

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 18th April 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, D. E. Loveden, P. J. Tate, D. S. Murkett, A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. H. D. Craig.

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Assembly, having been circulated and Approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Matters Arising from the Annual Assembly

Heavy Transport through Thirsk Coun. Murkett stated that he had received letters from County Councillors W. Barton and G. Turton regarding his remarks that they had not supported the request for a weight restriction on Skipton Bridge. An apology to Coun. Barton had been made in the Darlington & Stockton Times. Coun. Turton wished him to withdraw his comments but Coun. Murkett was not prepared to apologise without proof that Coun. Turton had supported the request for a weight restriction and opposed the proposal to widen the bridge. As an elector of Coun. Turton's constituency, Coun. Murkett considered that he had the right to criticise. Coun. Roberts stated that she was prepared to apologise if any information she had given had been misleading.

By-pass Couns. Davison and Bentley commented on the appearance of signs, on the A168, directing traffic to Flamingo Park and Castle Howard, which had been erected where it was anticipated the 'James Herriot's Town' signs would be sited. It was agreed to enquire who had given permission for the erection of these signs and to ask when the 'James Herriot's Town' signs will be in place.

Minutes The Minutes of the March Council Meeting, having been circulated, amended and approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Amendments

Coun. Loveden - Chapel Street - to read Coun. Loveden in place of Coun. Roberts.

Coun. Tate - Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate - to read Coun. Tate was severely criticised by Members in place of reprimanded. This amendment Prop. by Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Loveden. Further amendments requested by Coun. Tate were not accepted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

White Mare Roundabout Coun. Roberts reported that conifers had been successfully planted with the assistance of Mr. & Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Davison, Mr. Appleyard and Mrs. Whitehead. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Appleyard. Coun. Murkett congratulated Coun. Roberts and a Vote of Thanks was proposed to the helpers.

Mill Gardens As previously agreed, shrubs are to be purchased for the Mill Gardens. It was agreed to ask Mr. Barr to cement in the large boulder at the entrance to the gardens to prevent its being moved.

Coach Parking The Clerk reported that letters requesting support for the Chamber of Trade's scheme had been sent to all members of the District Council.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Nothing reported.

Amalgamation of Thirsk Town & Sowerby Parish Councils Coun. Bentley reported that Sowerby Parish Council have shown no enthusiasm for the suggestion that the two Councils should amalgamate.

Dogs Fouling Footways A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stated that it had been anticipated that an amendment introduced by the House of Lords to the Local Government Bill, would provide for a dog registration scheme in place of the existing licensing system. The Government has announced that it does not intend to incorporate this amendment and the issue of dealing with dogs fouling footways and grass verges can primarily be dealt with under the terms of the Byelaw made by the Hambleton District Council under Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972. Numerous requests had been received from Parish Councils for signs to be provided informing owners of the penalties for allowing their dogs to foul a footway or grass verge, the maximum fine being currently £100. The C.E.H.O. would be pleased to discuss the number of signs required for the Thirsk area.

On the issue of a Dog Warden, the Richmondshire District Council has operated, for a trial period, a 'Dog Warden Scheme', which did not result in any prosecutions regarding the fouling of footpaths. The Chief Environmental Health Officer's letter also expressed his willingness to meet with the Town Council to discuss this problem, or any other issues regarding Environmental Health or Housing. It was agreed that a special meeting should be called for this purpose and to invite Sowerby, South Kilvington, Carlton Miniott and Bagby & Balk Parish Councils.

Post Office Letters received from Leon Brittan, M.P., together with the copy of a letter to Mr. Brittan from the District Manager, Post Office Counters, which was in the same vein as replies to letters from this Council. Mr. Brittan stated that he would appreciate the Council's comments and would like to know if it is wished that he should press the matter further. He does not have any great hopes of success but would certainly be prepared to do so. It was agreed to reply that it is accepted that a complete renovation will not be carried out in the foreseeable future but that the erection of a barrier to form an orderly queueing system and the provision of a ground level entrance through the old sorting office is essential and could be achieved at a reasonable cost. The Clerk drew attention to the post box at the end of the bus shelter which obstructs the opening of the Council's notice board. A complaint had not been made to the Post Office previously because it had been considered that the siting of the box would be temporary, until the proposed alterations had been carried out. As the alterations are not to be carried out in the foreseeable future, it was agreed to request the removal of the box. Coun. Roberts pointed out that the size of the box is inadequate for the mail from the businesses in the town. A copy of the letter regarding the post box to be sent to Leon Brittan.

Home Defence The Clerk reported on a telephone call from Mr. Jones of the County Emergency Officer's Department in which he had stated that the use of the Town Hall as a Control & Information Post is being investigated.

Land at Millgate - Vehicular Right of Way A letter from the Chief Executive's Dept. stated that valuation advice is being taken from the District Valuer as it is felt that his conclusions regarding any inequality of exchange, bearing in mind the cost of the works required to create the footpath, may have a material bearing upon the manner in which it is decided to conclude any agreement with Mr. Calvert. Once the information is to hand, a meeting will be arranged with the members of the Town Council to discuss the best way forward.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A letter from the East Thirsk Community Association referred to their distress at accounts of the impasse over the acquisition of recreation land for East Thirsk, stating that it is now essential for the District Council, Town Council and Community to co-operate to find a way forward. The Community Association is keen to help and wonder if a meeting between representatives of the two Councils and the Association would be useful. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council have supported the need for recreation land for many years but that its acquisition is in the hands of the District Council who are being sent a copy of the Association's letter, together with the request that they continue their efforts to obtain the land for the benefit of East Thirsk. It was also agreed to make the request to the District Council and to enquire if any progress has been made in negotiations for the acquisition of the land.

Chapel Street Mr. Woods had informed the Clerk that a programme of works is to be carried out in Chapel Street.

Royal British Legion Band A letter of thanks received for the donation. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman decide on suitable wording for a scroll for the band to present to the Burgermeister of the town to be visited in Austria. Mr. Surgey to be asked to provide the scroll.

Seats No tenders had been received for the treatment with preservative and repair (where necessary) of the Council's seats. It was agreed to enquire if the Manpower Services Commission would be able to carry out the work.

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Representation on the Governing Bodies of Thirsk & Sowerby County Primary Schools

Letters received from the County Education Officer regarding representation on the Governing Bodies of Thirsk County Primary and Sowerby County Primary Schools. As a result of the coming into force of the Education (No 2) Act 1986, the present Governing Bodies go out of office on 31st August 1988 and a new Body take over on 1st September. The Act makes provision for only one representative to be appointed to the Governing Body of each primary school by the Minor Authority or Authorities in the area served by the school. In cases where more than one Council is named in the Instrument, their appointment must be made by the Councils actly jointly. The term of office for representative Governors is four years, after which they may be reappointed, but the Council or Councils have a right to terminate the office of their representative at any time. The Minor Authorities serving Sowerby C. P. School were named as Sowerby and Thirsk. Coun. E. M. Sandie representing Sowerby P. C. and Coun. F. M. Roberts being the Town Council representative at the present time. Sowerby P.C. had nominated Coun. Sandie to be the Minor Authority representative as from 1st September. Members agreed to this nomination as the majority of children attending the school live in Sowerby Parish. The Minor Authorities serving Thirsk C. P. School were named as Bagby & Balk, Hillside, Boltby, Cowesby etc. and Thirsk. The Clerk stated that consultation had taken place with the Clerks of Bagby & Balk and Hillside Parish Councils who had indicated that their Councils would have no objection to Thirsk Town Council nominating the representative for Thirsk County Primary School. Coun. Craig is the Town Council representative at the present time. It was agreed to discuss the nomination of the representative at the next meeting.

St. James' Green Preliminary information on the legality of the exchange of land for village greens received from the Yorkshire L.C.A. together with the offer of further advice. The Chairman stated that a sub committee meeting would be held to discuss it.

Libel Proceedings Against the Council A letter had been received by the Chairman, from solicitors acting for Coun. Tate, regarding the statement made following the March meeting, that Coun. Tate had committed a breach of confidentiality, which left their client no alternative but to claim damages for libel unless a full and unequivocal public apology is made in terms agreed. The Chairman told the meeting that the Council had been advised to instruct solicitors to defend libel proceedings when they are instituted. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to instruct solicitors to defend libel proceedings against the Council, if and when they are instituted.' Coun. Loveden requested a Recorded Vote. In Favour - Couns. Foxton, Roberts, Loveden, Davison, Bently, Hall, Murkett. Against - Coun. Tate.

Spring Clean Day Coun. Roberts stated that during Environment Week which commences on 22nd April, there is to be a 'Spring Clean Day' in Thirsk, Sowerby & Carlton Hindott on Sunday, 24th April. Twenty seven local organisations have been invited to take part- a letter having been sent out jointly from the three Councils. M.D.C. are providing black plastic sacks for the rubbish which can then be deposited in the Millgate Car Park for collection by the District Council on Monday, 25th April.

Correspondence

Telephone Kiosks & Litter A letter from Mr. Keith Surgey of Corner Crafts referred to enclosed correspondence between himself and the District Council regarding the mis-use of the wrongly sited telephone kiosks and the litter in the area adjoining his premises. It was agreed to support Mr. Surgey in his efforts to have the telephone kiosks moved to a site on the Market Place and to the raise the litter problem with the Chief Environmental Health Officer when he meets with the Council. It was agreed to write to both British Telecom and the District Council requesting the removal of the kiosks to a conspicuous site in the Market Place, suggesting the west end of the bus shelter and pointing out that the new style kiosks are now part of the accepted scene, as in Northallerton High Street.

Public Toilets Coun. Murkett pointed out that all the toilets are closed in the evening and referred to an agreement that the District Council had made that the Market Place toilets would be kept open. It was agreed to write to the District Council regarding this and requesting that the hours of opening should be displayed on the wall outside the toilets.

Paul

Bus Service for Norby A petition was presented from the residents of Norby requesting a bus service for the Norby Estate. Members agreed to support the petition which is to be forwarded to the County Council Officer responsible for local bus services.

Guidance Notes for Royal Visits Letter received from the Clerk to the Lieutenancy of North Yorkshire together with a copy of Guidance Notes for Royal Visits.

Maintenance of Town Clock Letter received from William Potts & Sons stating that it is necessary to increase the charge for maintaining the Town Clock from £43.00 to £60.00 next year. The reason given is that it is to meet an increase in costs which have occurred over a two year period and to take into account the fact that, unlike all other contract services, the account is submitted at the end of a twelve month period and not at the beginning.

Play Equipment - The Holmes A report from the Engineering Department of Municipal Mutual Insurance pointed out that the end caps are missing from the Parallel Bars and one seat is damaged in the set of 4 Flat Swings. Coun. Hall volunteered to replace the damaged seat with a new seat from stock.

Proposed Extension of Speed Limit- Newsham Road/Pick's Lane Letter received from the Solicitor to the County Council stating that if no objections are received an order will be made to introduce a 30 mph speed limit along the following lengths of road:- 1. Picks Lane/Masonic Lane from its junction with Newsham Road for a distance of 80 metres in an easterly direction; 2. Newsham Road from its junction with Station Road northwards to a point 9 metres north of the centre line of Picks Lane.

Planning Appeal Notification received of the intention of Mr. M. D. Parker, Estate Agent, to appeal against the District Council's refusal to allow Change of Use of Unit 6 at The Royal Oak Hotel to an Estate Agency.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association Circular letter received from the Y.L.C.A. pointing out the benefits of membership of the Association.

Play Area - Hambleton Estate Letter received from the East Thirsk Community Association regarding their wish to see the area in the middle of the Hambleton Estate - at the junction between Hambleton Place and Dowber Way - developed as a play area for small children, and enclosed a plan for a play area, drawn up by a firm with a very high reputation, which is being submitted to the Hambleton District Council. The Association realise that there is anxiety about the area being used by bigger youths playing football but it seems likely that the fenced-off area would diminish this. The Association would value the Town Council's support and be pleased to hear their comments. Coun. Loveden and Coun. Tate stressed the need for a play area for small children, Coun. Hall & Coun. Roberts supported the plan. The Chairman stated that the views of nearby residents should be taken into consideration. Coun. Loveden pointed out that the area is designated as a play area in the Local Plan. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall 'That this Council supports the East Thirsk Community Association in their endeavours to provide a play area for small children'. Voting - 6 in Favour - Couns. Murkett and Davison Abstaining.

1st Thirsk Scout Group A letter from the Scout Leader stated that the Thirsk Scout Troop are to hold a summer camp in Belgium in August and wondered if the Town Council would like to send a letter of introduction with them to the local Mayor as a sign of friendship. It was agreed that the Council will send some form of greeting, possibly a scroll like the one being drawn for the Royal British Legion Band.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0339A</u>	Thirsk Chamber of Trade	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0344A</u>	Park Ground Rents PLC	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0073E</u>	Yorkshire Bank PLC	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0126P</u>	Mr. M. D. Parker	Refused

Per R.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

- 2/88/152/0014F Installation of a Satellite Dish Aerial at 71, Market Place for British Telecommunications PLC.
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0214B Alterations and Extensions to Existing Public House at Frankland Arms for J. W. Cameron & Co.
- 2/88/152/0214C Listed Building Consent for above.
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0351 Application for Listed Building Consent for Alteration to Existing Dwelling at The Hall, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell.
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0340A Alteration to Existing Shop Front at 85, Market Place for Ryedale Travel.
Recommend Approval of Proposed Shop Front.
- 2/88/152/0340B Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 85, Market Place for Ryedale Travel.
Recommend Refusal of Plastic Sign. Would prefer a hand painted wood sign in keeping with the Townscape Scheme and Conservation Area.

A letter from the Chief Planning Officer referred to this Council's comments on the planning application in relation to 36 - 40, Market Place and stated that discussions are ongoing between Officers of the Authority and the applicants which are likely to result in amendments being made to the submitted scheme. A copy of any amended plans will be forwarded to the Town Council, at which time if it is still considered appropriate for a meeting to occur, then the necessary arrangements will be made.

Accounts The following accounts were submitted for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	- £181.04✓
Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Yr.	- £ 60.48✓
W. W. Scott & Sons	- Webbing for lowering coffins	- £ 27.60✓
J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Supt. - April	- £278.00✓
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Skip Rental - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80✓
City of Wakefield M.D.C.	- Stationery from Y.P.O. - Balance of Order	- £ .62✓
Coun. Murkett	- Cost of Electricity for Christmas Lights	- £ 6.72✓

Additional Accounts

Coun. Foxton	- Replacement cheque for cheque issued June 1986 and mislaid	- £ 1.00✓
Yorks. L.C.A.	- Subscription, L. C. Review & Stationery	- £140.35✓
J. D. Barr	- Reimbursement of cost of Weedkiller for Paths	- £ 17.31✓
E. Campbell	- Re-wiring Town Hall Annexe - half cost to be reclaimed from Sowerby Parish Council	- £459.95✓
G. D. Potter	- Conifers for White Mare Roundabout	- £105.00✓
Hambleton District S.C.	- Subscription	- £ 2.00✓

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Robert Newton	32 D	£ 30.00
David Newton	33 D	£ 30.00
William Annie Wright	22 E1	£ 30.00
Robert Henry Webb Faulkner	17 E1	£ 60.00

Reports

The Chairman reported that she and the Vice Chairman had greeted Mr. Ken Teagle who was making a sponsored journey for charity, in an electric wheelchair, travelling from John O' Groats to Land's End.

Coun. Roberts reported on a successful Flea Market at the Town Hall on Easter Monday, which had raised £400.00 for Town Hall Funds. One price for a new heater for the upstairs room of the Town Hall had been obtained and another awaited.

Coun. Davison reported that the plans for the Ings Water scheme have been submitted to the District Council.

Coun. Markett reported that he had attended the A.G.M. of the League of Friends of the Lambert Memorial Hospital. The Area Health Authority are committed to rebuilding the female accommodation at the hospital and the League of Friends have been asked to raise £30,000.00.

Coun. Markett also reported that he had attended the Annual Assembly at Cosmothorpe which had been held on a different night from that of the normal Council meeting. It had been very successful, with a good attendance by parishioners, and he suggested that this Council should consider holding a separate Annual Assembly in the future.

Any Other Business

Fallen Tree on The Holmes A fallen tree on The Holmes, at the side of the Northallerton Road was reported. Coun. Hall agreed to ask Mr. Blunden to remove it.

Dangerous Window Coun. Roberts stated that the window of John Smith's Bus Company premises in the Market Place is in a dangerous state. It was agreed to draw the attention of the Planning & Technical Department to this and to the door jamb at the entrance to the Red Bear Yard.

Litter Bin At Coun. Roberts' suggestion, it was agreed to request that a litter bin be sited outside the Co-op store.

Badge of Office At the suggestion of Coun. Loveden, it was agreed to seek prices for bars onto which the names of 'Mayors' can be engraved and fixed onto the ribbon of the Badge of Office.

Supermarket Site Coun. Hall stated that at the Public Enquiry into the application for a supermarket on the Bamlett site, the re-aligning of the footpaths, the provision of a pedestrian crossing and the designation of Station Road as the major road, taking precedence over Topcliffe Road, were requirements of the Highway Authority. It was agreed to enquire of the Planning Officer if these requirements are to be carried out.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts
16/6/88

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 16th May 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts, D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, H. D. Craig, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, P. J. Tate, Mr. Jewitt & Mr. Robinson of the Hambleton District Council Planning Department + 10 Members of the Public. Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. P. J. Simpson.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that Coun. Roberts be elected to the Chair'. Coun. Roberts was elected on a vote of 7 in Favour - 1 Against. Coun. Roberts thanked members for her election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that Coun. Davison be elected Vice Chairman.' There being no other nominations, Coun. Davison was elected on a vote of 7 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having being circulated were approved on a vote of 7 in Favour - 1 Against, and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Murkett.

Industrial Park Because of concern by members of the Town Council and of the public, the Planning Officers attended the meeting to explain the proposal to extend the Industrial Park onto land at Sutton Road. Mr. Jewitt stated that the District Council must provide 136 acres of industrial land to 1996. There are 6 towns in the District making 22 acres per town. Industrial land at Thirsk is being taken up at the rate of 2.8 acres per year, leaving only 5 years supply. The Industrial Development Officer has received many enquiries regarding industrial land. More land than was initially provided is needed, and it may not be feasible for all the existing land to be developed due to the cost of the high cost of providing services. Told that residents of Sutton Road, representatives of whom were present, were concerned at the effect the Industrial development would have on their properties and environment, Mr. Robinson stated that there would be a scheme of tree planting abutting residential properties. Plots at the front of the site would be reserved for office development and would not detract from the character of the area. The meeting was told that the proposal for the extension of the Industrial Park is still on deposit - objections should be submitted by the end of this month. The proposal will go to a sub committee for confirmation. If there are still objections outstanding, there will be a public enquiry. The Planning Officers were thanked for coming to the meeting at short notice and for giving up their time. The residents of the area which would be affected by the proposal asked for a meeting with the Town Council. This was arranged for 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 23rd May in the Town Hall.

Appointment of Representatives

Governing Body of Thirsk County Primary School It was agreed that Coun. Craig should be the Minor Authority on the Governing

Body of Thirsk County Primary School.

Civic Society Coun. Tate re-appointed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Davison re-appointed.

Charities Coun. Roberts & Coun. Craig appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Hall re-appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Davison re-appointed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts, Coun. Davison & Coun. Hall appointed.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden re-appointed.

Community Care Association Coun. Craig appointed.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley re-appointed.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association Coun. Murkett & Coun. Loveden re-appointed.

Sub Committees

The Holmes, The Greens & Mill Gardens The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Bentley, Coun. Craig.

Cemetery The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig, Coun. Loveden, Coun. Hall.

Planning The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Hall, Coun. Tate, Coun. Bentley.

Footpaths & Rights of Way The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Tate, Coun. Craig, Coun. Loveden.

Christmas Lights The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig, Coun. Hall, Coun. Loveden. Coun. Bentley requested that it be recorded that he had declined to serve on the Committee due to the fact that his intentions had been wrongly interpreted by Coun. Murkett.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs The Clerk reported on a telephone call from the District Council's Tourism Officer in which she had been told that they were awaiting sanction of the signs by the North Yorkshire County Council.

Coach Parking Coun. Murkett told the meeting that the Coach Park is being treated as a matter of the utmost priority by the District Council and should be completed in July.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Nothing reported.

Post Box - Market Place A letter from Customer Care Manager of the Post Office stated that the letter box has been inspected and in their view the positioning of the box in relation to the Town Council Notice Board should create no undue inconvenience to either the insertion of display material or any work required on the notice board. There would be no obvious benefit to the community from moving the box and to move it would cost approximately £150.00. A count of the posted correspondence into the box has been carried out and it has never been more than three quarters full " except on one occasion when it was almost full but not full enough for mail to be extracted. It was agreed to take up the matter of the post box with the District Council, on whose land it is sited.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley stated that it is possible that the Town Hall will be used as the Control and Information Post for both Thirsk and Sowerby.

Vehicular Right of Way - Millgate Car Park Nothing reported.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A letter from the Chief Executive's Department H.D.C. stated that in view of the difficulties that have been encountered over the last few weeks, it may be appropriate at this juncture to simply advise that the acquisition of land for a playing field is still under review, and where anything positive arises, then at the appropriate time the Town Council will be advised.

St. James' Green Letter received from Leon Brittan, M.P., stating that the Chairman and the Secretary of the St. James' Green Residents Association had consulted him on the problems of parking on and around the Green, and that he is anxious to explore what can be done to resolve the problem. Mr. Brittan had it in mind to take up the matter with the District Council, County Council and ultimately Ministers in the Department of the Environment if necessary but he thought that he should at least in the first place write to the Town Council to see what light can be shed on this problem and the means of resolving it. It was agreed to reply to Mr. Brittan giving him details of the action which has been and is being taken by the Council and pointing out that the Green is privately owned land.

Spring Clean Day The Chairman reported that Spring Clean Day had been successful, with a good turn out of volunteers. Members remarked that the result showed what Thirsk could look like but it is now back to normal. It was agreed to request an additional litter bin for Kirkgate and bins for The Holmes - near the Children's Play Area and the Waterfall Bridge.

Seats The Clerk had contacted the Manpower Services Commission regarding the seats but had been told that they are fully committed for the next year. A member of the public had volunteered to treat the presentation seats in Ingramgate with preservative if the Council provides the materials. It was agreed to accept the offer and provide any materials necessary.

Telephone Kiosks - Market Place Letter received from the Chief Executive's Department stating that this Council's queries have been referred to the Chief Planner's Department who have recently been having talks with British Tele-

Public Toilets The Clerk had been told by a member of the Environmental Health Dept. that vandalism to the Ladies' toilets on the Millgate Car Park at the weekend 23rd/24th April had caused them to be closed until repairs could be carried out. It was agreed to write to the District Council requesting more supervision of the toilets and the employment of a fulltime attendant. It was also agreed to request a breakdown of the running costs of the toilets and again mention the need for notices indicating the hours of opening.

Bus Service for Norby Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that he will report receipt of the petition to the next meeting of the County Council's Members Working Party on Public Passenger Transport and will also discuss the matter with United Automobile Services and assess, in conjunction with the Chief Constable, the suitability of Norby Estate for public service vehicles.

Play Area - Hambleton Estate A letter from East Thirsk Community Association stated that the land on which they hoped to create a play area has already been re-designated for housing by the District Council. Coun. Craig stated that he had presented a petition to the District Council on behalf of residents of properties fronting onto the land, objecting to a play area. It was agreed to write to the District Council asking for the history of this area of land and the current situation with regard to it.

Dangerous Window A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that the Building Control Officer had inspected the window at John Smith's Office and the door jamb at the Red Bear and contacted the owners regarding the repairs.

Badge of Office A letter from Thomas Fattorini Ltd stated that the badge and part chain was designed in such a manner that additional links can be added to the chain and the ribbon ends reduced accordingly. Bars can be supplied that could be mounted to the ribbons and although this method is cheaper, it does not look as attractive as complete chain links. It was agreed to ask for quotations for both chain links and bars - engraved and plain.

Supermarket Site - Station Road A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that this Council's letter has been forwarded to the N.Y.C.C. Highways Department for their attention and with a request that they reply direct.

Report on the meeting with Mr. A. R. Burnett, Chief Environmental Health & Housing Officer.

The meeting was attended by 5 members of this Council and representatives of neighbouring Parish Councils.

Dogs Fouling Footpaths Mr. Burnett referred to the District Council's byelaws - 1981 - the maximum penalty for allowing a dog to foul a footpath or grass verge being £100. Evidence of the offence is required to be sustained in a Court of Law. There have been no prosecutions in Hambleton. A Dog Warden scheme has been tried out in Richmondshire but there were no prosecutions for dogs fouling. Information is being sought from town and parish councils throughout the District and this will be collated, and submitted in a report to the Environmental Health Committee before the Council's policy on the problem is formulated. Suggestions were put to Mr. Burnett who agreed to consider them.

Gipsies Mr. Burnett stated that the problem of gipsies camping on unauthorised sites will not be solved until authorised sites have been provided. Sites must be provided in the areas where gipsies normally congregate. There is a proposed site at Seamer near Stolesley and a second site is required, to the south of Northallerton and adjacent to Thirsk. No area has yet been earmarked or designated. The County Council could use compulsory purchase powers to acquire land for the purpose. By finding suitable sites, the District Council is trying to speed up the process - designation is the only way to solve the problem. When designated sites have been provided, no unauthorised camping will be allowed.

Housing Bill The Bill is causing the District Council great concern. The Government is placing more emphasis on the private sector providing rented accommodation and there appears to be little future for Local Authority Housing. Housing Associations can take over Local Authority stock unless 51% of tenants vote against it. The rents could be twice the current price.

Litter - Area around the Telephone Kiosks Mr. Burnett agreed to investigate the litter

Competitive Tendering Mr. Burnett referred to competitive tendering in the refuse collection service.

Communication System Mr. Burnett explained the communication system - with 24 hour cover - which is being installed in the District's sheltered housing. The facility is now being offered in the private sector anywhere in the District.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Burnett, thanking him for his attendance and to reiterate the view that the most successful way to deal with the problem of dogs would be the employment of a dog warden and the implementation of a dog registration scheme. It was also agreed to forward a suggestion from a member of the public that the powers of the Car Parking Superintendents could be extended to allow them to take appropriate action with regard to offences concerning litter.

A letter to be sent to Leon Brittan, M.P., asking him to press for strong legislation regarding dogs.

Employment of Part-time Gardener for Mill Gardens The Chairman told the meeting that she knows of a retired person willing to spend two hours each week during the summer, for a payment of £2.50 per hour - tending and tidying Mill Gardens. Members were all in favour of this employment. Enquiries to be made regarding insurance cover.

Correspondence

Appreciation received of the expression of sympathy sent on the death of Brian Jackson, reporter for the Thirsk Gazette. The Clerk stated that a sympathy card had been sent on behalf of the Council. This action was endorsed.

Resignation Letter of resignation from the Council, received from Coun. Foxton. A Casual Vacancy was declared which will be filled by co-option unless if within fourteen clear days of the date of the Notice of Vacancy, ten electors for the Parish give notice in writing to the Returning Officer claiming a bye-election. The Clerk told the meeting that Coun. Simpson had intimated that it is her intention also to resign. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that if Coun. Simpson's resignation is received and can be accepted without a Council Meeting being held, both vacancies be advertised at the same time.' Agreed. The Chairman stated that she would contact Coun. Simpson regarding her intentions.

It was agreed to write to Coun. Foxton expressing deep regret at her resignation and thanking her for her service to the Council and community.

Armada Celebrations Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Council is supporting the national celebrations arranged for 19th July to mark the 400th anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada and asking if the Town Council can offer assistance to erect and supervise beacons or bonfires at Sutton Bank if a beacon site can be obtained at the Yorkshire Gliding Club. It was agreed to reply suggesting that the local scouts be approached.

Town Hall Letter received from Sowerby Parish Council agreeing to quotations being sought for new heaters for the Town Hall.

Audit Notification received that the Council's books are required for Audit at Stone Cross on Monday, 13th June.

Gateway Foodmarket Notice received that Ronald Ian Wilson intends to apply for the transfer of the Justices' licence in respect of Gateway Foodmarket.

Amended Plans Reply received regarding this Council's request for original plans to be forwarded when there are proposed amendments to determined plans, stating that after determination the District Council only retains two sets of plans, one on the planning file (the Part II register) and one it is required to maintain on the Part I register for a further six months. The copy of plans returned by the town & parish councils are not retained, and there are no facilities to allow for such storage. After six months, only the file copy is retained. When amendments are received there is not a copy of the originally submitted plans available to forward. Where possible it may be possible to send photo-copies of the relevant element of the original plans and failing this the Planning department can be contacted when arrangements to facilitate access to the file copy of the plans may be arranged.

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Planning Committee Site Visit Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that there is to be a site visit on 23rd May to discuss the application for the conversion of disused garage/storage buildings to 3 dwellings at the rear of Kirkgate Guest House, and inviting the Council to send not more than two representatives. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman attend.

Thirsk Tourist Information Leaflet Letter received from the Chairman of Thirsk Museum & Tourist Information Centre stating that sponsorship of the Leaflet failed by sixty five pounds and requesting receipt of the fifty pounds which the Town Council agreed to contribute towards any shortfall. It was agreed that the fifty pounds be forwarded.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/500/0031D</u>	P.L.C. Homes	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0055D</u>	Thirsk Racecourse Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0102H</u>	Woodhead & Bray	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0188B</u>	Mrs. Scurry	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0219A</u>	Mr. G. Shaw	Withdrawn
<u>2/88/152/0309N</u>	Wright (Properties) Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0309P</u>	Wright (Properties) Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0348</u>	Mr. A. A. Edwards	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0348A</u>	Mr. A. A. Edwards	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0349</u>	Mr. & Mrs. D. Newsome	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

<u>2/88/152/0352</u>	Display of 2 Externally Illuminated Lanterns at the Black Lion for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery. <u>No Objections and point out that the signs are already in place.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0289B</u>	Display of 3 Externally Illuminated Signs & 1 Internally Illuminated Lantern at Blacksmiths Arms for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery.
<u>2/88/152/0289C</u>	Listed Building Consent for Above. <u>No Objections and point out that the signs are already in place.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0032G</u>	Layout of Land and Construction of 24 Self Contained Flats at Land to the Rear of 78, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons.
<u>2/88/152/0032H</u>	Application for Conservation Area Consent for the Demolition of Existing Buildings at Land near 78, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons. <u>Approve and Recommend use of red bricks and pantiles.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0197J</u>	Change of Use to Dining Facilities and Bars on 2 Floors free from the Dining Restriction on the Bars. Erection of 2 Storey Extension providing Toilets and Staff Accommodation and Improved Front Porch at Stoneybrough for Mrs. Beilby & Messrs. Barker. <u>No Objections to Plans as Proposed but Restrictions on Outside Functions on the property should still apply.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0353</u>	Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 9A, Market Place for Mr. R. H. Firth (Dentist). <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0218B</u>	Installation of a Cash Dispenser at 24, Market Place for Barclays Bank P.L.C. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/321B</u>	Amended Plans for Revised Layout and Substitution of House Types at The Coppice for McLean Homes. <u>Insufficient detail for observations to be made.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0309Q</u>	Conversion of Existing Public House to 5 Shop Units and Construction of a Block of 3 Shops to form a Shopping Arcade at Golden Lion for Wright (Properties) Ltd.

2/88/152/0309R

Application for Listed Building Consent for previous application, including Demolition of Derelict Buildings.
Approve Plans as Proposed but without Future Amendments.

2/88/152/0309S

Conversion of Existing Public House to a Ground Floor and First Floor Shop with First Floor Offices and Construction of an Office Block at Golden Lion for Wright (Properties) Ltd.

2/88/152/0309T

Application for Listed Building Consent for above, including Demolition of Derelict Buildings.

The Town Council prefer the application for shop units. The centre of a market town needs shops - sufficient office accommodation is already available.

2/88/152/0354

Alterations & Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse & Construction of a self contained flat at 15, Ingramgate for Mr. C. F. Pattison.

2/88/152/0354A

Application for Listed Building Consent for above.

Recommend Refusal. The flat is a new building, not an extension.

It constitutes backland development and has no access.

15, Ingramgate is known to be a very old building - it is recommended that expert opinion be obtained regarding the windows and porch.

2/88/152/0285B

Continued Use of Existing Building for Motor Vehicle Repairs at Chapel Street for M. Wernyj.

Continued Use must be conditional on the outside area being kept tidy and no cars parked on the road.

2/88/152/0262C

Construction of a Detached Dwellinghouse at Land Adjacent to 176, Hambleton Place for R. B. A. Moody Bros.

Recommend Refusal on the grounds that it will affect the visual aspect of the area.

Accounts The following Accounts were submitted for payment and approved.
 Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

L. C. Hopps	- Repairing & Refixing Notice Board	- £ 49.45/
Power Point	- Cord for Strimmer	- £ 2.63/
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery Grass Cutter	- £ 17.96/
J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - May	- £278.00/

Additional Accounts

John Bell	- Wayleaves + 1 Year's Rent of The Holmes	- £ .48/
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying Skip & Purchase of New Skip for Cemetery	- £432.40/
Thirsk Museum & T.I. Centre	- Shortfall in Printing Leaflet	- £ 50.00/

Reports

Coun. Hall reported that the subject of realigning the footpaths and provision of a pedestrian crossing at Station Road in connection with the supermarket development had been discussed at the Chamber of Trade meeting.

Coun. Bentley reported that the Advertising Guide is in print and should soon be available.

Any Other Business

Ingramgate Bridge At the request of Coun. Davison, the County Surveyor to be asked when repairs are to be carried out on Ingramgate Bridge which was damaged several months ago.

Dowber Way Coun. Loveden had received a complaint from the occupant of 51, Dowber Way, that the adjoining plot, which is vacant and in the ownership of Messrs. Barratts, is being used as a rubbish dump. The District Council's Building Control Officer to be asked to take up the matter with Barratts.

Planning Application Coun. Bentley told the meeting that Sowerby Parish Council has received a planning Application for F. D. Todd & Sons new site.

F.D.

Publication of Confidential Letter Coun. Tate referred to the publication of the contents of a confidential letter in the Thirsk Gazette and said that the Council still does not know who committed the breach of confidence. Councillors at the previous meeting had denied responsibility. Coun. Craig, who was absent from that meeting was asked, by Coun. Tate, for his views. After an altercation with Coun. Tate, Coun. Craig left the meeting, stating that he would speak to Coun. Tate outside.

Bier Coun. Murkett enquired whether the chrome bier, which had been presented for use at the Cemetery, the existence of which the new Cemetery Superintendent had no knowledge, had been returned. Coun. Hall stated that he would take up the matter with Mr. Collinson, the previous Superintendent.

Memorials - Garden of Rest The Clerk told the meeting that D. G. Collinson are not happy with the size and type of memorials to be allowed in the Garden of Rest. It was agreed that the decision taken at the March meeting stands.

Salem Chapel Coun. Murkett expressed concern about the state of the ruins of Salem Chapel. Coun. Hall stated, that as the owner of adjoining property, he will make enquiries about it.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts.

20-6-88.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday,
20th June 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), R. S. Hall, D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden,
A. J. Davison, D. S. Bentley, P. J. Tate.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. H. D. Craig.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were objected to
by Coun. Murkett in connection with the sentence regarding Coun. Bentley and
the Christmas Lights Committee. Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the sentence
be deleted.' Voting was 6 in Favour - 1 Against - Coun. Bentley objecting to the
deletion. The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman, Prop. Coun.
Murkett, sec. Coun. Hall.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs Nothing reported.

Coach Parking - Millgate Car Park It was noted that a planning application has been
submitted by the District Council.

Post Box - Market Place A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that an
assistant from the Planning Department examined the present
site and agrees that the location of the post box is unsuitable because it inhibits
access to the notice board. Proposals for environmental enhancement to the Market
Place, which were endorsed by the Planning Committee, will involve the use of approp-
riate street furniture and opportunity will be taken to re-site items such as the
letter box and bus shelter. It is understood that the Post Office own the pavement
around the southern and western sides of their building and the letter box could be
relocated on the pavement near to the entrance to the Post Office. The District Council,
through the Planning Department, will negotiate with the Post Office as part of the
detailed design work for the treatment of the Market Place with a view to repositioning
the letter box as well as the bus shelter.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley reported that Mr. Jones of the County Emergency Officer's
department had requested that the Town Council, as co-owners of the
Town Hall, write to say that they are in agreement for the Town Hall to be used as a
Control and Information Post. It was agreed that a written application should be made
by the County Emergency Officer stating what the requirements and intentions would be.

Vehicular Right of Way - Millgate Car Park Nothing reported. It was agreed to make
enquiries of H.D.C. as to the present
situation.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

St. James' Green The Clerk told the meeting that large stones are available for placing
around the Green to prevent vehicles being driven onto the grass and
it is understood that arrangements have been made for them to be transported to the site.
A letter from Leon Brittan M.P., stated that he is seeking advice from the Department
of the Environment.

Telephone Kiosks - Market Place A letter from the Payphone Liaison Officer British
Telecom referred to the reasons for the kiosks being
on their present site and stated that a site meeting was held with H.D.C. Planning
Department recently when it was agreed in principle to move the kiosks to the opposite
side of the toilet block during the District Council's refurbishment of the market
cobbles. It was also agreed to discuss the provision of additional kiosks should they
be required. The cost of resiting the kiosks prior to any redevelopment is also being
investigated and the Town Council will be advised of the outcome.

Public Toilets A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the Millgate
toilets are currently being closed at 6.00 p.m. in an attempt to curb
the extensive vandalism which has occurred there. Prior to the receipt of the Town
Council's letter, the Market Place toilets were open until 8.30 p.m. and one toilet in
the ladies' section was kept open all night. Instructions have now been given for the
Market Place toilets to be left open until 9.30 p.m. and a suitable sign displayed
outside the Millgate toilets directing persons to the toilets in the Market Place. The
overnight facility in the ladies' section will continue. However, in the event of any
increase in vandalism in the Market Place toilets, it may be necessary to revert to

Public Toilets cont/ the original closing time of 8.30 p.m. Another letter stated that it will not be possible for more supervision to be provided. The income received during 1987/88 being only £895.40. A breakdown of the costs of running Thirsk's public toilets is not readily available and it would be a time consuming task for estimated figures to be extracted. Details of the 1988/89 estimate was enclosed in respect of all the Council's public toilets showing that the cost is considerable and a large proportion is due to wages.

Bus Service - Norby Nothing reported.

Play Area - Hambleton Estate A letter from the Chief Planner stated that Policy R5 of the Thirsk Local Plan identified 8 sites where play equipment should be located. Objections were made to two of the sites, one of which is the site in question and this was submitted in the form of a petition of 19 signatures, presented by the Ward Member, who was opposed to the siting of a play area close to houses. The matter was referred to the Local Plan Sub Committee along with all other objections, on 15th March. The Planning Officer's comment was as follows: 'Three locations for children's play space were identified in the Hambleton Drive/Dowber Way area, and the one near the telephone box was objected to. Children's play equipment could be located on the R4 Public Open Space site, which, although not as convenient as Hambleton Drive /Dowber Way, is likely to create fewer problems.' The recommendation was - 'delete children's play area R5 from Dowber Way/Hambleton Drive adjacent to telephone box. Add R5 site to R4 allocated site.' This site is at the southern end of the land owned by Kettlewell Trust, for which the Council has been negotiating. The reason for making this recommendation was the local opposition to the location of a play area in close proximity to housing. It is incorrect to say that the site has now been designated for housing. It is owned by the District Council and controlled by the Housing Committee, and is within the settlement limits of Thirsk. There would be a presumption in favour of housing, given the decision to relocate this play area. A sketch showing a suggested layout for a small housing scheme on the site was prepared in response to a request from the Ward Member, but no development has been programmed, nor is there an extant planning permission. Members were of the opinion that the objectors were probably not aware, at the time of signing the petition, of the type of play area the E.T.C.A. planned for the site. It was stated that the Ward Member should represent the needs of the whole Estate and not just those around the site. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that the District Council be asked to reconsider their decision, in the light of the information the residents should now have regarding the E.T.C.A.'s intentions for the site.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

Supermarket Site - Station Road Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens The Chairman reported that Mr. P. McKay has commenced working in Mill Gardens. A letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance stated that the Third Party and Employer's Liability Policies would be effective in respect of Mr. McKay and it would also be possible to include him under the Personal Accident Section of the policy at a premium of £1.00 per year. It was agreed to take out Personal Accident Cover.

Casual Vacancies The Clerk stated that Mrs. Simpson's resignation, in writing, had been received on the day following the last meeting and the two casual vacancies had been advertised at the same time. Ten members of the Thirsk Electorate had requested a by-election which is to be held on 30th June with three candidates contesting the seats.

Armada Celebrations Copy letter received, indicating that the Round Table will be involved in the building of a beacon or bonfire.

Ingramgate Bridge A letter from the County Area Surveyor stated that remedial work will be carried out in the near future.

Chrome Bier - Cemetery Coun. Hall stated that he had contacted Mr. Collinson, the previous Superintendent, who was of the opinion that the bier had been borrowed and not returned. It was agreed to write to the local undertakers enquiring if they have any knowledge of it.

Salem Chapel Coun. Hall has not yet been able to contact the owner.

Badge of Office Letter received from Thomas Fattorini Ltd stating that the price for six sterling silver gilt chain links will be £36.95 each, nett. Sterling silver gilt collarette bars for mounting to the ribbon ends of the present part chain will be £10.65 each, nett. Engraving by machine, will be 13p per letter, nett. The prices are plus postage, packing and V.A.T. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall, 'that 6 collarette bars be purchased.' Agreed. It was agreed that, if possible, the bars should be engraved locally.

Meeting with the Public to discuss the Proposed Extension to Thirsk Industrial Park

At the meeting on 23rd May, the following objections were made, collated and forwarded to the District Council:

There would be pollution caused by noise and dust during construction of the extension and noise and smell from lorries servicing the industries afterwards.

The proposed extension would be an intrusion of industry into a green belt.

The approach to Thirsk would be spoilt.

There is no guarantee that any further units will be taken up on the site.

There is no guarantee of any measure of control on the type of industry as the site would not be Council owned.

Alan Dale Transport were made to remove their lorries from York Road because of the detrimental effect on the residential area. It would be ludicrous to encourage similar use of the adjoining area.

If the 'Hi-Tech' industry, envisaged by the District Council, comes onto the site, it will not alleviate the unemployment situation to any great extent.

There would be a devaluation of property in the vicinity.

It has been stated that warehouses are not to be encouraged - there is a warehouse under construction at the present time.

In spite of the easy access to the A19 and A1 roads, it is feared that lorries would still come through the town.

Any future industrial development should be sited south of the by-pass.

One businessman, who does not live in Thirsk, spoke in favour of the proposed development.

In the event of the proposed extension being allowed, it must be ensured that:

There is a wide barrier of trees between industry and housing.

The existing trees and hedges remain.

There is a suitable ban on the movement of lorries during evenings, nights and early mornings.

There is a restriction on the hours during which industries can operate.

There is a restriction on the type of industry allowed - no heavy industry of the type which causes pollution.

A letter from the Chief Planner asked if the objections are also held by the Town Council.

After a long discussion - Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Tate 'that the Town Council supports the objections but recognises the need for industrial land being made available in the Thirsk area.' Voting - 5 in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention.

Invitation to Thirsk's County Councillor to attend Meetings

Coun. Murkett referred to his statement that the County Councillor does not attend Town Council meetings and Coun. Turton's reply that he has not been invited.

The Clerk drew attention to the Minutes of the December 1979 meeting when a resolution was passed inviting Coun. Turton to attend meetings on a quarterly basis and a letter sent the following day.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that a formal invitation be issued to Thirsk's County Councillor to attend Town Council meetings on a regular basis - suggesting three times each year.' Agreed. A letter to be sent to Coun. Turton appraising him of the resolution and asking him to accept the agenda and minutes as an invitation.

Thirsk Market Place Improvement Scheme Letter received from the Chief Planner H.D.C. enclosing details of the proposed Improvement

Scheme for the Market Place and inviting representatives to attend a meeting at Stone Cross on 23rd June at 2.00 p.m. Several members expressed their intention to attend.

Correspondence

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Reminder received that the Annual Subscription is due and notice of the A.G.M. to be

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Circular received, outlining the work of the Y.R.C.C. and including an invitation to take up affiliated membership of the Council, suggesting a minimum fee of £10.00. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'to pay an affiliation fee of £10.00.' Agreed.

Community Care Association Notice received of the A.G.M. to be held on 22nd June. A letter stated that there is no set fee for affiliation to the C.C.A. but donations would be most gratefully accepted. It was agreed to request a balance sheet before making a decision regarding a donation.

Ye Olde Three Tuns Notice received that Wilson Gowdy intends to apply for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of Ye Olde Three Tuns.

Land at Junction of Station Road/Newsham Road Letter received from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade regarding the derelict area opposite the Post Office Sorting Office. The letter enquired as to the owners of the site and if the Council will consider supporting the Chamber of Trade with a view to improving an important approach to Thirsk. It was agreed to reply stating that the owners of the site are Thirsk Hall Estates and supporting the Chamber of Trade in its efforts to have the site tidied up.

Garden of Rest - Cemetery Letters received from Mrs. E. Hullah and Mrs. M. Carbutt asking the Council to reconsider the type of memorial allowed on the Garden of Rest as the present ones do not allow for the provision of a container for flowers. It was agreed that members will investigate the kind of memorials available and discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0321B</u>	McLean Homes N. E. Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0126N</u>	Thirsk Investments Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0126M</u>	" " "	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0351</u>	Mr. J. Bell	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0214B</u>	J. W. Cameron & Co. Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0214C</u>	" " "	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0014F</u>	British Telecommunications PLC	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0346A</u>	Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Bainbridge	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0340A</u>	Ryedale Travel	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0340B</u>	" " "	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0285B</u>	Mr. M. Wernyj	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

<u>2/88/152/197J</u>	Amended Plans for Stoneybrough Restaurant. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0356</u>	Change of Use of Existing Agricultural Building to a Dwelling at Green Lane, Sutton Road for Mr. B. Handley. <u>Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the proposed development is outside the Thirsk Plan area. It is not part of an agricultural holding and access is half a mile down an unmade private road.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0355</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of an Existing Chimney Stack at 14, Millgate for Mr. R. T. Rymer. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0357</u>	Change of Use of Existing Ground Floor Shop and First Floor and Second Floor Residential Accommodation to Accountants, Surveyors and Estate Agents at 5A, Finkle Street for David Gilliat Ass. <u>Recommend Refusal on the grounds that there are already sufficient Estate Agents in Thirsk to meet the needs of the town.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0339B</u>	Alterations to Part of Existing Car Park to Form a Coach Park at Millgate Car Park for Hambleton District Council. <u>Approve.</u>

2/88/152/0339B
cont.

Coun. Tate requested that the District Council be informed that this application was totally unnecessary. The Chamber of Trade plan could have been amended without a new plan being submitted.

2/88/152/0107E

Extension to Existing Shop and Construction of a Storage Building at 61, Market Place for Mr. J. Bell.
The Council are concerned at the effect on neighbouring properties on the opposite side of the public footpath.

2/88/152/0025A

Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign and an Internally Illuminated Pole Sign at Associated Tyre Services, Long Street.
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the colour of the signs is unacceptable. The internally illuminated pole sign, in close proximity to the Zebra Crossing would prove a distraction to motorists.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

Power Point	- Engine Oil for Strimmer	- £ 2.19✓
" "	- 5 weeks grass cutter hire - to 16.5.88	- £ 86.25✓
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 17.00✓
J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - June	- £ 278.00✓
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June	£335.75✓
	Administrative Expenses	£ 75.10✓
North Yorks. P.R.A.	- Subscription	- £ 10.00✓

Additional Accounts

C. E. & C. M. Walker	- Grass Cutting - 2 x April - 1 x May	- £ 175.95✓
P. Smith	- 2 Journeys to Stone Cross - Audit	- £ 8.00✓
Fox's of Thirsk	- Wood preservative & brushes for Ingramgate Seats	- £ 9.12✓
P. McKay	- Work in Mill Gardens - 5½ hours @ £2.50	- £ 13.75✓
Yorkshire Rural C. C.	- Affiliation Fee	- £ 10.00✓
Euro Design	- Replacement Windows for Cemetery Lodge	- £2931.95✓

Reports

Review of Public Footpaths The Chairman reported that the sub committee had met to study the Definitive Map of Thirsk and had noted the omission of the public right of way through the Golden Fleece Hotel yard and the inclusion of two rights of way from the Market Place to Chapel Street which are no longer in existence. It had been decided to apply for the footpath at the back of North Lodge, Stockton Road to be designated as a public footpath and also the concrete road which is parallel to the bypass and which replaced Dowber Lane for access to fields when the bypass was constructed. It is necessary for evidence forms to be completed before application can be made.

Grass Cutting - The Flatts Coun. Davison reported that if more cuts are necessary on The Flatts Field, it may be necessary for the Trust to apply to the Council for an increased contribution towards the cost.

Audit The Clerk reported on the audit where it had been recommended that increased cover be obtained from Municipal Mutual Insurance for Public Liability, which should be increased to £2,000,000.00, for Cemetery Lodge, which it was agreed to increase to £60,000.00 and Employees Fidelity Guarantee which it was agreed to increase to £600.00. The Cemetery Superintendent had asked if his monthly payment can be paid directly to his bank and this is in order to do so. A Bankers Order was signed for this purpose.

Clerk's Salary At the Clerk's request, it was proposed by Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Hall 'that instead of the increase to £1,800, agreed in the revenue estimates, the Clerk be paid £1,700 + telephone rental.' Agreed.

Any Other Business

Cars on the grass - St. James' Green It was reported that two cars are being parked on the grass to the front of Nos. 3 & 4, St. James' Green. The Clerk to contact the Chairman of the Residents Association.

Taxis on the Market Place The attention of Hambleton District Council to be drawn to the touting for business by taxi drivers on the Market Place.

Matters Arising from the Minutes Coun. Loveden stated that too much time is spent on matters arising from the minutes. Coun. Tate stated that decisions are made without formal resolutions. It was agreed that a sub committee, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Loveden & Tate and the Clerk, meet to discuss procedure and more efficient meetings.

Takeaway - Long Street Coun. Hall referred to No. 42, Long Street which has planning permission for a Chinese Takeaway and which is now to be an Indian Takeaway. The Planning Department to be asked if this can be done without change of use permission.

Gypsies Coun. Bentley referred to the growing gypsy population in the laybys around Thirsk.

Cemetery Coun. Murkett had received a complaint that a holly tree is obstructing access to a grave. It is understood that the Cemetery Superintendent will remove it.

Appreciation The Chairman had received a letter from a person from Cheshire regarding assistance given by a young man when an accident occurred at Town End.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Handwritten:
18/7/88

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 18th July 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, P. J. Tate, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, J. Bell, Miss M. M. Lowe, County Councillor Turton + 2 Members of the Public.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office Councillors J. Bell & Miss M. M. Lowe signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes The Chairman told the meeting that a new system of dealing with these matters, under which the Clerk will go through the list and report on items, is being tried out.

Coach Parking - Millgate It is understood that tenders have been invited for the work.

Tourist Signs Nothing reported.

Home Defence Nothing reported.

Vehicular Right of Way - Millgate The District Council are waiting for the person who requested the right of way to contact them again.

St. James Green A further letter had been received from Leon Brittan M.P., enclosing information regarding Common Land, all of which is not relevant at the present time.

Telephone Kiosks - Market Place Nothing reported.

Bus Service - Norby Nothing reported.

Play Area - Hambleton Estate A letter from the Chief Planner noted that the Town Council is opposed to the relocation of the proposed play area from Hambleton Place/Dowber Way onto the southern end of land owned by Kettlewell Trust, as is the East Thirsk Community Association, and the objections will be considered at the next meeting of the Thirsk Area Local Plan Sub-Committee in the near future.

Chrome Bier - Cemetery The bier had been in the possession of a local undertaker, who had been allowed the use of it by the previous Cemetery Superintendent, and has now been returned to the cemetery.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Badge of Office The Chairman reported that when making enquiries about engraving at Fox's of Thirsk, she was told that they could supply silver gilt bars at a cost of £4.80 each plus engraving. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Davison 'that the bars for the Badge of Office be obtained from Fox's.' Agreed. The Chairman was given authority to order plain bars with the names and years of office of previous mayors engraved on them.

Extension of Industrial Park A letter from the Chief Planner stated that it is intended that those parts of the industrial park which abut or overlook neighbouring residential properties be planted up with woodland belts to safeguard residential amenity. Prior to the commencement of any development, the L.P.A. will specify the appropriate use classes to be permitted in the area, and, if necessary, will enforce compliance with any conditions specified in any planning permission.

Take Away - 42, Long Street The Clerk had been told by a planning officer that it is not necessary to obtain permission for the Take Away to be changed from Chinese to Indian. Letters had been received from Mr. J. R. Wood and Mr. B. Sherwood of Long Street objecting to the hours of opening of the Take Away and expressing concern regarding parking and nuisance and inconvenience which will be caused to local residents. It was agreed to write to the District Council suggesting that they purchase No. 42, Long Street and demolish it in order to facilitate entry to their proposed building site to the rear of the property.

Holly Tree - Cemetery The Chairman had inspected the holly tree which is impeding the refurbishment of an adjoining grave. It was agreed that the Cemetery Superintendent remove the overhanging branches.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Coun. Hall, who had requested that this item be placed in the Agenda, stated that the District Council has a moral obligation, as part of its planning process, to provide land for recreation on a large housing estate and has failed to do so. Coun. Loveden stated that the East Thirsk Community Association, who have been trying to acquire land for a play area for small children, should be given the full backing of the Town Council. Coun. Loveden agreed to arrange a meeting between the Town Council and the E.T.C.A., from which a delegation will be drawn to meet with Hambleton District Council officers in order to discuss the current situation with regard to the acquisition of recreation land for the Hambleton Estate and the provision of a play area for the small children of the estate.

Memorials for the Garden of Rest In order to conform with legal requirements, it is necessary for a resolution to be submitted, in writing, for the next meeting to rescind the previous decision regarding the size and type of memorials to be allowed on the Garden of Rest.

Business of Meetings The Chairman reported on the sub committee meeting which had been attended by herself, Couns. Loveden and Tate and the Clerk. It had been decided, in order to speed up 'Matters Arising from the Minutes', to try a system whereby the Clerk will go through the list of items instead of this being done by the Chairman. The Local Councils Association Standing Orders should be adopted by the Council but before doing so should be modified to suit the Council's requirements. A sub committee was formed to go through the Standing Orders and make recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Market Place Improvement Scheme The Chairman reported on the meeting at Stone Cross which had been attended by several members of the Town Council and other interested parties. Written confirmation of the comments made by members at the meeting had been requested by the District Council and were listed as follows:-

All sources of help and information on the laying of cobbles be explored.
 Full agreement that manmade paviers/setts are not acceptable.
 Insistance on circular 8/87 as quoted, especially as far as statutory undertakers are concerned. This has been a cause of trouble in the past.
 Preference for public seats, not tables belonging to individual cafes as this will lead to other cafes, pubs etc. wanting seats outside thier premises.
 Agreed that the provision of lighting is in the hands of the County Council and hope that they will work with the District Council. It was suggested that Peter Wyon's book of old postcards of Thirsk be consulted to see what original electric lighting was like.
 In no way will street lighting as in Northallerton be tolerated.
 It is necessary for a lot of litter bins to be provided.
 Expert advice to be sought on the most suitable types of trees.
 Very undecided about the bus shelter. The Post Office to be contacted by the District Council for their proposals.
 Prefer the public conveniences to be demolished. The Post Office proposals mentioned public toilets. The District Council to ask them again.
 The plant troughs to be retained.
 The bull ring to be preserved.
 Extra walkways from the west side of the Post Office to No. 55, Market Place and from Nos. 91 to 65 Market Place requested.
 Walkway on south side parallel to the road, leading from footpath to Threshers is not recommended.
 It is understood that the walkways would not withstand continued heavy traffic, hence bollards are necessary to stop traffic on the York stone areas but there should be a gap in the bollards to allow cars to pass from East to West on the South side of the Market Place.
 Shops selling takeaway food near the paved areas must be required to clean up the mess made on the paving stones by grease, chips, ice cream etc.
 Matters not discussed at the meeting but had been noted by the Chairman and passed to the District Council:-
 What will happen to the rubbish at Nelson's greengrocery shop?
 Why not replace the public conveniences with a bandstand as we now have a band who play in the Market Place.
 It is necessary to consider and discuss with the District Council the matter of a permanent site for the Christmas Tree which requires a hole in the Market Place.

Market Place Improvement Scheme cont/ A letter from the Chief Planner stated that he is pleased to note that the Town Council supports the scheme in its broad outline and in the use of natural paving materials. Comments were made on the Town Councils detailed suggestions:

Seating Provided that there is sufficient pavement width, he does not see why pubs and cafes cannot provide outdoor tables on a seasonal basis. Permanent public seating in any quantity could create additional street cleansing problems and be visually intrusive.

Street Lighting The proposals show 'period' street lighting which will need the approval of the County Lighting Engineer. English Heritage would not object to the use of modern style lighting columns, but the range of acceptable modern designs is limited. This is clearly a detail which will need careful consideration.

Trees and Planting Boxes Comments noted.

Additional Paving It is agreed that additional paving be provided to the rear of the Post Office and an extra path between the Post Office and Kirkgate, to replace the proposed trees. Additional footpaths within the car parking areas are considered to be hazardous and will not be provided. Comments regarding the public conveniences and bus shelter are noted. With regard to the bus shelter, the views of the Post Office are crucial, and they will be contacted in due course. The problem of trade waste arising from the greengrocery shop, No. 93, needs to be dealt with as the present arrangement is most unsatisfactory. The idea of a bandstand is an interesting one but it is felt that the proposed paved area would offer scope for outdoor band performances, without the need for an expensive building. It is agreed that a permanent site for the Christmas Tree will need to be provided.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Coun. Hall meet with Mr. Robinson of the Chief Planners Department to decide on the site for the Christmas Tree.

Coun. Hall stated that Planning Officers had attended a meeting with the Chamber of Trade to discuss the Market Place Improvement Scheme.

Provision of Gipsy Site in the Thirsk Area Letter received from the District Council regarding the need to provide a site for gipsies within a 2 - 2½ mile radius of Thirsk, including the present unauthorised sites, and requesting suggestions of suitable locations. A list of criteria and relevant maps were provided. A sub committee of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Bell, Hall and Loveden was formed to study the maps for suitable sites and report to the next meeting.

Land at Little Green Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding a proposed access at 78, The Green to the proposed development site of F. D. Todd & Sons to the rear of 70, The Green, which would involve registered Common Land which is leased by the Town Council from Thirsk Hall Estates. Coun. Bell, as owner of Thirsk Hall Estates, declared an interest. It will be possible for the Common Land to be released under the 'exchange of land' scheme as Todds will provide replacement land from No. 70, The Green to the river. The District Council would need to acquire the land required for access by compulsory purchase. A copy letter from Lester & Hatch, acting on behalf of F. D. Todd & Sons, suggested the payment of £1.00 to the Town Council for relinquishing the lease on that part of the Common Land but the District Council are seeking the advice of the District Valuer. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Tate 'that this Council is not interested in financial gain and wish to see the development go ahead as soon as possible on the terms as suggested by Lester & Hatch.' Agreed.

Resolution No. 1. Prop. Coun. Loveden - 'That this Council adopts a policy of "Areas of Population being allocated to Individual Councillors as Areas of Particular Responsibility and Representation."' This was seconded by Coun. Tate. Coun. Loveden explained that the reason behind his resolution was that certain areas of the parish such as Norby and Shire Park could be in danger of being overlooked when some decisions, affecting the town as a whole, were made by the Council. None of the members could be identified with Norby and there could be occasions when it suffered through not having a resident councillor. Coun. Loveden was not advocating a 'ward' system nor suggesting that parishioners could not approach members who were not responsible for their area. Members responsible for particular areas could keep dossiers on all the business in connection with the area, which could be passed on to succeeding councillors. After a long discussion, voting took place - In Favour 4 - Against 4. The Chairman gave her casting vote against the resolution.

Resolution No. 2. Prop. Coun. Tate - 'This Council supports the aims of the Anti Apartheid campaigners who recently marched through Thirsk and bitterly regrets the racist remarks that were passed against them.' There was no seconder to this resolution.
Coun. Tate left the meeting.

Correspondence

The Coppice Estate Letter received from the Chief Planner, inviting comments on the proposed naming of roads on The Coppice Estate as 'Darrowby Close' and 'Herriot Way'. It was agreed to accept the names.

Planning Site Visit Notification received of a Planning Committee site visit on 20th July in connection with the application by F. D. Todd & Sons to build 24 flats to the rear of 78, The Green, to which two representatives of this Council are invited.

Local Councils Association Notice received of the Local Councils Association A.G.M. and Training Weekend to be held at Ilkley College on 3rd/4th September. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Roberts 'to pay the fees for up to 3 Councillors to attend.' Agreed.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council A letter from the Director of the Y.R.C.C. stated that to complete the membership procedure it is necessary to ask for a declaration to be signed. The reason for this being that the Y.R.C.C. is both a charity and a company to ensure a wide scope for their work. The declaration simply guarantees that should the organisation collapse, the Town Council would pay a limited amount towards any debt incurred i.e. a maximum of £5.00. This is standard practice in most similar organisations. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the declaration be signed.' Agreed.

Thirsk Round Table A letter from the Advertiser Chairman stated that the 300th edition of the Thirsk Advertiser will be published in October in the form of a souvenir copy celebrating the Advertiser's 25th birthday. Advertising rates for this special edition will be unchanged.

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Letter received from the Charity Commission regarding the appointment of Trustees to a Scheme involving the Flatts Preservation Trust and the Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths. Coun. Bentley drew attention to Clause 29 which had been discussed by Sowerby Parish Council, and from which it appeared that in the event of the swimming baths no longer being used, they could be sold and the beneficiaries would be the District Council and it was considered that the land should revert to the ownership of the Flatts Preservation Trust. Sowerby Parish Council were asking Mr. Hatch, Solicitor, for his opinion and to take any action deemed necessary. It was agreed to support Sowerby Parish Council and to ask Mr. Hatch to act also for this Council.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0353</u>	Mr. R. H. Firth	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0356</u>	Mr. B. Handley	Withdrawn
<u>2/87/152/0346</u>	Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Bainbridge	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0309Q</u>	Wright (Properties) Ltd	Withdrawn
<u>2/88/152/0309R</u>	" " "	Withdrawn
<u>2/88/152/0309S</u>	" " "	Withdrawn
<u>2/88/152/0309T</u>	" " "	Withdrawn
<u>2/88/152/0172E</u>	General Accident	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0354</u>	Mr. C. F. Pattison	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0354A</u>	" " "	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0339B</u>	Hambleton District Council	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0262C</u>	R. B. A. Moody Bros (Contrators)	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0197J</u>	Mrs. Beilby & Messrs. Barker	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

- 2/88/152/0285C Construction of a Vehicle Repair Shop at Chapel Street for M. Wernyj. In view of possible future improvement of this are, would prefer the building to be of brick.
- 2/88/152/0350A/B Amended Plans for 36/40, Market Place for Mowbray Properties Ltd. These plans should be looked at in connection with the Town Scheme. The Clerk to speak to the Planning Officers in addition to forwarding the observations.
- 2/88/152/0077G Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 79/81, Market Place for Black Horse Agencies.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0336B Details of the Construction of a Detached Bungalow with Domestic Garage at Plot 2, Stoneybrough Close for C. Pollitt.
Approve.
- 2/88/152/0086F Extension to Existing Building for Storage Purposes in conjunction with Existing First Floor Offices at rear of 64, Market Place for Lester & Hatch.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0086G Display of a Non Illuminated Sign at 64 A, Market Place for Lester & Hatch.
No Objections.
- 02/88/152/0005G Renewal of Consent for a Mobile Classroom at Thirsk County Primary School for North Yorkshire County Council.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0282E Alterations & Extension to Existing Dwelling & Gallery to Include the Formation of an Additional Dwelling at 18, Kirkgate for R. Bennett.
- 2/88/152/0282F Listed Building Consent for above.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0102J Construction of a Car Showroom at Woodhead & Bray, Station Road.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0250A Outline application for Residential Development at 5, Front Street, Norby for Exors. of Mrs. A. Reynard.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0107F Listed Building Consent for Extension to Existing Shop and Construction of Storage Building at 61, Market Place for J. Bell.
The Council are concerned at the effect on neighbouring properties on the other side of the public footpath.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall.

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr (S. .)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - July	- £278.00 ✓
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 27.51 ✓
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter - 6 weeks	- £103.50 ✓
Municipal Mut. Ins.	- Premium on Combined Insurance Policy	- £281.69 ✓
" " "	- Increased Cover - as recommended by Auditor	- £ 40.09 ✓
National Savings Bank	- Investment Account - Clerk's Gratuity	- £1500.00 ✓
<u>Additional Accounts</u>		
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee	- £127.75 ✓
C. E. & C. M. Walker	- Grass Cutting - 1 x May - 2 x June - 1 x July	- £234.60 ✓
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying Skip at Cemetery	- £ 29.90 ✓
Cod Beck Internal D. B.	- Drainage Rates	- £ 2.40 ✓
P. McKay	- Work at Mill Gardens - 3½ hours @ £2.50	- £ 8.75 ✓
Yorks. L. C. A.	- Training Course Fee - Coun. Lowe	- £ 32.00 ✓

Sub Committees - Co-option

Coun. Lowe co-opted onto the Christmas Lights and Footpaths sub committees.

Coun. Bell co-opted onto the Planning, Footpaths and Holmes, Greens & Mill Gardens sub committees.

Reports

Coun. Loveden reported on the East Thirsk Community Association A.G.M. at which all the officials had been re-elected and had been attended by 25 people.

Any Other Business

Christmas Lights Coun. Loveden requested a meeting of the sub committee in the near future.

Carlton Miniott P. C. Coun. Loveden invited members to attend a meeting of Carlton Miniott Parish Council at which Mr. Burnett, Chief Environmental Health & Housing Officer H.D.C., will speak about gipsy sites.

Town Lottery Coun. Hall told members that the Chamber of Trade are investigating the possibility of running a town lottery and hoped the Town Council will support them. It was agreed to give support to the scheme.

Town Clock It was reported that £126.18 has been received from the Chamber of Trade, being the proceeds from collecting boxes for the Town Clock refurbishment Fund.

Car Boot Sales Coun. Bentley reminded members of the previous intention to hold Car Boot Sales in aid of the Christmas Lights Fund.

Supermarket - Town End As no reply has yet been received regarding the road scheme in connection with the new supermarket, the Clerk to pursue the matter.

Grass Cutting Coun. Lowe stated that she had received complaints regarding the state of the grass cutting on Stockton Road, especially outside the P.L.C. Estate. The Clerk to contact Mr. Woods.

Thirsk County Primary School The Chairman referred to traffic chaos outside Thirsk County Primary School at starting and leaving times. Figures regarding the number of pupils being transported to and from school by car are being obtained. The matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts.

15-8-88

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th August 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, P. J. Tate, Miss M. M. Lowe, J. Bell, A. J. Davison, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking - Millgate It was noted that the work has commenced.

Tourist Signs The Clerk had been told by the Tourism Officer H.D.C. that the details for the signs had been forwarded to the County Council fourteen weeks previously, no acknowledgement had been received and a reminder had been sent. A copy letter is being sent to this Council.

Home Defence Nothing reported.

Vehicular Right of Way - Millgate Nothing reported.

St. James' Green Nothing reported.

Telephone Kiosks - Market Place Nothing reported.

Bus Service - Norby Nothing reported.

Play Area - Hambleton Estate This matter to be discussed at a meeting at Stone Cross on 7th September.

Salom Chapel Coun. Hall has been unable to contact the owner.

Badge of Office Details of previous Chairmen, for engraving on the bars, have been submitted to Fox's of Thirsk.

42, Long Street Reply awaited from the District Council.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A meeting between officers of the District Council, representatives of this Council and of the East Thirsk Community Association has been arranged for 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th Sept. Meeting with the E.T.C.A. to chose the delegation to Stone Cross, yet to be arranged.

Land at Little Green A letter from the Chief Executive's Department H.D.C. stated that it is understood that Lester & Hatch are now considering an alternative manner in securing the development at Todd's Yard, and the construction of the carriageway, which may necessitate the Town Council exercising powers of management, with regard to undertaking improvements to the common land, by the construction of a carriageway. This may not necessitate the making of any compulsory purchase order of the nature indicated by Lester & Hatch. A copy of a letter to Lester & Hatch was enclosed.

Supermarket - Town End/Station Road The Clerk had been told by the County Council Highways Department that road improvements and the provision of a pedestrian crossing were not listed as requirements in the Inspector's report when he allowed the planning appeal. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that this Council liase with Sowerby Parish Council in requesting the developer to carry out these improvements.' Agreed. It was pointed out that the current developer of the site is not the one who won the appeal.

Grass Cutting - Stockton Road The Clerk had been told by Mr. Woods, N.Y.C.C. Divisional Surveyor, that he had been badly let down by the contractor employed to cut the grass in Thirsk and Sowerby and his contract has been cancelled. A new contractor is now carrying out the work.

Donation to the Community Care Association A balance sheet was submitted for the C.C.A. accounts. Members were told that there is no set fee for affiliation to the C.C.A. but that a sum of £4.00 covers the cost of newsletters, keeps the duplicator working and helps towards funding services to local organisations. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall 'that a donation of £10.00 be made to the C.C.A.' Agreed.

Thirsk County Primary School The Chairman reported on the chaotic conditions outside, and on the road leading to, the school at starting and leaving times, which are caused by the parking of vehicles transporting the pupils. The teachers and governors favoured the use of a little used playing field as a car park but their request had not been granted by the County Council. It was agreed to support the teachers and governors. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that a meeting be requested with a member of the Education Department and attended by this Council's Chairman, Vice Chairman and representative on the Governing Body, on site at either school opening or closing time, to view and discuss the problem.' Agreed.

Gipsy Caravan Site in the Thirsk Area The Chairman reported on the sub committee meeting, held to study the maps and identify suitable sites for gipsies. After deliberation, and discussion two sites were suggested. 1. The field between the A19 and the sliproad, Prish of South Kilvington, where the contractors sited their offices and machinery when the A19 roadworks were carried out in 1987. 2. Some part of the area of land in Sandholme Lane, Sowerby, between the Sewage Works and the Civic Amenity Site. The first site has the advantage of being totally contained by the A19 and its sliproads, but it means entry and exit onto these roads and it is near the village. Screening with fast growing trees would be essential. The second site would also require screening but it is larger and not in such close proximity to other dwellings. Various sites in Thirsk had been considered e.g. land over the railway line at the back of Thirsk Station, land between the Industrial Park and Sutton Road, and land to the north of Calvis Hall but they all have disadvantages such as flooding, proximity to housing or long distances from the highway. It is assumed that it is not the intention for the site to be a long way inland from tarmacadamed roads but should be located where it can easily be serviced and supervised. It is difficult to envisage any site which will meet criteria b and g, as set by the District Council, as it is unlikely that one can be found that has the benefit of water, sewage disposal and electricity unless it is in close proximity to other properties. Coun. Davison had spoken to gipsies in the area and been told that they did not want a lot of organisation or a great deal of money spent on a site. It was agreed to forward the findings of the sub committee to the District Council and send a copy to the Chairmen of South Kilvington and Sowerby Parish Councils with a letter explaining why sites had been identified in their parishes.

It was felt that the public should be made aware of the reasons why a site for gipsies has to be provided but it was pointed out that the matter has already been given Press coverage.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths Letter received from Mr. Hatch, Solicitor, together with suggested amendments to the scheme. It was agreed that the amended document be circulated and comments made at the next meeting.

Resolution No. 1 Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Couns. Hall, Loveden, Tate, Bell & Lowe - 'to rescind the previous decision regarding size and shape of memorial stones in the Garden of Rest at Thirsk Cemetery.' Agreed.

Resolution No. 2 Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Davison 'that memorials in the Garden of Rest shall not exceed 15" high, 12" wide and 6" deep and may have a recess in the top for a flower container.' Agreed.

Resolution No. 3 Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Lowe 'that this Council accepts the amendments to Standing Orders as recommended by the sub committee.'

Recommended Amendments to N.A.L.C. Standing Orders 1987:

Page 11 (44) - Length of Meetings It was recommended that the Council should take a break after a period of two hours. Not accepted.

Page 12 (1) - Meetings Meetings of the Council shall be held at 7.00 in winter (October - March) and 7.30 p.m. in summer (April - September) unless the Council decides otherwise. Accepted.

Page 13 (7) - Quorum 4 members shall constitute a quorum. Accepted by 8 members - Coun. Bentley against.

Page 13 (9) - Voting Members shall vote by show of hands, or, if at least two members so request, by ballot. Accepted.

Page 14 (12g) - Order of Business - delete. Accepted.

Page 14 (12h) - Order of Business - To inspect any deeds and trust instruments in the custody of the council if necessary. Accepted.

- Page 15 (17) - Resolutions Moved on Notice No resolution may be moved unless the business to which it relates has been put on the Agenda by the Clerk or the mover and seconder have given notice in writing of its terms and have delivered the notice to the Clerk at least 10 clear days before the next meeting of the Council. Accepted.
- Page 16 (23) - Resolutions Moved Without Notice Addition - To make decisions on business arising from correspondence. Accepted.
- Page 17 (29a) - Rules of Debate - A resolution or amendment shall not be discussed unless it has been proposed and seconded. Accepted.
- Page 17 (29d) - Rules of Debate - No speech by a mover of a resolution shall exceed 3 minutes and no other speech shall exceed 3 minutes except by consent of the Council. Accepted.
- Page 18 (29i) - Rules of Debate - The mover of a resolution or of an amendment shall have a right of reply, not exceeding 3 minutes. Accepted.
- Page 18 (30) - Rules of Debate - Delete. Accepted.
- Page 18 (31b) - Rules of Debate - Members shall address the Chairman. Stressed & Accepted.
- Page 19 (36a) - Rescission of Previous Resolution - A decision of the Council shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special resolution, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least 5 members of the Council, or by a resolution moved in pursuance of the report or recommendation of a committee. Accepted.
- Page 23 (55) - Accounts and Financial Statement - The Clerk shall supply to each member at the meeting next after Audit, a statement of receipts and payments. Accepted.
- Page 26 (72b) - Planning Applications - The Clerk shall refer every planning application to the Chairman of the Planning Committee or in the Chairman's absence to the Vice Chairman within 48 hours of receiving it. Accepted.

The resolution was successful.

Resolution No. 4 Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Lowe 'that this Council adopts the amended and accepted Standing Orders.' Agreed.

Correspondence

Poll Tax A circular letter from the Local Councils Association referred to the implications affecting Town and Parish Councils when the Poll Tax is introduced. It was agreed that Coun. Murkett look after the interests of this Council through the L.C.A. and with the District Council.

Thirsk District Community Minibus Association Newsletter received, outlining the hopes and achievements of the Association in their efforts to raise funds for a minibus. Coun. Murkett stated that there is a minibus in Bedale available for use by charitable organisations.

Taxis - Thirsk Market Place A letter from the Chief Executive's department referred to a letter from this Council in June, reporting the parking of taxis in the Market Place. The Chief Executive's letter stated that in order to sustain a prosecution under either Section 45 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (illegally plying for hire) or the relevant provisions of the Thirsk Off Street Parking Places Order, the Council must prove that the taxi driver was actually plying for hire at the relevant time and in the relevant place. This is a matter which is difficult to prove, and in order that the matter can be investigated further, information must be provided. A list of the necessary information was included in the letter.

Hambleton Visitor Guide A letter from the Yorkshire Publishing Company invited the Council to take out advertising space in the Guide.

Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Loveden 'to wish the publication well but not to take out advertising.' Agreed.

Bye Election - 30th June 1988 A letter from the Treasurer H.D.C. and a statement from the Returning Officer showed that the expenses of the

Planning Appeal Notification received that the Appeal by M. D. Parker, Estate Agents, against the District Council's refusal to allow change of use of Unit 6, The Royal Oak, Thirsk to Estate Agency/Building Society Agency has been dismissed.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of John Raymond Andrews to apply for the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of 65, Market Place (North Yorkshire Co-operative Society).

Appreciation Letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Barr thanking the Council for replacing the windows at Cemetery Lodge.

Grass Cutting - Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Letter received from Sowerby Parish Council asking what contribution this Council is agree- able to paying towards grass cutting on The Flatts. It was explained that Sowerby P. C. are paying the accounts and re-charging part of the cost from this Council and the Flatts P. T.. Coun. Bentley stated that when Sowerby P. C. had agreed to make a contribution to the cost of grass cutting, it was on the understanding that they, Thirsk T. C. and the Flatts P. T. would pay equal amounts. It appeared that at the present time the Flatts P. T. are not paying the same amount as the two Councils. Coun. Bentley also stated that the grass is being cut in addition to that being done by the contractor. Coun. Markett was of the opinion that the cost of grass cutting was to be met equally by the three parties. The Minutes of the December 1987 meeting were referred to in which a letter had been received from Sowerby P. C. stating that they had agreed to make a contribution of £150.00 towards the cost of grass cutting/maintenance of The Flatts for 1988, and it had been proposed by Coun. Markett, seconded by Coun. Davison, and agreed, that this Council should also make a contribution of £150.00. In view of this, it was agreed that £150.00 would be available. Members expressed concern about the additional cutting and could see no point in excessive cutting in summer.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0357</u>	David Gilliat Associates Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0355</u>	R. T. Rymer	Withdrawn

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

<u>2/88/152/0358</u>	Change of Use of Existing Dwelling to Offices & Use of Existing Agricultural Buildings for the Storage of Forestry & Landscaping Materials at Manor Farm, Newsham Road for Tilhill Forestry. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0338B</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Windows at 15, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0359</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Windows at 13, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell. <u>No Objections.</u> Coun. Bell declared an Interest in the above applications.
<u>2/88/152/0360</u>	Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse (Conservatory) at 1, Ingramgate for Dr. B. Thiede. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0360A</u>	Listed Building Consent for Above. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0360B</u>	Construction of a Car Port at 1, Ingramgate for Dr. B. Thiede. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0290B</u>	Construction of a Building for the Sale, Repair and Hire of Garden Machinery for Power Point Tool Hire at Land adjacent to Thirsk Railway Station. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0055E</u>	Alterations & Extension to Existing Grandstand at Thirsk Racecourse for Thirsk Racecourse Co. <u>The Chairman to make enquiries regarding this application.</u>

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - August	- £278.00✓
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks to 25.7.88.	- £ 69.00✓
Municipal Mut. Ins.	- Insurance Inspection Fee - The Holmes Play Equip.	- £ 25.60✓
Mrs. K. Reynard	- Reimbursement of cost of plants for The Holmes Flower Troughs	- £ 2.10✓
Sowerby Parish Coun.	- Part of cost of grass cutting - The Flatts	- £ 90.00✓

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 8.66✓
Yorks. L.C.A.	- 8 copies of Standing Orders + Postage	- £ 9.42✓
C. E. & C. M. Walker	- Grass Cutting - 1 x July 1 x August	- £117.30✓
J. D. Barr	- Repairs to walls in Mill Gardens	- £ 47.46✓
Corner Crafts	- Scrolls for R.B.L. Band to take to Austria & Thirsk Scouts to Belgium	- £ 10.00✓
Community Care Ass'n.	- Donation	- £ 10.00✓

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Evelyn Anelia Zajaczkowka	20 E1	£ 60.00 :
Shaun Jones	23 E1	£ 30.00 :
Marc Blunden	31 D	£ 30.00 :

Reports

The Chairman reported that she had presented the trophies at the Schools Swimming Gala, presented the 5,000th customer at Graphic Arts with a bottle of champagne on behalf of the company, had tea with the Women's Institute at the new headquarters and attended the Guides Camp at Carlton Lodge.

Coun. Loveden presented copies of the Citizens Advice Bureau Report and told members that business is increasing at the Thirsk Office.

Coun. Davison reported that he had attended at meeting in connection with the Ings Water Project at which various organisations had been represented. It is anticipated that the District Council will approve the planning application.

Coun. Murkett reported that he had attended site meetings in connection with planning applications by F. D. Todd & Sons for development to the rear of 78, The Green and for the relocation of their business at land on the A168 sliproad at Elakey Lane, Sowerby and that the latter application had been refused. The observations of Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils were disposed of in a cavalier fashion and the letters of support from both Councils disregarded. A District Council representative of Sowerby Parish had overruled the decision of the Parish Council. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive regarding this and to express concern that Thirsk is not represented on the Planning Committee, which being the second largest Parish in the District is most unsatisfactory. It was agreed to support F. D. Todd & Sons when they go to appeal.

The Clerk reported that vandals had removed coping stones from the walls in Mill Gardens and thrown them into the river. It had been necessary to take immediate action and after consultation with the Chairman, Mr. Barr had been requested to recover the slabs and carry out the necessary work. Mr. Barr had removed other loose coping stones and rebbed them onto the walls. There are two small stones missing and Mr. Barr was awaiting instructions. It was agreed that they should be replaced.

Any Other Business

Post Office Coun. Murkett stated that the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade had attended a meeting of sub postmasters where it had been said that Thirsk may be demoted to sub post office status or privatised. It was agreed to write to the Post Office Authority regarding this.

Acknowledgement Cards Coun. Murkett had received complaints that letters to the County and District Councils are not acknowledged. The Clerk stated that acknowledgement cards are received from the County Council but not from the District. It was agreed that the District Council requesting acknowledgement cards.

Planning Applications Coun. Bentley stated that Sowerby Parish Council have agreed to accept the responsibility for notifying adjacent properties of planning applications concerning them and suggested that this Council should do the same. A resolution is to be put forward at the next meeting.

Cemetery Coun. Hall had received complaints about the grass cutting at the Cemetery. The sub committee to carry out an inspection.

Christmas Lights At the request of Coun. Loveden, a sub committee meeting was arranged for 8th September. Coun. Hall to meet Mr. Robinson of the Chief Planner's Department on 23rd August to discuss a suitable site for the Christmas Tree.

Mill Gardens The Chairman told members that the person employed to tend the gardens is coping with the litter problem but does not seem to be able to manage the gardening. A working party was arranged for the evening of Friday, 19th August.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Edward Roberts
19-9-89

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th September 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, J. Bell, Miss M. M. Lowe, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, P. J. Tate + County Councillor G. Turton.

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. D. E. Loveden & A. J. Davison.

Presentation Before the meeting commenced, Scout Leader M. Robson, accompanied by two members of the 1st Thirsk Scout Troop, presented greetings and three pen drawings from the Mayor of Zedelgem, Belgium, venue of a international Scout camp. The presentation was in response to a greetings scroll taken from this Council to the Mayor of Zedelgem. It was unanimously agreed that the drawings should be framed and that a decision made at a later date as to where they should be hung.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking - Millgate The coach parking area, having been completed, it was reported that lorries are being parked there. Enquiries to be made of the District Council regarding the Off Street Parking Order necessary to enable the Police to control the area. It was also reported that lorries are being parked on the area at the rear of Gillings Court due to the removal of the 'goalposts'. It was noted that local coaches and 'Hopper' buses are being parked all night on the Coach Parking area, leaving no spaces available for tour buses call at Thirsk in the late evening. These matters to be drawn to the attention of the District Council.

Tourist Signs The Clerk had been informed by the District Council's Tourism Officer that the County Council now have the matter in hand.

Home Defence Nothing reported.

Vehicular Right of Way - Millgate Car Park The District Council awaiting further contact by Mr. Calvert.

St. James' Green Nothing reported.

Telephone Kiosks - Market Place A copy letter from the Payphone Liason Officer to the District Council stated that British Telecom wish to retain the kiosks at their current location and not to proceed with an additional payphone at this time. The cleaning contractors have been requested to ensure that litter does not accumulate at the rear and sides of the kiosks. British Telecom would agree in principle to relocate the kiosks to the opposite side of the toilet block and provide additional facilities at this site or elsewhere in the Market Place as part of the District Council's refurbishment programme subject to Hambleton reaching agreement with Thirsk Town Council on this matter. More detailed discussions will be required to finalise any proposals.

Bus Service - Norby A letter from the County Surveyor's Department stated that a recommendation that a Monday to Saturday Local Bus Service between Thirsk Market Place and Norby Estate be operated with a Licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicle had been accepted and that Licensed Hackney Carriage Operators in the Thirsk Area are being invited to submit quotations for this service.

Badge of Office The bars for the Badge of Office have been inscribed and fixed onto the ribbon.

Takeaway - 42, Long Street Two letters of complaint were presented regarding the problems and inconvenience being encountered from the 'Takeaway' and pointing out that the premises were being operated outside the permitted hours of opening. The Clerk had discussed this with the District Council's Enforcement Officer who had written to the owners and was intending to visit the premises.

Land at Little Green Nothing reported.

Supermarket - Town End/Station Road An extract from the Inspector's Report at the Public Enquiry stated 'although the County Council as Highway Authority, has prepared a scheme to improve the junction of Station Road with/

Supermarket - Town End/Station Road cont. Topcliffe Road, no evidence was presented at the inquiry that it is necessary for the works to be carried out before one of the proposed supermarkets is opened. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to a member of the County Area Surveyor's department and had been asked to put the enquiry in writing. This had been done and a reply is awaited.

Thirsk County Primary School A letter from the County Education Officer stated that the Director of Property Services has looked at the parking arrangements and the deficiency of parking spaces is not as great as at many other schools. It is not possible to re-mark the existing bays to create more spaces although there would be room to create a number of extra spaces off the approach to the turning circle. This could not be included in the current minor works programme but could be considered for the 1989/90 or subsequent programme. The difficulties are understood by the Authority and in view of the enquiries already made into the difficulty, there would not be much to be gained by a site meeting as suggested, but if the Town Council feel that it would be helpful, the County Education Officer's Assistant, Mr. Allen, should be contacted. Coun. Turton expressed his concern at the traffic problems. The meeting was told that the District Council is discussing with the Education Department, the possibility of the use of part of the school playing field as a community playing field and the provision of land for a Community Centre and a car park. It was considered that such a car park could also be used by the school. It was agreed to again request a site meeting at the school, to take place at 8.45 a.m. on a day during termtime.

Gipsy Caravan Sites Copy of a letter from South Kilvington Parish Council to the Chief Planner received, expressing strong opposition to this Council's suggestion for a caravan site in South Kilvington parish. The letter contained their suggestions for gipsy caravan sites on York road, on the opposite side of the road to Thirsk, and on an area of land between the rear of Austin Reed, Station Road, and the disused railway line.

Refusal of Planning Application - F. D. Todd & Sons A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that although he was not present at the Planning Meeting, he is completely satisfied that the applications were properly debated and that the views of Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council were properly reported to Members. Because the Planning Committee makes a decision contrary to the views of the local Councils, it does not mean that those views are being ignored; it simply indicates that weighing up all the issues, the L.P.A. do not always agree with the opinions expressed by the consultees. Regarding the lack of Thirsk representation on the Planning Committee, although the town of Thirsk is not specifically represented on the Committee, the Thirsk area is fairly proportionately represented. There is a scheme whereby each Member of the Council is entitled to attend meetings of all Committees and even if that Councillor is not in membership of a particular Committee, may, with the prior permission of the Chairman, speak on any matter of particular interest. The overwhelming majority of planning applications are determined by the Planning Committee itself. The Terms of Reference, however, provide that certain types of application for proposed development should be determined by the full Council and it is open to the Planning Committee on any application, if it thinks fit, to decide merely to make a recommendation to the full Council rather than make a decision itself. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee was enclosed. Coun. Turton expressed the opinion that instead of recommending that planning applications be refused, the Planning Officers should assist applicants to submit plans which would meet with approval. It was reported that F. D. Todd & Sons intend to appeal. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Tate 'that this Council encourage Mr. Todd to appeal and give every support, and consider that some local members did not reflect local opinion.' Agreed. The District Council to be notified of this.

Post Office Acknowledgement of letter received. Reply awaited.

Acknowledgement of Letters A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that he would be very concerned if letters sent to the District Council which require a reply did not receive one. There are however many letters which do not require a reply. It is not the practice of the District Council to acknowledge objections to planning applications unless some particular points are raised in those letters. If matters of substance are raised in letters which will involve a fair degree of research then the normal practice would be to at least acknowledge receipt of the letter. When a reply should be sent within a fortnight, it is not expected that there would be any need for an acknowledgement and to do so would add to the very/cont.

Acknowledgement of Letters cont/ substantial costs. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored.

Salon Chapel Coun. Hall stated that he has not yet been able to contact the owner.

Amendments to Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths As the document had not been circulated to all members, it was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

Meeting at Stone Cross to Discuss Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate The meeting had been attended by The Chairman, Coun. Lowe, Coun. Loveden, Coun. Craig, The Clerk and four representatives of the East Thirsk Community Association. The District Council had been represented by the Deputy Clerk to the Clerk Mrs. M. D. Pownall, the Principal Forward Planning Officer Mr. M. Jewitt and the Senior Legal Assistant Mr. P. Johnson. A letter from the Deputy Clerk confirmed the various points which were agreed by those present with regard to the ways in which a recreation provision for East Thirsk can best be progressed, given the present situation which exists regarding the Council's inability to reach agreement with the owners of O.S. Field Nos. 3459 & 5968, namely Messrs. Barkers and the Kettlewell Trust. The various points on which the Council will now act and seek to make progress are as follows: 1. Continue the negotiations to seek to reach an agreement with the owners with a view to purchasing the whole of O.S. Field Nos. 3459 & 5958 despite the fact that at the present time agreement on the basis of agricultural land values is highly unlikely since the owners are currently seeking residential values at prices which far exceed the District Council's resources and authority in respect of acquisition for recreational purposes. 2. To follow up discussions and enquiries which have already taken place with officers of N.Y.C.C. Education Department with regard to the possibility of the District Council entering into a Dual Use Agreement with the County Council which would allow part of the Thirsk County Primary School playing field to be used as a community Playing Field and also provide an area of land on which a Community Centre could be erected along with a much needed car park. 3. In the event of agreement being reached with N.Y.C.C. as outlined in (2), either wholly or partially, to discuss and explore further ideas with the agents acting for the owners of the fields with a view to the possibility of the respective owners agreeing to the sale of part of these areas on the basis of agricultural value along the confidential lines suggested at the meeting. 4. That immediate efforts be made to seek to secure the formal provision of a young children's play area on amenity land at Hambleton Place which had recently been the subject of discussion by the District Council in connection with the revision of the Thirsk Local Plan. The objections will be written to by the Chief Planning Officer who will endeavour to obtain a withdrawal of their objections and the Planning Department will prepare a plan showing in an attractive, meaningful and acceptable manner details of the proposals for the provision of play equipment, fencing and landscaping, together with a full explanation of the proposed scheme making it clear that the provision will be for young children. Arrangements will also be made for a site meeting when objectors will be invited to attend. 5. The District Council will also seek to obtain the views of the respective owners of three fields adjoining South Dowber Lane, which have been identified as possible alternative areas suitable for use for recreation purposes. 6. The Council's officers will advise Thirsk Town Council and the East Thirsk Community Association of any progress or developments on any of the above matters and, if it is considered necessary, a further meeting can be arranged to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Members expressed their satisfaction with the outcome of the meeting.

Christmas Lights The Chairman reported on the sub committee meeting. Mr. Johnston had been asked and had agreed to carry out the work. Mr. Johnson to be asked what his hourly charge will be. The Chairman stated that £500.00 had been allocated by this Council, there would be a contribution of £100.00 from the Chamber of Trade and it was hoped that the Round Table would be making a donation towards the cost of the lights. It had been suggested that there should be strings of lights across the streets and this was under consideration. It was agreed to ask the Army, stationed at Aldbrooke Barracks, if they would be willing to assist with the lights. Coun. Hall stated that he had met Mr. Robinson of the Planning Department to discuss a suitable permanent site for the Christmas Tree but no decision had been reached. Mr. Robinson had promised to contact Coun. Hall but had not done so. Coun. Murkett agreed to take up the matter with the Chief Planning Officer.

Cemetery The Chairman reported that the grass cutting is satisfactory. It was agreed that trees should be planted to screen the skip.

The Greens, The Holmes & Mill Gardens A sub committee meeting had not yet taken place. A working party had tidied Mill Gardens. The Clerk stated that Mr. Fawcett of Riverside Mews had reported a broken tree branch on the road at Mill Gardens and he had arranged for its removal. Other trees appeared to be in need of attention. The sub committee arranged to inspect these trees and to carry out an inspection of The Holmes with a view to implementing a tree planting scheme.

Resolution Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that Thirsk Council consider notifying adjacent properties of planning applications concerning them, in the absence of the legal need for the District Council to do this.' Coun. Bentley told the meeting that on occasions the occupants of neighbouring properties had not been aware of planning applications until it was too late. The District Council normally gives notification of first planning applications but never of amended plans. Coun. Murkett stated that commercial properties need not be notified. The Chairman stated that the responsibility should not be taken on officially. The sub committee inspect the place and make people aware of the planning applications if they consider that they will be affected. Voting - In Favour 2 - Against 5 - Abstention 1.

Correspondence

Street Naming & Numbering Letter received from the Chief Planner stating that the developer of the P.L.C. Homes development at Barbeck wishes it to be known as 'Barbeck Close'. A copy of the layout drawing was enclosed and the Town Council's comments invited. It was agreed that the name is acceptable.

Cartel International Rally - 25/26th February 1989 Details received of the Cartel International Rally, for which the organisers have requested the District Council's permission to use the Millgate Car Park as a 'halt' on the evening of 25th February 1989.

Land Adjacent to 51, Dowber Way, Thirsk Letter received from the Chief Planner regarding previous correspondence in connection with the untidy state of the land. Following negotiations with Barratts, the site has been cleared of rubbish and the ground levelled. The Enforcement Officer has visited the site and is of the opinion that the site does not now constitute a detriment to local amenity and as such does not intend to take any further action at this time.

Opportunities for Rural Communities Notification received that an information stall will be in Thirsk Market Place on Monday, 3rd October.

Damage to Presentation Seat The Clerk reported that a presentation seat, sited in the Market Place, had been badly vandalised and removed to the Cemetery for storage. The Insurance Company had been notified. Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance requesting estimates for both the repair and replacement of the seat. Mr. Hopps had been asked to submit a quotation for repairing the seat and also for repairs to the Town Clock door which requires a new hinge and possibly other works.

Engineering Insurance Premiums & Inspection Fees Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that fees for Engineering Policies or Contracts incorporating an inspection service will be increased by 1% for renewals due on or after 1st October 1988.

Royal British Legion Band Financial statement for 1987/88 presented.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/11/152/0025A</u>	Associated Tyre Specialists	Refused
<u>2/11/152/0036F</u>	Lester & Hatch	Granted
<u>2/11/152/0360</u>	Dr. B. Thiede	Granted
<u>2/11/152/0360A</u>	" " "	Granted
<u>2/11/152/0285C</u>	Mr. M. Wernyj	Granted
<u>2/11/152/0336B</u>	Mr. C. Pollitt	Granted

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0359</u>	Mr. J. Bell	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0338B</u>	Mr. J. Bell	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0218B</u>	Barclays Bank P.L.C.	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0350</u>	Mowbray Properties Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0350A</u>	" " "	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0350B</u>	" " "	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

<u>2/88/152/0360C</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for the Construction of a Car Port at 1, Ingramgate for Dr. B. Thiede. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0055E</u>	Amended Plans for Alterations and Extension to Existing Grandstand at Thirsk Racecourse for Thirsk Racecourse Co. Ltd. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0321C</u>	Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 1 - 6 & 59 - 64 at The Coppice for McLean Homes North East Ltd. <u>No Representations.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0321D</u>	Layout of Land and Details of the Construction of 59 Dwellings with Domestic Garages at The Coppice for McLean Homes North East Ltd. <u>In view of the problems in the Area regarding open space, Refusal is recommended until a centrally situated public open space or play area is provided. The Town Council wish to see a modified plan showing public open space. The public open space shown on the plan is dominated by a large tree and not considered adequate.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0336C</u>	Details of the Construction of 2 Detached Bungalows with Domestic Garages at Plots 4 & 5, Stoneybrough Close for Mr. C. Pollitt. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0361</u>	Outline Application for Residential Development at Land adjacent to Dispol, Station Road for Grunta Ltd. This application was accompanied by a letter giving reasons why this land, designated for industry in the Thirsk Local Plan, should be released for building. <u>No Objections to the land at the front of the site, along the present building line, being used for building. The remainder of the site should be retained for industrial use or be kept in its present state.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0290B</u>	A letter from Mr. M. Jones of Station House, in connection with this application, commented upon at the August meeting, objected to the proposal on the grounds that it would adversely affect his caravan site and bed and breakfast trade. <u>It was agreed to recommend to the Planning Officer that some form of sound proofing of the building be considered.</u>

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Tate.

Accounts as Circulated

J. I. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - September	- £ 278.00 ✓
Hanilton D. C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £ 181.04 ✓
Yorkshire Water	- Water Charges - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £ 60.48 ✓
P. Faith	- Salary - July - Sept. £425.00 ✓	
	- Administrative Exps. & Telephone Rent £ 66.98 -	- £ 491.98 ✓

Additional Accounts

G. Bentley	- Half cost of new ramp at Town Hall Annex	- £ 36.89 ✓
Nationwide Anglia B/S	- Transfer from Current Account	- £5900.00 ✓

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

Edith Dorothy & Harry Clarkson

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£ 80.00 ✓

Reports

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Certificate Award ceremony of the Youth Training Scheme and the opening of the extended showrooms at Treske.

Coun. Bentley reported that there is to be a meeting of the Thirsk Tourist Group on 5th October to resolve the constitution, the name and funding.

Any Other Business

Bus Park - Market Place Coun. Craig reported that the 'Keep Clear' markings on the cobbles at the entrance to the Bus Park are in need of renewal. The District Council to be notified.

Kirkgate Coun. Bell reported a drain smell outside No. 25, Kirkgate. N.Y.C.C. to be notified.

White Mare Roundabout Coun. Bentley reported a cobble missing from the roundabout. N.Y.C.C. to be notified.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Bentley enquired when the grassed area near the bridge in the Car Park is to be utilised for car parking as was intended when the Coach Park scheme was implemented. The District Council to be reminded of their intention.

Award Scheme Coun. Tate suggested that the Council should consider making an award for developments of architectural merit in Thirsk. This matter to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Dangerous Parking The Chairman referred to a matter which she had raised earlier in the meeting, that there should be a ban on parking outside No. 1 Barbeck, south of White Mare Corner where the road is divided into three lanes. Traffic travelling south often has to stop behind parked vehicles when there are two streams of on-coming traffic. It was agreed to seek the opinion of the Police on this matter.

The meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts.
17-10-88

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th October 1988 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, J. Bell, A. J. Davison, Miss M. M. Lowe, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, + 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Late Arrival received from Couns. D. E. Loveden & P. J. Tate

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

Round Table The Chairman of Thirsk Round Table, Mr. S. J. Farquharson, attended the meeting to present a cheque for £300.00 as a donation to the Christmas Lights Fund. The Chairman thanked Mr. Farquharson and the Round Table for their generosity.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Millgate Car & Coach Park A letter from the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C. stated that the existing Off-Street Parking Order is still in force, but the Police have said that because of manpower limitations they are not in a position to monitor and enforce off-street parking orders. The goal posts to the Gillings Court car park area will be re-erected shortly. If the problem continues with local coaches and 'Hopper' buses being parked on the Coach Park, the District Council can take up the matter with the coach owners if the names of the companies and registration numbers of the vehicles are forwarded. It may be necessary to change the existing order and put a time limit for vehicles to park in the coach area. This would stop overnight parking if adhered to. Registration numbers of wagons parking on the coach park at night have been received and the Council's legal section is taking up the matter with the vehicle owners. A letter from the District Council's legal section stated that it was inevitable that the problem of lorries parking would arise again during the construction of the coach parking area. In view of the large number of lorries passing through Thirsk, it is likely to be a long time before the message has been driven home and lorries cease to use the coach park. Regarding the parking of local coaches and 'Hopper' buses, byelaws regulating the use of an off-street vehicle park can only be made to restrict a class of vehicle from the park and not to restrict individual companies. To do so, may be challenged as being ultra vires. It was agreed to reply that had F. D. Todd & Sons been granted permission for all their planning applications, a lorry park would have been provided at no cost to the ratepayers and the problem would have been solved.

Tourist Signs Nothing reported.

Home Defence It was agreed to remove this from the agenda for the time being.

Right of Way - Millgate Nothing reported.

Land at Little Green Nothing reported.

42, Long Street A letter from the Chief Executive's department referred to the complaints received from local residents regarding contravention of the planning conditions. Regarding the suggestion that the property should be demolished to provide access to a proposed housing area to the rear of the site, land to the rear of 42, Long Street and certain properties to the north is allocated for residential development under Policy H.7 of the Thirsk Local Plan. The District Council was pursuing the purchase of some of this land to the rear of Nos. 42 - 46, Long Street, but as part of the proposal there was no intention to purchase 42, Long Street as an adequate access to the site would be created by the demolition of Nos. 44 & 46, Long Street, these being the derelict cottages adjacent thereto. The demolition of 42, Long Street would appear to be a drastic response to any perceived problems of noise and litter associated with that property.

Supermarket - Town End/Station Road A letter from the County Surveyor stated that there has been no requirement placed upon the County Council to carry out any works in connection with the supermarket development, and commented as follows: 1. Pedestrian Crossing justification is based upon the measured degree of pedestrian vehicle conflict and upon the expectation that the overall number of pedestrian related accidents will decrease following installation of a crossing. In the case of Station Road there is, at this time, no justification for a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at this location, not is it likely that the criteria will be met after completion of the supermarket development.

Supermarket - Town End/Station Road

2. The footpath re-alignment is being carried out by the Developer along the frontage of the supermarket site. 3. At the present time, the County Area Surveyor and Divisional Surveyor are investigating the possibility of changing the priority of traffic at the Station Road/Topcliffe Road junction. No decision has yet been made as to whether or not any such changes in priority will be possible but no doubt the County Area Surveyor will be able to keep the Council advised of progress in this respect. It was agreed to request that a representative of the County Area Surveyor's Department come to discuss the matter with both this Council and Sowerby^P Parish Council.

Gipsy Sites Nothing reported.

Post Office A letter from the District Manager, Post Office Counters Ltd., Leeds stated that Post Office Counters Ltd have now announced that as part of the strategy to provide a high quality of service in the most cost effective way, the structure of the nationwide network of offices was being reviewed, with the intention of converting a number of main offices to the agency sector, starting in April 1989. The Post Office regard the unsubsidised network of 21,000 outlets as a strength and the best way to meet the service obligations to the public in the face of changing customer needs and a challenging commercial environment. The proposals do not involve office closures nor do they involve any reduction in the full range of facilities offered to customers; there will be no departure from existing criteria for the provision of post offices. It is a strategy to reduce high overheads and to secure a longer term future in the community with the promise of no degradation in the service provided. As part of the national strategy, over the last few months the provision of main post offices in the Leeds Counters District has been reviewed. The initial view is that Thirsk post office should be changed to agency office status. Thirsk Post Office is well situated to serve the needs of the community but it has a difficult entrance for handicapped people to negotiate with steps and a difficult approach across cobbles. It is for these reasons that the initial view is that it would be helpful to customers if the office could be moved to a more accessible and suitable site. It is hoped that if the office can be moved to a more suitable site then, coupled with the maintenance of service, the proposals would be welcomed by customers. It is proposed to change the status of this office in the early part of the next financial year. If the Town Council has any points which it is felt should be taken into account, or if there are any comments on the proposals, these would be appreciated by the end of November. Mr. Harm, ex Postmaster, who was present at the meeting, stated that the intention would be for the Post Office building to be sold and for an existing business to undertake the Post Office services on an agency basis. If there were no premises large enough to accommodate all the services, they may be spread over several small businesses. Members agreed that the proposed change in status of the Post Office in Thirsk should be opposed. There is no suitable alternative accommodation and the present building could be adapted to suit the needs of the disabled. It was agreed to hold a meeting with representatives of all the parishes served by Thirsk Post Office.

Salem Chapel Coun. Hall had spoken to the owner of the Salem Chapel who had told him that she has no plans to take any action at the present time. Members expressed concern at the potential danger to children if they penetrated the fence erected around the building and it was agreed to ask the District Council to take any necessary action to have the building demolished.

Christmas Lights Reply awaited from the army. A letter from the Chief Executive's Dept. stated that it was understood from Coun. Murkett that the Town Council would like to use the vacant garage adjoining the Thirsk Housing Office, for storing the Christmas lights. It is not possible to offer this facility at the present time but it is hoped to do so in the future. If the occasion arises, the garage could be let for storage purposes at a nil rent, with the Town Council meeting any rates chargeable on the premises. It is possible that there could be dual use, by the Town Council and the Cleansing Department H.D.C. Coun. Craig & Coun. Murkett to look into this matter. Coun. Bentley wished it to be recorded that he had mentioned his understanding that it had been the intention to carry on the scheme of sponsored decorations in the early part of the year but nothing had been done. The Chairman pointed out that everyone has had the opportunity to participate in the scheme if they wished. It was reported that the Chamber of Trade is to give an award for the best Christmas display, and it hoped that

Christmas Lights cont/ the Christmas Tree and Decorations would be in place at the end of November. The electrician to be consulted. Coun. Hall stated that the site for the tree has been agreed with the District Council. It was agreed that a lighting duct be installed from the Town Clock to the tree site when the Market Place improvement scheme is carried out.

Vandalised Seat The Clerk reported that a quotation of £108.65 for the repair of the seat and £180.00 for a replacement seat had been forwarded to the Insurance Company.

Town Clock Door A quotation of £57.34 + V.A.T. for the repair of the door and door frame of the Town Clock was received from Mr. Hopps. It was agreed that the quotation be accepted.

Bus Park Market Place A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the 'Keep Clear' signs will be repainted shortly.

Millgate Car Park Nothing reported.

Parking - White Mare Corner A letter from Inspector Brewer stated that he has contacted Chief Inspector Turnbull, Traffic Management. The issue of road layout or requirements for parking restrictions should be directed to the County Surveyor. The Police, after consultation with Officers of the Highways Department, will comment on aspects of road safety. Any complaints regarding parking should be made when the offending vehicle is in situ. The exact position of the vehicle is central to any prosecution. As a result of the Town Council's complaint Officers have been informed of the problem in this area and extra attention will be paid to enforce current legislation.

Public Inquiry - Thirsk Local Plan A letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that a public local inquiry will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th January 1989 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross. The writer wished to know if letters from this Council relating to Policies EM3 and R5 are to be treated as formal objections and if so, whether the Council is to be represented at the inquiry or whether the Council's objections are to be dealt with as a written objection only. It was agreed that 1. The letters are to be treated as formal objections. 2. The Town Council will be represented at the inquiry. 3. That a request be made for the inquiry to be held in Thirsk in order that local interested parties can attend. Members of the public who were present at the meeting thanked the Council for supporting their objections to the proposed extension to the Industrial Park.(Policy EM3).

Play Area for Small Children - Hambleton Place The Chairman reported on the site meeting which had been attended by herself, Couns. Craig, Bell, Loveden & Lowe, District Couns. Consett & Jopling and Mr. Robinson & Mr. Jewitt of the Planning Department. The objectors to the play area had been circulated with a plan showing the layout of the proposed play area but they had refused to listen when the Planning Officer tried to explain the scheme to them. A final decision will be made at the Local Plan Public Inquiry.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths Deferred until the next meeting.

The Greens, The Holmes & Mill Gardens An inspection of all the areas had been carried out by the sub committee. It was felt that no further tree planting is required at present in The Holmes. There is an ample supply of willow saplings for planting in the future. Tree stumps in The Holmes should be removed. Coun. Roberts has carried out work in Mill Gardens. Coun. Craig is donating plants and bulbs are also to be planted. A slab has been removed from the wall in Mill Gardens. The Chairman had requested Mr. Barr to replace it.

Thirsk County Primary School The Chairman reported on a site meeting which had been attended by Chief Inspector Turnbull of N.Y. Police, Mr. Terry of the Education Department, a representative of the Governing Body and members of the Town Council. No progress had been made at the meeting, the reason for no promised action being lack of money. A suggestion had been made that a new entrance to the school could be made at the other side of the playing field which would alleviate the traffic situation. The Education Department representative had agreed to have 'Keep Clear' notices painted in the turning bays, and had stated that the County Council would talk to the District Council re 'dual use' of the facilities. It was agreed to write to the County Education Officer requesting that provision be made in next year's budget for improved parking facilities at the school.

Award for Architectural Merit in Thirsk Coun. Tate told the meeting that he had been impressed by efforts to improve buildings in the town especially the development at the Royal Oak Hotel. Those who had gone out of their way to improve their premises should be encouraged by the Council and an award scheme would appear to be the best way of acknowledging their efforts. Coun. Murkett suggested that the scheme should not only apply to the town centre, some of the best developments had taken place away from the Market Place. It was agreed to accept the scheme and details of how it will be run are to be drawn up by the planning sub committee.

Correspondence

Castlegate A letter from the Divisional Surveyor referred to an approach made by Coun. Turton regarding the lack of adequate white lines in Castlegate. Mr. Woods stated that the renewal of the lines has been delayed due to proposals for resurfacing both the footways and carriageway at this location in the very near future. A scheme has been prepared and will be put out to competitive tender within the next two weeks. Once the works are completed, it is the intention to replace the white lines with a new material which is hoped will prove more durable than that used in the past.

Stainmore It was agreed not to support the appeal against the proposed acquisition of Stainmore by the Ministry of Defence.

Revenue Estimates A letter from the Treasurer H.D.C. stated that he will require to know by the 25th November, the amount required by way of Precept for the Financial Year 1989/90. The estimated product of a 1p rate is £3,800. A sub committee of the Chairman + Couns. Murkett, Loveden, Bell and the Clerk was formed.

St. Mary's Church Letter received from the Honorary Treasurer requesting assistance towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Lowe 'that a contribution of £200.00 be made'. Agreed.

Play Equipment - The Holmes Engineer's Report received from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that replacement end caps are required for the Parallel Bars and that there are two damaged seats on the large swings and the ground surface around the swings is uneven. Having one seat in stock, it was agreed to order one replacement seat and eight end caps for the parallel bars.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 12th November in the Civic Centre at Selby.

Yorkshire L.C.A. Notice received that the Hambleton South Branch meetings for 1989 will be held on 8th February, 14th June (A.G.M.) & 25th October.

Gipsy Sites A letter from Mr. W. A. Goodyear of York Road, had been received by the Chairman, and referred to comments made at the previous meeting by Coun. Craig, and reported in the press, that he did not think the owner of a privately owned property in York Road would object to a gypsy encampment. The same letter had been sent to the Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council regarding comments made by a Sowerby councillor. Mr. Goodyear stated that he strongly objects to the suggestion, noting that he had not been approached for his views by either councillor. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Bell 'that a reply be sent acknowledging the letter and noting the comments made.' Agreed.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/C352</u>	John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery	Granted	r
<u>2/88/152/0289B</u>	" " " "	Granted	
<u>2/88/152/0107E</u>	Mr. J. Bell	Granted	
<u>2/88/152/0107F</u>	" "	Granted	
<u>2/88/152/0358</u>	Tilhill Forestry Ltd	Granted	
<u>2/88/152/0360B</u>	Dr. B. Theide	Granted	
<u>2/88/152/0360C</u>	" "	Granted	
<u>2/88/152/0077G</u>	Black Horse Agencies	Granted	

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

- 2/88/152/0017F Renewal of Outline Consent for the Construction of a Bungalow at Land Adjacent to Millbank Court for D. Hunt.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0362 Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 8, Whitelass Close for S. James.
Recommend Refusal - in the interests of visual amenity, the roof should be pitched, in keeping with the remainder of the Estate.
- 2/88/152/0062J Renewal of Consent for the Provision of a First Floor Residents Lounge and Revised Details of Bedroom Accommodation at the Hollin Barn Hotel for Mr. R. I. Phillips.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0119A Display of 2 Externally Illuminated Signs at the Three Tuns Public House for J. Tetley & Sons Ltd.
No Objections.
- 2/88/152/0066K Construction of a Vehicle Showroom & Parts Store at Bridge Garage for Bridge Garage.
Recommend Refusal of the application in its present form. The building extending to the bridge parapet would need to encroach onto the river. The proposed development is inappropriate in a Conservation Area. The Council wish to see the rest of the site tidied up before building is allowed. There is no indication of the type of brick to be used. Queries - What is happening to the paint shop at the southern end? Has this building planning permission? What is happening to the tank at the west elevation behind the main workshop?

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Lowe

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - October	- £278.00✓
C. E. & C. M. Walker	- Grass Cutting - 1 x August - 1 x September	- £117.30✓
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter - 9 weeks	- £155.25✓

Additional Accounts

Peat & Son	- Headed Notepaper	- £ 27.25✓
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - August & September	- £ 34.74✓
C. E. & C. M. Walker	- Grass Cutting - 1 x September - 1 x October	- £117.30✓
St. Mary's P.C.C.	- Donation to upkeep of Churchyard	- £200.00✓
P. McKay	- Work in Mill Gardens - 10½ hours @ 2.50	- £ 26.25✓
Coun. Roberts	- Reimbursement of cost of Plants	- £ 8.20✓

Reports

The Chairman reported that she had attended the opening of the extension at Graphic Arts where she had heard favourable comments expressed about Thirsk. It was agreed to write to the Managing Director of Graphic Arts congratulating the company on the progress made during their time in Thirsk. Congratulations were also expressed to Coun. Hall on the recent successes of R. S. Hall Engineering.

Coun. Davison reported that the Ings Water project is in the balance in respect of assistance from the Countryside Commission. It may be possible for the project to be carried out without the pool.

Coun. Bentley reported on the meeting of the Thirsk Promotional Group with the name of 'Project Thirsk'. It was agreed to consider a donation towards 'Project Thirsk' at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

Light - Steads Yard Coun. Loveden requested that the District Council be reminded of the need for an additional light in Steads Yard. The need for an additional light in Roses' Yard, also previously brought to their attention, to be mentioned.

Footpaths Coun. Murkett requested that a sub committee be formed to carry out a survey

Footpaths cont/ of footpaths in and around the town that are in need of repair, with a list to be drawn up and forwarded to the County Council.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

F. W. Roberts.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
14th November 1988 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, P. J. Tate, J. Bell,
R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, 3 Members of Sowerby Parish Council, Mr. W. Harris
(County Area Surveyor) & Mr. M. Woods (Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C.)
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. D. S. Murkett, A. J. Davison,
Miss M. M. Lowe, H. D. Craig & County Coun. G. Turton

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

Station Road/Topcliffe Road Mr. Harris & Mr. Woods attended the meeting to discuss
road priorities at Town End and associated traffic problems.

Mr. Harris stated that as resurfacing is to be carried out in the next financial year
on Station Road, it is an appropriate time to consider road priorities. At the present
time, more traffic is using the A61 Station Road than Topcliffe Road although Topcliffe
Road has priority. Plans were shown indicating the suggested changes, with Station Road
taking precedence over Topcliffe Road. Concern was expressed that it would be virtually
impossible for traffic to get out of Sowerby Road. Members of both this Council and
Sowerby Parish Council favoured the suggestion of a mini roundabout at the junction and
for one-way traffic on Sowerby Road from Town End to Green Lane East. Mr. Harris agreed
to examine the possibility of both suggestions and to forward plans to both Councils
for comment. A suggestion for a weight restriction on Sowerby Road was not pursued.
With regard to a pedestrian crossing to the supermarket, Mr. Harris stated that numbers
would not justify one. A traffic census will be taken after the supermarket opens.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Millgate Car & Coach Park A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that
F. D. Todd & Sons were not granted planning consent to
construct a lorry park. The Company had not given any indication whether or not the
lorry park would be available for public use.

Tourist Signs Nothing reported on the Thirsk tourist signs. Coun. Bell requested that
the District Council be asked who had given permission for the erection
in the Thirsk area, of signs indicating tourist attractions elsewhere.

Right of Way - Millgate Nothing reported.

Land at Little Green Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Reply awaited from the District Council.

Vandalised Seat The Clerk reported that Municipal Mutual Insurance had agreed to meet
the cost of repairing the seat, as quoted for by Mr. Hopps who had
been asked to carry out the work.

Millgate Car Park Reply still awaited regarding replacement car parking spaces.

Local Plan Public Inquiry Letter received stating that the Public Inquiry will now
take place at the Golden Fleece Hotel at 10.00 a.m. on
Wednesday, 11th January 1989.

Christmas Lights A letter from 27th Field Regiment R. A. stated that they would be
willing to help but due to budgetary constraints and the amount of
time spent away from home on exercises and operations, any involvement would probably
have to be on a voluntary basis as far as any manpower were concerned.

Thirsk County Primary School A letter from the County Education Officer stated that at
the next meeting of the Education Premises Minor Sub
Committee, members will consider a proposal to provide additional car parking for 8
cars in the school grounds. The proposal will be considered for funding in the light
of many other requests for improvements at the Authority's schools and colleges and
the limited resources available.

Play Equipment - The Holmes The Clerk reported that a replacement seat for the swings
and end caps for the parallel bars have been obtained
from Wicksteed Leisure.

FWK.

Gipsy Sites Discussion took place on the inspection of 10 suggested sites by a District Council sub committee which consisted of joint members of the Planning and Environmental Health Committees. Concern was expressed that there was no local representation on the sub committee and that landowners had not been notified of the inspection. The sub committee had rejected 6 sites and approved 4. The approved sites will require confirmation by the full Council, after which consultations will take place with the Local Authority, Highways Department and landowners. It was agreed to enquire of the District Council the reason why each site was discounted or approved. When this information is received, this Council's Gipsy Site sub committee is to draft a letter to the District Council expressing dis-satisfaction with the way in which the inspection and selection of gipsy sites has been carried out.

Lights - Steads Yard & Roses Yard The Clerk had been informed by the Hambleton District Council's Street Lighting Officer that these are in hand.

Footpath Survey A survey had been carried out but the information was with Coun. Markett who was absent from the meeting.

Project Thirsk Coun. Bentley told the meeting that the committee of 'Project Thirsk' has plans for a photographic competition, a music competition/festival and an arts festival, all of which will promote Thirsk and asked the Council to consider making a donation towards 'Project Thirsk'. After discussion, it was agreed not to make a donation at this time but if a request is made for a donation towards a specific project, it will be given consideration.

Revenue Estimates 1989/90 The Clerk presented a breakdown of Estimated Income and Expenditure for the current financial year, together with the sub committee's recommendations for the year 1989/90. Recommendations for the next financial year included provision for repairs to the Cemetery footpaths, extra funds for the Mill Gardens, extra funds for grass cutting, provision of funds for the purchase of a word processor and an increase in the Cemetery Superintendent's remuneration and the Clerk's salary. It was felt that additional work is required in Mill Gardens and agreed to discuss with the Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C. the possibility of taking over the grass cutting in Ingramgate, Kirkgate and Stockton Road which had been the subject of many complaints during the past grass cutting season. Enquiries to be made about this on the same terms as those with regard to White Mare Roundabout. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the Chairman's Allowance to be paid to the Chairman at the start of the year of Office and that any part not spent be repaid at the end of the year'. Agreed. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Tate 'that the sub committee's recommendations for the Revenue Estimates be accepted.' Agreed Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Bell 'that £16,000.00 be requested by way of Precept'. Agreed.

Thirsk Post Office A report was given on the meeting, held to discuss Thirsk Post Office, at which 11 parishes were represented and which was attended by Councillor J. Watts, L. C. A. representative on the York P.A.T.A.C. Coun. Watts outlined the implications of Thirsk Post Office being changed to Agency status. The decision of the meeting was that there is no objection to the change to Agency status provided that: 1. There is no reduction in the range and efficiency of services, which should all be located under one roof. 2. The Agency is in a central position in the town. 3. There is adequate space and access for the disabled. 4. The Agency is approved before a final decision is made regarding closure of the existing office. It was also agreed to put forward the suggestion that part of the existing premises could be allocated for use as a sub post office, on preferential terms, and the remainder of the building sold. Coun. Watts agreed to request the Secretary of the York P.A.T.A.C. and the Secretary of the Yorkshire L. C. A. to support the decisions of the meeting. Copies of the letters from the York P.A.T.A.C. and L.C.A. were read.

Resolution No. 1 Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Loveden - 'Thirsk Town Council is unhappy with the transporting of Nuclear Waste through its town.' Coun. Tate stated that spent rods of high grade plutonium are imported through Immingham from Rotterdam and pass through Thirsk by rail en route to Sellafield. Coun. Loveden stated that they were not talking in terms of a Nuclear Free Zone and it is not a political matter. After discussion, an amendment was put forward - Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun.

Resolution No. 1 cont/ Coun. Bell - 'Thirsk Town Council is unhappy if Nuclear Waste is being transported through its town.' All in Favour.

Resolution No. 2 Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Loveden - 'Thirsk Town Council calls upon North Yorkshire County Council to oppose any Planning Applications to dump Nuclear Waste in North Yorkshire.' Coun. Tate stated that this is a pre-emptive strike as Nirex is looking for sites to bury Nuclear Waste and one of the places it is looking at is North Yorkshire. If they know that this is unacceptable in North Yorkshire, they will look elsewhere. Voting - In Favour 5 - 1 Abstention.

Correspondence

Wishing Well Appeal The Clerk had been asked by the Chairman of the Hambleton District Wishing Well Appeal for Great Ormond Street Hospital if the Town Council would have any objection to Thirsk County Primary School children singing carols round the town's Christmas Tree and taking a collection in aid of the Appeal. It was agreed that there is no objection and to put forward Coun. Bell's suggestion that a contribution from the collection be made to the Lambert Memorial Hospital Appeal.

Footpath - The Holmes Coun. Loveden and the Clerk had received complaints from a member of the public that the state of the footpath from the Waterfall Bridge to the Church is dangerous. The Chairman and Coun. Bell had inspected the path and found it suitable for its intended use as a country footpath.

Civil Protection Letter received from the County Emergency Officer stating that his staff are available to come and discuss the Government's concept of Civil Protection and the attendance of volunteers on community adviser courses. Advice can also be given on the development or revision of the Council's own community emergency plan. Members pointed out that information is still awaited of the County Emergency Officer's intention for the use of the Town Hall as a Control and Information Post.

Street Lighting - Thirsk Market Place Letter received from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer regarding the new lighting scheme for the Market Place and stating the the N.Y.C.C. Highways Lighting Engineer is of the opinion that the most satisfactory form of carriageway lighting would be the use of modern 8m column with a 1.5m outreach arm carrying a high pressure sodium lantern. The District Council favours the use of period style lighting throughout, using D.W. Windwor Edinburgh columns with Strand lanterns for the carriageways and Windsor lanterns on Oxford columns or wall brackets elsewhere. A plan was enclosed showing the County Highway's Engineer's preferred positions for columns and brackets based on using modern style columns and brackets for the carriageway only. In his opinion, to achieve acceptable levels of lighting to the highway using period lighting would require more columns. The Town Council is invited to comment on three options - 1. To pursue the total period look for highway and pavement lights. 2. To have period lighting to footways, with modern lighting for the highways. 3. To have an 'all modern' look. The Chief Planner would prefer option 1, but if compromise is necessary, option 2 would be the next best solution. Members agreed on option 1 and with white lighting.

Recreation Land - Thirsk A letter from the Deputy Clerk of the Council referred to the site meeting at Dowber Way and the strong local opposition to the proposed play area. The objections will now have to be considered at the Local Plan Public Inquiry. A second letter referred to exploratory talks which have taken place with officers of the County Education Department regarding the possible use of part of Thirsk County Primary School playing fields as a children's play area. At officer level the County Council seemed to be suggesting that an area of approximately .13 hectares might be made available but that such use may be subject to an agreement regarding the appointment of paid supervision which would be provided by the Town Council. It is now understood from subsequent discussions with the County Education Department that the School Governors will be discussing the principles relative to the use of part of the playing fields for a children's play area and also in connection with the possibility of some provision being made which would assist the East Thirsk Community Association with their endeavours to identify land for a Community Centre. It would appear that the best way of dealing with the matter would be to wait the outcome of the Governors meeting and, depending on the result to seek a joint meeting with the Headmaster long with appropriate County and District officers, together with a representative from the Town Council and the E.T.C.A. Coun. Hall reported that the Governors are not in favour of the proposals when other land is available for the District Council to purchase.

Planning Committee Site Visits A letter from the Chief Executive's Department H.D.C. stated that the Council has recently considered existing arrangements for site visits in connection with Planning Applications and possible changes to the arrangements. It was considered that strict rules of procedure should be drawn up regulating the conduct of site visits. It was also considered to be fundamentally wrong for applicants and Parish Councillors, who are not entitled to speak in connection with proposals at meetings of the Planning Committee, to be afforded an opportunity to do so at site visits. It is possible that the Council can reasonably be accused of duplicity of standards when greater latitude is shown for applications involving site visits than would otherwise be the case. It has been decided that Parish Councils shall no longer be invited to send representatives to site visits. They will be advised as a matter of courtesy of the intention to hold a site visit and will be invited to make further written comment thereon if they so wish. It was agreed to reply with a strong letter pointing out the advantages of local knowledge that can be supplied by parish representatives.

Car Park A confidential matter was discussed and by a majority vote of 4 - 2, it was agreed to accept the District Council's proposal.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0321C</u>	McLean Homes North East Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/142/0017F</u>	Mr. D. Hunt	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0086G</u>	Lester & Hatch	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0055E</u>	Thirsk Racecourse Ltd	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/88/152/0025B Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at A. T. S., Long Street for Associated Tyre Specialists.
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the proposed signs, by reason of their size, colour and prominent position in this location, would be injurious to the character and appearance of Long Street and would be detrimental to the amenities of this predominantly residential area.

2/88/152/0126R Alteration to Existing Estate Agent's Office at Unit 7, Royal Oak for M. D. Parker.

2/88/152/0126S Listed Building Consent for Above.
No Objections.

2/88/152/0363 Use of Existing Disused Agricultural Buildings as a Workshop for Ornamental Metalwork and a Joiner's Shop and Timber Store at Woodhill Grange for Mr. J. Bell.
No Objections.

2/88/152/0053F Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of an Existing Chimney Stack at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York.
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the chimney stack contributes to the valuable visual amenity of the Conservation Area.

Comments Coun. Bell requested that the District Council be asked how many parish comments are taken account of by the Planning Committee.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
 Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Tate.

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - November -	£278.00✓
Sowerby Parish Council	- Balance of agreed payment towards grass cutting on The Flatts	- £ 60.00✓
Wicksteed Leisure	- Spares for Play Equipment - The Holmes	- £ 23.05✓

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 8.58✓
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Additional Accounts cont/

Coun. Roberts	- Reimbursement of cost of Bulbs	- £ 4.00 5
Castlegate Youth Centre	- Donation	- £100.00 2

It was agreed to make the above donation for which provision was made in the current year's budget.

Reports

Coun. Bell reported that the League of Friends need to raise £90,000 towards alterations and improvements to the Lambert Memorial Hospital. An Appeals Committee has been formed and the work will commence as soon as the £90,000 is raised. Coun. Bell stated that it is up to the Town Council to support the Appeal.

Coun. Bell had formulated the Council's statements for the Thirsk Local Plan Public Inquiry. These were read to the meeting and approved.

The Chairman reported that she and Coun. Loveden had looked around the Market Place and decided that strings of lights could be attached to the three lamp standards on the south side and taken over and fastened to walls of buildings. The strings of lights have been ordered. A working party is required to rub down some of the decorations. Coun. Bell offered the use of a building next to the Youth Centre for this work.

Any Other Business

Dog Fouling A sub committee was formed to make comments on the Chief Environmental Health Officer's report on dog fouling.

Shire Road It was agreed to draw the Enforcement Officer's attention to obstruction in Shire Road, caused by vehicles from No. 18 where a business is being conducted.

The meeting closed at 11.05 p.m.

Fiona M. Roberts.

12-12-88.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 12th December 1988 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, Miss M. M. Lowe, D. S. Bentley, P. J. Tate.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. D. E. Loveden, R. S. Hall, A. J. Davison.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Station Road/Topcliffe Road Nothing reported.

Tourist Signs A letter from the Chief Planner stated that tourist attractions requesting the new brown and white tourism signs make application via the County Highways Department who consult the Regional Tourist Board. If the Highways Department are persuaded that the attraction fulfils the criteria, it approaches the Department of Transport who have the final control over which signs are allowed. The District Council has no role in this procedure. The Chief Planner shares the Town Council's frustration at the lack of response from the County Highways to the request for a sign informing visitors about the services in Thirsk.

Right of Way - Millgate Nothing reported.

Land at Little Green It was agreed to omit this from the Agenda for the present time.

Salem Chapel Response from the District Council awaited.

Millgate Car Park The District Council to be asked to confirm that it intends to create car parking spaces on the grassed area near the bridge to replace those lost to coach parking.

Christmas Lights The Chairman told members that it had been possible to erect only two strings of lights instead of three on the south side of the Market Place due to the development taking place at Nos. 36 - 40, Market Place. Bulbs had been taken from the Christmas Tree and it was agreed to notify the Police.

Thirsk County Primary School A copy letter from the County Education Officer to a parent stated that he had requested the painting of lines to prevent parking in the turning space outside the school gates to be set in hand at the earliest opportunity. The Education Committee's Minor Sub Committee had considered a project to provide an additional eight parking spaces in the school grounds but were not able, at this stage, to agree to this being included in the 1989/90 Minor Works Programme. It was agreed to write to the County Education Officer expressing concern that the lines, which were promised at a meeting in September, have not yet been painted. A further letter from the County Education Officer gave notice of a meeting to be held at 2.30 p.m. on 17th January 1989 to discuss, without prejudice, East Thirsk Community Hall and Recreation Area Proposals. It was agreed that the Chairman represent this Council at the meeting.

Gipsy Sites A letter from the Deputy Clerk of the Council stated that the Chief Planner is being consulted regarding the request for information which led the Gipsy Site Sub Committee to either approve or discount the sites which were visited on 28th October. The Clerk had been told, by a member of the Planning Department, that most of the sites discounted were east of the bypass and difficult to screen from the road. The Sub Committee's recommendations would be put to the full Council for approval, after which consultations with the Town Council and other interested parties would begin. It is still possible for further sites to be suggested. It was agreed to request a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Gipsy Site Sub Committee which was held after the site visits.

Footpath Survey Coun. Murkett reported on a survey of footpaths in the Market Place which had been attended by the Chairman of this Council and members of the Planning Department staff. The survey was in connection with the proposed improvements in the Market Place. It was agreed to ask the District Council to look into the legal responsibilities with regard to the footpath and road leading into the Three Tuns Yard which are understood to be on private land.

Grass Cutting The Clerk reported that she had discussed with Mr. Woods, the possibility

Grass Cutting cont/ of the Town Council taking over some of the grass cutting for which the County Council is responsible and had been assured that the areas in question will benefit from a minimum of six cuts with the possible addition of an extra cut if necessary.

Thirsk Post Office A letter from the Personnel & Services Manager of Post Office Counters Ltd stated that the first three provisions listed by this Council have been covered in the District Managers letter and there is nothing that can usefully be added at this stage. There is no intention to interrupt the continuity of services in Thirsk as a result of the proposed change. A letter from the District Manager to the Secretary of York and District PATAC stated that he can confirm that the proposed new office will offer all the existing services including Motor Vehicle Licencing and British Visitors Passports. It will also have the same opening hours. It is more difficult to be precise on the location of the proposed office because it is the consultative stage and as a result it has been impossible to advertise for a suitable agent who can offer suitable premises. If the Postal Authority proceed beyond the consultative stage actually to move the office it will be the aim to situate it centrally, with adequate space and access suitable for the disabled and these are all points to be taken into consideration before making any appointment. The uncanvassed approaches which have been made so far have suggested that there is interest amongst the traders of Thirsk in acting as Agent under contract. It is hoped as a result that it will be able satisfactorily to relocate the office. There must not be a gap in service in a place the size of Thirsk and the Agency office will have to be established before trading ceases at the existing location.

Footpath - The Holmes The complainant had given the incorrect information and the footpath in question is from the road to the Waterfall Bridge, a distance of approximately six yards. This footpath is the responsibility of the N.Y.C.C. and will be repaired if deemed necessary by the Divisional Surveyor.

Civil Protection A letter from the County Emergency Officer stated that it is necessary for premises in Thirsk to be earmarked, which could be used as a control and information post (CIP) in the event of an emergency or disaster. The most suitable building for this function was assessed as Thirsk Town Hall. Current civil defence regulations require county and district councils to make civil defence plans to help the nation to respond to any international crisis. One important element of this planning is to identify posts in the community which could be used as contact points for passing information to the public, for arranging relief action and reporting local conditions. The physical requirements of a community CIP are such that the building should be wellknown to the public, accessible, substantial and possess a telephone. The planned use of Thirsk Town Hall would be to set up a community information post which, in an emergency, would be staffed by local volunteers. It is not intended that any exercises would be planned for the post and no enhancement or alteration of the premises is required. Should a planned lecture or training requirement emerge, then the normal commercial hiring arrangements would obtain and access would be arranged via the caretaker or other keyholder. The Town Council is asked for approval for the ear-marking of Thirsk Town Hall for civil defence purposes. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that the Council agrees to the use of the Town Hall for this purpose'. Coun. Tate stated that the Council should not co-operate with the scheme. The County Council should address themselves to local disasters and not international ones. Coun. Murkett stated that the control post would be for all emergencies.

Voting for the proposition was 6 in Favour - 1 Against.

Notice was received of a further Civil Defence Community Adviser Course to be held at Stokesley for six Wednesdays commencing on 11th January 1989.

Planning Committee Site Visits A letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that the respective roles of the District and Parish Councils will be discussed at the next meeting of the District/Parish Liaison Committee which will be held in the New Year. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that both himself and Coun. Loveden are on the Committee.

Thirsk Local Plan - Public Inquiry A letter from the Public Inquiry Programme Officer enclosed a copy of the D.O.E. pamphlet 'Local Plans: Public Local Inquiries - A guide to Procedure, 1984'. It was agreed that Coun. Bell should represent the Town Council at the Inquiry.

Dog Fouling A sub committee, consisting of the Chairman, Coun. Loveden and Coun. Bentley had formulated a reply to the Chief Environmental Health Officer, requesting a Dog Warden, to be employed throughout Hambleton District, and for Poop Scoop byelaws for The Holmes Play Area, The Greens and Mill Gardens.

Shire Road A letter from the Chief Planner stated that the owner of 18, Shire Road has been requested to supply details of the use at present occurring and on receipt of such details a decision as to whether or not planning permission is required will be made.

Wishing Well Appeal Coun. Bell reported that whilst the local Committee Chairman is willing to make a donation from the Carol Singing collection to the Lambert Memorial Hospital Appeal, the National Committee will not agree to it.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths It was agreed to liaise with Sowerby Parish Council and form a sub committee to study the document before requesting amendments. Couns. Murkett, Craig and Davison to represent this Council.

Correspondence

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Letter received requesting financial aid towards the cost of grass cutting, on a similar basis to that given in 1988. Coun. Murkett stated that it had been intended for the cost of grass cutting in 1988 to be shared equally by the Flatts Trust and Thirsk & Sowerby Councils but the Councils had contributed considerably more than the Trust. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bentley 'to reply stating that this Council is prepared to discuss with Sowerby P. C. the possibility of paying one third of the cost of cutting the grass by a contractor whose tender is acceptable to both Councils'. Agreed.

Members referred to the fact that spraying around the base of obstacles on Town Council land had been banned, whereas it had been carried out on adjoining land. It was agreed to ask District and County Councils to ban the use of herbicides on public open space in the interests of the environment and potential danger to children and animals.

Parish Government Course Details received of the Parish Government Course to be held at The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate from 10th - 12th February 1989. Coun. Loveden and Coun. Murkett had expressed the wish to attend. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Bell 'that the Council pay the Residential Course Fee for 2 Members.' Agreed. The fee being £76.00 per person, sharing a room.

Refuse Sacks Coun. Murkett presented a letter from the Environmental Health Department which has been circulated to commercial premises in Hambleton District. The letter referred to the fact that the District Council has been operating a policy of collecting a proportion of the waste from commercial and mixed domestic/commercial premises free of charge. A 'free allowance' of one sack per week has been given to all commercial premises along with an additional sack for those premises which include an element of permanent living accommodation. These allowances were given because the legislation governing the refuse collection service was extremely vague. In June 1988 new regulations were made giving a clear definition of household, commercial and industrial waste and also prescribing into which of these categories certain types of premises fall. The changes will affect all commercial premises in one or both of two ways: 1. There is now no legal basis for giving all commercial premises a free sack allowance and the Council has resolved to terminate this allowance. 2. The regulations state that the refuse from mixed hereditaments i.e. premises composed of a mixture of commercial and domestic elements is all commercial waste, for which the Council should make a collection charge. As a result of the new regulations, the Council has resolved that from 1st January 1989, all free sack allowances at commercial and mixed premises will cease and that all refuse from these premises will only be collected in the Council's green refuse sacks or wheeled bins. It was agreed to send a letter of protest at the Council's policy, on behalf of the traders. It was also agreed to enquire about the future of the amenity tip in Sowerby in view of the lack of tipping facilities in the District. Coun. Tate stated that the County Council have been remiss in not identifying new tipping sites.

Northallerton District Community Health Council Copy of the Annual Report received together with a letter offering to

arrange a talk, backed by a video film about the work of the C.H.C.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0362</u>	Mr. S. James	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0336C</u>	Mr. C. Pollitt	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0361</u>	Grunta Limited	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0323A</u>	Mrs. J. Stone	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

<u>2/88/152/0289D</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Public House at Blacksmiths Arms for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery Ltd. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0074A</u>	Use of Existing Disused Agricultural Buildings for Warehouse and Storage Purposes at Rybeck Farm for Tudland Ltd. <u>Recommend Refusal on the following grounds: This is not included in the Local Plan as Industrial Land. It is in a Residential Area. The access lane is a Bridle Path, unsuitable for heavy traffic. The buildings are not large enough for warehousing. Access/egress would be onto a very busy road. Suggest that housing be considered for part of the site.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0364</u>	Use of Existing Disused Building as Offices and Storage at rear of 48, Market Place for Mr. M. Jobling. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0309U</u>	Construction of 6 Self Contained Flats and Conversion of Part of Existing Former Public House to 2 Dwellings at Rear of Golden Lion for Wright Properties Ltd. <u>The Council is happy with the Proposal but would like further details of windows and lintels. It is hoped that the development will be in sympathy with other buildings in the vicinity as this is in the Conservation Area.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0309V</u>	Listed Building Consent for above.
<u>2/88/152/0365</u>	Construction of a Stable at Land Adjacent to Greystones, Sutton Road for Mr. R. Hall. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0218C</u>	Installation of a Cash Dispenser at 24, Market Place for Barclays Bank plc. <u>Recommend Refusal of the application as presented. This is one of the most important buildings in the Conservation Area, and careful consideration by the Planning Officers is requested. The Council objects to the west end window being lowered, thus spoiling the symmetry of the building. The sill levels should be retained. It is considered that it would be more appropriate for the cash dispenser to be sited in the middle window.</u>

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bell.

Accounts as Circulated

Power Point	- Repairs to Strimmer	- £ 58.27✓
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter 26.9.88. - 16.11.88.	- £112.70✓
J. D. Barr (S..)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - December	- £278.00✓
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying Skip	- £ 29.90✓
City of Wakefield M.D.C.	- Stationery from Yorkshire Purchasing Org'n	- £ 20.55✓
T. & S. Town Hall	- Half Fire Insurance Premium	- £143.81✓
C. E. & C. M. Walker	- Grass Cutting - 1 x October	- £ 58.65✓
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£425.00✓
	Telephone Rental & Administration	£ 84.67✓ - £509.67✓

Fail

Accounts as Circulated cont.

Coun. Loveden - Reimbursement of Cost of Materials for rubbing - £ 2.20~~1~~
down the Christmas Decorations.

Additional Accounts

Yorkshire L. C. A. - Stationery - £ 1.76~~1~~
Yorkshire R. C. C. - Fees for Parish Government Course - 2 x £76.00 - £152.00~~1~~
Corner Crafts - Framing prints brought from Belgium by the 1st - £ 27.60~~1~~
Thirsk Scout Group

Any Other Business

Cherry Garth The state of the woodwork at Cherry Garth Home for the Elderly was commented on.

Lambert Memorial Hospital Coun. Murkett stated that the Lambert 90 Appeal Committee wish to site a thermometer, indicating the progression of the fund, on the wall of the Post Office building and requested that the Town Council seeks permission. It was agreed to take this up on behalf of the committee.

Thirsk Railway Station Coun. Murkett, Coun. Craig and the Clerk had received complaints that the redevelopment at the station does not include public toilets, the waiting room is inadequate and the concrete steps are too steep. Coun. Craig stated that the bridge over the track, which was heightened to accommodate the electrification of the lines, is uncovered and open to the elements. In bad weather the steps and the surface of the bridge are slippery and dangerous to negotiate. It was agreed to take up these matters with British Rail.

Notice Board The Clerk stated that the notice board has been vandalised again. Coun. Murkett has obtained permission from the Chief Executive H.D.C. for the notice board to be fixed to the wall of the public conveniences in the Market Place.

Cemetery Charges The Chairman told members that it will be necessary to review the Cemetery Charges before the beginning of the next financial year.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts.
16/1/89

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
16th January 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, A. J. Davison, J. Bell,
D. E. Loveden, Miss M. M. Lowe, P. J. Tate, D. S. Bentley + County Coun. Turton.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. H. D. Craig & R. S. Hall.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs The Clerk reported on a telephone call from the District Council's
Tourism Officer who had stated that the County Council were prepared to
commence with the signs but that the words 'James Herriot's Town' were not acceptable.
They could proceed with the words 'Historic Market Town' which is standard wording for
towns like Thirsk on signs for by-passed towns, and which would be erected on highway
land. The Tourism Officer had advised that it would be better to accept the signs to
ensure that they were obtained in the current financial year and in place for the 1989
tourist season. It may be possible for the Town Council to erect preferred signs on
private land on the approach roads to the town. The Chairman, having been consulted,
had felt that it was better to accept these signs than to have no signs at all.
Members expressed dis-satisfaction at their suggested wording not being accepted in view
of the fact that other areas have signs indicating their tourist attractions. The Clerk
pointed out that they had been warned that the words suggested by the Town Council may
not be acceptable to the County Council and the Department of Transport. It was agreed
to write to the County Council and the Department of Transport asking why this Council's
suggestion had been turned down. Coun. Turton offered to take up the matter with the
County Surveyor. It was agreed to accept this offer and defer writing until the outcome
of Coun. Turton's meeting with the County Surveyor is known.

Right of Way - Millgate Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that at the
time when changes in the provision of a coach park at Millgate Car
Park were being considered, members felt that they did not wish to extend the car
parking facilities onto the grassed area at the entrance to the car park. Car parking
facilities for the whole of Hambleton District are being considered and as part of the
policy the needs for parking in the Thirsk area are being monitored. Such monitoring
will take account of the present facilities as well as any new private parking provision
which may be provided to serve new shopping provisions. A copy of the Car Parking Policy
for Thirsk recommended that an area be identified within a reasonable distance of the
town centre suitable for use as a long-term car park and be safeguarded from development.
The demand for spaces be monitored and if required: 1. A new long-term car park be
constructed; 2. Millgate be designated as a short-term car park and appropriate measures
be introduced to constrain the length of time vehicles may park. It was agreed to seek
assurance that until such time as a long-term car park is identified and in use, Millgate
Car Park will not be designated for short-term use.

Christmas Lights A letter from the Chief Executive's department stated that, due to its
use as a store for refuse bins, the garage to the rear of the Housing
Office, off the Market Place, will not be available for the storage of this Council's
Christmas Lights and Decorations. The Chairman stated that Coun. Bell's workmen had
replaced the roof on the Council's shed on Little Green which will now provide suitable
storage for the lights and decorations. White lights on the tree had been voted a
success although a considerable number of bulbs had been broken. It was considered that
some form of protection would need to be erected around the tree in future to protect it
from vandalism. Mr. Woodhead to be thanked for providing the tree. The Chairman thanked
everyone involved with the decorations.

Thirsk County Primary School A letter from the County Education Officer stated that
this Council's letter regarding the painting of additional
white lines to prevent parking in the turning space outside the school has been passed
to the County Engineer and Surveyor.

Gipsy Sites A letter from the Chief Executive's department stated that until the
recommendations of the Gipsy Site Sub-Committee have been discussed by
the Council's Environmental Health and Control Committee the information requested by

Gipsy Sites cont/ this Council will not be available. A copy of the Minutes of the Gipsy Site Sub Committee meeting will be forwarded in due course. A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer was accompanied by plans showing the sites visited by the Sub Committee and invited comment on the preferred sites. The letter also invited further suggestions of suitable sites. A second letter gave the reasons why six of the sites visited had been discounted. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss and make comment on the District Council's 'Sites for Consultation'.

Footpath & Road - Three Tuns Yard A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that he has no immediate knowledge of the ownership of this area of land and some time consuming investigation may be necessary before he is able to fully respond on this question.

Grass Cutting A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that all contractors considered for inclusion on the Tender lists are fully qualified in the use of weedkiller which in some cases is necessary for the control of weed infested areas. Future contracts will include a clause to the effect that weed-killing is only carried out on specific instructions from his staff, which should limit the use of the material to areas in which no other solution is practicable. It was agreed to ask if this clause can be an addendum to the 1989 contracts. The Clerk had been told that the County Council do not carry out spraying but it was felt that some is done by their contractors. It was agreed to enquire about the County Council's policy on spraying. The Clerk stated that this Council's tenders for grass cutting have been sent out and will be submitted to the February meeting for consideration.

Thirsk Post Office Nothing reported.

Civil Protection The Chairman is attending a course at Stokesley.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

Thirsk Swimming Baths The meeting of sub committees of Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils, to discuss the Charity Commission Scheme for the Swimming Baths, is to be held on 18th January. Mr. Hatch, Solicitor, has been invited to attend.

Refuse Sacks Coun. Murkett stated that the District Council is reconsidering its decision to discontinue free refuse sacks to mixed hereditaments.

Lambert Memorial Hospital Appeal A letter from the District Manager, Post Office Counters, stated that he has no objection to the siting of a 'thermometer' on the Post Office building providing that any damage to the brickwork etc. is the responsibility of the Council to make good and/or restore when the 'thermometer' is taken down and that the Council should accept responsibility for the consequences of damage or injury if the wind blew the device down. If the Council accepts these stipulations, it may proceed as suggested. As the Council requested permission for the 'thermometer' on behalf of the Lambert Hospital Appeal Committee, Coun. Murkett will obtain their assurance that the Council will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred and will ensure that they have Public Liability Insurance in the event of damage or injury.

Thirsk Railway Station Reply awaited from the Regional Manager, British Rail Eastern. The Chairman had written to Leon Brittan, M.P., regarding the lack of public toilet facilities at the station. Mr. Brittan had taken up the matter with the Area Manager and had forwarded a copy of his reply which stated that the situation at Thirsk is satisfactory as all trains have toilet facilities and the public can obtain the key for the toilet for the disabled at Thirsk station from the staff. It was agreed to request a reply from the Regional Manager.

Cemetery Charges It was agreed to discuss these after the meeting on Gipsy Sites.

Report on the Thirsk Local Plan Public Inquiry Coun. Bell, who had represented the Town Council at the Public Inquiry, stated that the Town Council had objected to the further extension - Phase 3, an area of 15 acres - of the Industrial Park and had been supported by private individuals and the Civic Society. The site had been visited by the Inquiry Inspector and the result is expected in 4 - 5 months. The Town Council also objected to the deletion of the Hambleton Place/Dowber Way play area which has been reinstated in the Local Plan. Coun. Turton stated that it is important to reserve an adequate supply of land for industry.

Coun. Turton told the meeting that, after twenty nine years in Local Government, he will not be seeking re-election in the County Council Elections in May. He was thanked by the Chairman for his past assistance to the Town Council. Before leaving the meeting, Coun. Turton was told of a complaint from a lady who had been in danger of being knocked down by a bus which mounted the pavement and struck a shop sign when negotiating the corner of Market Place and Castlegate. Coun. Murkett stated that large vehicles frequently strike or mount the pavement on this corner and suggested that a crash barrier could alleviate the danger. Coun. Turton replied that pedestrians could be crushed if the barrier was struck by a vehicle but that he would take the matter up with the County Surveyor.

Correspondence

Stainmore Appeal A letter from the Secretary of the Stainmore Appeal stated that the Parish Council have withdrawn their Court Action against the use of Stainmore by the Ministry of Defence, as being too big a burden on the rates but have given the Stainmore Appeal Committee their formal support for Judicial Review and fund raising. After discussion, it was agreed that spending local ratepayers money in supporting the Appeal could not be justified.

River Swale Preservation Society A letter from the Pollution Officer stated that the Society is concerned about the demise of the fish population in the River Swale and associated tributaries which it believes is due to industrial discharges, farm fertilizers, farm effluent and sewage effluent discharges. The Environment Secretary is seeking approval to loosen restrictions on the quality of effluent discharged into waterways. The Yorkshire Water Authority have admitted that 60 sewage plants are currently discharging sub-standard effluent into rivers. Thirsk sewage discharge is above the consent levels and the Town Council is asked to help the Society's cause by requesting the Y.W.A. to rectify the problem immediately. It was agreed to write a strong letter to the Water Authority and to send a copy to the County Council's Water Authority representative.

Thirsk Market Place Improvement Scheme - Phase I A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer confirmed that he now has authorisation to proceed with Phase I of the scheme which it is hoped will commence on 23rd January and last for approximately three months. The Council's Contractor will be Foden Construction of Stokesley and the area on which the work will be carried out is from the Electricity Board to the Golden Fleece. Parking may have to be completely prohibited on this area of cobbles for at least part of the Contract. Coun. Murkett stated that he had received information that recently re-laid cobbles in Richmond had become detached and that Richmond was the criterion for similar County Council projects. He was concerned that the specification was not correct. The Clerk was instructed to verify the complaints at Richmond before notifying the District Council of this Council's concern.

Policy on Councillors The Clerk referred members to a set of recommendations on the numbers of Councillors appropriate to normal Parishes and Towns of different population sizes, which was endorsed by the National Association of Local Councils A.G.M. The recommendation for a parish with between 2,700 and 3,500 electors is 11 Councillors - Thirsk having 3,061 on the current Register of Electors. It was agreed to request the District Council to grant an extra Councillor at the next Local Council Elections.

Boundary Commission A copy of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report No. 569 - Review of Non-Metropolitan Counties - The County of North Yorkshire and its Boundaries with Cleveland, Durham and Lancashire was presented.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0289C</u>	John Smiths Brewery Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0290B</u>	Power Point Tool Hire	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0282E</u>	Mr. R. Bennett (Kirkgate Picture Gallery)	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0282F</u>	" " " " "	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0025B</u>	Associated Tyre Specialists	Granted

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/88/152/0066K

Amended Plans for the Construction of a Vehicle Showroom and Parts Store at Bridge Garage.

The Council do not object to the plans but make the following recommendations: The revised roof is welcomed but should match the existing kiosk roof in colour and design. All brickwork should match the kiosk - the detailing on the west wall should be in the same brick and not Blue Staffordshire. The Council are concerned about the paint shop at the southern end of the site and the tank at the west elevation behind the main workshop. The riverbank should be landscaped.

2/88/152/0035E

Application for Conservation Area Consent for the Part Demolition of an Existing Wall at 47, Market Place for Lloyds Bank PLC.
Interested Members to view this before observations are made.

2/88/152/321D

Amended Plans for Residential Development at The Coppice for McLean.
Unable to comment without original plans.

2/88/139/0283D

Use of Existing Agricultural Land as a Builders' Merchants and Haulage Depot to Include the Construction of a Storage & Office Building with Associated Facilities, at land South of Blake Lane, Sowerby.
Outline Application for the Construction of a Building for Driver Facilities in Conjunction with the Proposed Use of Existing Agricultural Land as a Lorry Park at Land to South of Blakey Lane, Sowerby for F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd.

2/88/139/0283E

The Council wish to see these plans approved. Point out that the land is at the side of the A168 Access Road and not Blakey Lane. The road to the site is the Access Road from the A19 to A168 and suitable for heavy traffic.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented for payment and Approved.
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bell.

Accounts as Circulated

Yorks. R. C. C.	- V.A.T. payable on Parish Government Course Fees	- £ 22.80
N.Y.C.C.	- Use of Court House for Meetings - 1988	- £ 97.20
P. Smith	- Reimbursement of cost of lock for Notice Board	- £ 12.50
J. D. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - January	- £278.00

Additional Account

P. McKay	- Work in Mill Gardens - 5 hours @ £2.50	- £ 12.50
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Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Donald John Sinclair	21 E1	£ 30.00
Peter & Christine Barr	2 D5	£ 30.00

Reports

Coun. Murkett reported that the Chief Planner & Technical Officer will be present at the L.C.A. meeting on 8th February.

Coun. Davison reported that he is considering resigning from the Council in the near future due to pressure of work.

The Chairman reported that a 'Mayor's Occasion' is to be held in the Hambleton Suite at Thirsk Racecourse in the evening of Friday, 7th April which will take the form of a meal, disco, tombola and raffles and be in aid of the Lambert Memorial Hospital Appeal. Members of the community will be invited to purchase tickets. The Chairman asked for the support of the Council, especially in the form of prizes for tombola.

Any Other Business

Stiles Coun. Lowe referred to broken stiles in the vicinity of the Swimming Baths and was told that they are not on public footpaths and are in the Parish of Sowerby. The complaint to be passed to Sowerby Parish Council.

Expenditure Coun. Bentley expressed concern about the amount of money spent by the District Council in the southern part of the district compared with the north, and stated that he will submit a resolution for the next meeting.

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 FEEES 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, supply/use of mats, ropes and bier and associated administrative work.
 - (b) Apply only where the interment is made between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 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 £ 5.00
 - ii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed twelve years £22.00
 - iii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years £50.00
 - 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 £15.00
 - 3. For use of the Bier

For an Interment outside of Thirsk Cemetery £ 5.00

PART 2 EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

For the Exclusive Right of Burial

In Perpetuity (99 Years)

- (a) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet £50.00
- (b) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 8 feet £100.00

For a period of 10 years

- (a) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet in which a burial has taken place £25.00

For each individual period of 10 years NOT exceeding the total period of 30 years £25.00

PART 3 WALLED GRAVES

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

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| (a) a walled grave 9 feet by 4 feet | £85.00 |
| (b) a walled grave 9 feet by 8 feet | £170.00 |

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:

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| (a) A headstone - not exceeding 5 feet in height | £15.00 |
| (b) A vase - not exceeding 18 inches in height | £ 5.00 |

The fees included in this Part include the first inscription

For each inscription after the first	£ 5.00
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REGISTRAR'S FEES

For renewal, in case of loss, of Certificate of Exclusive Right of Burial (each space)	£ 3.00
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For comparing Inscription for Headstone, and other erections with Register of Burials or for searching Register of Burials	£ 5.00
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For Certificate of Burial	£ 1.00
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For each copy of Rules and Scale of Fees	£ 2.00
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THE ABOVE FEES WERE APPROVED AT A MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL ON
13th FEBRUARY 1989 AND WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON 1st APRIL 1989

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 13th February 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig, D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, P. J. Tate + 1 Member of the Public.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts, J. Bell & Miss M. M. Lowe.

In the absence of Coun. Roberts, the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, Coun. Davison.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs The request for 'James Herriot's Town' signs had been taken up with the County Council and Department of Transport by Coun. Turton who had told the Clerk that the Department of Transport at Leeds were unable to make a decision and the matter has been referred to London.

Right of Way - Millgate Car Park A letter from the Chief Executive's Department required clarification and the officer dealing with the matter is absent from duty. It was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting.

Salem Chapel A telephone call from the Chief Planner's office had informed the Clerk that the original letter had been mis-placed but that they would now investigate what action could be taken.

Millgate Car Park A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the Council's current policy for car parking in Thirsk is not to use any areas, other than Thirsk Market Place and Thirsk Baths car park, as short stay parking. The Council will review this situation from time to time but will consider the overall parking implications in Thirsk before they make any changes. It was reported that a proposal to limit parking on Thirsk Market Place to one hour, had been turned down. A suggestion that a surcharge of 25p be imposed on anyone exceeding the two hour parking limit, made at the District Council, was considered inappropriate.

Thirsk County Primary School Nothing reported.

Grass Cutting by District & County Councils A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer confirmed that weedkilling is to be carried out only on specific instructions from his staff and in accordance with the Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986 during the 1989 and future Contract. A letter from the County Area Surveyor confirmed that the County Council's Contract Document covering all Urban Cutting specifies the use of a strimmer for cutting around obstructions, along exposed edges etc. The use of herbicides is not permitted.

Thirsk Post Office A letter from the District Manager, Post Office Counters Ltd., stated that having carried out the consultative procedures seeking the views of representatives of the community he has received their comments and the time has come to make a decision. All the views put forward have been considered and the conclusion reached is that the Post Office would wish to proceed with the proposals. It is stressed very strongly that all the facilities which are provided by the existing office will be maintained and they are planning to lay particular emphasis on the standards of service provided. The opening hours will be unchanged. It has not been possible to specify exactly the location in mind for the office but it is confirmed that the premises will be an important factor to take into account before an appointment is made. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that an application is being made from someone wishing to run the Post Office from No. 69, Market Place who would welcome the Town Council's support. It was agreed to write to the District Manager stating that the Town Council support the use of these premises on condition that they are large enough for the present range of services to be maintained and that there is adequate access and accommodation for wheelchairs.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

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Refuse Sacks A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer's Department stated that as a result of the representations which have been received from the occupiers of mixed hereditaments, the Council has reconsidered its policy at those premises and has resolved to reinstate the one free weekly sack allowance at commercial premises which include an element of permanent living accommodation.

Lambert Hospital '90' Appeal Coun. Murkett had been assured by the Committee that this Council will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred through the 'thermometer' being fixed to the wall of the Post Office and had ensured that they have Public Liability Insurance in the event of damage or injury. Coun. Murkett reminded members of the 'Appeal Launch' on 16th February.

Thirsk Railway Station A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that he had been told from British Rail Architect's Department at York that toilet facilities are available to travellers during the hours when the Station is staffed. Access to the toilets being by the loan of a key held by Station staff. There is also a disabled persons toilet available to holders of the standard disabled toilet key. It was pointed out that although these facilities are available at the Station, they are intended for passengers and not visitors and they are not on a twenty-four hour basis. The Clerk stated that letters sent to British Rail in December and January, regarding the lack of public toilet facilities and the problem of the steepness of the steps and the uncovered walkway, had not elicited a reply. It was agreed that another letter be sent.

Market Place/Castlegate Corner Coun. Turton had been told by the County Surveyor that if a barrier was erected on the edge of the footpath at this corner, pedestrians would be in danger of being crushed if a vehicle mounted the footpath and hit the barrier.

River Pollution The Clerk reported that a letter regarding sewage discharge into the Cod Beck had been sent to Y.W.A. Rivers Division at Leeds. A reply stated that this is a matter which is dealt with by Y.W.A., North & East Division at York to whom the letter had been forwarded. As there had been no response it was agreed to write a further letter to York.

Market Place Improvement Scheme The Clerk had been informed by the Clerk to Richmond Town Council that problems had been encountered with the cobbles there. Mr. Erbe' of the Chief Planner & Technical Officer's Department H.D.C. had told the Clerk that the work is being carried out by a reputable contractor, to the best specification and will be well supervised. Coun. Murkett stated that the cobbles are being laid to the County Council specification. Coun. Tate stated that he has no confidence in the mix being used. The meeting was told that the District Council Officers would have preferred square setts to have been used instead of cobbles. *Some technical* *Enki*

Policy on Councillors This Council's request for an additional Councillor is to be put to the relevant committee of the District Council. Coun. Murkett stated that Hambleton District Council has adopted the N.A.L.C.'s recommendations on the size of Councils.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths Coun. Murkett reported that alterations to the document, put forward by the sub committee of Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councillors, are being taken up with the Charity Commission by Mr. Hatch, Solicitor.

Gipsy Sites - Thirsk Area - Sites for Consultation Comments made at the Special Meeting, held on 30th January and attended by Couns. Mrs. Roberts, Miss Lowe, Murkett, Craig, Loveden, Bell & Hall were as follows:

Site 1 - West of A168, south of York Road Roundabout This site should consist of Fields 8945 & 8949 only.

Points in Favour There would be Police supervision - Police vehicles frequently park in layby off the roundabout. Good access onto roundabout. The site is set back from the road. It is situated in an area already frequented by gipsies. This site is acceptable to true gipsies who would be happy there.

Points Against The open access would be spoiled. The site would still be visible from the A168. This area will be in the centre of the Thirsk industrial area in 10 - 15 years time.

Gipsy Sites cont. Site 2 - West of A168, north of Blakey Lane Totally opposed to this site. It is too large,

not easily accessible and too near to Sowerby Cricket ground.

Sites 3 & 4 - Grange Farm, east of York Road Totally opposed to these sites. Reinforcement to prevent encroachment would be difficult. There is no adequate access. The land is very low lying and waterlogged for part of the year. It is bordered by a stream.

Site 5 - West of Newsham Road, north of Westfield Lane Totally opposed to this site. This is an open leisure area

which should be developed for sport for Thirsk. There is no screening, no access and it is in too close proximity to valuable property.

Site 6 - East of Thirsk Station The access is on a blind corner and is the access to part of the racecourse for the starting gates and to farm fields. The scrubland to the west is a tip for the racecourse and is infested with rats.

It is not considered that 6 years use of the laybys is long enough for them to be 'historic'.

Questions to be asked:

Will the laybys currently used as gipsy sites be barricaded off to prevent access?
Will there be a better police presence?

Suggested Site Reclaimed land past the amenity tip at Sowerby - owned by the District Council. This is not the site shown as No. 8 on the original plan.

A letter received from Mr. R. Hinton disagreed with the comments made on Sites 1 & 2. Coun. Murkett stated that there is not a suitable site in Thirsk and considered that the search for a site should be widened and questioned whether any other areas in the southern part of Hambleton District had been asked to look for suitable sites for gipsies. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Hall 'That these sites should not be considered until a similar exercise of consultation has been carried out in the whole of Southern Hambleton.' Agreed. The District Council to be requested to carry out these consultations as soon as possible.

Tenders for Grass Cutting - 1989 Season The Clerk reported that contract documents had been sent to three contractors and two had submitted tenders.

Tender No. 1. The Greens - £50.00 + V.A.T. per cut. The Holmes - £75.00 + V.A.T. per cut. Mill Gardens - £21.00 + V.A.T. per cut.

Tender No. 2. The Greens - £22.00 + V.A.T. per cut. The Holmes - £26.00 + V.A.T. per cut. Mill Gardens - £10.00 + V.A.T. per cut.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'That Tender No. 2, submitted by C. E. & C. M. Walker be accepted.' Agreed.

Cemetery Charges Revised Cemetery charges, as recommended by the Cemetery sub committee were presented to the meeting. Coun. Murkett told members that it is necessary for the charges to reflect the cost of running the Cemetery especially in view of the difficulties which may be encountered with the introduction of the Poll Tax. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Cemetery sub committee's recommended increase in Cemetery charges be accepted.' Agreed. The new charges will come into force on 1st April.

Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Barry Coates to apply for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Three Tuns Hotel.

18, Shire Road A letter from the Chief Planning Officer's Department stated that the complaints in respect of 18, Shire Road have been investigated by the Enforcement Officer who, from the details obtained, is of the opinion that the present use of the property does not require the benefit of planning permission and does not intend taking any further action at this time.

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A61 - Town End A letter from the County Area Surveyor referred to his meeting with this Council and representatives of Sowerby Parish Council, and enclosed a copy of a plan showing the layout of the proposed mini-roundabout at the junction of road A61 and B1448 Town End. The mini-roundabout will facilitate the free movement of traffic on all the approach roads which should help relieve the traffic congestion at this junction. Funds have been made available in the coming financial year. Comments on the proposal are invited. Regarding the suggestion that a one-way system should be introduced in Sowerby Road, the location has been inspected by the County Area Surveyor and Divisional Surveyor, who are of the opinion that if a one-way system is introduced, it would result in traffic having to make quite a long detour and, of more concern, this traffic would be diverted past the Primary School. It is suggested that the traffic problems at the junction of Sowerby Road/Topcliffe Road be monitored following the installation of the mini-roundabout to see whether or not further action is necessary. Members welcomed the proposal for the mini-roundabout and agreed to accept the County Area Surveyor's suggestion regarding Sowerby Road/Topcliffe Road.

Britain in Bloom Details of the 1989 Britain in Bloom Competition presented.

North Yorkshire Welfare Benefits Unit Details presented of a campaign to begin on 30th January.

Coun. Roberts A letter from Coun. Roberts enclosed photographs showing rubbish in Porter Vaults Yard and requested that the District Council be asked to remove it. The letter referred to the District Council collecting rubbish from commercial premises early on Monday mornings, resulting in bags of rubbish being left over the weekend outside offices which are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and do not open until 9.00 a.m. on Mondays, and asked if the District Council could be requested to either collect on a different day or start later on Monday mornings so that the rubbish can be put out then. Coun. Roberts requested that all the undertakers be reminded of the Cemetery Rules, especially regarding the amount of notice which must be given to the Cemetery Superintendent before a burial can take place. It was thought that the rubbish had been removed from Porter Vaults Yard and it was agreed that this should be monitored and the day that rubbish is collected from the Market Place confirmed before any representation is made to the District Council.

Anonymous Letter Members refused to accept a letter addressed to the Council but without the name of the sender.

Search for Premises A letter to the Mayor, from a person from a Masham wishing to find premises in Thirsk, in which to carve items made of wood from 'Herriot Country', was forwarded to the Chamber of Trade.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0062J</u>	Mr. R. I. Phillips	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0119A</u>	J. Tetley & Sons Ltd	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0126R</u>	Mr. M. D. Parker	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0126S</u>	Mr. M. D. Parker	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0289D</u>	John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0347</u>	Hambleton District Council	Withdrawn
<u>2/88/152/0363</u>	Mr. J. Bell	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0218C</u>	Barclays Bank PLC	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0365</u>	Mr. R. Hall	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0250A</u>	Exors of Mrs. A. Reynard	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0066K</u>	Bridge Garage	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0053K</u>	Thomas of York	Refused

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

2/88/152/0153A Use of Room in Existing Dwelling for Bed and Breakfast Purposes at 25, Kirkgate for Mr. & Mrs. Cable.
No Objections.

Plans cont/2/88/009/0101

Use of Land for Light Industrial Purposes at Part OS 0018, North of Thirsk Industrial Estate for Hambleton District Council. The land is subject to the Public Inquiry into objections to the Thirsk Local Plan. The application should be refused until the outcome is known. It is questioned whether the access road is wide enough to service all the traffic. There is no provision for Emergency Services. No proposals for screening. Full P.P. has been applied for but no details of buildings supplied. Information supplied is inadequate.

2/89/152/0119B

Provision of 2 Fire Escapes at Ye Olde Three Tuns for J. Tetley & Son. No Objections to Fire Escapes but enquire is application has been made for Listed Building Consent for Internal Alterations.

2/88/152/0035E

Application presented at January Meeting. Observations made following site visit. (Lloyds Bank). This is an attractive wall in a Conservation Area which should neither be lowered, rendered nor demolished. Rendering and the use of precast copings are totally unacceptable and the lowering of the wall is unnecessary and would encourage vandals.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Markett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - February	- £ 278.00 ²
R.B.L. Poppy Appeal	- Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	- £ 8.00 [✓]
N.E.E.B.	- Charges re - Christmas Lights	- £ 182.09 [✓]

Additional Accounts

J. Bell	- Re-roofing Little Green Shed	- £ 116.00 [✓]
G. Johnston	- Lamps & Labour - Christmas Tree	- £ 157.78 [✓]
G. Johnston	- Lamps, Cable, Time Clocks et. & Labour	- £1502.80 [✓]
	Christmas Decorations	

Concern was expressed at the account for Christmas Decorations but it was pointed out that although the Round Table had donated £300.00 to purchase strings of lights, the actual cost of illuminating the south side of the Market Place was in excess of £700.00 + V.A.T. It was agreed to write to the Chamber of Trade regarding their promised contribution towards the cost of the Christmas Lights.

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

Cynthia Thackray	3 E2	£ 30.00 [?]
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Reports

The Clerk reported that all the tickets for the Mayor's Dinner have been sold. The Mayor will be very pleased to receive tombola prizes and sponsorship.

Coun. Loveden reported on the Y.R.C.C. Course where the topics of Town Twinning and the change in the structure of District & Councry Councils were discussed.

Coun. Murkett reported that a speaker at the Course had stated that British Rail are considering a scheme for long distance trains to stop at Thirsk and Northallerton with feeder buses bringing in passengers from outlying areas and suggested writing to both British Rail and the County Council's Public Transport Officer asking for the Town Council to be consulted.

Any Other Business

R.A.F.A. At the request of Coun. Loveden, it was agreed to send congratulations to the Royal Air Forces Association on on their 40th Anniversary.

Gipsy Site At the suggestion of Coun. Murkett, a letter from the Chief Planning Officer to Mr. R. Hinton, regarding gipsy sites, was read to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 20th March 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, The Clerk & 2 Members of the Press.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Miss M. M. Lowe & H. D. Craig.

Minutes The Minutes of the 1988 Annual Assembly were read to the meeting.

Chairman's Report The Chairman referred to improved communication and discussion with the County and District Councils, neighbouring local councils and the public. Officers of the County and District Councils have attended Town Council meetings, and members of this Council have been to the Civic Centre to discuss the Market Place Improvement Scheme and Recreation Land. A Coach Park has been created at Millgate, the Railway Station has been modernised and the Town Scheme implemented.

Reports from School Governors

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Craig's written report showed the number on roll as 263 with class sizes ranging from 22 to 34 pupils. The report also referred to educational visits and extra curricular activities. There are plans to extend the school building in the future.

All Saints' R. C. School Mrs. Greensit's report mentioned the happy atmosphere in the school, a roll of 92 with class numbers ranging from 15 to 28. The Headmistress and Deputy Head have tendered their resignations to leave the school at the end of the summer term.

Reports from Members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

Thirsk Swimming Baths Coun. Davison reported that a new Board of Trustees is being formed. The Ings Water project has not progressed due to lack of funds.

Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden reported that the reorganisation of the North-allerton premises is complete. A branch has been opened at Easingwold. The number of cases at Thirsk is increasing. It was agreed to invite the District Organiser to speak to the Council later in the year. It was also agreed to consider making a donation to C.A.B. at the end of the financial year.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley reported that the Town Hall is now the official C. I. P. for Thirsk and Sowerby.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Hall reported a rising tide of sporting activity in the town. There had been three local representatives at the Seoul Olympic Games. Coun. Murkett stated that he would like to see more support for the Athletic Club from the District Council. It was agreed to thank the District Council for the early implementation of the lighting scheme in Newsham Road. Coun. Murkett to request a lamp to be sited opposite the junction of Newsham Road/Cemetery Road.

Local Councils Association Coun. Murkett reported that the Yorkshire L.C.A. had had a very active year. He had been to London on two occasions to attend meetings of the National Association of Local Councils.

Town Hall Coun. Roberts reported that the Town Hall continues to thrive with many regular users. The Annexe has been re-wired and re-decorated. The problem of the noisy heaters appears to have been solved.

Civic Society Coun. Bell reported that the Civic Society has been involved with the Parish Map and in making objections at the Town Plan Public Inquiry. Members were reminded of the A.G.M. which is to be held on 22nd March.

Parochial Charities It was reported that £48.00 had been distributed at Christmas. Coun. Roberts stated that the organisation of the Charities has been taken over by Mr. S. Josephs whom she has asked for more information re investment of the funds. Coun. Murkett stated that the Charity Commissioners are to look at outdated charities and modify them.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Report - 8th November 1988 to 7th March 1989

Numbers

Number on roll 8th November 1988	245
November transfer leavers	- 5
November transfer admissions	+ 2
December transfer leavers	- 3
January reception intake	+ 19
January transfer leavers	- 2
January transfer admissions	+ 6
February transfer leavers	- 2
February transfer admissions	+ 3
March transfer leavers	- 1
March transfer admissions	+ 1
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Number on roll 7th March 1989	263

Present class sizes

Nursery Unit	25 a.m.) 25 p.m.)	Mrs. Arkle & Miss Featherstone
Class 1B	23	Mrs. Brown
Class 1A	22	Miss Atkinson
Class 1M	23	Mrs. Middleton
Class 2	31	Mr. Titchmarsh
Class 3	33	Miss Turnbull
Class 4	32	Mrs. Speight
Class 5	32	Mrs. Turner
Class 6	34	Mrs. Rider
Class 7	33	Mr. Johnson
Special Needs		Mrs. Sheldrake

Staffing

Mrs. Warriner began maternity leave on 5th December 1988.

Mrs. S. Rider was the successful candidate for the post of temporary teacher due to maternity leave. She began duties on 5th December 1988.

Mrs. Middleton changed teaching responsibilities from class 6 to class 1M on 5th December 1988

We have received notification from the L.E.A. that staffing is to increase to Head + 11 as from September 1989. The present situation is that an advertisement has been placed in the North Yorkshire schools vacancy list under category A.

Curriculum Development

Maths - Mrs. B. Chorlton, Maths Advisory Teacher, made a series of visits during November and December and has made a follow-up visit this term. Her input with classes 2, 4 and 5 has proven valuable. Mr. Johnson continues to lead the mathematics development. He is being freed from class teaching commitment for one session each week in order to work alongside colleagues. He is also leading the working group on Maths which has been meeting regularly and has produced a staff discussion document and reported back at two full staff meetings to date.

Science - Mr. Titchmarsh continues to lead the working group on Topic which encompasses the disciplines of Science, History and Geography. The group has been meeting regularly and has reported back at full staff meetings.

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Oct 15th Visit by Mr Bainbridge with Winnie the Pooh character
" 16th Match with Dishforth - Football and netball games played at home
" 21st 4 pupils distributed baskets of fruit provided by children to citizens of Thirsk and Sowerby with Meals on Wheels organiser - Mrs sargent was very helpful
Nov 10th Visit by Fire Officer to check appliances
Mrs Elders attended Library Meeting
Open Evening 6.30 - 8.30
" 11th Dental Inspection
" 17th School Medicals
" 20th Football and Netball - Away Games at Topcliffe C.E.
" 30th Road Safety Quiz - School gained full marks and came first
Dec 9th Afternoon Performance of School Play - *Something in the Air*
" 10th Evening Performance of School Play -
Police Talk and Video a.m. "Never Go with Strangers"
" 16th Christmas Dinner and Party
" 17th Sung Mass in All Saints' Church

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Jan 6th Re-open No. on Roll 92
Class 4 - 25 Mrs Rushton
" 3 - 15 Mrs Backhouse/Mrs Smart
" 2 - 28 Mrs Elders
" 1 - 24 Miss McVey
Miss Butcher - Peripatetic Music - Cello
Mr Hickman - " " - Strings
Mrs Llewellyn (Parent) - Netball
P.C. Wells - Football
" 8th Barclays Bank Christmas Card Competition
Siobham Moyes presented with 2nd prize
" 11th School Nurse
Head Teacher's Meeting Sowerby C.P.
" 15th Presentation of Naylor Road Safety Trophy by Councillor Dennis (Road Safety Quiz)
" 19th School Workshop - Mrs Williams came to start us off on our share of the mural that is to be put in Thirsk Library which will contain panel worked by various schools and organizations

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Feb	8th	School Medicals - Dr Hodgson Staff Meeting
"	10th	Jun 4 to Thirsk School for Dance programme
"	11th	Football - Dishforth visit
Mar	11th	Football - Bullamoor School Northallerton, 11 aside
"	22nd	Mass in School 10 am.
"	25th	Good Shepherd Fund Total £89.06
Apr	29th	Hearing and Vision test
May	21st	Music Festival 7.30 pm
June	14th	Medicals
"	23rd	5 aside + Netball - Topcliffe Runners up
July	12th	Coffee Evening
"	13th	Swimming Gala
"	14th	Sports Day

Sept 1988

Term began with 91 on roll. Staff as before. Mrs Philpott took up Secretarial duties.

Sept 21st Sung Mass in Church to mark the end of the Marian Year

The Brown Family who left for Sheffield showed their appreciation by individual bouquets for the Staff. (I would add that parents of children who leave the school often present us with cheques for School Fund.)

Oct	17th	Dr Hodgson visited school
Oct	20th	Mrs Hunter and Mrs Fothergill (Meals on Wheels) helped four of Junior 4 (representing the school) to deliver 32 baskets of fruit for our Harvest Thanksgiving. There were several appreciative letters during the following days. The four children gave their impressions of the event in Assembly the next morning.
Nov	2nd	Reopened Mass in school for All Souls day
"	9th	Mr Helliwell, Thirsk Baths, visited the school to discuss the new arrangements. The new arrangement is that we will pay £2.50 per week for an instructor - added to our 10p per capita charge.
"	14th	School nurse

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NOV 16th Visit from Mrs Sue Fortune to see our library provisions. She was pleased with our arrangements.

" 21st Dental check

" 28th Mr J Huddleston, Primary Adviser, visit to see Mrs Smart in action. Mrs Smart is at the end of her two year probationary period - Pleased to announce that she has passed.

" 29th Induction of January's intake of new pupils. (7 children)

Dec 13th Afternoon performance of Pied Piper, video

" 14th Evening performance of Pied Piper - very well attended.

Number on Roll Jan '89 - 92 children

Jan 5th Transport Police film on Safety for Children. (P.C. Holtsby)

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Jan 6th Mass in All Saints' Church for Epiphany

" 16th Collection begin for Holy Childhood Mission. - Letter read out to children from Bishop Harris. David our Liaison Police Officer now has a coaching certificate

" 17th Nurse for hearing and vision test - new entrants and school leavers.

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A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Miss M. M. Lowe & H. D. Craig.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman, Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden with the following amendment - Page 452 - Market Place Improvement Scheme - The meeting was told that some District Council Technical Officers would have preferred square setts to have been used instead of cobbles.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs Nothing reported. It was agreed to ask Coun. Turton if he has received any further information on the matter and if not, to seek the assistance of William Hague M.P., either by letter or attending his next surgery in Thirsk.

Right of Way - Millgate Car Park The District Council officer dealing with this matter is still absent from duty.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land Nothing reported.

Thirsk Post Office Letter re 69, Market Place acknowledged.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

Thirsk Railway Station Written replies still awaited. The Clerk had received a telephone call in which it had been promised that the reason for not replying would be investigated. A letter from the York Area Manager stated that there has been some organisational changes concerning Area Manager's boundaries and the responsibility for Management of local rail services in the Thirsk area will pass to the Area Manager West Yorkshire, at Leeds.

River Pollution A letter from the Division General Manager Y.W.A. stated that the problem of consent compliance at Thirsk Sewage Treatment Plant is recognised and a major scheme to rectify the problem is included in the Authority's established capital works programme. Development within the Thirsk Catchment area has resulted in additional loading of the works which, on occasions, causes the works to exceed the consent levels. The Authority is endeavouring to minimise the number of occasions when consent levels are breached and are currently carrying out minor capital works to minimise the problem in the interim. A further letter listed instances when the water has passed and failed its consent. None of the failures should have had a significant effect on the Cod Beck. A full solution to the problem will involve extending the works to cope with additional loads. Problems at the Finkle Street pumping station, operating by H.D.C. as the Water Authority's agents, have occurred due to pump blockages. Remedial work has been carried out promptly on each occasion that a report of a blockage is received. The pumping station is being monitored by regular visits of maintenance operatives at least three times per week and early signs of problems are dealt with accordingly. It is intended to modify the existing equipment in the near future to ensure that the standby pump operates at any time that the duty pump fails, a system which is not automatic at the present time. The pumps were installed in 1980 so it is not a question of the equipment being unsatisfactory. It is intended to cleanse the upstream sewers serving this station by high pressure jetting to reduce the risk of blockaging. Members considered the situation to be unsatisfactory and pointed out that a great deal of building development has taken place since the installation of the pumps. It was agreed to point out this fact to the Y.W.A. and to request the automation of the pumps as a matter of urgency. It was also agreed to send a copy of the Water Authority's letter regarding the pumping station to the Principal Technical Officer inviting his comments.

Gipsy Sites A letter from the Chief Planning Officer reiterated the reasons why the District Council is concentrating its efforts on identifying a site close to the Thirsk area. After a long discussion during which members expressed the opinion that there is not a suitable site in the Thirsk area it was agreed that comments on the suggested sites should be submitted to the District Council.

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Gipsy Sites cont/ Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that this Council's comments, made at the special meeting, with the exception of the first three sentences of Points in Favour of Site 1, be forwarded to the District Council'.
Voting - 3 in Favour - 1 Against. It was agreed to point out that some members of the Town Council are still of the opinion that the search for a site for gipsy caravans should be extended further south than Thirsk.

A61 - Town End Nothing reported.

Refuse Collection It was reported that the rubbish has been removed from Porter Vaults Yard and that the collection of refuse from the Market Place is now taking place on Monday afternoons.

Christmas Lights A letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade stated that the Treasurer has authorised a payment of £20.00 to complete the due sum of £300.00 over three years. The Clerk explained that the Chamber of Trade had obviously taken into account the £80.00 donated towards illuminating the trees in the Market Place at Christmas 1986 and which had been thought to be in addition to the promised £300.00. Coun. Murkett expressed concern that the cost of Christmas Lighting will place a burden on domestic ratepayers with the implementation of the Community Charge when the Town Council will not benefit from charges on commercial premises. It was agreed to seek a meeting with the Chamber of Trade to discuss the future of Christmas Lighting in the town.

Long Distance Trains/Thirsk It was reported that information regarding the stopping of long distance trains at Thirsk had been incorrect. A letter from Mr. Simon Crosfield of the Ripon Railway Re-instatement Association gave reasons why it will not be possible for Intercity trains to stop at Thirsk.

Access Roads - St. James' Green Letters presented from the Chairman and a member of the Residents Association for the Preservation of St. James' Green seeking the Council's assistance with regard to the potholes in the access roads and stating that the Green is being eroded by vehicles, other than those of the residents, being driven on the grass to avoid the potholes. It was agreed to reply stating that St. James' Green is registered Common Land and that by law no vehicles are allowed. It was also agreed to ask if the Council endeavours to provide the materials to fill the potholes will the residents organise the labour?

Correspondence

Liaison Meeting with Hambleton District Council Letter, addressed to all Parishes in Hambleton District, from the Y.L.C.A. stating that the Council is invited to send two representatives to a Liaison Meeting with the District Council to be held at the Civic Centre on 3rd April. It was agreed that Coun. Roberts and Coun. Bell represent this Council.

Street Sweeping Contributions A letter which accompanied the account for Street Sweeping stated that in the light of proposals for the revision of the Street Sweeping Service, the Chief Environmental Health & Housing Officer will contact this Council in due course regarding the negotiation of future contributions. It was reported that the post of Street Sweeper for Thirsk had been advertised and the Chief Environmental Health Officer had been asked if the Town Council can be involved in the appointment of the new employee.

Community Advisers in Hambleton Notification received that Coun. Roberts has recently completed a Community Adviser Course and has undertaken to help revise and maintain this Council's community emergency plan.

Disqualification and the Use of Apologies The Y.L.C.A. 'White Rose Update' draws attention to the necessity to take care in the way 'Apologies for Absence' is used. Receiving an apology is not a satisfactory practice for Parish and Town Councils and the Council ought to consider whether it accepts a Councillor's reason for absence. Recent legal advice indicates that a Council cannot approve a reason for absence if no reason is given and simply to record absence or an apology does not constitute approval of the reason. Councils are strongly urged to adopt a practice of seeking a reason for absence and recording in the Minutes whether or not the reason given was approved by the Council. It was unanimously agreed that this practice be adopted.

Word Processor The Clerk presented details of an Amstrad PCW 9512 Word Processor which she considered would fulfil the Council's requirements.

Coun. Bentley told the meeting that there are other machines which would be more suitable. It was agreed that consultation should take place before a final decision is made.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0102J</u>	Woodhead & Bray	Granted
<u>2/88/152/0074A</u>	Tudland Ltd	Refused
<u>2/88/152/0321D</u>	McLean Homes North East Ltd	Refused

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

<u>2/89/152/0309W</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for Internal Alterations to Existing Building at Golden Lion, 62, Market Place for Wright Properties. <u>Recommend Refusal of Application to Remove Beam. Every effort should be made to retain this historic evidence of original timberframe construction.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0362A</u>	Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to Include a Domestic Garage at 8, Whitelass Close for Mr. S. James. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0038E</u>	Siting of an L.P.G. Tank at Thirsk Squash Club. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0336D</u>	Details of the Construction of a Detached Bungalow with Domestic Garage at Plot 3, Stoneybrough Close for Mr. C. Pollitt. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0366</u>	Installation of an Air Handling Louvre at Thirsk Telephone Exchange for British Telecom. <u>No Objections</u>
<u>2/88/152/0309</u> <u>U&V</u>	Revised Details of Application for Residential Development at the Rear of the former Golden Lion for Wright Properties. <u>Recommend Redrawing of Plans to differentiate between New and Old Work and between Repair and Demolition. The cottage, particularly the windows and roof, should be left as it is. Not all the chimney stacks should be removed. Details throughout should be improved. Recommend that the Developers be advised to apply for inclusion in the Townscape Scheme. It is believed that the entrance to the yard is Common Land.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0062K</u>	Renewal of Consent for the Siting of 2 L.P.G. Tanks and Extension to Existing Restaurant and Kitchen to Include a Public Bar and Boiler Room at Hollin Barn for Mr. R. I. Phillips. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0341A</u>	Provision of a New Shop Front at 2, Finkle Street for Chris. Crow & Co. <u>Recommend Approval but insist that the materials used for the window are timber and not UPVC.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0321E</u>	Layout of Land and Details of the Construction of 58 Dwellings (Detached) with Domestic Garages at 'The Coppice' for McLean Homes. <u>Clarification required regarding shaded areas on the roads. Footpaths seem to disappear. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the play areas?. More indication required of type of landscaping.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0367</u>	Additional Use of Existing Dwelling in Connection with a Mobile Pet Food Business at 5, Trnmire Close for Mr. M. D. Swiers. <u>Recommend that the Environmental Health Department be consulted.</u>
<u>2/89/152/0368</u>	Alterations to Existing Building at Rear of 21 Millgate for Mr. A. Schfield. <u>This work has already been carried out under the Townscape Scheme.</u>

Plans cont/2/88/139/284D,E,F
Parish of Sowerby

Amended Plans for Development at Blakey Lane, Sowerby for
F. D. Todd & Sons.
Totally Support these applications.

2/89/152/0031D

Provision of a New Shop Front at 30, Market Place for Carricks
(Caterers).

2/89/152/0031E

Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 30, Market
Place for Carricks (Caterers).
Members noted that this work has already been carried out and is
totally unacceptable. The Planning Sub Committee to formulate
objections.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - March	- £ 278.00 ✓
J. D. Barr	- Dividends & Interest for upkeep of Graves	- £ 35.88 ✓
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£425.00 ✓
	Telephone Rental & Administration	£ 78.79 ✓
Hambleton D. C.	- Estimated cost of Street Sweeping to 31.3.89	- £2881.63 ✓
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying Cemetery Skip	- £ 29.90 ✓

Additional Accounts

Wm. Potts & Sons	- Maintenance of Town Clock to 28.2.89	- £ 69.00 ✓
Thirsk Hardware Co.	- Reimbursement of cost of Electricity for Christmas Lights	- £ 9.94 ✓
Coun. Murkett	- " " " " " "	- £ 7.47 ✓
Yorks. L.C.A.	- New Edition of Local Council Administration	- £ 17.50 ✓
P. McKay	- 3 hours work in Mill Gardens @ £2.50 per hour	- £ 7.50 ✓

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

Harry Bright	36 G4	£ 60.00 ?
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Any Other Business

Tidy Britain Group Coun. Loveden reported that the Tidy Britain Group's Environment
Week is to be held from 22nd April to 1st May. It was agreed that
Sunday, 23rd April should be 'Tidy Thirsk Day' when everyone is invited to participate
in tidying up the town. Refuse sacks can be collected from the Car Park at 9.00 a.m.

Litter Bins Coun. Bell stated that a litter bin is required in Norby Front Street
near the Tyre Depot and Coun. Roberts reported the need for one near the
seat on the west side of Stockton Road.

Lamp-post Coun. Murkett asked that the District Council be requested to provide a
seat around the lamp post outside the 'Mr. Minit' shop as it is now in
the centre of the footpath because of the pavement widening scheme and pedestrians
are bumping into it.

Flower Baskets Coun. Murkett offered to provide flower baskets for a lamp post on
the south side of the Market Place if Coun. Hall will fix brackets to
it.

Blocked Drain Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to a blocked drain in Chapel Street
which causes problems in wet weather.

Industrial Park The District Council to be requested to send copies of all plans
appertaining to the Industrial Park, to this Council.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts.