutton Road for Mr. R. S. Hall. Approve.

Amended Plans for the Layout and Construction of 6 Dwellings at Piper Lane for Mr. R. Hanley. Object until a site meeting has been held with members of the Town Council.

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Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts,
sec. Coun. Foxton.

Coun. Stott objected to the payment of the L.C.A. Subscription.

Accounts as Circulated

Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd.	-	Maintenance of Town Clock to 28.2.85.	-	£ 43.70
Yorks. & Cleveland L.C.A.-		Subscription £110. + Local Council Review	-	£113.25
		& Stationery.		

Additional Accounts

Yorks. Water Authority	-	Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 4th Qtr.	-	£ 21.77
F. D. Todd & Sons	-	Clearing Cemetery Spoil as per quotation	-	£165.60
		+ 3 weeks hire of skip.		
Hambleton District Coun.	-	Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	-	£122.40
J. Cartman	-	Shrubs for Mill Gardens	-	£ 60.50
Anglia Building Society	-	Transfer	-	£1700.00

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

Edward Husband	8 D6	£15.00
Mabel Anne Lincoln Hunt	7 D6	£15.00
Joan Wood	28 G6	£30.00

Any Other Business

Car Park Coun. Allenby reported that lorries are crossing the grass verge when entering the rear entrance to the Co-op. Coun. Craig explained that this was caused by cars being parked near the entrance and a 'No Parking' sign is being erected on the wall.

Saturday Market Members complained that the '50p' trader is continually spreading his goods over a wide area of the cobbles. Letter to be sent to the Chief Environmental Health Officer suggesting that if the trader does not comply with the market regulations he should be banned from the market. Coun. Craig also to take up the matter with the C.E.H.O.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 20th May 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, A. J. Davison, F. N. Bickers + 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. C. J. Megson & Coun. E. R. Stott.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Coun. Davison who was welcomed to the Council.

Election of Chairman Coun. Murkett proposed Coun. Craig who declined the office of Chairman on health grounds.

Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Coun. Murkett remain as Chairman.'

Prop. Coun. Bickers, sec. Coun. Brannon 'that Coun. Megson be Chairman.'

Voting - in Favour of Coun. Megson 2. In Favour of Coun. Murkett 5.

Coun. Murkett, being duly elected, took the Chair, thanked members for his election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Coun. Craig be Vice Chairman.' There being no other nominations, Coun.

Craig was unanimously elected.

Appointment of School Governors

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Craig re-appointed.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Roberts re-appointed.

All Saints R.C. School Mrs. Greensit re-appointed.

Appointment of Representatives

Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society Coun. Megson re-appointed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Davison appointed.

Charities Coun. Craig & Coun. Foxton re-appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Foxton re-appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Davison appointed.

Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts, Coun. Bickers & Coun. Davison appointed.
Coun. Roberts nominated as Chairman of the Town Hall Committee for the coming year.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Committee Coun. Megson to be asked if he will take this appointment.

Community Care Association Executive Committee Coun. Craig nominated with Coun. Bickers as deputy.

Local Councils' Association Coun. Murkett & Coun. Allenby re-appointed.

Sub Committees

Cemetery Coun. Bickers, Coun. Stott, Chairman & Vice Chairman.

The Holmes, Greens and Mill Gardens Coun. Bickers, Coun. Brannon, Coun. Foxton, Chairman & Vice Chairman.

Planning Coun. Roberts, Coun. Stott, Coun. Brannon, Coun. Bickers, Chairman & Vice Chairman + any other members interested.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Encroachment Fronting White Horse Service Station It was noted that the Magistrates Court had refused to grant a stopping up order for the land.

Parking in Stammergegate Nothing reported.

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Back Lane - Norby It was agreed to draw up a letter, to be signed by residents of Old Norby, verifying that Back Lane was used by horse drawn and, later, motor vehicles for the purpose of making deliveries and the collection of household waste etc. Coun. Bickers handed in a letter, addressed to the County Highways Dept., signed by former residents testifying as to the use of Back Lane prior to the 1939-45 war.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens A letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs. Mason of Riverside Mews for her donation for the purchase of shrubs for the gardens. Coun. Bickers stated that he had removed a sign from Town Council land indicating Riverside Mews, which had been erected without permission.

Seats Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that the placing of a seat on the grass verge behind the footpath near North Lodge would appear to be satisfactory and permission was granted subject to the Town Council accepting certain conditions. It was pointed out that the Council should ensure that, in placing the seat within the Highway, the Statutory Bodies' apparatus which may lie within the Highway is not affected. It was agreed to accept the conditions and not to have the seat fixed down.

Elm Tree - Cemetery The tree had been felled and cleared and the account submitted for payment.

Height Barrier - Car Park It was reported that one of the barriers has been damaged. Coun. Craig to enquire when it will be repaired and replaced.

White Mare Corner Roundabout Mr. Woods to be asked for details of his proposal for the roundabout and what the Council's responsibility would be regarding maintenance of the roundabout.

The Holmes Letter presented from the Community Service Officer stating that he has not been in a position to start work on the cross ditch due to lack of workers in the area. Over the past year there have not been sufficient offenders sentenced to community service work at any one time to form a work party. It was agreed to ask Mr. Thompson for a quotation to clear the cross ditch and discuss the matter further at the next meeting. Members who had walked The Holmes on 22nd April had agreed that Mr. Thompson be asked to lift and stake the uprooted tree at the roadside. Mr. Collinson to be asked to cut the long grass from around the support tubes on the play equipment with the strimmer. Mr. Woods had stated his intention to have repairs carried out on the footpath through Whitelass.

Amusement Arcade A letter, from Mrs. M. Bateman, pointing out the fire hazards of the building, to be forwarded to the Chief Executive H.D.C.

Railway Station Coun. Craig reported on the meeting at which Thirsk Railway Station was discussed. British Rail put forward proposals for the waiting room on the platform for the northern line. 1. To replace the present building with a more elaborate one at a cost of £14 - 15,000. 2. To provide a bus shelter type of structure at a cost of £7 - 8,000. 3. To repair the present building. The Chairman stated that a further meeting is to be held and it will be a Policy and Resources Committee decision regarding H.D.C. making a grant towards the cost.

Saturday Market A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stated that the '50p' trader will be monitored and not allowed to spread his goods over a wide area of cobbles. Members reported that the situation has not improved at all. A letter to be sent to the C.E.H.O. stating that the Town Council is not satisfied with the way the markets are run. Although the stalls have been set back from the footpath, boxes and tables are being placed in front of the stalls and garments hung from rails over the space between stall and footpath. The Officer in charge of the markets must be instructed to ensure that the market regulations are carried out.

Town & County Planning Act 1971 - Appeal by Property & Land Securities Ltd Notification received of the appeal by Property & Land Securities Ltd against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant planning permission for residential development in respect of land at Stockton Road. The grounds for appeal stated that there is now a shortage of identified and available land to meet the needs of the housing market, in particular in locations where plots

could be made available to individual purchasers. The fact that the land is not allocated for residential development in the draft Interim Thirsk District Plan is not, in itself, a sufficient reason for refusing planning permission. The land no longer forms part of a viable agricultural holding and could not be integrated satisfactorily into any other farm holding nor can it be said to be outside the confines of the existing settlement. It was agreed to support the H.D.C. in refusing to grant planning permission and refute the contention that there is a shortage of identified and available land by pointing out the development now taking place, taking place in the near future and the many properties on the market. It was also pointed out that the land would still be part of a viable holding if the owner had not sold off 6.1 acres which have now been built on.

Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notification received of the intention of John S. Gourley and Richard Downs to apply for the transfer of Fine Fare, 32, Market Place.

North Yorkshire Rural Development Programme Letter presented from the County Planning Officer regarding the Development Commission which is designed to help and promote economic and social development in the neediest rural areas in the country. Leaflets were distributed to members.

Child Poverty Notification received of a conference to discuss Child Poverty.

St. John Ambulance Letter presented giving details of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Thirsk and Northallerton and their availability for public duty cover.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Letters presented giving notice of the A.G.M. to be held on 2nd July at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Wiggington and stating that the minimum subscription has risen from £2.00 to £5.00. Members agreed to continue membership at the increased subscription.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Letter presented from the secretary of the Town Hall requesting the amount precepted for the Town Hall for 1985. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that the £300.00 precepted for the Town Hall should be handed over.' Voting - 7 in Favour - 1 Against. It was pointed out that Sowerby Parish Council has not, as yet, made a grant to the Town Hall.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Outline Application for the Construction of 2 Dwellings at Cemetery Lane for Mr. D. G. Collinson. Approve.

Details of the Change of Use of the Ground Floor of Existing Hotel to 7 Shop Units at Royal Oak Hotel for Mr. & Mrs. Hodgson. Approve.

Layout of Land and Construction of 71 Dwellings at Pt. OS 5968 Thirsk for Barratt Newcastle Ltd. No Objections but insist that the public footpath is retained along its present route.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved. Prop. Coun. Allenby sec. Coun. Bickers.

Accounts as Circulated

F. D. Todd & Sons (Haulage) Ltd	- Skip Hire - Cemetery - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80
S. Grainger	- Felling & Clearing Elm Tree - Cemetery	- £100.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 20.92
John Bell Thirsk Hall Estate	- 1 year's rent - The Holmes + Wayleaves	- £ .42
S.G.S.-M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - The Greens & Mill Gdns	- £ 63.25
	April	
North Yorkshire P.F.A.	- Subscription	- £ 5.00

Additional Account

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	- Grant	- £300.00
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Chairman's Report The Chairman told members that he had received an invitation to attend a meeting organised by the Yorkshire Evening Press in association with Freedom of Information regarding the refusal of the Yorkshire Water Authority to admit press and public to its meetings. Mr. Philip Tate had written to the Chairman offering to speak to members about a Civil Defence Course that he had attended. It was agreed to invite him to attend the next meeting which will commence at 7.00 p.m. The Chairman also told members that two meetings are being held for the St. Mary's Church Appeal, at the Golden Fleece on Tuesday & Wednesday, 21st & 22nd May, to which they are invited to attend.

Coun. Roberts reported that a Flea Market on Easter Monday had raised £323.00 for Town Hall funds.

Coun. Bickers questioned a note circulated to members reminding them that agendas are despatched one week before Council meetings and requesting resolutions to be submitted to the Clerk before that time. The Chairman sought members co-operation regarding this, stating that matters of urgency would be accepted at meetings if submitted in writing.

Any Other Business

Kirkgate Picture Gallery The Planning Department to be asked if permission was given for a sign along the front of the building.

B.M.X. Cycles Coun. Foxton stated that B.M.X. cyclists have erected a ramp on the Car Park and questioned where the responsibility lies if a rider is injured. Coun. Craig to raise the matter with the Technical Officer.

Public Transport Coun. Craig pointed out the lack of public transport for people travelling to and from Northallerton in the evenings for hospital visiting. United Bus Company to be contacted regarding this.

Parking Coun. Craig to draw the Housing Department H.D.C.'s attention to cars parking on land from the rear of the Green to Waterside.

Britain in Bloom Coun. Bickers reported that he has taken the flower baskets to Simpsons for planting. It is understood that the Britain in Bloom committee will arrange for the watering of the hanging baskets.

Ingramgate It was reported that a tractor is being parked in Ingramgate in such a way that vehicles to The Crescent have to be driven on the footpath to negotiate it. The owner to be asked for co-operation in this matter.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

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17/6/85

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
17th June 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, A. J. Davison, F. N. Bickers, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, E. R. Stott, Mr. P. Tate, Mr. M. Woods (N.Y.C.C.).

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. J. Brannon.

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Civil Defence Community Adviser Programme Mr. Tate attended the meeting to tell members of the Community Adviser Programme he had attended which had been to prepare for the effects of nuclear war and not other major disasters. The aims of the programme were to pass on information and assist Community Organisations to make a plan which would be useful in the event of a nuclear attack. An alternative structure had been formulated in the event of central government being unable to function. The country had been divided into 11 regions, the nearest headquarters being at Shipton. The N.Y.C.C. had provided a nuclear shelter at County Hall to accommodate a staff of 40. There was no provision for the general public who were advised to stay in their homes if there was a nuclear attack.

White Mare Corner Roundabout Mr. Woods attended the meeting to put forward proposals for the Town Council to undertake the maintenance of the cultivated part of the roundabout. 1. The County Council will remove all the existing growth on the roundabout itself. 2. The County Council will provide and level a quantity of new, good quality topsoil to the area. 3. The County Council will provide an agreed sum of money to enable replanting to be carried out. This replanting to be carried out by the Town Council by agreement with his Department. 4. In addition, the County Council will pay the Town Council an agreed annual sum towards the subsequent maintenance and upkeep of the roundabout. 5. The Town Council will accept the responsibility for carrying out any works to the cultivated area of the roundabout as may be necessary from time to time. This work to include replanting and replacement of plants and flowers as well as weeding and other general gardening activities as required.

Mr. Woods told the meeting that the County Council will be responsible for the lighting, signs and structure of the roundabout. Any disturbance to the cultivated area through statutory works being carried out would be made good. Mr. Woods department would provide signs to indicate work taking place and fluorescent clothing to the workers. Responsibility for the maintenance of the roundabout would be on an annual basis to be terminated by agreement. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Craig 'to undertake responsibility of the roundabout for 2 years for an annual payment of £80.00.' Agreed.

Mr. Woods was told that the work would be carried by Y.T.S. for Britain in Bloom. The following matters were also brought to Mr. Woods attention: Footpath at the rear of the Post Office. Mr. Woods stated that a programme of repairs will be carried out in the Market Place in the near future. Footpath from the Cemetery to Newsham Road. Mr. Woods was told that the grass banking is encroaching onto the footpath and agreed to have the grass cut back. Whitelass Beck Footpath. Although repairs had been carried out, Mr. Woods agreed to inspect the path again.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Parking in Stammergate Coun. Turton had told the Clerk that he will raise the matter with the County Surveyor and request that a written reply be sent to the Council.

Back Lane - Norby A letter had been drawn up and residents of Norby, prior to the Second World War, are to be asked to sign if they recall the lane being used by horsedrawn and later, motor vehicles.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens The Chairman and the Clerk had received complaints regarding the removal of the Riverside Mews sign. It was pointed out that as Millgate is a one-way street the sign was sited in the only place where it was visible to motorists. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the sign should be re-instated' Voting - 6 in Favour - 1 Against. Mr. Honps to be asked to repair and re-instate the sign.

Seats Mr. Hopps to be asked to transport the seat to Stockton Road. Mr. Woods had agreed to it being free standing. Mr. Hopps had inspected the broken ended seat on The Holmes and reported that the concrete base was not long enough for the bench seat previously sited outside Barclays Bank. He had also stated that the present seat served the same purpose as would the bench seat. It was agreed to consider new sites for the bench seat.

Height Barrier - Car Park Coun. Craig to enquire into this.

Amusement Arcade The Chairman stated that he understood that there is to be a special meeting at H.D.C. to consider the application for a gaming licence. Members noted that the premises are being used as a Discount Gift Shop with unsightly posters in the window. As there are other shops in the town with unsightly posters it was agreed to ask the Planning Department if there are any regulations governing shop advertising in a conservation area.

Saturday Market Letter received from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stating that the '50p' trader was to be warned that if he continues to ignore the market rules he will not be allowed to continue trading. From 3rd June, the new Cleansing Officer, Mr. Christopher Hayward, has taken over responsibility for all the Councils markets and will take steps to see that the market regulations for the Thirsk Market are carried out in the future. It was agreed to ask if Mr. Hayward will attend the next Council meeting to discuss the markets. If he agrees, the meeting will commence at 7.00 p.m. Members discussed the general dirty state of the Market Place caused by litter from stalls, motorists and schoolchildren. The need for a mechanical street cleaner was stressed. The Chairman stated that if H.D.C. obtained a large motorised street cleaner it could be used to sweep all the market towns. Coun. Craig to raise this matter at the Environmental Health and Control Committee meeting. It was agreed to ask Northallerton Town Council how they instigated the 'Keep Northallerton Tidy' campaign and if it is successful.

Sign - Kirkgate Picture Gallery Letter presented from the Planning Officer stating that although planning permission was not required for the fascia sign, Listed Building Consent was. The Town Council was consulted on the application and wished to see it approved. The sign which was erected conforms with the details submitted in the Listed Building Consent application.

B.M.X. Cycles - Car Park Nothing reported.

Public Transport Letter received from United Automobile Services stating that due to lack of patronage, an evening facility on the Northallerton to Thirsk route was withdrawn about 4 - 5 years ago and to re-instate it would not be justified. It was agreed to write to the Community Health Council asking if they can assist and Coun. Bickers to raise the matter at the Community Care Association meeting.

Parking - Waterside Coun. Craig reported that the Planning Officer is to investigate the complaint.

Parking - Ingramgate It was reported that no action has yet been taken regarding this as it has not yet been ascertained on whose land the tractor is being parked.

Whitelass Beck - Cross Ditch A verbal quotation of £82.50 to clear out the ditch had been received from Mr. Thompson. It was unanimously agreed to accept it. Complaints were made regarding residents of P.L.C. homes dumping garden rubbish through the hedge onto the footpath through Whitelass. It was agreed to ascertain the addresses of the home owners in question and write to them asking them to discontinue this practice.

Correspondence

Resignation Letter received from Coun. Megson resigning from the Council. It was agreed to write to Coun. Megson thanking him for his years of service and devotion to the Council and the community. Members agreed that a suitable presentation should be made to mark his retirement. It was also agreed to ask, through the Press, if any members of the public would like to subscribe. A Casual Vacancy was declared and will be filled by co-option if no election is called for within 14 clear days.

Girl Guides Invitation received for members to attend a Flame Ceremony to mark 75 years of Guiding, to be held in the Market Place on 25th June at 7.00 p.m. Five members agreed to attend.

Seats - Station Road Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that for some years they have paid an acknowledgement fee to Thirsk Hall Estates in respect of seats sited adjacent to Station Road, and although the fee is only 6p per year it is felt that it should be the responsibility of the Town Council. Members agreed to undertake the responsibility and to accept the suggestion that the fee should be paid ten yearly in advance. The Clerk pointed out that the seats are already maintained by the Town Council.

White Horse Service Station Letter presented from Mr. A. Palliser enclosing a copy letter from Leon Brittan M.P. containing the information that he had heard from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. that the solicitor acting for the owner of White Horse Service Station has indicated that his client is making arrangements for the footpath and verge to be reinstated outside his garage.

Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society Letter presented from the Civic Society regarding planning and stating that they feel it would be beneficial if a Working Party could be set up to investigate the Thirsk District Plan and formulate proposals to put forward which Hambleton District Council could consider before it revises the Plan later this year. The Town Council's comments on the suggestion would be welcomed and a representative invited to join the Working Party. It was agreed that Coun. Roberts represent the Town Council on the Working Party. It was pointed out that it is not a case of the Civic Society dictating to the Town Council but rather of working together to achieve the best results for Thirsk and Sowerby.

Representatives With the resignation of Coun. Megson, Coun. Craig was appointed to represent the Town Council on the Civic Society. Coun. Bickers stated that he may be able to continue on the Citizens Advice Bureau Committee.

Cemetery It was agreed that the Sub Committee should meet at the Cemetery on 6th July to discuss the Burial Fees, Cemetery footpaths and maintenance work required on Cemetery Lodge.

Local Councils Association Reminder received that resolutions for the A.G.M. should be submitted at the next Branch meeting. Dates for the 1986 Branch meetings were forecast as 12th February - 11th June - 8th October.

Transport Bill Notice received of a Day Conference to be held at New Earswick on 13th July to discuss the Transport Bill.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:

Alterations and Extension to Former Governor House to form Office and Storage Accommodation at Long Street for the British Gas Corporation. Approve.

Revised Details of the Construction of 2 Detached Dwellinghouses at Plots 68 & 69, Stockton Road for P.L.C. Homes. As it appeared from the site plan that there was a garage fronting onto Stockton Road it was agreed to make the observation that the Town Council would be totally opposed to any access onto Stockton Road other than the approved road.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Allenby.

Accounts as Circulated

S.G.S. - M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gardens - May	- £ 63.25
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Inspection Service on Play Equipment	- £ 21.53
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June	£287.50
	Administrative Expenses	£ 30.68
		- £318.18
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - April - June	- £722.50
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 29.50
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Combined Policy	- £185.47
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire & Emptying of Skip	- £ 39.10

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Hardware	- Garden Requisites	- £ 17.55
E. Stott & Son	- Garden Fork	- £ 9.55
R. Simpson & Son	- Planting Hanging Baskets & Plants	- £ 81.00
Anglia Building Society	- Transfer to Building Society Account	- £2500.00

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

John William Pringle	9 D6	£15.00
Fred Sturday	23 D5	£15.00
Charles Croft	11 D6	£15.00
Walter John Kelsey	8 D5	£15.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman stated that he felt joint meetings with Sowerby Parish Council, to discuss matters of mutual concern such as the Town Hall, policing, public services etc., would be beneficial to both councils. Letter to be sent to Sowerby Parish Council suggesting this.

Any Other Business

Community Care Association Coun. Craig reported that the C.C.A. is holding a Public Meeting to discuss the need for a Community Centre at the east side of Thirsk.

Tree - The Holmes It was reported that the tree, recently recovered by Mr. Thompson, has been blown down again. Mr. Thompson to be informed.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

W. H. K.
15/7/85

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
15th July 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, Mrs. F. M. Roberts + Mr. C. Hayward of H.D.C.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. A. J. Davison.

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

Markets Mr. Hayward, the Officer in Charge of the Markets, told the meeting that he has updated the Market Trading Conditions which are being issued to all the Market Traders. Those traders who do not comply with the conditions will be given two verbal warnings followed by a written warning that they may be suspended from the market. Members were given a copy of the conditions. Mr. Hayward stated that he is looking into the matter of traders' names being displayed on their stalls. He agreed that the Market Superintendent should have some means of identification for the benefit of members of the public. Mr. Hayward agreed to investigate a complaint that stalls were sited on the bus parking area on the last Bank Holiday Monday. Mr. Hayward told members that his department is responsible for cleaning the Market Place after the markets but not for the remainder of the time. Members agreed that it would be more satisfactory if only one department was responsible for street cleaning. Coun. Craig and Coun. Murkett to raise the matter with the relevant committees.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

White Mare Corner Roundabout The cultivated area had been cleared by the N.Y.C.C. and planted by Y.T.S. volunteers under supervision.

The Clerk reported that insurance cover had been obtained for the volunteers under the Personal Accident Section of the Council's insurance policy for a premium of £1.00 per head. Cover had been arranged for 15 young persons and 2 supervisors.

Parking in Stammergegate A letter from the County Surveyor had been forwarded by Coun. Turton and stated that the Highway Authority do not have funds available for the construction of a lay-by on Stammergegate. Other matters referred to by the County Surveyor were: Zebra Crossing - Long Street Traffic counts are to be carried out in Long Street, prior to the school holidays and on a market day to see whether relocating the zebra crossing from its present position can be justified.

Prohibition of Driving The signs regarding the prohibition of driving order at the north of the Post Office are on order and the traffic order should be implemented within the next few weeks.

Post Office Coun. Turton had also forwarded a letter from the Head Post Office at York stating that a feasibility study is at present being carried out regarding the accommodation afforded to the public at Thirsk Post Office. Counter manning is also to be reviewed to ensure that the staffing is equated to the traffic levels. Coun. Turton's request for additional letter boxes on the east side of Thirsk had been passed to the Operations Section.

Back Lane - Norby A letter from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. to Leon Brittan M.P., who had taken up the matter of Back Lane for Dr. & Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Reynard, was read to the meeting. The letter stated that the County Council's view, based on highway records, is that Back Lane is a private street, a length of which is a public footpath shown on the Definitive Map. The County Council's duty of maintenance extends only to the adequacy of the footpath for pedestrian use. The County Council has no evidence to show that any public right of way for vehicles has been established. With regard to the granting of planning permission by Hambleton District Council for the manufacture of windows at The Mitre, the County Council as highway authority had serious reservations about the application and initially recommended refusal of the application on the grounds of insufficient parking, manoeuvring space and inadequate access. Following discussion with the H.D.C. improvements were sought and planning permission was granted with the inclusion of 2 specific conditions - There shall be no outside storage of materials and the remaining site area shall be retained for parking of customers', staff and delivery vehicles. Parking space for at least 3 employees' vehicles shall be provided at the western end of the site.

The Chief Executive made the following suggestions 1. The County Surveyor will monitor and maintain the condition of Back Lane to ensure that it is in an adequate condition for pedestrian use.

Back Lane - Norby 2. The County Surveyor and Chief Constable will consider any reports of obstruction and take appropriate action leading to prosecution if necessary. 3. The Hambleton District Council will monitor compliance with the planning conditions and, if necessary, take enforcement action. 4. If a combination of the above 3 suggestions does not lead to an improvement in the situation, further consideration should be given to more active measures involving the improvement of Back Lane. A letter from Mrs. K. Reynard of Back Lane asked if the Town Council can take any action to prevent large container trucks from coming up Back Lane. Coun. Roberts stated that a large wagon recently damaged the hedge of a house on the Norby Estate and almost toppled over into the garden when manoeuvring at the top of the lane and trespassed 20 feet onto The Holmes when returning to the main road from the lane. The Chairman agreed to show Mr. Brittan photographs of heavy wagons blocking the lane which had been taken by Mrs. Reynard. A letter from the Planning Officer H.D.C. to Mrs. Reynard stated that his department did not consider that Ebor Windows were fully satisfying the planning conditions imposed in 1977. It was agreed to ask for a meeting between a Director of Ebor Windows and the Town Council to discuss the problem of the large vehicles and also the future of the site.

Recreation Lane - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Seats The Chief Executive H.D.C. had forwarded a letter from the solicitor acting for Mr. & Mrs. Jennings of 2, Alexander Close stating that the seat on Stockton Road was on private land and which they required to be removed immediately. The Clerk reported that the seat had been removed and is now at the Cemetery. Members questioned the ownership of the land where the seat was sited which they thought was grass verge belonging to the Highway Authority and agreed that enquiries be made of Barratts (York) Ltd and the N.Y.C.C.

Height Barrier - Car Park It was reported that the barrier had been repaired but is not being operated and lorries are again using the park. Members were told that the car park is being left open to allow access for coaches in the evenings. It was agreed that the Chairman take up the matter with H.D.C.

Amusement Arcade & Shop Advertising Nothing reported.

Keep Northallerton Tidy Campaign A letter from the Clerk of Northallerton Town Council stated that the campaign is organised by a Committee and not run by the Council. The Chairman was of the opinion that all the Councils of the market towns in H.D.C. should collaborate to persuade H.D.C. to provide mechanical equipment to achieve cleanliness throughout the district. It was agreed to ask the Secretary of the Keep Northallerton Tidy Campaign for details of the campaign and to seek his views on a meeting between the Councils concerned.

Public Transport - Hospital Visiting A letter from the Secretary of the Northallerton District Community Health Council suggested that a 'lift scheme' for evening hospital visitors could best be co-ordinated on a local basis and wondered whether Thirsk Community Care Association might be interested in such a project. Coun. Craig agreed to raise the matter at the next C.C.A. meeting. The letter from the Secretary of N.D.C.H.C. also stated that any suggestions about changes in visiting hours would be considered in a review taking place at present prior to commissioning and occupation of Phase 1 of the rebuilt Friarage Hospital.

Parking - Waterside Coun. Craig stated that a fence is necessary to prevent parking.

Parking - Ingramsate It was agreed not to pursue this matter as vehicles are parked in front of all the residences on the north side of Ingramsate.

Whitelass Letters are being sent to residents of Whitelass Close and Springfield Close, whose property adjoins the boundary hedge, asking for co-operation in deterring would be offenders from depositing rubbish in the Whitelass area.

Casual Vacancy A letter from the Returning Officer stated that a bye-election has been claimed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Coun. Megson. The election will take place on 12th September.

Joint Meetings with Sowerby Parish Council A letter received from Sowerby P. C. stated their willingness to hold joint meetings. It was agreed to arrange the first of these meetings for the end of September on a mutually agreeable date.

Community Care Association It was reported that at the Public Meeting it had been agreed to look into the feasibility of providing a meeting room at the east side of Thirsk.

Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting Coun. Bickers, Coun. Stott and the Clerk had met the Cemetery Superintendent who had pointed out that on Cemetery Lodge the guttering and fallpipes need renewing, brickwork and gable ends require pointing, chimney pots and roofslates need attention and the woodwork of a small window is rotten. The central square and the footpaths of the Cemetery need resurfacing. Having made enquiries, the Clerk reported that there are no grants available at the present time. It was agreed to hold a further meeting at the Cemetery to decide which work is most necessary and to discuss raising the Cemetery fees which had remained the same since 1982.

The Holmes Play Equipment A report from the Insurance Inspector stated that the missing end caps on the Parallel Bars should be replaced, the loose midway bolts on the Commando Ladder should be nipped up and two damaged seats on the Flat Swings should be replaced. The chains were 'over the top' and to prevent premature and possible early failure, the problem should be discussed with the Manufacturer. It was agreed to order two replacement seats from Wicksteed Leisure.

Correspondence

Cycling on Pavements A Notice of Motion from Coun. Allenby regarding the riding of cycles on public footpaths in Thirsk and what action to take after complaints from the public, was presented. Coun. Allenby cited instances of elderly persons being knocked down by cyclists on the pavement. It was also reported that Finkle Street is one of the main causes for complaint where cyclists ride on the footpath against the one-way system. It was agreed to request more action from the police.

Town Map Letter presented from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade stating that the stock of town maps will be exhausted this summer and asking that in view of a map on sale at 30p in the town and the one available at the Town Hall will the Town Council give consideration to the printing of a new map. Members agreed to support the Chamber of Trade if they decide to publish a new map.

Street Sweeping Review Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that the H.D.C. is presently reviewing its street sweeping programme and enclosing a plan and schedule showing the areas presently being swept within the town. These areas are generally based on a study carried out in 1977 by N.Y.C.C. Management Services Unit, but due to complaints and enquiries received from some Councils and members of the public it has been decided to look into the present system and consider such things as: type of equipment used; extent of the existing programme; different methods of sweeping the areas ie. by contract or possible Parish Council involvement. Having studied the work schedule for the Thirsk Street Cleaner members were of the opinion that it is impossible for one man to carry out all the duties listed. It was agreed to reply that in order for the cleaning to be carried out according to the schedule, it is imperative that a mechanical sweeper be purchased and utilised in Thirsk.

Thirsk Interim District Plan - First Review Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that the review will be carried out over the next twelve to eighteen months and enclosing a review programme and inviting comments on any particular planning issues affecting Thirsk. It was agreed to ask if Mr. Clark of the Planning Department will attend a meeting to discuss the District Plan Review. It was also agreed to invite members of Sowerby P.C. and the Civic Society if a meeting is arranged.

Land Drainage Act - Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board It was agreed to forward a letter from Mr. P. Tyas to the Local Councils Association for their comments and advice.

Yorkshire Day Invitation received for the Mayor to attend the first ever Yorkshire Civic Procession at York on Yorkshire Day, 1st August. It was agreed not to accept the invitation which required a £25 donation towards the event.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Mrs. A. Moore to apply for the transfer of the licence of the 'Lord Nelson'.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of S. Sleath and N. K. Ackeroyd to apply for the transfer of the licence of the 'Golden Fleece'.

Adoption of Streets Notice received that the road at Riverside Mews has been adopted as highway maintainable at public expense from 30th June 1985.

Litter Baskets Notification received that N.Y.C.C. has surplus litter baskets for sale.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Application for listed building consent and alterations to existing shop and first floor living accommodation at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York. No Representations.

Use of land for the parking of 4 heavy goods vehicles at Part O.S. 0639 Sutton Road for Mr. & Mrs. K. Strawbridge. Recommend refusal on amenity grounds and dangerous access onto the highway.

Renewal of consent for 3 bottle bins at Millgate Car Park for H.D.C. Approve.

Listed building consent and display of an externally illuminated fascia sign at 7, Kirkgate for Mr. B. Dunn. Recommend refusal on the grounds that an illuminated sign is not appropriate in a conservation area.

Change of use of existing dwellinghouse to a ground floor restaurant with first floor kitchen and store at 42, Long Street for Mr. N. Hoshain. Recommend refusal on the grounds that it is in a proposed redevelopment area.

Application for listed building consent for the display of a non illuminated projecting sign at Friends Meeting House. No Representations.

Alterations and extension to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage to replace existing garage at 2a, Shire Road for Mr. T. W. Prigmore. No Representations.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.

Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Foxton.

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 1st Quarter	- £ 25.90
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 29.30
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80
J. T. Thompson	- Grass Cutting - The Holmes - May	- £ 46.00
Cod Beck Internal Dr. Bd.	- Drainage Rates	- £ 2.60
Hambleton Sports Council	- Affiliation Fee - Annual Subscription	- £ 2.00
S. G. S. M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens Twice - Mill Gardens Once	- £109.25
	June	
Coun. Markett	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. Meeting at Easingwold - June	- £ 4.00
P. Smith	- Travelling Expenses to collect books from Audit from H.D.C. Offices - Northallerton.	- £ 4.00

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Ruth Elizabeth Hartley 12 D6 £ 15.00

Reports Coun. Foxton reported that the Britain in Bloom team intend to assist Coun. Bickers in tidying up the Mill Gardens.

Any Other Business

Woolmoor Close A resident of Woolmoor Close had requested the erection of a sign stating that it is an offence to allow dogs to foul the footway. It was agreed to request H.D.C. to erect suitable notices around the Hambleton Estate.

Millgate Bridge Coun. Bickers had received complaints regarding the branches of a willow tree overhanging the footpath. N.Y.C.C. to be notified.

Cinema The Chairman told members that the cinema is in danger of closing down unless it receives more public support.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

RV Markett
19/8/85

Minutes of a Meeting, to discuss the Thirsk Interim District Plan First Review, held in Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Tuesday, 13th August 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Thirsk Town Council Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott, A. J. Davision, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, Mrs. P. Smith (Clerk) Sowerby Parish Council Couns. R. W. Smith (Chairman), F. P. Hubbard, J. R. Potter, D. Bentley, Mrs. E. Hall, W. Abbott (Clerk). South Kilvington Parish Council Couns. Mrs. S. Metcalfe, P. C. Hesck. Civic Society Mr. C. Wright. Carlton Miniott Parish Council was not represented.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the First Review of the Thirsk Interim District Plan with Mr. J. E. M. Clark, Hambleton District Council's Principal Forward Planning Officer, and Mr. Tony Robinson the Officer who will be in charge of the review.

Housing The meeting was told that there is a reserve of housing land in the area and there will be no need for a further allocation. It was agreed that development and re-development is needed within the built up areas. Hambleton District Council has been unable to obtain land, earmarked for development, to the rear of Long Street and is reluctant to resort to compulsory purchase. Waterside is another area for development. Housing is adequate to meet the needs of future employees at the Industrial Park. It was suggested that amenities should be provided before further development takes place at the East side of Thirsk. There will be no extension of the Kings Meadows site in Sowerby and large scale development will not be allowed at South Kilvington and Carlton Miniott.

Employment There is a shortage of cheap premises to encourage industry within the area. New firms are needed on the Industrial Estate to create jobs. No assistance is available for firms wishing to move from premises already in the area to the Industrial Estate.

Shopping Mr. Clark told the meeting that his department is under pressure from major supermarket companies for suitable sites in or around Thirsk and said that such companies would not wish to come unless it was commercially viable. Therefore they must be confident that there is a need for such shopping facilities in Thirsk. Although those present felt that this could have a disastrous effect on small shops in the town it was agreed that such a supermarket should be in close proximity to the town centre and the old Salem Chapel site was suggested.

Parking It was agreed that better management of parking is necessary and that disc parking could be the answer to the problem of vehicles being parked all day on the Market Place. Additional parking space is needed at busy periods and the Millgate Car Park could be extended. It was suggested that H.D.C. should ask the Thirsk Race-Course Company if it would allow parking on the car park near the town for a trial period. It was agreed that efforts should be made to provide parking for wagons on the outskirts of Thirsk.

Recreation Land for recreation is needed in both Thirsk and Sowerby. H.D.C. is negotiating for 7 acres of land on the Hambleton Estate. It was agreed that with a thriving Harriers' Club in Thirsk there is a need for a running track and if there is to be one in the Hambleton District it should be at Thirsk.

Tourism The need for better car parking facilities in the town and extra parking for busy periods was again stressed, otherwise tourists will drive straight on. It was agreed that steps should be taken to prohibit heavy goods vehicles passing through the town. Prop. Coun. Hubbard, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that a meeting between all the parishes concerned and the County Surveyor should be held to discuss traffic problems.'

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
19th August 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, A. J. Davison,
E. R. Stott, H. D. Craig, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers.
Apologies for Absence were received from Coun. J. Brannon.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Back Lane, Norby A letter from Ebor stated that they are discussing the situation in
Back Lane with Hambleton District Council and do not think that there
is much to be gained at the moment in discussions with the Town Council. The Chairman
told members that Leon Brittain, M.P., is trying to organise a meeting between all the
interested parties.

Seats A letter from Barratt York Ltd stated that the land where the seat had been sited
on Stockton Road is in the ownership of 2, Alexander Close and it would seem
that the owners are in order to demand the removal of the seat. A letter from Mr. Woods
stated that Alexander Close is not yet adopted as a Public Highway and when adoption
takes place only the road and footpath on the plot of land shown on the plan will become
part of the highway. The area of grass will remain in private ownership. Coun. Roberts
reported that 2, Alexander Close has been sold and suggested that when the new owners
are in residence they should be asked for permission to site the seat on the area of
grass again. The Chairman agreed to approach the new owners. The Clerk reported that
she had been informed that the seat to be donated by R.A.O.B. Cliff Top Lodge should
soon be available for siting.

Advertisements in Shop Windows in Thirsk Conservation Area A letter from the Chief
Planner outlined the Town
and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1984 which govern the need
for consent for signs and advertisements. The only parts of the District which are 'areas
of special control' are areas adjacent to the National Parks and those do not cover
Thirsk. Signs and posters on Listed Buildings are likely to require Listed Building
Consent and this would only affect a few shops in Thirsk.

Height Barrier - Car Park Members expressed concern that lorries are continuing to be
parked on the Car Park, gaining entry because the barrier is
unlocked. Coun. Craig told members that the barrier is unlocked to allow access for
tour coaches. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. requesting that
lorry drivers contravening the bye-laws should be prosecuted and suggesting that an
alternative would be for the barrier to be locked and coaches allowed to use the Market
Place for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers. It was agreed that action
must be taken to prevent lorries from using the Car Park otherwise nearby residents will
again be disturbed by the running of engines throughout the night during the winter months.

Keep Northallerton Tidy Campaign A letter from the Secretary of the Campaign Committee
stated that the idea of initiating a long term campaign
to eradicate litter in Northallerton was originated by the Allertonshire Society who
first organised a public meeting. This resulted in the formation of a committee with
five members and a chairman from the Town Council, which sponsored the Campaign, and
other members representing local societies. The Campaign then started with a much
publicised Clean-up Week which was carefully planned and organised. It made an immediate
good impression but the effect soon wore off. Approaches were made to the schools to
make the children litter conscious and help and guidance was sought from the Police,
the Youth Custody Centre and the Keep Britain Tidy Organisation. No real achievement
has yet been made of a permanent nature. The basic philosophy is to educate the public
beginning with the children to an end in which there would be a natural pride in having
a clean environment. The letter also stated that the Chairman is very sympathetic to
this Council's idea of holding a joint meeting with other interested parties in the
District and wished to have the matter up for discussion at the next Campaign Committee
meeting.

Transport for Hospital Visiting Coun. Craig stated that there has not yet been a C.C.A.
meeting but he will raise the matter when the next one
is held.

Whitelass The Clerk stated that letters had been sent to residents whose property adjoins the boundary hedge, seeking their co-operation in deterring would be offenders from depositing rubbish in Whitelass. It was also reported that Mr. Thompson has cleaned out the cross ditch.

Meeting Room for the East Side of Thirsk A letter from the Secretary of the East Thirsk Community Association asked what the Council is planning to do with the land presently owned by Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd, or if there is any other land available as a suitable site for a Community Hall. It was agreed to reply that if Hambleton District Council is able to purchase the land referred to, it will be handed over to this Council and will be used solely for recreation. The Council would not support any request to build on it. It was suggested that the Association approach Hambleton District Council regarding the former Rymers' Mill site on Long Street and to enquire if it can offer alternative sites.

The Holmes Play Equipment It was agreed that Mr. Shipton be asked to remove the damaged swing seats and replace them with the new ones.

Cycling on Pavements A letter from Chief Inspector Whittaker stated that cyclists on pavements are a constant headache for his officers who are regularly warning cyclists, particularly young children on BMX cycles, about the hazards to pedestrians. Attention is being given to this problem and prosecutions are pending against a number of persons for offences in Finkle Street. School Liaison Officers are to visit all the schools in the Thirsk area at the beginning of the next term to emphasise to the pupils the inherent dangers of riding on footpaths. If there are any incidents of which members of the Council have knowledge, which they feel warrant prosecution and they can provide evidence in support, the police will be only too glad to take further action.

Town Map A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade stated that there must have been a misunderstanding over his previous letter, as they have no financial resources to become involved in any way in any future publication. Members again agreed that their only involvement would be to support the Chamber of Trade if they decided to publish a new map. It was also agreed that as there are other maps on sale in the town, a new publication is not necessary.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates A letter from the L.C.A. stated that the Association has written to the Cod Beck Drainage Board to enquire whether anything can be done to alleviate the payment of the extra drainage rates by affected householders. Coun. Allenby stated that one of the ratepayers has been invited to attend a meeting of the Drainage Board.

Notices re Dogs Fouling Footways Reply awaited from Hambleton District Council.

Thirsk Interim District Plan First Review Minutes of the meeting with Mr. Clark and Mr. Robinson, of H.D.C. Planning Department, and attended by members of Sowerby Parish Council, South Kilvington Parish Council, and a representative of the Civic Society, were read. Representatives of Carlton Miniott and Bagby Parish Councils had been invited but did not attend.

Members agreed to make comments on the following planning issues which affect Thirsk:

Housing Development should take place within the built-up areas and suggested Waterside and the old Rymers' Mill site in Long Street. Land earmarked in the original plan on York Road should be deleted from the plan but no objection would be made to the inclusion of land between York Road and Sutton Road. Consideration should be given to the provision of amenities before further development takes place at the East side of Thirsk.

Employment New firms should be encouraged to come on to the Industrial Park to create jobs.

Shopping A new supermarket would not be welcomed by the Council as it could be a threat to small businesses in the town, but if one is to be allowed, it should be sited in close proximity to the Market Place.

Parking Better management of parking is necessary. Disc parking on the Market Place is essential. Additional parking, needed now at busy periods, could be provided by extending the Millgate Car Park and it was suggested that Hambleton District Council ask the Thirsk Racecourse Company if it would allow parking on their car park nearest the town. Lorry parking should be provided on the outskirts of Thirsk.

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Recreation Recreation land is needed, especially on the large housing estates. As Thirsk has a thriving Harriers Club, consideration should be given to the provision of a running track. Land is available on The Flatts for this purpose.

Tourism Better parking facilities would encourage tourists and the prohibition of heavy goods vehicles, except for deliveries, would ease the traffic situation.

Tenders for Repairs to Cemetery Lodge Three contractors had been invited to tender to supply and fix new gutters and fallpipes and carry out chimney repairs. Only one tender was received at a cost of £297.00 with an additional cost of £48.00 in the event of P.V.C. rainwater gutter and downpipes being required to replace removed cast iron section.

Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that the tender submitted by Shaw Brothers be accepted.' Agreed.

Tenders for Resurfacing the Central Area of the Cemetery Three contractors had been invited to tender for the resurfacing or the repair of the central area. Only one contractor had tendered and offered three alternatives. 1. To resurface to a consolidated thickness of 25mm with bituminous material at a cost of £850. 2. Patching the area using bituminous material at a cost of approximately £560.00. 3. To repair the damaged areas in bituminous material and surface dress the area using bitumen and chippings at a cost of £480.00.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'to accept the third alternative offered by the North Yorkshire County Council at a cost of £480.00.' Voting - 7 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

Cemetery Fees Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Roberts 'to accept the revised fees and category amendments as recommended by the Cemetery Sub Committee.' Agreed

The revised fees to commence on 1st September 1985. (List attached)

Correspondence

County Emergency Plan A copy of the County Emergency Plan Information Book was presented for completion.

Appeal Notification received that the appeal by Mr. J. D. Hiley and Mr. C. F. Cowton against the Hambleton District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the construction of a workshop for the maintenance of motor vehicles at 60, Long Street has been dismissed.

Hambleton District Guide Letter presented from the Planning Department regarding advertising in the Hambleton District Guide and enclosing a leaflet on Herriot Country. Members were of the opinion that Thirsk should advertise its facilities in the guide. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to take a half page advertisement in the guide' Agreed. Alternatively it was agreed that the Chairman approach the Chamber of Trade with the view to sharing a full page in the guide.

Local Councils Association Meeting notice and Agenda received for the Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire & Cleveland Local Councils Association to be held on 7th September.

Mr. Megson Letter presented from Mr. C. J. Megson regarding the following matters:

1. The two wooden presentation seats on the Little Green need repairing and coating with a preservative.
2. Has permission been given for the placing of wooden crosses in the Cemetery.
3. A reminder that the Cemetery Sub Committee would look at the roadways and particularly the centre of the Cemetery.
4. What is our position with regard to the Town Hall.

As had been previously agreed, a quotation from Mr. Hopps to be requested for the repair, where necessary, and treating with preservative of the presentation seats and the seat around the tree on the Little Green. Mr. Megson to be notified of this, together with the information that permission has been given for the placing of two wooden crosses in the Cemetery, a quotation has been accepted for the resurfacing of the central area of the Cemetery and that the Town Council is part owner of the Town Hall.

National Tree Week Notification received that National Tree Week will take place from 16th - 24th November 1985.

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Scouts Letter presented from the 1st Thirsk Scout Group requesting assistance towards repairs to their headquarters. It was agreed to forward the letter to Hambleton District Council and to suggest to the Scouts that they apply for a grant from H.D.C.'s Bottle Bin Fund which assists local charities.

White Mare Corner Roundabout A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture's laboratory stated that one of the main reasons for the failure of the plants on the roundabout was the high percentage of ph in the soil. As the soil was provided by the N.Y.C.C. it was agreed to forward the letter to Mr. Woods for his comments.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:
Extension to Existing Dwelling at 11, Westgate for Mr. H. Williamson.
No Representations.

Siting of a Portakabin for use as an Office and Erection of Security Fencing at Station Yard for Mr. S. Sadler. No Representations.

Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 53 & 60 at Hambleton Park for Barratt Newcastle Ltd. Approve.

Revised Details of the Construction of a Building with Associated Offices at Castlegarth Works for G.S.M. Graphic Arts Ltd. No Representations.

Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 1, 2, & 3 York Road for D. Garner & Sons.
Approve.

Outline Application for Residential Development at York Road (Parish of Bagby) for Mr. A. Dale. Insufficient detail of access to comment.

Display of 3 Externally Illuminated Signs & 1 Internally Illuminated Sign and Listed Building Consent for 4 Illuminated and 5 Non Illuminated Signs at the Red Bear Hotel for John Smiths Brewery Ltd. Recommend Refusal until a site Meeting with members of the Town Council has taken place to discuss the proliferation of signs.

Alterations to Existing Flat at 7c, Kirkgate and Listed Building Consent for same for Mr. B. Dunn. No Representations.

Use of Part of Thirsk Racecourse for Sunday Markets for Mr. T. Anderson.
Voting 5 in Favour - 3 Abstentions - to comment that the applications should be refused as not being in the interests of the town.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd	- Cover for Volunteers	- £ 15.22 ¹
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	- 2 Flat Plastic Seats for The Holmes (Swings)	- £ 26.80 ¹
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens & Mill Gardens - July	- £ 63.25 ¹
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes - June	- £ 46.00 ¹
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee for year ending 31.3.85	- £141.14
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip at Cemetery - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80
Thirsk Power Tools	- Repairs & new parts for Strimmer	- £ 79.40
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 20.00

Additional Accounts

Coun. Stott	- Reimbursement of cost of repairs to Town Clock Timekeeper's watch	- £ 3.60 ¹
Coun. Roberts	- Reimbursement of cost of Fertiliser for Mill Gardens	- £ 4.60 ¹

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Austin Southworth	41 G5	£ 15.00
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Any Other Business

Post Office Coun. Roberts reported that a lady had sustained an injury caused by broken flagstones near the telephone kiosks outside the Post Office.
Mr. Woods to be notified of this.

Market Place. Coun. Allenby reported that a cyclist had been injured by a flying cobble from the Market Place. H.D.C. to be informed.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL AND BURIAL BOARD

FEEES FOR THIRSK CEMETERY

The FEES set out below apply where the person to be interred, or in respect of whom the Right is granted, is, or immediately before death was, an inhabitant or parishioner of the Parish of Thirsk, or in the case of a still-born child, where either parents are, or at the time of interment were, such inhabitants or parishioners. In all other cases, the FEES WILL BE DOUBLED, except where the Exclusive Right of Burial in the grave in question, or the right of constructing the grave, was acquired at the single fee as set.

Part 1 Interments

The fees indicated in this section

- (a) include the digging of the grave
- (b) apply only where the interment is made between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a weekday or on the certificate of the coroner or registered medical practitioner that immediate interment is necessary. In any other case DOUBLE FEES are payable.

1. For the Interment in a grave, whether or not an Exclusive Right of Burial has 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 £ 3.00
- (ii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed five years £ 6.00
- (iii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded five years but did not exceed twelve years £15.00
- (iv) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years £30.00

2. For the Interment of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which an Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted, or in the Garden of Rest

£ 7.00

3. For the Use of the Bier

- (a) Outside the Cemetery £ 2.00
- (b) Inside the Cemetery
 - (i) Adults £ 1.00
 - (ii) Children £ .50

Part 2 Exclusive Rights of Burial in Earthen Graves

For the Exclusive Right of Burial -

- (i) in perpetuity (99 years)
 - (a) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet £25.00
 - (b) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 8 feet £50.00
- (ii) for a period of 10 years in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet in which a burial has taken place £10.00
- (iii) for each individual period of 10 years NOT exceeding the total period of 30 years £10.00

Part 3 Walled Graves

For the right to construct, and for the Exclusive Right of Burial in perpetuity (99 years) in

a walled grave

(a) 9 feet by 4 feet

£60.00

(b) 9 feet by 8 feet

£120.00

The fees indicated in Parts 2 and 3 include the Deed of Grant

Part 4 Monuments, Gravestones and Monumental Inscriptions

For the right to erect or place on a grave in respect of which the Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted -

(i) a headstone - not exceeding 5 feet in height

£10.00

(ii) a vase - not exceeding 18 inches in height

£4.00

The fees indicated in this Part include the first inscription

For each inscription after the first -

£3.00

Registrar's Fees

For Renewal, in case of loss, of Certificate of Exclusive Right of Burial - each space

£2.00

For comparing Inscription for Headstone, and other erections with Register of Burials - each entry

£1.00

For searching Register of Burials, one year or part of year

£1.00

For every additional year or part of year

£1.00

For Certificate of Burial

£1.00

For each copy of Rules and Scale of Fees

£2.00

The above fees were approved at a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held on 19th August 1985 and will come into operation on 1st September 1985

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
16th September 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden,
J. Brannon, A. J. Davison, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. E. R. Stott

Coun. Loveden, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was welcomed
to the Council.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Back Lane, Norby The Chairman stated that he had been informed by the Chief Executive
of N.Y.C.C. that a meeting is to be held to discuss the problems of
Back Lane. It was agreed to request that a representative of the Town Council be invited
to the meeting.

Seats The Chairman reported that the seat from R.A.O.B. Cliffe Top Lodge will soon be
handed to the Council, to be sited on the grass verge of the road through the
Car Park. It was agreed to keep the seat in the shed until Spring. It was also agreed
that the wooden presentation seat, at present in the Market Place in the vicinity of
the Town Clock, should be sited outside the British Legion Club. Coun. Allenby stated
that the British Legion will maintain the seat. It was reported that No. 2, Alexander
Close is again occupied. The Chairman agreed to seek the permission of the new owners
to site a seat on the grass verge on Stockton Road in their ownership.

Height Barrier - Car Park A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that a copy
of this Council's letter had been forwarded to the Chief
Planner & Technical Officer. It had been reported to the Clerk that the barrier had
been locked all over the weekend and also on this day. A further report had stated
that the barrier is now jammed and will not open with a key. It was understood that
certain coach operators have keys for the barrier. It was agreed to request an up to
date statement regarding the barriers, times of locking and unlocking and key control.

Prohibition of Driving - Area North of the Post Office It was reported that although
signs have been erected,
vehicles are still being driven through, and parked on the area. It was agreed to enquire
of the County Surveyor when the Order comes into force.

Tidy Campaign Details of the Community Environment Programme had been received from
the Cleansing Officer H.D.C. It was agreed to reply that the Council is
interested in the programme but would like further information and to know of the costs
involved.

Transport for Hospital Visiting Nothing reported.

Meeting Room for the East Side of Thirsk Letters received from the East Thirsk
Community Association stating that they are
very keen on the provision of recreation land and do not wish to encroach on the land
proposed for recreation. An enquiry was made as to whether the surface of the land
will be prepared for football etc. It was agreed to reply that the land will be an
area where children can play in safety, away from the busy roads, and will not be marked
out for football. Coun. Craig stated that he is aware of two sites, suitable for a
meeting room, on the Hambleton Estate and is contacting the Association.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates The Assistant Secretary of the L.C.A. had informed the Clerk
that he has forwarded all the papers to the National Association
in London for their advice.

Notices re: Dogs Fouling Footways Reply still awaited from H.D.C. It was agreed to
suggest that wording, seen on notices in London by
Coun. Roberts, that 'People who allow their dogs to foul the pavement are dirty,
unhygienic and anti-social' might be appropriate.

County Emergency Plan The Chairman has taken the Plan for completion.

Hambleton District Guide The Chairman stated that the Chamber of Trade did not appear
to be interested in placing an advertisement. The closing
date for advertisements having passed, it was agreed to go ahead with a half page in

White Mare Corner Roundabout A letter from Mr. Woods stated that the N.Y.C.C.'s analysis of the soil showed a pH value of 7.8, which, although a little high, should not inhibit the growth of appropriate plants and shrubs. The main problem concerning the planting being the manner and lack of care in which the work was done. Mr. Woods also stated that he is prepared to provide a quantity of peat for the roundabout and incorporate it into the soil if it will lower the pH value and make the soil more receptive to a wider range of bedding plants and shrubs. This work will be carried out within the next two to three weeks. It was agreed to accept Mr. Woods' offer of peat. Members expressed the hope that the roundabout will then be planted with suitable shrubs.

Plans The Clerk referred members to a report in the press that the Planning Officer had stated that no comments had been received from the Town Council in respect of the application for use of part of Thirsk Racecourse for Sunday Markets. As the comments had been forwarded together with a letter from the Chamber of Trade and the other plans from the August meeting, it could only be assumed that they had been mislaid at the Planning Office.

Post Office It had been ascertained that the footpath outside the Post Office is in the ownership of the Post Office and not the responsibility of the N.Y.C.C. or H.D.C. The Principal Technical Officer had agreed to draw attention to the dangerous state of the flagstones and provided a plan showing the ownership of footpaths in the vicinity of the Post Office.

Market Place Cobbles It was noted that repairs are currently being carried out.

Little Green Seats It was agreed to accept a Quotation from Mr. Hopps of £47.80 + V.A.T. to repair and treat the Little Green seats with preservative.

Christmas Lights and Decorations It was agreed to seek a quotation from Martin S. Bingham & Co., for the erection and dismantling of the Lights and Decorations. A Lights Sub Committee of Couns. Craig, Bickers, Stott and Loveden was formed.

Heavy Goods Traffic - Finkle Street Coun. Brannon had requested that restrictions on heavy goods traffic traversing through Finkle Street be discussed. As it had been agreed at the District Plan meeting that a joint meeting of the Councils of all the parishes affected by heavy traffic should be held it was agreed that this should also be discussed at that meeting. The County Surveyor to be asked if a member of his staff will attend a meeting to discuss the problems of heavy traffic with all the affected parties.

Correspondence

Long Street A letter from the County Surveyor referred to previous correspondence and discussions in connection with the location of the Zebra Crossing in Long Street. Pedestrian/vehicle counts were carried out on Monday, 15th July, covering 100 metres to the north and 100 metres to the south of the Hambleton Place junction, taking account of all pedestrians crossing both sections of road and all traffic travelling along Long Street. Significantly more pedestrians crossed Long Street to the south of the Hambleton Place junction (i.e. that section of road which includes the existing zebra crossing) than crossed the north of the junction. Bearing in mind this fact and the accident record, the County Surveyor would not recommend that the existing Zebra Crossing be re-located to the north of Hambleton Place. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the County Surveyor's decision and agreed to invite Coun. Bumby, the local representative on the Highway's Sub Committee, together with Coun. Turton to attend the October meeting to discuss this.

Mill Gardens Letter presented from Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society proposing, with the Council's permission, to carry out work in the Mill Gardens and asking if the Council will purchase ground covering plants at a cost of approximately £15.00. It was agreed to accept the Civic Society's proposal and to allocate £15.00 for plants.

Insurance Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that Engineering premium and fees for inspection contracts will be increased by 7% for renewals due on or after 1st October 1985.

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Bakers Alley A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer H.D.C. stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Woods, Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C., regarding the possibility of re-surfacing Bakers Alley, using stone flags or concrete block paving, which would be preferable to the existing bitumen surface. Mr. Woods claimed that the additional cost of using flags would be about £1,200 which appeared rather excessive. The Town Council and the developer of the adjoining Royal Oak shopping scheme, together with the District Council, are being approached to see if they can agree to share the cost of enhancing this corner of the Market Place. Members agreed to consider making a contribution after the Royal Oak development has taken place.

Town Guide Letter presented from AM Publicity offering their services in producing a town guide and enclosing a sample guide. Such a guide would cost £750, with advertising being sold by the Council to help meet the cost. Should the Council not wish to be involved with the sale of advertising, this could be done by the printers and offset the revenue against publication costs, reducing the Council's contribution to £600.

Town Guide Letter presented from Yorkshire Publishing offering to come and discuss the Council's requirements in respect of a Town Guide. Yorkshire Publishing are currently involved in compiling an accommodation guide for H.D.C., financed by advertising sales and, depending on requirements, may be able to suggest a way of providing a guide for Thirsk on a similar basis. It was agreed to invite Yorkshire Publishing to a meeting.

Building Society Interest The Clerk told members that a letter had been received from H. M. Inspector of Taxes stating that Town Councils are not eligible for a refund of tax paid on Building Society interest. A letter from the Manager of Anglia Building Society stated that he had contacted the Inland Revenue and been told that Town Councils, generally, are not able to reclaim tax. The Manager had discussed the matter with the Society's Investment Manager and agreed that, due to the Inland Revenue ruling, the Council falls within the Composite Tax Rate status and the account can be transferred onto an Ordinary Share Basis. The Instant Gold account offering 8.75% net p.a. with instant access was suggested. The transfer will be back-dated to 1st September and the difference in interest that could have been earned will also be credited at the next capitalisation date, 31st December. The interest recalculation will effect funds from 21st November 1984 when the account was opened. The necessary transfer forms were signed.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Siting of 2 Mobile Homes at Land Adjacent to Millbank Court for Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Parker. No Representations.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 62A, Long Street for Mr. S. Tempest. No Representations.

Listed Building Consent for the Display of 2 Non Illuminated Signs at Kirkgate Guest House for T. A. & M. A. Bainbridge. No Representations.

Use of Existing Storage Warehouse as a Shop at 43A, Market Place for Mr. E. A. Barker. No Objections but point out that it could encourage the incorrect use, by cyclists, of public footpaths in the area.

Use of Existing Shop as an Extension to an Existing Adjacent Betting Shop for Mr. B. Dunn. No Representations.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Vacant Workshop for use as a Builders Store and Domestic Garage at 10A, Long Street for Shaw Bros. Approve.

Use of First Floor Residential Accommodation as a Hairdressing Salon at 87, Market Place for Mrs. V. Wilkinson. No Representations.

Construction of a Boundary Wall at 10, The Crescent for Mrs. C. Blackmore. No Objections but insist that it matches existing brickwork.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Allenby,
sec. Coun. Foxton.

Accounts as Circulated

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 25.74
D. G. Collinson	- Quarterly Payment - July - Sept. £722.50	

P. Smith	- Salary - July - Sept.	£301.25	
	Administrative Expenses	£ 32.31\	- £333.56
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens & Mill Gardens - August		- £ 63.25\
J. T. Thompson	- Clearing Whitelass Cross Ditch		- £ 94.88\
<u>Additional Accounts</u>			
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes - September		- £ 46.00\
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks hire & Emptying of Skip		- £ 39.10\
Anglia Building Society	- Transfer to Building Society Account		- £3700.00\

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Iain Cowen Martin

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£50.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on a potato lifting demonstration to which he had been invited at Skipton Bridge, the first such event staged by the Potato Marketing Board in this area. It was agreed to write to the Chairman of the Board thanking him for bringing business into the area, and to Mr. R. Bosomworth for making the land available for the demonstration. The Chairman told members that the Town Council has been invited to A. C. Bamlett, together with Sowerby Parish Council, to discuss future development on Bamlett land.

Any Other Business

Bus Shelter Coun. Craig reported 23 missing or broken panes of glass in the bus shelter, and suggested that the glassed area be removed and that there should be a solid wall to a height of 4 feet from the ground, the remainder being left open. This suggestion to be passed to H.D.C.

Disco It was reported that a Disco, held at the Frankland Arms, had led to complaints from the residents of neighbouring properties regarding noise. It was understood that a music licence had only been granted on the day of the event. It was agreed to ask H.D.C. if other discos will be allowed or if the licence was a temporary one.

Toilets Coun. Davison drew attention to the disgusting state of the Market Place toilets. H.D.C. to be notified.

Mill Gardens Coun. Bickers reported that the plaque has disappeared from the Mill Gardens wall. The matter to be reported to the police.

St. Mary's Church Coun. Roberts enquired whether the Council intends to support the St. Mary's Church Restoration Appeal. Members agreed that the Council already supports the Church by making an annual contribution towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

Mr. Megson Members agreed that a scroll should be presented to Mr. Megson commemorating his 39 years of public service. The cost to be met out of the Chairman's allowance.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Wm Lett
21/10/85

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday,
21st October 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts. Coun. J. R. Bumby (H.D.C.), Coun. W. F. Barton (N.Y.C.C.).

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. F. N. Bickers.

Members agreed to send a floral tribute to Coun. Bickers and good wishes for a speedy recovery.

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

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Coun. Barton, Vice Chairman of the Area No. 1 Highways Sub Committee, and Coun. Bumby, District Council representative on the Advisory Sub Committee, attended the meeting to discuss the Long Street Zebra Crossing. Coun. Craig stated that children attending the Primary School on Hambleton Estate and who live at Norby have to cross three roads in order to get to school. If the crossing were to be relocated to the north of Piper Lane it would necessitate crossing only one road and that would be under the supervision of a Crossing Warden. Coun. Roberts stated that the crossing in its present location is particularly dangerous at night as its lights are not clearly visible due to yellow street lighting and yellow lights on the roundabout nearby. Coun. Barton and Coun. Bumby agreed that the crossing is wrongly sited at present and promised their support to the Town Council's efforts to have it relocated. A letter from Coun. Turton, apologised for his absence and expressed his amazement that the result of the Highways census should find that the Zebra Crossing is in the correct position. Coun. Turton stated that by moving the crossing to coincide with Piper Lane the existing number of accidents, which he understands are one a month, would be reduced. The risk of possible fatal multiple accidents in fog or due to sun dazzle would also be reduced. Coun. Turton intended to seek an early meeting with the County Surveyor.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Back Lane - Norby A letter from Mrs. K. Reynard asked if the Town Council intends to support the Back Lane residents at the meeting of all the interested parties. The Clerk stated that a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. requesting Town Council representation at the meeting and a reply was awaited.

Seats The Chairman had not yet been able to contact the new owners of 2, Alexander Close to ask permission to site a seat on their land on Stockton Road. The presentation seat from the Market Place had not been moved to a new site outside the British Legion Club.

Height Barrier-Car Park A letter from the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C. stated that due to recent damage to the barrier it is presently being retained in an open position. When the necessary repairs have been carried out it is proposed to lock the barrier at approximately 7.30 p.m. and open it again at 7.30 a.m. each day including weekends. A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that steps have now been taken to prevent lorries entering the car park and arrangements made for the barrier to be locked at approximately 4.30 p.m. each day and opened early in the morning. Representations are regularly received regarding the provision of daytime coach parking facilities and if the present arrangements can be satisfactorily continued it is hoped that heavy lorries will be prevented from using the car park. It is appreciated that the byelaws ought to be enforced and if contraventions occur steps will be taken to ensure that this is done in future. Coun. Murkett stated that he was seeking permission to have the barrier discussed at a meeting on 22nd October.

Prohibition of Driving - Area North of the Post Office A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the order has now come into effect but for it to become truly effective it could well be that there would need to be a different treatment of the surface of the road behind the Post Office. It was suggested that this be discussed at the meeting that is being held in regard to heavy goods traffic passing through Thirsk.

Community Environment Programme A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stated that his department will be recommending to the Environmental Health Committee that the H.D.C. formally adopts the Community Environment Programme. The cost initially to the District Council would be £232.00 for a residential

Information from the Keep Britain Tidy Group, received in response to enquiries made by Mr. C. Hayward, Cleansing Officer, was enclosed.

Transport for Hospital Visiting Nothing reported.

Meeting Room for the East Side of Thirsk Letter received from the E.T.C.A. stating that the association has no intention of hindering the Town Council in its efforts to provide recreation land and that they support it. They also hope that they have the Town Council's support in their attempts to provide a community hall. A letter from the Chief Planner H.D.C. stated that while the District Council is unable to provide a suitable site for a community hall, it would like to offer support for such a venture. There appear to be no suitable sites in eastern Thirsk and the only option would seem to be to use part of the 7.0 acres of land allocated for recreational use in the Thirsk Interim District Plan. The Chief Planner asked whether the Town Council, who would ultimately look after this land, would be willing to allow a small portion to be used for this purpose for the general benefit of residents of the area. It was agreed to reply that the Town Council would not be willing for any part of the initial 3.28 acres, for which negotiations are now taking place, to be used for this purpose. This is intended solely as a play area for the young children of the area. If and when the balance of the 7.0 acres is made available, consideration may then be given to the allocation of an area of this land for use as a site for a hall.

Cod Beek Drainage Rates The Assistant Secretary of the Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A. had sought advice from the N.A.L.C. and enclosed a copy of their letter. The N.A.L.C. advised the setting up of a joint meeting with representatives of the Council and the Drainage Board to consider the matter in some depth, stating that it would be helpful to have at that meeting a representative of the Water Authority and one from the District Council. The Assistant Secretary also expressed the wish to be present. The N.A.L.C. stated that if the householders and Thirsk Town Council are justified in adjudging the present system to be unfair, what is the simplest method of alleviating the injustice. Is it (i) by an order of the Board, after consultation with the Water Authority to exempt certain persons from drainage rates (Land Drainage Act 1976 s.68(4)? or (ii) adopt a differential rate by a similar procedure to the above (Land Drainage Act 1976 s.68(1)? or (iii) a scheme by the Water Authority confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture to alter the boundaries of the drainage district under the Land Drainage Act 1976 s.(11)? or (iv) a review of the boundaries by the Water Authority following a petition from either the District Council or, if they are unwilling to act, from 40 affected householders (Land Drainage Act 1976 s.(14)?). The petition method would compel the Water Authority to review the boundaries generally. It was agreed to obtain a petition signed by householders before arranging a meeting.

Notices re: Dogs Fouling Footways The Clerk had been notified that funds for purchasing signs would not be available until the next financial year.

County Emergency Plan Nothing reported.

Hambleton District Guide Coun. Bickers had provided the text for an insert in the guide.

White Mare Corner Roundabout It was reported that the N.Y.C.C. had provided ammonium sulphate and peat for the roundabout which had now been planted with shrubs.

Christmas Lights Quotation of £10.00 per hour inc. received from Martin S. Bingham & Co. The Clerk had been told that erection would take 10-12 hours and dismantling 5-6 hours. It was estimated that 50 - 100 replacement bulbs would be required. It was agreed to accept the quotation. It was also agreed that the lights should be erected in the week commencing 8th December and dismantled before 6th Jan. 1986.

Heavy Goods Traffic Members were told that the joint meeting of parishes affected by heavy goods traffic has been arranged for Thursday, 7th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Coun. Barton and Coun. Bumby agreed to attend.

Town Guide It was reported that the Chamber of Trade is contemplating publishing a guide or information leaflet. It was agreed to leave the matter of a Thirsk Guide in abeyance.

Building Society Interest A letter from the Manager of Anglia Building Society stated that the Instant Gold Account, to which the Council's funds

The sum of £52.27 has been credited to the account, being the difference that could have been earned between the Instant Gold and Basic Tax Rate Deposit interest rates, since the date that the account was initially opened.

Bus Shelter A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the Council removes glass as it is broken, but as attempts to use reinforced glass have proved unsuccessful no more glass is presently being replaced. Alternative types of shelter are presently being considered but funds are limited for any type of replacement. Coun. Craig stated that this being the only bus shelter maintained by H.D.C. the Town Council may be asked to assume responsibility. Members were not in favour of this as it would be an additional financial burden.

Disco - Frankland Arms A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the music licence had been granted on the day of the event when the applicant had indicated that it was for a local charity. After consultation with the Chairman of the Leisure and Amenities Committee and Coun. Murkett, both of whom supported the granting of the licence, invaluable efforts on the part of the Police and Fire Brigade enabled the safety conditions to be cleared and a licence issued. Permission was temporary and related only to the evening of the function. The Council would be unlikely to grant a permanent licence for a tented structure at the rear of the Frankland Arms but if an identical event was organised next year i.e. one evening only, the Council could be seen to be unreasonable if they refused the application if the organisers were responsible members of a local charity. Nevertheless, any such application would have to be considered in the light of any written objections received.

Toilets A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the Council intends to improve the ventilation in the 'Gents' and has allocated monies for decoration and repairs to damaged equipment in this financial year.

Mill Gardens Plaque The Clerk reported that the Police had been notified of the disappearance of the plaque.

Mr. Megson The Chairman stated that he is making enquiries regarding a scroll.

Town Clock A letter from Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd drew attention to the fact that they have been called out to the clock on many occasions in recent years and generally the problem has been that the dials have been out of synchronisation with each other. There are several reasons for the problem and suggest that serious consideration be given to necessary remedial work. Wherever possible the clock has been attended to under the terms of the maintenance contract and no extra charges made but the point has now been reached when additional visits to cure the problem will have to be charged for separately. Quotations were submitted as follows: 1. To attend on site; to disconnect the transmission from each of the four dials; to drill and tap a new hole on each of the transmission universal joints, at right angles to the existing single fixing position, thereby, preventing the connecting rods from slipping; to set up and leave in good order - £184.00 and includes the cost of work recently carried out. 2. To attend on site; to remove four pairs of hands and four sets of dialworks; to bring to our Leeds works for complete overhaul, which would include dismantling and cleaning, removing all corrosion from the outer ends of the hour pipe and minute spindle; to re-instate; to set up and leave in good order - an additional £366.00 if carried out in conjunction with Quotation 1. The work referred to in these quotations is essential if the problem of dial synchronisation is to be solved. 3. To attend on site; to take templates of twelve damaged dial sections; to make at our Leeds works new sections using 050 opal perspex; to return to site; to chip out all the broken glass and old putty; to fit the new sections into place securely pinned and puttied into position; would cost an additional £372.00 if carried out in conjunction with the previous quotations. Coun. Stott told the meeting that it is 51 years since the clock had a complete overhaul. The terms of the contract state that the provision of scaffolding and roof ladders and work by other tradesmen is not included in the quotations. Members agreed that the work should be carried out as in Quotation 3 during the next financial year. It was agreed to request a contract price for the work to include all the services required and to apply to Hambleton District Council for a grant towards the cost.

Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Raymond Glenwright to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Black Bull.

Swimming Baths A letter from Mr. C. J. Megson expressed concern that the Town Council had not objected to the proposed spending of £1.2 million pounds to build new swimming baths at Northallerton. Members were not in favour of that amount being spent but were told that the present Baths at Northallerton are unsafe and need to be replaced. It was also stated that the new Baths are for the District and not just Northallerton.

Land to the rear of the Post Office A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. asked for the Council's comments on a request from the proprietor of the Royal to station tables and chairs on the cobbled area between the rear of the Post Office and his premises during the summer months. Members agreed that this should not be allowed as it would create a precedent and also because the owners of the Black Bull had been threatened with prosecution when they placed tables and chairs on the cobbles outside their premises.

Street Lights A letter from Mrs. R. Neesam drew attention to the fact that overgrown trees are obscuring the street lamps on the footpath from St. James' Green to The Holmes and asked if the owner of the field can be persuaded to trim the hedges so that lights are used to full advantage. It was agreed to notify the H.D.C.'s Lighting Officer.

Town Hall A letter from the Secretary of the Town Hall Committee notified the Council that at the next meeting will take place on 4th November and will be attended by members of the Rotary Club to discuss the proposed improvements to the front of the Town Hall. A second letter was accompanied by a renewal notice for the Fire Insurance showing a proposed increase in cover of 73% making the amount due £294 to cover a total insured of £294,000.00. The Town Hall bank balance will not cover the proposed increase and the Committee wondered if it would be a feasible proposition to request that the two Councils, Thirsk and Sowerby, as owners of the hall, contribute financially towards the insurance. Members agreed that this should be discussed with Sowerby P.C. after the meeting being held on 7th November to discuss heavy traffic.

Sponsorship A letter to the Chairman from Miss Alison Smith asked if the Town Council would be interested in sponsoring her to take part in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race on the S.T.A. schooner the Sir Winston Churchill - the cost of the voyage of three weeks being £795.00. Members did not feel that the Council could offer assistance but agreed that a copy of the letter should be forwarded to H.D.C. in the hope that they may be able to offer a grant.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Conversion of Existing Dwelling to Ground Floor Shop with First Floor Office Accommodation and Second Floor Storage Space at 31, Market Place for Mr. R. Bradford. No Representations other than to recommend a stone or metal outside staircase in preference to timber.

Extension to Existing Dwelling at 3, Long Street for Mr. B. A. Gasterling. No Representations.

Renewal of Outline Consent for the Construction of a Bungalow at Millbank Court for Mr. D. Hunt. No Representations.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Workshop and Storage Building at the rear of 15, Kirkgate for Thirsk Hall Estate. No Representations.

Outline Application for Construction of Quarantine Kennels and Cattery at O.S. 1445, The Bungalow, Old Sutton Road for WO2 and Mrs. Dobie.
Voting 7 - 2 in Favour of making No Objections.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Davison
sec. Coun. Foxton.

Accounts as Circulated

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 17.38
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80
N.Y.C.C.	- Repairs to Cemetery central square as per quotation	- £480.00

Hambleton D. C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £122.40
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens & Mill Gardens - Sept. & Fixing new seats on swings - The Holmes	- £ 70.15^

Additional Accounts

Yorks. Water Authy	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 2nd Quarter	- £ 29.02
Harland (G. M.) Ltd	- New part for mower	- £ 2.94

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Stella Knaggs	42 G5	£ 50.00
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Any Other Business

Lights - Woolmoor Close Coun. Loveden requested that the N.Y.C.C. be asked to replace the translucent globes on the Woolmoor Close street lights with clear ones.

Cod Beck Coun. Roberts reported a hole in the wire fencing at the side of the Cod Beck next to the footpath from The Holmes to St. James' Green.

Station Road Coun. Brannon reported that equipment being used by the contractors working on behalf of the Gas Board, is obstructing the footpath.

Criticism of the Town Council The Chairman thanked Coun. Roberts for replying to a letter written to the Darlington and Stockton Times by Mr. B. Ogleby criticising the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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18/11/85

Minutes of Joint Meetings held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall on Thursday,
7th November 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Thirsk Town Council Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Sowerby Parish Council Couns: R. W. Smith (Chairman), Mrs. E. A. Sandie, Mrs. E. E. Hall, D. S. Bentley, F. P. Hubbard, M. Naylor, D. Stratton, W. Bell, G. Bainbridge.
South Kilvington Coun. P. C. Hesk. Howe Parish Council Coun. G. A. Littleboy.
Mr. N. Jopling representing Ainderby Quernhow. County Councillor W. Barton.
North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department Mr. R. Barker, Mr. Harris, Mr. M. Woods. Inspector Welburn - Chief Constables representative, Traffic Management.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the problems of heavy traffic passing through Thirsk - representatives of all other parishes affected had been invited - Bagby, Carlton Miniott and Skipton on Swale did not attend.

Coun. Murkett, in the Chair, stated that the intention of the meeting was to convince the N.Y.C.C. that the by-pass should be used by heavy goods traffic that does not need to come into Thirsk.

Mr. Barker agreed that although signs on the A1 had been amended, directing traffic onto the by-pass, a considerable amount still uses the route through Thirsk. It is not possible to remove the 'Thirsk' sign from the A1, as Thirsk has to be signed on Primary Routes under a directive of the Department of Transport.

To a suggestion that a weight restriction should be imposed on the bridge at Skipton on Swale, Mr. Barker replied that it would cause problems for local traffic.

Mr. Littleboy suggested that a weight restriction on the B6267 - A1 to Skipton Bridge via Ainderby Quernhow - would alleviate the problem.

Mr. Barker agreed to recommend to his Committee that a survey on traffic coming to Thirsk on the A61 and the A1 via the B6267 should be carried out.

Concern was expressed regarding heavy vehicles mounting the pavements in Thirsk at the L bends in the town.

Regarding heavy traffic through Kilvington, Mr. Barker stated that a proposed weight restriction on traffic from Stammergate to South Kilvington had not been imposed because of objections from local residents and the police. It was pointed out that the restriction would not have prevented lorries from coming through the town.

Mr. Barker agreed to recommend that an all day survey on heavy traffic should be carried out, in Spring or Autumn, on the A 61, B6267 and Long Street.

Prohibition of Driving Order - Area to the rear of the Post Office

The meeting was told that the 'Order' is now in operation but the parking bays have yet to be removed.

It was pointed out that drivers are ignoring the signs and still driving through the area. It was suggested that there should be a physical obstruction to make motorists look at the signs.

Mr. Barker was of the opinion that the surface of the area should be raised to indicate that it is a pedestrian area.

It was agreed that the N.Y.C.C. put forward a plan for consideration by the Town Council.

At the end of this meeting, Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councillors remained to discuss Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall.

W. Murkett
18/11/85

Joint Meeting - Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council - Coun. R. W. Smith
in the Chair

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

Members who had attended the Town Hall Committee Meeting on 4th November were aware of the fact that Municipal Mutual Insurance had recommended an increase in cover for the building from £170,00.00 to £294,00.00 being a percentage increase for each year since 1979. The premium of £294.00 was due on 9th November. It was felt that the valuation is too high and that £200,00.00 would be more realistic.

It was agreed that the premium on the previous valuation (£170.00) and that a re-valuation of the buildings by the insurance company be requested.

At the Town Hall Committee Meeting, Coun. Smith had requested the account books so that an up to date picture of the financial situation would be available for the joint meeting. The account books had been produced but there were no entries for the current financial year as the relevant information had not been passed from the secretary to the treasurer.

The Chairman of the Town Hall Committee (Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts), told the meeting that the income from bookings to the end of October was £2,850.00 and outgoings £2,749.00. There is a balance in hand of £600.00 at present but there would be an increase in heating and lighting costs during the winter and the caretaker would require an increase in salary. There are many regular bookings of the hall.

Coun. Murkett stated that although the Rotary Club is going to carry out repairs and renovations to the front of the building, the two Councils, as owners of the Town Hall, should be responsible for external maintenance and for insuring the building. He felt that the two parishes, jointly, should provide money annually for outside maintenance and cover the cost of insurance.

Those present agreed that the two parishes should provide money annually but that it should be retained by the Councils until such time as work is needed on the building.

The Town Hall Committee should be responsible for the interior maintenance and day to day running of the Town Hall.

Proposed Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Hubbard 'that the sum of £1,500.00 be precepted by each Council for the Town Hall in the next financial year.' On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Naylor, sec. Coun. Bainbridge 'that the sum should be £1,000.00.'

Voting for the amendment (Sowerby Parish Council) - 4 in Favour - 5 Against. Proposal carried.

Coun. Foxton having left the meeting, the six members of Thirsk Town Council agreed to precept £1,500.00 for the Town Hall in the next financial year.

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18/11/85*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
18th November 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden,
J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, A. J. Davison, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. F. N. Bickers & E. R. Stott.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coun. Bickers A letter from Coun. Bickers thanked members for their good wishes and
stating that although he is recovering he will not be able to attend
Council meetings before February.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street It is understood that the crossing is to be relocated,
but the County Surveyor's confirmation of this is awaited.

Back Lane, Norby The meeting of all the parties concerned is to take place on 21st
November in the Town Hall.

Seats The Chairman has not yet been able to contact the owners of 2, Alexander Close.
The seat, donated by R.A.O.B. Cliffe Top Lodge has been received and is being
stored until Spring. Letter of thanks to be sent to R.A.O.B. Coun. Allenby stated that
a Council seat is not now required for siting outside the British Legion Club and Coun.
Loveden suggested that the seat could be sited outside the C.A.B. office for the benefit
of waiting clients. No decision was reached as members were concerned that the seat could
be vandalised when there are discos at the Town Hall. Mr. Hopps to be asked for a
quotation to repair a damaged bus shelter seat.

Height Barrier - Car Park Coun. Craig reported that the Leisure and Amenities Committee
H.D.C. had accepted a recommendation that the barrier should
be open between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. each day, or at such other times as
agreed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee. Members were of the opinion
that the barrier should remain open until 9.00 p.m. during the summer months. It was
agreed to invite the comments of the Chamber of Trade on the opening hours. Coun. Craig
was requested to enquire about the designation of an area of the Car Park as a Bus Station
that had been discussed last year at a joint meeting with representatives of the District
and County Councils.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates A petition, compiled by Mr. Peter Tyas, and signed by 52 I.D.B.
ratepayers, was presented to the Council. A letter from
Mr. Tyas stated that in gathering the petition, he found a tremendous depth of feeling
against the Drainage Board. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Board, as
suggested by the M.A.L.C. and to invite Leon Brittan M.P. who had been sympathetic and
helpful to the ratepayers.

White Mare Corner Roundabout A request had been received from the Britain in Bloom
Committee for the promised £105.00 from the Town Council.

Christmas Lights The electrician had reported to the Clerk that a cable, fixed around
the clock, and to which the fascia boards are to be attached, had been
removed, possibly when the brackets for the hanging flower baskets were fixed. The
brackets will have to be removed so that the boards can be sited. A replacement cable
will cost in the region of £10.00. A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade
stated that permission had been granted for their tree to be sited on the roof of the
toilets in the Market Place, and asking if the electrician will connect the tree lights
to the Council lights, giving uniformity to the On/Off times of the lights. A donation
of £5.00 was enclosed towards the Council's costs. Members agreed to this request.

Presentation to Mr. Megson The Chairman told members that the scroll is not yet ready.

Town Clock A letter from William Potts & Sons stated that scaffolding will not be
necessary and no additional allowance need be made for this element. The
work would not be carried out before April/May of next year and the price of £922.00
+ V.A.T. will still be applicable. Members agreed that provision for this should be made
in the 1986/87 estimates.

Northallerton Swimming Baths A second letter from Mr. C. J. Megson stated that he has not received an answer to his question as to why the Town Council has not objected to the building of new swimming baths at Northallerton. He also stated that he has no reason to believe that a replacement pool is required. Certain repairs are always needed. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that he had objected to the proposed new swimming baths, but having read three independent reports declaring the present baths unsafe and a public danger, decided that the experts know best. He also stated that he does not favour the baths being sited at Stone Cross and will object to the building of any other than a senior and junior swimming pool.

Street Lights A letter from the Lighting Officer H.D.C. stated that the owner of the trees overhanging the footpath from St. James' Green to The Holmes has been asked if he is prepared to arrange for the offending trees to be trimmed back and if not, if he is prepared to allow the work to be carried out by the District Council. Coun. Loveden told the meeting that the translucent globes on the Woolmoor Close lights have now been replaced with clear ones.

Cod Beck Fence A letter from the Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C. stated that the hole in the fence will be repaired in the near future.

Heavy Traffic passing through Thirsk The Minutes of the meeting, held to discuss heavy traffic, at which the area to the rear of the Post Office was also discussed, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Foxton.

Town Hall The Minutes of the joint meeting with Sowerby Parish Council, held to discuss the financial responsibility towards the Town Hall, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Davison. Coun. Davison suggested the drawing up of a 'landlord and tenant' agreement between the two Councils and the Town Hall Committee. It was agreed to seek the views of Sowerby Parish Council on this.

Revenue Estimates - 1986/87 A letter from the Treasurer H.D.C. stated that it is necessary for estimated expenditure details to be forwarded earlier than in previous years as the Council has a duty to consult industrial and commercial ratepayers about proposals for expenditure in the next financial year. A letter from the Flatts Preservation Trust appealed for financial assistance as due to the unexpected cost of repairs to the changing rooms roof the Trust's account is overdrawn and a loan had been made by the Chairman of the Trust to pay the outstanding sum. Sowerby P. C. had agreed to make a grant of £100.00. Members agreed to make provision of £100.00 and to decide after the Trust's A.G.M. whether to make the grant now or in the next financial year. A letter from the Rector of St. Mary's Church told of expenses incurred in the repair of the old bier-house in the churchyard and the purchase of a new churchyard mower, to a total of £602.10. The letter also pointed out that as St Mary's is a closed churchyard it could become the responsibility of the Town Council but the P.C.C. have preferred to care for the churchyard with a contribution from the Town Council. Members were told that the Town Council would not necessarily have to assume responsibility for the churchyard, should the P.C.C. decide to hand it over. It could be passed to the District Council. It was agreed to include £200.00 in the estimates, the same sum as in the present financial year. In addition to percentage increases in normal expenditure, it was agreed to include £200.00 for repairs to Cemetery Lodge, £250.00 for Cemetery Paths, £100.00 for an advertisement in the Hambleton District Guide, £1,000 for the Town Clock and £1,500.00 for the Town Hall. It was decided not to purchase a new grass cutter but to make provision of £250.00 for repairs to the present ones. No decision was made regarding an increase in the Cemetery Superintendent's salary. The Clerk stated that she was willing to accept a 5% increase rather than the large increase to which she is entitled under the terms of her contract. Provision was made for this. The Clerk told members that a balance of £1,200.00 is envisaged for the end of the present financial year and there are funds in hand for projects not yet carried out. It is anticipated that the costs of the bye-election (£374.00) will be met from a credit balance with H.D.C. The estimated p.r.p. for 1986/87 is £3,600.00. Having studied the expenditure forecast, members agreed that £13,000.00 would be required. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Davison 'that H.D.C. be told that £13,000.00 will be required for the financial year 1986/87'. Agreed.

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Concessionary Fares Coun. Craig told the meeting that he had been asked, by a local organisation, to seek the views of the Town Council on concessionary fares for senior citizens. Coun. Murkett stated that previous requests to H.D.C. for a concessionary fares scheme had been unsuccessful because they related to bus fares and many villages within the district do not have a bus service. He told members of a concessionary travel scheme in Northumberland whereby travel tokens could be purchased for a small sum and could be used on all forms of transport. Couns. Craig, Brannon and Loveden were in favour of concessionary fares, the remaining members felt that a concessionary travel scheme may have more success. Coun. Craig was requested to ascertain the organisations views on concessionary travel.

Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Clive Peter Pointon and Anthony Stephen Brooker to apply for the transfer of the off-licence in respect of Fine Fare, 32, Market Place, Thirsk.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes 1986/87 A letter from the Chief Planner H.D.C. stated that, having successfully embarked on a number of enhancement schemes in the present year, schemes for future years, and especially 1986/87 are now being considered. Enhancement projects are those which seek to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The District Council's contribution could be both technical and financial. Financial assistance could be given, amounting to 25% of the cost of the scheme to a maximum of £1,000.00. It was agreed to draw attention to the scheme for The Holmes and Cod Beck, submitted in 1984 and request a grant towards the cost. At the Chairman's suggestion, it was agreed to request a grant, from H.D.C., of one third of the cost of reburbishing the face of the Town Clock. If a grant is received, it may then be possible to clean the fabric of the clock.

Northallerton District Community Health Council A letter, together with copies of the Eleventh Annual Report, offered to arrange a talk, backed by a video film, on the work of the C. H. C. Members agreed to accept this offer for sometime in the New Year.

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council A letter from the Regional Secretary stated that in view of the proposed privatisation of British Gas, and its possible consequences for Gas Consumers' Council, instead of carrying out a review of the membership of the four Area Committees, they are writing to all nominating bodies requesting them to ascertain if their nominee wishes to continue to serve on the Area Committee. Confirmation was requested that (a) the Town Council wishes the nomination to stand, and (b) that the nominee wishes the nomination to stand. It is not possible to accept any alternative nominations. The Council and Coun. Allenby agreed that his nomination should stand.

Civil Defence A letter from the County Emergency Officer gave notice that the next Community Advisers Course is to be held at Bedale on 8th & 22nd January, 5th & 19th February & 5th March 1986 and requesting details of any volunteers from the parish who wish to attend the course. Coun. Loveden and Coun. Foxton volunteered to attend.

Remembrance Sunday A copy letter from the Reverend Graham Smith to the Darlington & Stockton Times, was presented. Rev. Smith deplored the presence of trucks and gun carriers in the parade from the war memorial at Sowerby. Members did not think that the criticism was justified.

Community Care Association A copy of the Associations's newsletter and balance sheet was presented.

Hambleton District Guide A copy of the Council's advertisement in the Hambleton District Guide, the text of which had been written by Coun. Bickers, was shown to the meeting.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice of, and application forms for, the 29th Scarborough Course presented, the resident fee for the weekend being £47.00.

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Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Alterations to Existing Workshop and Storage Building to Form a Shop for Additional Retail Use at the Rear of 15, Kirkgate for Thirsk Hall Estate.

Approve.

Conversion of Existing Outbuildings to Additional Guest House Accommodation at Kirkgate Guest House for T. A. & M. A. Bainbridge.

Also Listed Building Consent in connection with the above. Approve.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Public House at the Cross Keys, Kirkgate for John Smiths Brewery Ltd.

Also Listed Building Consent in connection with the above. Approve.

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

As Circulated

Flowers in Thirsk & Sowerby	- Balance of amount precepted - after deductions -	£105.00	✓
	for Flower Baskets & Gardening Sundries.		
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens & Mill Gardens Oct/Nov.	- £ 63.25	✓
Harland (G. M.) Ltd.	- Repairs to Hayter Mower	- £ 17.52	
" " "	- Replacement part for Mountfield Mower	- £ 2.79	✓
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80	

Additional Accounts

L. C. Hopps	- Fixing Sign at Riverside Mews	£16.09	✓
	Transporting Seat	£18.97	✓
	Repairs to Little Green Seats	£54.97	✓
Royal British Legion	- Wreath for Remembrance Day	- £ 90.33	
		- £ 8.20	✓

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

Hedley Ewart Wright	17 D4	£ 50.00	✓
Albert Fletcher	15 D5	£ 25.00	✓

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the 49th Field Regiment Royal Artillery is leaving Alanbrooke Barracks in January after four years in the district. It was agreed to write to the Officer Commanding, thanking him and his men for their support of the town and wishing them well on their departure.

Member's Report Coun. Loveden reported that the Citizens' Advice Bureau Office at Thirsk has increased its hours of opening.

Member's Report Coun. Roberts reported that she had attended the first meeting of the new Governing Body of Sowerby County Primary School.

Any Other Business

Finkle Street Coun. Allenby reported that a heap of hardcore had been deposited on the footpath outside 21, Finkle Street and had remained there for three months. Mr. Woods to be asked to take action. Coun. Allenby also reported the presence of a litter basket in the Cod Beck at Finkle Street.

Bridge Street Coun. Foxton had received complaints regarding overhanging branches at the end of the bridge. Mr. Woods' attention to be brought to this.

Market Place The Principal Technical Officer to be asked if the Bull Ring area of the Market Place can be included in the current programme of cobble repairs.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

14/11/85
Craig

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
9th December 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, Miss J. Foxton, A. J. Davison,
Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. F. N. Bickers, J. J. Allenby,
J. Brannon, D. S. Murkett, E. R. Stott

In the absence of Coun. Murkett, the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Zebra Crossing - Long Street A letter from the County Surveyor stated that he has
agreed to re-site the crossing to the north of Hambleton
Place and has made arrangements for a report to be placed before the next Area Highways
Sub-Committee when it meets on 31st January 1986.

Back Lane, Norby A report of the meeting of all the parties concerned was received
from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. The Highways Dept. representative
had stated that the road is privately owned and would have to be made up to County
Council standards before it could be adopted as a publicly maintained highway and he
estimated the cost as in the region of £18,000.00. It had been agreed that rainwater
coming from the roofs of properties was partly to blame for the deterioration of the
surface. A blocked drain caused the footpath to become flooded, which when iced over
in winter was very dangerous. The N.Y.C.C. representative had also stated that there is
not enough room for both a road and a footpath to be marked. There is a public right
of way across the road but it is the residents responsibility to maintain the road.
He advised the residents to get together and re-surface the road and re-arrange the
water flow. The minimum cost for surfacing the lane, if it was done by the residents,
was estimated at £5.00 per square metre. One resident suggested that the work could
be done at less cost if the County Council would allocate 'burnings off' and he would
be prepared to make up the road if they were provided. It was suggested that the
residents should arrange a meeting between themselves to discuss the problems further.
A letter from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stated that the Divisional Surveyor has
agreed to investigate the drainage problems but regrets that there will be no
'burnings off' available for the surface as these are all used for other processes.

Seats Quotation for the repair of the bus shelter seat awaited.

Height Barrier - Car Park A letter from the Chamber of Trade stated that the present
closing time of the barrier is satisfactory but do not
favour the arrangement that the Chairman and Vice Chairman alter the closing times. The
Chamber of Trade also suggested that a sign should be erected in the Car Park giving
information regarding the opening and closing times of the barrier. It was agreed to
forward this suggestion to the principal Technical Officer and to inform him that the
Winter opening and closing times are acceptable but that the barrier should be open
between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. from Easter to the end of October.

Cdd Beck Drainage Rates A letter from the Clerk to the Drainage Board stated that the
Chairman of the Board is of the opinion that a meeting with
the Council and the Yorkshire Water Authority will not serve any purpose regarding pay-
ment of drainage rates etc. as the Board only administers the law. If the petition for
a review of boundaries is forwarded, the Yorkshire Water Authority will then decide if
a review is necessary. The intervention of Mr. Tyas as the Audit, cost the Board
£231.31., equivalent to a 3p rate. A copy of this letter had been forwarded to the
L.C.A. and theri Legal Department recommended that the petition be sent to the Yorkshire
Water Authority together with copies of all relevant correspondence from the Board.

Christmas Lights Coun. Bickers had notified the Clerk that the cable, taken down from
the Town Clock, is at Gillings Court. The electrician had reported
that he had been able to use the cable but it had taken 1½ hours to replace it on the
clock. The hanging basket brackets had to be removed to enable the fascia boards to
be fixed, one had been so difficult to remove that a piece of the stone fabric of the
clock had broken off. A replacement time clock was required at a cost of approximately
£20.00. Members agreed that this should be obtained.

Presentation to Mr. Megson Coun. Murkett had requested the Clerk to suggest to the

preferable to a scroll. Members accepted this suggestion and were anxious that the presentation should take place at the January 1986 meeting.

Town Clock It was understood that the Hambleton District Council has agreed to make a grant towards the refurbishing of the clock face.

Northallerton Swimming Baths A third letter from Mr. C. J. Megson asked why does not Northallerton make a contribution towards the new pool. Coun. Craig told members that both he and Coun. Murkett agree that Northallerton Town Council should contribute towards the cost of the new swimming baths.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Davison produced a balance sheet showing a credit balance of £1.00. He told the meeting that funds are needed for alterations to the changing rooms. It was agreed to make the promised grant when requested.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Reply awaited from H.D.C.

Northallerton District Community Health Council A letter from the Secretary stated that the video is approximately 20 minutes and the talk and/or questions can be tailored accordingly. It was agreed to decide on a date at the next meeting.

Remembrance Sunday A letter from Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Smith of Sowerby objected to the presence of the line of guns and soldiers in combat uniform at the Remembrance Sunday parade and hoped that this will not be repeated on future occasions. It was agreed to reply noting the comments made and stating that the Town Council is not involved in the arrangements for the parade, these being the responsibility of the Royal British Legion.

Finkle Street A letter from Mr. Woods stated that he has for some time been trying to establish the ownership of the hardcore without success and has now made arrangements for it to be removed by his department.

Bridge Street Mr. Woods letter stated that some of the tree growth from around the street light has been removed but that further work will be carried out in the near future.

Concessionary Fares Coun. Craig requested that this be deferred until the next meeting.

Britain in Bloom 1986 Coun. Foxton reported that the Flowers in Thirsk and Sowerby organisation has disbanded. The Civic Society had suggested that the Councils might devise some form of competition. Members were asked to consider this.

Correspondence

Appeal Notification received that the appeal by Property and Land Securities Ltd against the refusal for planning permission for residential development at Part O.S. 8564, 9370, and 9454, Stockton Road has been dismissed.

Keep Northallerton Tidy Campaign A letter from the Secretary of the Campaign invited members to attend the A.G.M. on 2nd April 1986 at 7.00 p.m. in Northallerton Town Hall when the Town Council's suggestions to join with other market towns could be jointly discussed. It was agreed that this Council should be represented.

Public Payphones A letter from British Telecom stated that they have been given notice by the Head Postmaster at York to remove the three telephone kiosks from outside Thirsk Post Office. The land on which they stand being Post Office property. Urgent discussions are being held with H.D.C. to find an alternative site on or near the Market Place. They hope disruption to telephone service will be minimal, but the provision of a new location may be extremely difficult. Members agreed that a Market Place location is essential and suggested that British Telecom request a site on the cobbles as near as possible to the present location, possibly at the end of the bus shelter.

Street Signs A letter from Miss Filbey regarding street signs at Fairfield and Alexander Close was forwarded, with her consent, to the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C.

Hambleton District Guide Members were shown a copy of the 1986 guide.

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Road - Little Green to The Crescent In a letter, Coun. Loveden referred to complaints he has received about the state of the road. He stressed the importance of determining who owns the road and who is responsible for its upkeep. It is important that repairs be carried out before summer when the dry weather and dust cause great inconvenience to local residents. The Clerk stated that following complaints about dust last summer, the H.D.C. Environmental Health Dept. had made enquiries about the ownership of property on the road. The replies to these enquiries had been forwarded to the Council's Legal Department as had this Council's recent request to know the result of the enquiries. It is hoped to have a reply in time for the next meeting. A copy letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. to the Chief Environmental Health Officer states that the private roadway is a creature that has evolved throughout this century by regular usage by motor vehicles, although the land itself is still part of the common land known as The Little Green. The registered owner is Major Bell, but its management has been vested in the Thirsk Town Council. Extracts from the lease of the Little Green were read to the meeting stating that the Council covenants not to do or permit to be done anything which shall be or become a nuisance or annoyance to any adjoining or neighbouring owner or occupier and so to manage the said land and to secure the conduct of the public that the enjoyment of the land by the public shall not offend or distress the owner or occupier of any adjoining or neighbouring property. It was considered that this would appertain to anyone using the road.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Outline Application for an Extension to Existing Vehicle Repair Workshop at Chapel Street for Mr. M. Wernyj. No Representations.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 3, Lynbrook Close for Mr. & Mrs. Knowlson. No Representations.

Use of One Ground Floor Room of Existing Dwellinghouse as a Hairdressers at 21, Millgate for Mr. T. A. Schofield. No Representations.

Alterations to Existing Storage Building for Use as a Laboratory with Office at Porter Vaults Yard, Chapel Street for Innovation and Technical Development Company Ltd. No Representations.

Alteration and Extension to Existing Shop at 53, Market Place for Foxes of Thirsk. No Representations.

Construction of a Supermarket with Storage Accommodation and Car Parking Space at Station Road/Newsham Road for Thirsk Hall Estate.

Members were also shown a plan for a Supermarket at A. C. Bamlett, Station Road. As it is anticipated that a plan for a third Supermarket, on a Long Street site, is soon to be submitted, it was agreed to request that the first application be deferred until all three can be discussed at a joint meeting of Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils.

Coun. Davison registered his objections to a new Supermarket coming to Thirsk.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Roberts.

Accounts as Circulated

City of Wakefield M.D.C.	- Stationery from Yorkshire Purchasing Orgn.	- £ 16.07\
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Cover for Christmas Lights etc.	- £ 15.00\
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£301.25\
	Administrative Expenses	<u>£ 29.38\</u>
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - October - December	- £722.50
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil (Oct.)	- £ 27.07
<u>Additional Accounts</u>		
Yorkshire Publishing	- Advertisement in Hambleton Guide	- £ 60.00\
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks - Emptying of Skip	- £ 39.10
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol (November)	- £ 9.60

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 20th January 1986 at 7.45 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, J. J. Allenby, F. N. Bickers, A. J. Davison, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, E. R. Stott. Also present - Coun. Mrs. M. Potter (H.D.C.).

Presentation Before the commencement of the meeting, all members had attended the presentation, in the Town Hall, of a picture of St. Mary's Church, to Mr. C. J. Megson, who, on retirement in June 1985, had served as a Councillor for 39 years. The presentation, on behalf of the Town Council, was made by Colonel Consett, Chairman of Hambleton District Council. Also present were former Chairmen of Thirsk Parish and Town Council, Hambleton District Councillors who served on Thirsk Rural District Council with Mr. Megson and the present and a past Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council. Mr. Peter Hatch, a former Thirsk Parish Council Chairman, presented Mr. Megson with a scroll, commemorating his 39 years of public service.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated and approved, were signed by Coun. Craig, Vice Chairman. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Allenby. Coun. Craig remained in the 'Chair' throughout the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Nothing reported.

Seats Quotation for bus shelter seat still awaited. The Chairman has not yet been able to contact the residents of 2, Alexander Close regarding the placing of a seat on their land at Stockton Road.

Height Barrier - Car Park A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C., which had also been circulated to all interested parties, asked for views concerning the closing times for the barrier in the summer period, when access to the car park is generally required for the purposes of touring coaches, caravans and general touring vehicles. The letter pointed out that this Council's view is that the barrier should be open until 10.00 p.m. from Easter until the end of October and stated that if a closure time of 10.00 p.m. is contemplated, difficulties may be encountered due to the cost of operating such a scheme and also in obtaining the appropriate manpower willing to work the necessary unsocial hours. It was agreed to reiterate the previous request for the barrier to be open between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. from Easter until the end of October. A letter from the Chamber of Trade stated that they agree with the times suggested by this Council and have informed H.D.C. accordingly.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates A letter from the Yorkshire Water Authority stated that a copy of this Council's letter has been sent to the Secretary and Solicitor, and asked if the Town Council considers that the whole of the boundary should be reviewed, or just that part within Thirsk and Sowerby. The Clerk told the meeting that, after consultation with Mr. Tyas, who organised the petition, and the Chairman, a reply had been sent, stating that whilst the Town Council is primarily concerned about the local ratepayers, a review of the whole of the boundary could be beneficial to ratepayers outside Thirsk and Sowerby.

Christmas Lights Members stated that the public had been very disappointed with the Lights and Decorations. It was agreed that co-operation with the Chamber of Trade could result in a better display. Couns. Loveden, Roberts and Foxton agreed to join the sub committee presently comprised of Couns. Craig, Stott and Bickers, and to liaise with the Chamber of Trade, reporting to the July Council meeting. It was also agreed to advertise for local tenders during the summer period. The Clerk told the meeting that the Chamber of Trade has offered a contribution of £20.00 towards the cost of electricity for the lights, which would cover the cost of lighting the tree. Insurance cover for the Lights and Decorations during storage had been requested from Municipal Mutual Insurance who have added them to the 'All Risks' and Fire sections of the policy. Cover will apply throughout the year and there will be no need for separate cover during the Christmas period.

Town Clock A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that his Council have agreed to make a donation of £307.00 towards the cost of the repair work, based on the estimate received from William Potts & Sons Ltd. It was agreed to ask William Potts & Sons if they will commence the work in March so that the repairs will be completed before the tourist season, with the account being settled in April.

Northallerton Swimming Baths A letter from Northallerton Town Clerk stated that items have appeared recently in the local press which seem to suggest that the Town Council's position relating to the provision of new swimming baths at Northallerton is being misunderstood. To put the record straight, a copy of a statement made by the Mayor of Northallerton, on behalf of the Town Council, was enclosed.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Reply still awaited from H.D.C. Coun. Roberts reminded members that a previously suggested scheme had included the setting back of the Street Sweeper's hut on the Millgate Car Park, and the continuation of the footpath which presently stops at the hut. Pedestrians are obliged to step onto the road, and having passed the hut, the area is muddy and has a churned up surface which is difficult to walk on. It was agreed to ask the appropriate authority is the footpath can be extended and 'made up'.

Northallerton District Community Health Council It was agreed to invite the Secretary to the February Council meeting to talk to members and show a video film about the work of the C.H.C.

Concessionary Fares Nothing reported.

Britain in Bloom 1986 It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Public Payphones The Clerk had been notified by British Telecom that it is hoped to re-site the Payphones at the end of the bus shelter.

Road - Little Green to The Crescent A reply had been received from H.D.C.'s Legal Department but it was agreed to defer further discussion until the Clerk has consulted with Mr. Hatch, the solicitor who drew up the Little Green lease.

Water Drain/Ditch - Dowber Way Coun. Loveden drew attention to the state of the ditch which is full of rubbish and, with a broken fence, there is a danger of children falling into it. Reports had been received of rats being seen in the ditch. Coun. Murkett reminded members that the H.D.C. had tried to make Barratts culvert the whole of the ditch but they had refused. The Council's appeal to the Department of the Environment was rejected. Members agreed that regular cleaning out of the ditch would help to eliminate the problem. It was agreed to request regular cleaning of the ditch and to ask the Principal Technical Officer to attend a site meeting to discuss the matter.

Prohibition of Driving Order - Area to the rear of the Post Office The Clerk had received a telephone call requesting a site meeting between officers of the County Council and members of the Town Council to discuss ways of deterring traffic from the area now that the Order is in force and is being ignored by motorists. The meeting was arranged for Friday, 24th January at 2.30 p.m.

Correspondence

Sunday Trading Notice received of a meeting, to be held in Sowerby Parochial Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 14th February, to discuss the proposed new legislation with regard to Sunday Trading.

Application for 'On Licence' Notice received of the intention of Mrs. M. A. Bainbridge to apply for a residential licence in respect of the Kirkgate Guest House.

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council Letter presented from the Treasurer requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard which was expensive in 1985 due to the purchase of a new mower and substantial work being carried out on the old bier house. It was agreed to make a grant of £200.00 as had been allowed in the 1985/86 Estimates.

Court House Letter received stating that with effect from 1st April 1985, the charge for No. 2 Court had been increased to £7.20 per 3 hour session. Coun. Murkett stated that whilst having no objections to the Court House, he felt that the Council should support the Town Hall and hold meetings in the upstairs room. As the Court House has been booked for 1986, it was agreed to consider a change for 1987.

Transport for Hospital Visiting A copy of a letter from the Community Care Association to the Chief Administrator of Northallerton Health Authority presented, regarding the difficulties encountered by visitors to the Friarage and other hospitals because of the absence of bus services. The letter suggested that the hospital should consider co-ordination of car sharing organised from the hospital, which would have the advantage of allowing other areas as well as Thirsk to be covered.

Chamber of Trade A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade expressed his members' concern about the lack of interest that exists at Northallerton concerning Thirsk's affairs. It was suggested that an urgent approach should be made to the District Council regarding a Bus Station in Millgate and a larger Car Park, also the implementation of Disc Parking in the Market Place. The letter also asked if the Town Council will consider asking the five members of H.D.C. who live in the Thirsk area to urge that some action be taken instead of the promises made over the years with regard to these matters. Coun. Murkett pointed out that there are eight local members of the H.D.C. who have the interests of Thirsk at heart. Members were generally in agreement with the comments made in the letter.

Insurance for Christmas Lights Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd confirming the cover for the Christmas Lights. Coun. Murkett told members that the lights are stored at present at Messrs. Kitchings but that a permanent storage place is needed. Coun. Davison offered to provide storage accommodation at his home. The offer was gratefully accepted.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Amended Details of Siting and Design of Buildings to incorporate Shop, Office, Toilet and Store at Bridge Garage. No Objections providing the development does not extend beyond the end of the Bridge wall.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20, Market Place for Victoria Wine Co. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the sign is not appropriate in a conservation area.

Alterations to Existing Tyre Depot to Form 3 Dwelling Units at 17, 19, & 19B, Long Street for Shaw Bros. Approve.

Construction of a Storage Building at the Rear of 16, Kirkgate for Thirsk Museum Society. No Representations.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Dwellinghouse and Use of Part of Ground Floor in Connection with an Osteopathic Practice at 5, Ingramgate for Mr. S. Muddle. Approve.

Use of Existing Car Sales and Showroom for Tyre Sales and Fitting Shop at 76 - 80, Long Street for Wright (Properties) Ltd. No Representations.

Observations on Applications for Supermarkets

A letter from Mr. Frank Jones of 64, Market Place stated that Thirsk and Sowerby are already adequately served by existing shops and do not need a new Supermarket. All members, with the exception of Coun. Davison who abstained, agreed that Thirsk wants a new Supermarket.

Reference was made to the information regarding the planning applications, given by the Planning Officers, at the joint meeting with Sowerby Parish Council, held to discuss the various plans for supermarkets.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Building to Incorporate a Supermarket and 4 shops at Land Adjacent to and Including 76 - 80 Long Street for Durward Kingsley Estates Limited.

Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the entrance to the proposed development is opposite the busy Stammergate/Long Street junction which would cause traffic problems.

Plans cont.

Application for the Construction of a Supermarket at Station Road/Newsham Road for Thirsk Hall Estates. Recommend Refusal for the following reasons: The whole area should be for agricultural and sporting use only and remain as open space. There is no commerce on that side of the road. If a small development is allowed, it would create a precedent for further building. Problems would be created with traffic from Pick's Lane to Newsham Road. The proposed goods entrance is opposite the Ambulance and Fire Stations which are situated on a narrow road. There would be traffic problems at the Station Road entrance on Race and Auction Mart days.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Supermarket, a District Community Centre & Residential Development at 38 - 52, Long Street & Land at the rear of Adjacent Properties for Wright (Properties) Ltd. Approve. 7 Members favoured this application. This is the site preferred by the Town Council. Access is good from all directions and the site is near the bypass. A supermarket on this site will serve the population of East Thirsk and the hinterland. If Planning Permission is granted, a Section 52 Agreement should be entered into in respect of food only sales. The roadside windows should be of reflective glass and no posters allowed. Parking should not be allowed on the road outside the building.

Application for a Supermarket at Station Road for A. C. Bamlett (Parish of Sowerby) The following observations were made (4 members were in favour of this site)

The site is on the corner of a busy road. Traffic problems are envisaged for the Fire and Ambulance services leaving Newsham Road. There would be traffic problems on Race and Auction Mart days.

Members preferred this site to those in the applications by Thirsk Hall Estate and Durward Kingsley Estates.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Fexton.

Accounts as Circulated

North Yorkshire County Council	- Hire of Court House 1985	- £ 86.40\
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80\
Shaw Bros.	- Repairs to Cemetery Lodge as quotation + essential pointing of stonework	- £470.35\
St. Mary's P.C.C.	- Grant towards upkeep of Churchyard	- £200.00\

Additional Accounts

Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Premium for Xmas Lights in Storage	- £ 8.37\
Martin S. Bingham & Co.	- Erection & Removal of Xmas Lights + new Time Clock	- £437.00\
N.E.E.B.	- Connection & disconnection + Electricity	- £ 88.18\
Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge 3rd Qtr.	- £ 25.90\

Any Other Business

Market Place Cobbles Coun. Allenby reported a large hole in the cobbles in the area between the Post Office and Foxes where a member of the public had sustained injuries from a fall. Principal Technical Officer to be informed.

Street Sweeping - Litter Coun. Brannon enquired if Hambleton District Council has purchased a street sweeping machine. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that H.D.C. are considering the acquisition of a machine and also reducing manpower. Coun. Murkett also stated that the street sweeper has to spend a great deal of time in emptying litter bins, whereas the Refuse Department has an employee on standby who when not on other duties could empty the bins. Unfortunately, street sweeping comes under the Technical Services Dept. and Refuse Collection under the Environmental Health Dept. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive suggesting that if both services came under the same department it would be easy to deploy manpower, as required.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th February 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, F. N. Bickers, H. D. Craig, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. A. J. Davison & E. R. Stott.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Presentation to Mr. Megson Letter of thanks received from Mr. Megson for the picture and scroll presented to him on 20th January.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Nothing reported.

Seats A quotation from Mr. Hopps to repair two seats in the bus shelter at a cost of £21.57 + V.A.T. was accepted. It was agreed to accept a verbal quotation of £11.00 to repair a seat situated outside the 'Mind' shop in Castlegate.

Height Barrier - Car Park It was reported that the barrier is currently being locked and unlocked by the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Nothing reported.

Town Clock A letter from William Potts & Sons confirmed that they will be in a position to begin the work towards the end of February, with a view to completing in mid-March and the invoice sent in early April. It was noted that work has now commenced.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Reply from H.D.C. awaited.

Northallerton District Community Health Council As the Secretary was unable to attend this meeting, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance.

Concessionary Fares Coun. Brannon stated that it seemed very unfair that although neighbouring districts operate concessionary fare schemes for the elderly, Hambleton District Council does not. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that H.D.C. would not consider a scheme for concessionary bus fares because much of the District does not have a bus service. He felt that an assisted travel scheme, whereby tokens are issued and can be used on all forms of transport would be more appropriate. It was agreed to ask H.D.C. to consider implementing an assisted travel scheme.

Britain in Bloom A letter from the Secretary stated that the Flowers in Thirsk and Sowerby Committee has now disbanded. It had been a hard decision to make as they felt that a lot of hard work had gone into preparing Thirsk and Sowerby for the 1985 Britain in Bloom Competition and had provided a base to work from in 1986. It was now felt that Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Council should take the initiative this year to decide whether or not to enter Britain in Bloom or whether civic pride with its associated flowers less litter could be better achieved by arranging some sort of competition. Members were not in favour of entering the Britain in Bloom competition and agreed to consult with the Chamber of Trade regarding a joint scheme for brightening up the town, together with some form of competition.

Road - Little Green to The Crescent Mr. Hatch, solicitor, had informed the Clerk that as the Town Council is not a Highway Authority, it is not responsible for the maintenance of the road. The letter from the H.D.C.'s Legal Department was referred to but it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance because of a planning application by F. D. Todd & Sons for residential development on their site, which if granted could solve many of the problems being encountered and result in the road being made up by the contractor developing the site.

Water Drain/Ditch - Dowber Way The Clerk had been told by the Principal Technical Officer that readings are being taken with a view to culverting the ditch. When he has the necessary information, he will be pleased to attend a site meeting.

St. Mary's P.C.C. Letter received from the Treasurer, thanking the Council for the grant of £200.00 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

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Transport for Hospital Visiting A letter from the C.C.A. Organiser stated that she has had a meeting with one of the planning administrators at the Friarage Hospital who is also concerned about the difficulties encountered by visitors to the hospital. A further meeting will be held.

Disc Parking The Chairman told members that although Disc Parking for Thirsk had not been accepted by the Leisure and Amenities Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee had agreed that it should be implemented this year and it is back in the Estimates. This decision has to be ratified by the full Council of H.D.C.

Street Sweeping - Litter A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that there is quite obviously a close link-up between the Street Sweeping and Refuse Collection services. However, at the present time, the suggested arrangements are rather premature in view of the District Council's proposals for the reorganisation of street sweeping arrangements, but the Town Council's approach will be borne in mind and taken into account by the appropriate officers. Members were told that the H.D.C. are testing large mechanical street sweeping machines which can be utilised in all the major towns in the District. Coun. Bickers was of the opinion that Thirsk should have a mechanical sweeper for its own use but was told by the Chairman that it would not be a viable proposition.

Prohibition of Driving Order Members had met officers of the N.Y.C.C. Highways Dept. who had agreed to the erection of bollards from the Post Office alley to the footway to give a safe passage for pedestrians. It had also been agreed to make a footpath of raised setts at both ends of the prohibited area but this was being left in abeyance until the plans for the reorganisation of the Post Office are known. It was reported that motor cyclists are riding their machines through the bollards and motorists are turning their vehicles in the area between Corner Crafts and the public conveniences causing a danger to pedestrians. It was agreed to ask Mr. Woods if a bollard can be erected near Corner Crafts and to ask the Police to enforce the Order and, if necessary, to prosecute offenders. A suggestion to place flower troughs in front of the bollards was not accepted.

Chairman's Allowance Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that the Chairman's Allowance for this year should be increased from £25.00 to £50.00'.

All in Favour.

Correspondence

Tree - Stockton Road A letter from Mrs. E. Elliott of 2, Shire Park requesting permission to plant a mountain ash tree in the verge of her property facing Stockton Road. Reply to be sent stating that the Town Council have no objection but that permission will have to be sought from the Highway Authority as owners of the verge.

Boundary Commission A copy of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England Local Government Act 1972 Reviews of Non Metropolitan Counties received.

Temporary Closure Notice received that the N.Y.C.C. intend to make an Order to prohibit traffic from proceeding along Masonic Lane, from its junction with Kirkgate for a distance of 50 metres in a south westerly direction, from 1st April 1986 for a period not exceeding 3 months, but it is anticipated that works will be completed within 1 day. Access for pedestrians will be maintained at all times.

Insurance Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd stating that during 1986 they intend to re-write their standard Parish Council Policy incorporating wider cover with no increase in premiums.

Public Payphones Letter received from British Telecom stating that it is their intention to replace telephone kiosks within Thirsk Parish and inviting comment concerning the proposed works. Members expressed the wish to retain the old type red telephone boxes and enquired the whereabouts of the kiosks which have been removed from outside the Post Office building. The Clerk to make enquires from British Telecom.

Local Council Review Circular received from the L.C.A. offering a discount of 5% on on 6 or more annual subscriptions for the Local Council Review. Members agreed that 1 annual subscription is adequate.

National Farmers Union Copy of 'Yorkshire Farming - The Facts' received, with the offer of more copies if requested.

Retirement of L.C.A. Assistant Secretary Letter presented, inviting contributions towards a presentation to Mr. B. Osborne on his retirement. It was agreed to consider making a contribution from the Chairman's Allowance in the next financial year.

Flatts Presentation Trust The Clerk reported that a request had been received from the Trust's Treasurer for the promised grant of £100.00. It was agreed that it should be made.

Grass Cutting It was agreed that Mr. M. T. Shipton, Mr. K. Fillery and Mr. J. Thompson be invited to tender for grass cutting for the 1986 cutting season.

Plans The following Observations were made on Planning Applications:
Display of 2 Externally Illuminated Signs at the Royal Hotel (also amended plan) Listed Building Consent in connection with the above. Two signs are considered to be unnecessary but No Objections to projecting sign as shown on amended plan.

Amendments to Approved Layout for Residential Development at Hambleton Park Phase 2 for Barratts Newcastle Ltd. Unable to understand the plan - more details needed.

Conversion of Existing Dwellinghouse to 2 Flats at 28, Long Street for Mrs. M. A. Matthews. Approve.

Change of Use of Existing Storage Building to a Cafe at 43A, Market Place for Mrs. D. Barrett. Approve - 7 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

Alterations & Extension to Existing Dwelling in Connection with the Proposed use as a Hairdresser's Shop at 21, Millgate for Mr. T. A. Schofield. No Representations.

Outline Application for Residential Development on Land to the Rear of 70, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of 2 Existing Buildings on the Land to the Rear of 70, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd. The Council welcomes this re-development, but suggests that the dwellings facing the river should be set back to allow privacy in the event of a riverside walk being included. It is requested that a planning condition be made requiring the developer to reinstate the total length of the Little Green road to highway standard and in keeping with the Greens.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and Approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts
sec. Coun. Foxton.

Accounts as Circulated

F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd - Hire of Skip - 4 weeks - £ 13.80¹

Additional Accounts

Harland (G. M.) Ltd - Repairs to Mountfield & Haytor Mower - £114.37¹
Thirsk & Sowerby F.P.T. - Grant - £100.00¹
Corner Crafts - Picture for Presentation to Mr. Megson - £ 47.52¹
(Chairman's Allowance)

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

Elizabeth M. Lorrimar	23 D6	£50.00
Thomas W. Cartman	18 D6	£50.00
Rhoda Cartman	17 D6	£50.00

Reports

Town Hall Coun. Roberts reported that the Town Hall floor requires renewing. A new plank floor would cost 6,000.00 - £7,000.00. Mr. Hopps had suggested that $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood could be screwed onto the existing floor at a cost of approximately £1,000.00. It was agreed to arrange a joint meeting with Sowerby P. C. to discuss the floor.

Grass Cutters The Chairman was concerned at the cost of repairing and overhauling the grass cutters and suggested that a local contractor should be considered in future when the cutters need attention.

Any Other Business

Notice Board Coun. Roberts reported that the notice board has been vandalised. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to quote for both repairing and replacing the board.

Obstruction of Footpath The Chairman had received complaints that the public footpath from St. Mary's to Dowber Lane is being obstructed by the developers at Hambleton Park grouting out the hedge and digging footings across the path. It was pointed out that this is the footpath for which Barratts were refused a diversion order. It was agreed to write to H.D.C. requesting action regarding this.

Thirsk School Coun. Brannon told members that Mr. C. Lewis, the new headmaster of Thirsk School, is very interested in the town and felt that it would be in the interests of both the school and the town to invite him to a Council meeting to discuss matters of mutual concern. It was agreed to invite Mr. Lewis to the May meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th March 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), Miss J. Foxton, J. J. Allenby, D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, A. J. Davison, E. R. Stott, H. D. Craig, F. N. Bickers, The Clerk, 2 Members of the Press & 8 Members of the Public.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Public to the meeting.

Minutes The Minutes of the 1985 Annual Assembly were read to the meeting.

Chairman's Report In his report, the Chairman mentioned the opening of the Industrial Park in April 1985 where 6 businesses are now established with a total workforce of 45, 25 new jobs having been created. The proposed development of Todd's Yard, with a possible associated riverside walk, and the refurbishment of the Post Office is welcomed. There have been planning applications for Supermarkets on 5 different sites, 4 in Thirsk and 1 in Sowerby, with a decision yet to be made. Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils have accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric of the Town Hall and have held joint meetings to discuss matters of mutual concern. The Chairman regretted that the town centre is still filthy and hoped that matters will improve with the acquisition, by Hambleton District Council, of a mechanical sweeper. Members were thanked for their support.

Reports of School Governors

Thirsk County Primary School The report submitted by Coun. Craig mentioned class sizes, staffing, educational visits and school events.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Roberts' written report stated that due to the teachers' working to rule and occasional strikes, out of school activities have not been held to any degree. The headteacher and staff run a happy and successful school and endeavour to bring out the best in all the children.

All Saints' R. C. Primary School Mrs. Greensit's written report mentioned the school curriculum, activities and charities.

Parochial Charities Coun. Foxton reported that 48 people had each received £2.00 at Christmas.

Matters Raised by Electors of the Parish

Back Lane, Norby Mrs. K. Reynard told the meeting that following the meeting of all the parties concerned in the Back Lane dispute, she had expected action to be taken to have a footpath made up. The Chairman stated that the County Council has admitted that there is a right of way but has not designated the route of a footpath, and recommended Mrs. Reynard to contact County Councillor Gerald Turton and Leon Brittan M.P., and ask them to take action. The Town Council will give its support.

Parking - Finkle Street Mr. M. Snelling stated that he had been asked not to park on the frontage of 'Yours Truly' and complained of a 'No Parking' sign displayed on the front of the shop. A letter from the Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C. to a resident, stated that the land in question, although not necessarily in the ownership of the N.Y.C.C. has always, as far as he is aware, been considered to be part of the Public Highway. Mr. Cresswell of 'Yours Truly' stated that he has an established right of usage through his own business and that of the previous owner who had parked a vehicle on that site over a period of 50 years. The Chairman stated that the situation could be left as it is or 'No Parking' could be requested which would deprive several business of parking space. It was agreed that no action be taken.

Supermarket Sites Mr. P. Tate asked the Chairman to summarize the Council's feelings on the 5 Supermarket applications and stated that the Long Street site should be given favourable consideration because of the offer of land for housing and for a Community Centre.

Miss J. Marshall stated that all the residents of the Hambleton Estate favoured a Supermarket on Long Street for the benefit of the elderly, parents with young children and residents without transport.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

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SHIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL - HEAD'S REPORT - 26th FEBRUARY, 1986

Numbers - Spring Term

Number on roll at end of Autumn term	241
Jan. 7th Reception intake	+ 15
Jan. 7th Transfers (admissions)	+ 4
Jan/Feb. Transfers (leavers)	- 4
February Transfers (admissions)	+ 2
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Number on roll at present 258

<u>Class sizes</u> -- (1W	24	Mrs. Warriner
(1S	23	Mrs. Speight
(1A	24	Miss Atkinson
2	30	Mrs. Brown
3	30	Mrs. Reast
4	31	Mrs. Sheldrake
5	33	Mr. Johnson
(6M	31	Mrs. Middleton
(6T	32	Mr. Titchmarsh

Nursery Unit Mrs. Arkle and Miss Toy
24 morning
25 afternoon

Staffing

Mrs. J. Collins, nursery nurse, left on November 15th 1985.

November 25th Interviews for Temporary nursery nurse - Miss H. Toy took up her post on 4th December.

Mr. Ian Johnson took up his post as Deputy Head in January 1986. Miss Turnbull is still absent and Mrs. Reast is teaching her class on a supply basis.

The review of responsibilities of scale post holders resulted in the following designations:

Mrs. Brown - Head of Infants. Scale 3
Mrs. Middleton - Person with responsibility for Art Craft & Display. Scale 2
Miss Turnbull - Language Co-ordinator. Scale 2
Mrs. Sheldrake - Co-ordinator for Special Educational Needs. Scale 2
Mr. Titchmarsh - Co-ordinator for Science and Use of the Computer. Scale 2

Curriculum development

Work in this area is greatly hampered by present industrial action. When action is ceased it is intended to proceed with the review of the teaching of Mathematics throughout the school. Mr. Titchmarsh and Mr. Paxton continue to be involved in the development of a school policy for Science and area meetings have been attended.

Remedial provision

Mrs. J. Whitehead began individual tuition with the Bargate children on November 5th 1985. 5 hours tuition with each child. Margaret Rose and Alan recommended for placement at Mowbray from Easter 1986 onwards.

Mrs. S. Willis continues to help three half days and Mrs. E. Hall 5 hours as stated in the previous report.

Three meetings were held in November to discuss approaches to remedial work in the infant classes. This has been followed up this term by a meeting on 21st February involving Mr. Hopwood (Primary Adviser)

Mr. Gledhill (Senior Special Education Advisory Teacher)

Mr. Grigg (Educational Psychologist)

Mrs. Willis (Special Education Advisory Teacher)

with Mrs. Sheldrake and Mr. Paxton. Initial action proposed is -

Remedial provision (Contd.)

- 1) a number of visits to other schools having similar remedial problems in order to observe methods of approach,
- 2) a day course involving all infant staff, Mrs. Sheldrake and Mr. Paxton together with Miss A. Procter (Infant Adviser) and others involved in the February meeting. No date for this has been fixed at present.

InService meetings/courses from November 4th 1985 to February 26th 1986

- November 4 - Area computer group (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mr. Paxton)
" 7 - Remedial provision meeting (Infant staff)
" 11 - Music for Early Years - Bedale (Mrs. Arkle, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Warriner)
" 12 - Science course - Ripon (Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Warriner)
" 13 - Area Science group meeting (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mr. Paxton)
" 14 - Remedial provision meeting (Infant staff)
" 18 - Music for Early Years - Bedale (Mrs. Arkle, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Warriner)
" 19 - Science course - Ripon (Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Warriner)
" 20 - Book discussion group - Ripon (Miss Turnbull, Mrs. Sheldrake)
" 21 - Remedial provision meeting (Infant staff)
" 26 - Christmas in the classroom (Mrs. Arkle)
" 26 - Science course - Ripon (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Warriner)
" 27 - Gymnastics course - Grantley 3 days (Mrs. Brown)
" 27 - Computers in Primary Schools - Grantley 2½ days (Mr. Titchmarsh)
January 15 - Area Science group meeting (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mr. Paxton)
" 22 - Curriculum 5 - 16 - Bedale (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mr. Paxton)
February 5 - Mathematics 5 - 16 - Bedale (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Paxton)
" 24 - Area Computer Group (Mr. Titchmarsh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Paxton)
" 25 - Visit to Roseberry School (Mrs. Brown, Miss Atkinson)

Liaison

Primary/Secondary Liaison meetings:

- October 23rd (Committee)
November 25th (Full meeting)
February 3rd (Full meeting - the new Head of Thirsk School Mr. C. Lewis introduced himself)

Pre School/Nursery Liaison meeting:

- December 12th at Thirsk County Primary. (Dr. Gough, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Grigg, Mrs. Arkle and Mr. Paxton)

Students - Spring term 1986

Miss Sally Malkin on preliminary visits to her practice due to start on 21st April in Class 5. Visits to date: Thursday 20th February
Wednesday 26th February

Miss Carol Cook continues Thursday visits started on 21st November 1985

Uniformity of Dress. It has been decided to introduce school colours. These are to be dark red and grey. The wearing of school colours is to be voluntary

Educational Visits

- November 20 - Class 4 to Treske at Carlton Miniott
January 17 - Classes 1A and 4 to local building site.
January 26 - 30 Visit to Bewerley Park Centre for Outdoor Education

Other Events

November 5 - Film 'Don't talk to Strangers' (P.C. Outhwaite)
" 8 - Arabian Adventure - West Midland Theatre Company
" 13 - Road Safety Quiz (Mr. Sunley)
" 21 - Recording of carol by Radio York
" 29 - Christmas Fayre - P.T.A.
December 9 - Nativity play performance for Senior Citizens
" 10 - Nativity play performance for entire school
" 11 - Nativity play performance for parents
" 12 - Final Nursery/Reception Induction Day
" 13 - Children's Christmas entertainment - Tony Wormald
" 16 - Parties for classes 4, 5, 6M and 6T
" 17 - Parties for Infant classes
" 20 - Choir sang at Crib Service - St. Mary's Church
January 20 - Beauty and the Beast - Harrogate Theatre in Education

Forthcoming Events

March 8 - P.T.A. Jumble Sale
" 13 - The Thin Seam - Harrogate Theatre in Education

Instrumental Tuition

Mr. G. Lewis continues visits on Friday mornings (9.00 - 9.30 a.m.) to give brass tuition.
Mrs. Van der Weyer replaced Mr. V. Hickman in January 1986 and continues visits on Thursday afternoon to give string tuition.

Industrial Action

Industrial action continues although N.U.T. members have lifted certain sanctions and some staff have now joined the A.M.M.A. This has made the situation somewhat easier. A staff meeting was held on Tuesday 25th February and a set of Open Afternoons for parents have been proposed for May. The lunch-time situation gives cause for concern.

School Building

There have been no further problems with lifting tiles in the hall since November. Outside window sills have been re-painted.
Repairs to the hall window frame have been carried out. A new urinal has been fitted to the infant boy's toilet outside class 2. A safety lock has been fitted to the stock cupboard door for security reasons and a metal sheet is to be fitted to the door. Locks to outside doors are to be replaced for security reasons.
The interior of the school has been re-painted - this was started during the Christmas holiday and was completed on February 18th. during which time much inconvenience was experienced.

Equipment

A new computer with disc drive has been purchased by the P.T.A. We are at present waiting for delivery of the monitor and have ordered a trolley to facilitate movement of the equipment around the school. The school now has 2 computers with disc drive, one of which is equipped with a printer and word processor.

Sowerby County Primary School. 1986.

The biggest problem we have had this year has been the teachers working to rule & occasional strikes, which has meant that out of school activities such as football & netball matches have not been held to any great degree, nor has there been the usual country dancing, & similar activities. We must hope that things will improve again shortly.

Since September we have an extra teacher part-time. This has meant that certain children have been able to have extra attention where necessary. Mrs Ellis the part-time teacher, is a great asset to the school.

Since January the school dinner has been replaced by a cafeteria system. While some may deplore the ending of the set-table arrangements, the children seem to prefer the new arrangements & there are more staying to dinner than previously.

Mrs. Sharp & his staff continue to run a very happy & successful school & much credit is due to them, as they endeavour to bring out the very best in all the children.

F.M. Roberts.

ALL SAINTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREEN LANE EAST, SOWERBY. THIRSK.

APRIL 1985 - MARCH 1986

ESTABLISHMENT

HEAD - Mrs. B.I. Rushton
Two full time assistants
One part time assistant
One non-teaching assistant
Secretary - Mrs. O. Henry
Cook - Mrs. P. Lofthouse - Assistant Mrs. L. Taylor
Caretaker - Mrs. E. Garbutt
Dinner Supervisors - Mrs. Garbutt & Mrs. P. Wedgewood

NO. ON ROLL - 85 More than half bused from
Northallerton. A small number
of non-catholics attend

85% of the children stay to school dinner which is served in the Hall at one sitting. The remainder of the children bring a packed lunch which is eaten in the Hall at the same time

We have no remedial group due perhaps to the individual attention each child is able to receive in this small school

All Juniors go swimming at Thirsk baths

Curriculum: R.E.
Basic skills of Reading, Writing and Maths,
History, Science, Geography, Art, P.E. and
swimming

Activities: Chess
Competitive Matches with Sowerby and Dishforth C.P.
Inter school Swimming Gala
School Swimming Gala
Road Safety Trophy won
Christmas performance of "Heavens Above"
all children took part
Outings - Murton Farm, York and Viking Centre York
Open Evenings are held each term 100% attendance
On Liturgical Feasts children attend All Saints'
Church for Mass
Visits by School Doctor, Dental and Hygiene inspections
on regular basis

Charities: Family Fast collection - £18.70p
Catholic Child Welfare Society - £86.38p
Good Shepherd Fund - £117

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Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), Miss J. Foxton, J. J. Allenby, D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, A. J. Davison, E. R. Stott, H. D. Craig, F. N. Bickers & 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Nothing reported. It is not anticipated that any action will be taken until a decision is made regarding the planning applications for supermarkets.

Seats The Clerk reported that on further inspection of the seat outside 'Mind', it had been found that there was more damage than it was at first thought. Mr. Hopps had submitted a quotation of £36.84 + V.A.T. and a claim made to Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. This has been sanctioned with the Council paying the first £15.00 of the claim. Members agreed that the repairs should be carried out.

Height Barrier - Car Park It was reported that the barrier will now be operated by Mr. Walter Hill, the street sweeper.

God Beck Drainage Rates Nothing reported.

Town Clock At the request of Coun. Stott, it was agreed to seek a quotation for the installation of a self starting motor for the clock.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that he is looking into the matter of the footpath which ends at the street sweeper's hut on the Car Park and enclosed a plan so that the requested extent of the footpath can be indicated. This was duly marked for the Principal Technical Officer's consideration.

Concessionary Fares/Assisted Travel A letter from the Deputy Clerk of the H.D.C. stated that this matter has been considered many times by the District Council and regretting, therefore, that there would be no point at all in having the matter discussed again by the relevant Committee.

Britain in Bloom/Floral Decorations Coun. Craig reported that floral decorations for the town had been discussed at a meeting of the Chamber of Trade who favoured the idea of artificial flowers in the hanging baskets. Coun. Craig was arranging to bring a sample basket to the next meeting. Coun. Foxton expressed disappointment that nothing had been decided regarding a competition.

Road - Little Green to The Crescent It was agreed to delay further discussion on this until the outcome of the planning application for residential development by F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd is known.

Water Drain/Ditch - Dowber Way A letter from the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C. stated that having checked the Council's records it was found that the ditch had been left unculverted so that it can act as a storm water storage area in times of heavy rain. This was a requirement of the Yorkshire Water Authority. Arrangements have been made to have the ditch cleared of rubbish along its Hambleton Place length and the possibility of forming a concrete, or similar, base and sides to the ditch to help keep it clear of silt is being investigated. Messrs. Barratts have been contacted regarding the Dowber Way length of ditch as they are responsible for its upkeep.

Transport for Hospital Visiting Nothing reported.

Disc Parking The Chairman stated that he is hopeful that this will be implemented this year.

Prohibition of Driving Order - Area to the rear of the Post Office The Clerk reported on a telephone call from the Police stating that several motorists have been warned regarding driving and parking in that area. If the Council is aware of any specific cases and the Police notified, action will be taken. It was noted that a bollard has been erected near

Tree - Stockton Road The Clerk had been notified that permission could not be granted by the N.Y.C.C. to a private individual for the planting of a tree and would have to be requested by the Town Council, who would then have to accept responsibility for it. The N.Y.C.C. is investigating whether statutory services would be affected if a tree is planted in the verge outside No. 2, Shire Road. If the N.Y.C.C. decide that a tree can be planted on this site, the Town Council will have to decide whether it is willing to accept responsibility.

Public Payphones A letter from British Telecom stated that they intend to provide 4 KX100 kiosks without doors. A wayleave agreement is awaited from H.D.C. before the work can be carried out. The Chairman stated that the H.D.C. will not allow the modern type of kiosks to be sited at the end of the bus shelter and insist on the old type red boxes. He is in total agreement with H.D.C. and this was supported by some members of the Town Council. The Clerk reported that a representative of British Telecom was willing to come to Thirsk and meet members to try to find an alternative site for the modern type kiosks which would be acceptable to all concerned. The meeting was arranged for Friday, 21st March. It was agreed to invite a representative of H.D.C. to attend.

Town Hall Members of this Council and Sowerby Parish Council had met at the Town Hall to discuss the floor. It was unanimously agreed that the suggestion to put plywood onto the existing floor was not acceptable. Enquiries were being made about other types of flooring.

Notice Board A quotation of £64.88 + V.A.T. to make and fix a new notice board had been submitted by Mr. Hopps and because of the urgent need for the new board, the nine members present at the Town Hall meeting had sanctioned the placing of the order. The Clerk stated that a price for a 'Thirsk Town Council' sign, for fixing inside the notice board case, is being obtained.

Obstruction of Footpath Acknowledgement received from H.D.C. stating that the matter is receiving attention.

Thirsk School Letter received from the Headmaster accepting the invitation to attend the May meeting and requesting details of the subjects for discussion.

Grass Cutting Only one contractor had submitted a tender for grass cutting:

<u>The Greens</u>	£43.00 + V.A.T. per cut.
<u>Mill Gardens</u>	£17.00 + V.A.T. per cut.
<u>The Holmes</u>	£66.00 + V.A.T. per cut - minimum of once per month or
<u>The Holmes</u>	£48.00 + V.A.T. per cut as required as it has been

cut in the past with Tractor and Grass Cutter.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Stott to accept the tender for The Greens & Mill Gardens and the tender for The Holmes at £66.00 + V.A.T. per cut - all to a maximum of 6 cuts'. Agreed. The contractor being Mr. M. T. Shipton. Mr. Shipton to be asked to remove the dead hawthorn tree from the roadside verge of The Holmes.

Encroachment at Whitelass It had been reported that the residents of 11, Whitelass Close had removed their boundary hedge and encroached onto Council land at Whitelass, planting trees, damming the river in two places and replacing one bank of the river with a wall. The H.D.C. Enforcement Officer had notified them that the hedge must be replaced and maintained at a height of not less than 3 metres, this being one of the planning conditions in respect of properties at the north side of Shire Park. They had also been notified by the Clerk to the Cod Beck Drainage Board that they had contravened the Board's Byelaws. A letter had been sent from this Council requesting the removal of the trees and the wall from the river bank. A reply was received stating that the trees had been removed and the hedge replanted and asking permission to retain the wall which had been put there to prevent erosion of the bank and possible flooding. Members agreed that a letter should be sent requesting the removal of the wall and stating that there is no access or right of way from the property into Whitelass.

Thirsk Local Plan Position Statement A special meeting was arranged for 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 24th March at the Town Hall to discuss this.

Correspondence

Play Equipment A report on The Holmes Play Equipment from Municipal Mutual Insurance stated that with the exception of the missing end caps from the

Temporary Closure of Kirkgate Notice received of a Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order for Kirkgate from its junction with Market Place for 130 metres in a N. W. direction, from 1st April for a period not exceeding 3 months but it is anticipated that the work will be completed in 4 weeks. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. It was agreed to point out to the County Council that difficulties will be experienced by the traders in Kirkgate who have no rear access to their premises.

Public Transport in North Yorkshire It was agreed to discuss a letter from the County Surveyor in conjunction with the Thirsk Local Plan.

Street Sweeping Programme Review A letter from the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C. stated that the Environmental Health Committee has adopted the principle that mechanical sweeping equipment should be the basis of any new system for street sweeping. The intention of such a scheme would be to prepare a programme for a mechanical sweeper throughout the district and supplement this with manual sweeping. The programme of work would achieve the same level of expenditure as the present service. The mechanical sweeper would work in Thirsk on 2 occasions during each week for a total of 9 hours. In addition 16 hours of manual sweeping would be provided. If it is felt that a better service would be obtained by a more frequent, but less efficient manual sweeping without any mechanical sweeping, this would be taken into consideration when working out the final programme for the mechanical sweeper. Comments were requested before the end of April and it was agreed to make a decision at the April meeting.

Footpath - Duckett Ings to Locks Bridge A letter from the Clerk to Sowerby Parish Council stated that following complaints about the state of the above footpath, most of which is in the Parish of Bagby, he and his Chairman had met Mr. Fawcett, the N.Y.C.C. Footpaths Officer, on site to discuss the matter. Mr. Fawcett had said that he thought the N.Y.C.C. would be able to do the work required to improve the path but it could require a contribution towards the cost. As the path is used extensively by Thirsk and Sowerby residents it was felt that such cost could be borne by the three parishes involved. Members agreed that a contribution could be made up to a maximum of £100.00.

Keep Northallerton Tidy Campaign Notice received of the A.G.M. to be held in N'allerton Town Hall on 2nd April at 7.00 p.m.

Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society Notice received of the A.G.M. to be held at the Town Hall on 18th March at 7.30 p.m.

Cemetery Cutters Letter presented from the Cemetery Superintendent stating that he understands that no provision has been made for the purchase of a new grass cutter in the next financial year which means that he is left with 2 used machines - 1 which is a year old and a second that is two years old. For the past few years he has been given the use of a new machine to ensure that the work of cutting the Cemetery grass can be done when required. Members were concerned at the cost of repairs to the cutters and especially at a recent account for £121 for repairs to the Strimmer. An instruction was issued that no further work can be carried out on the Cemetery machines without the written authority of the Council. Harlands of Green Hammerton to be notified of this. It was agreed to meet with the Cemetery Superintendent to discuss the cutters. It was felt that if a new cutter is necessary, the cost may have to be borne by funds set aside for the Cemetery paths and Cemetery Lodge.

Plans Observations were made on the following applications:

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Dwellinghouse and Use of Part of Ground Floor in Connection with an Osteopathic Practice at 5, Ingramgate for Mr. S. Muddle. Approve. The Council welcomes this application which will restore a near derelict building which has stood empty for several years. It was agreed to point out that there are other business in the near vicinity.

Details of the Construction of a Domestic Garage and Workshop at the Rear of 27, Kirkgate for Mr. & Mrs. Dodds. No Representations.

Amendments to Part of Layout for Residential Development at Hambleton Park (Phase 1), Dowber Lane for Barratt Newcastle Ltd. No Representations.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Building at Castlegate Youth Club.

Plans cont.

Display of 1 Externally Illuminated Sign, 1 Internally Illuminated Sign and 7 Non Illuminated Signs at The Red Bear for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery Ltd. Listed Building Consent in Connection with the above application. Recommend Refusal until a site meeting, between Town Councillors and a Planning Officer, has been held to discuss this application and the H.D.C.'s criteria for Public House signs in general.

Change of Use of Existing Offices to Retail Use at Post Office, Market Place for N. E. Postal Board. Approve.

Alterations to Existing Building and Use of Existing Sorting Office as a Post Office at Market Place for N. E. Postal Board. Approve and Welcome this proposed improvement to Post Office facilities and hope that consideration will be given to a system of controlled queueing.

Erection of a Silo for the Storage of Joinery Waste at The Furniture Factory, 1, Sutton Road for A. B. Rose. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the building is not in keeping with the area and the Town Council is totally opposed to the burning of waste in a residential area.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Retail Store at 60/62, Market Place for Market Town Properties Ltd.

The Town Council could not support the application with the Access/Exit as shown on the plan. It is shown on a very busy one-way street and would create problems for pedestrians, especially those visiting the library. The Council is concerned regarding the intention for the use of the Golden Lion, a Grade 2 Listed Building, and would not wish either the facade or the interior to be changed. It is felt that much more detail is required before proper consideration of the application can be given.

A letter from the Civic Society concerning the above application expressed concern regarding access and conservation.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Harland (Garden Machinery) Ltd.	- New Gearcase etc. for Strimmer	- £ 121.91'
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire & Emptying of Skip	- £ 39.10'
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - January - March	£722.50
	Interest on Bank Inv.	£ 8.60
	" " Ivy Thompson Inv.	£ 13.43
		£ 744.53
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£301.25^
	Administrative Exps.	£ 27.83^
		£ 329.08
L. C. Hopps	- Repairs to Bus Shelter seats as -	
	per quotation	£ 24.80^

Additional Accounts

Hambleton District Council	- Estimated Street Sweeping Costs	
	1985/86 + Balance owing from	
	1984/85	- £2105.92 ^
L. C. Hopps	- Making & Fixing Notice Board as	
	per quotation	- £ 74.61 ^

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

John George Hindmarch	2 E1	£50.00 ^
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The meeting closed at 11.00 p.m.

Done hew.
14/4/86

Abstract of Audited Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1986

General

	£		£
Precept	9000.00	Debit Balance 1.4.85	794.45
Refund of V.A.T.	316.75	Salary	1191.25
Bank & Building Society	474.27	Administration	284.26
Interest		Donations & Subscriptions	795.30
Donation to cost of	25.00	Grass Cutting etc.	720.63
Christmas Lights		Insurances	181.17
		Shrubs, Flower Baskets,	278.20
		Britain in Bloom etc.	
		Street Sweeping	2105.92
		Christmas Lights	525.18
		Play Equipment	33.70
		Seat Repairs & Notice Board	189.74
		Audit Fee	141.14
		Presentation to Mr. Megson	47.52
		Balance	2527.56
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	9816.02		9816.02
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Burial Board

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.85	1922.58	Salary, Dividends & Int.	2935.60
Precept	2000.00	Insurance	64.40
Refund of V.A.T.	151.07	Rates - Cemetery Lodge	244.80
Dividends & Interest	45.60	Water Rates - Cemetery &	102.59
Burial Board Income	1980.10	Cemetery Lodge	
		Repairs - Cemetery	480.00
		Repairs - Cemetery Lodge	470.35
		Removal of Rubbish & Spoil	418.60
		Felling of Elm Tree	100.00
		Mower Repairs	338.93
		Fuel for Mowers	179.51
		Balance	764.57
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Summary

General Account	2527.56	Current Account	507.23
Burial Board Account	764.57	Deposit Account	130.59
		Deposit Account	207.00
		Investment	
		Anglia Building Society	2447.31
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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Upper Room of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday, 24th March 1986 at 7.00 p.m., convened to discuss the Position Statement of the Thirsk Local Plan

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, Miss J. Foxton. Mr. P. Turner - Chairman of Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society.

Comments were made on the following policies:

- H8 Request that reconsideration of Waterside for housing be given as a matter of urgency. This would be an ideal site for a complex on the same lines as Gillings Court, where the elderly could be housed near the centre of the community.
- H10 The 6.25 acres of land allocated for housing at York Road should be deleted from the plan. Housing on this site would spoil a very attractive area of open space. It is felt that East Thirsk should not be expanded further when building on the land allocated in H10 has been completed.
- H16 This policy which states that 'Existing trees and hedgerows, where sound, should wherever possible be retained, in any new development or improvement scheme' should be rigidly applied.
- 3.9 To make full use of existing commercial buildings and land. This policy is fully endorsed.
- 11 This policy states 'that provision will not be made for the development of new, large-scale, wholesale warehouses, storage depots, distribution or haulage businesses except where it can be demonstrated that such development needs to be located in North Yorkshire for operational reasons'. The Town Council disagrees with this policy and queries whether wholesale warehouses and haulage businesses should be disallowed. These businesses should not be deterred if they create jobs and each application should be considered on its merits.
- 3.17 This policy states that 'favourable consideration to alternative commercial and industrial use of older property might be given provided that environmental safeguards can be met'. This policy was endorsed. It was suggested that the Market Place Public Conveniences should be demolished. They are considered to be unnecessary now that facilities are available at Millgate Car Park and it would rid the town of a very unsightly building.
- 5.4 The lack of public transport to and from Northallerton for evening hospital visiting causes concern.
- 6.4 The Town Council requests the designation of Thirsk as an area of sporting significance which could be a recreation centre for the District. Thirsk is the only town in the Hambleton District with a thriving Harriers Club and is the obvious place for a running track. It was felt that with the joint co-operation of the District Council and the Racecourse Committee this could be provided with a possible site for an indoor sports centre. This would be in the vicinity of the already established Athletic Club at Newsham Road.
- R10 The provision of sites for touring caravans should be encouraged.
- 7.9 It is requested that Finkle Street should be included in the section of areas on which special emphasis should be placed which states that greater attention should be paid to Market Place, Kirkgate and Sowerby Front Street.

It is also requested that Thirsk be given consideration for a 'Town Scheme' on the same lines as the scheme currently in operation in Stokesley, with grants available for the renovation of buildings within the conservation area.
- 7.15 The Town Council would like to see a MSC Community Programme instigated for Thirsk with emphasis on the Cod Beck area.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.