

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 18th April 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. Mrs F.R. Roberts (in the Chair), J. Salmon, J. Marshall, B. Garthwaite, L. Brown, A. Robinson, J. Watson & A. Morton, Mr M. Woods, Divisional Surveyor from N.Y.C.C. and Cllr. D. Murkett, who arrived midway through the meeting owing to other commitments.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillors R. Hall, and Cllr. Murkett for late arrival.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting on the 21st March 1994 having been circulated were considered read; several amendments were necessary - Minutes should not have been approved by Cllr. L. Brown as she had not attended the previous meeting - noted - on page 762 para 4 - this should read - 'subject to negotiation'. Traffic Matters - Cllr. Marshall requested that the minutes be amended to read 'the proposal from the Town Council that double yellow lines NOT be painted in Barbeck had not been taken on board. Proposed Cllr. A. Robinson seconded Cllr. A. Morton that the Minutes then be approved and signed the Chairman.

**Police Matters:** As a result of complaints re the peddling of goods house to house - Sgt. Harrison showed the Council the certificates issued by N. Yorkshire Police - advising Councillors that pedlars may have legal certificates issued by other Police Forces. He also advised of the problem of illegal collectors in the Market Place - for whom the Hambleton District Council issue permits. We still have the problem of heavy vehicles driving through the town in the late evening -

Cllr. Robinson advised the Council that the police had been called out to 'noisy children' playing on the new playground, - as this complaint was in the early evening it could not be avoided. Sgt Harrison was pleased to report that there had been no problems during the recent race meetings.

**Divisional Surveyor:** Mr M. Woods, N.Y.C.C., Divisional Surveyor advised the Council that the County Council are intending to do an improvement scheme on Ingramgate - and asked the Town Council what amendments it would like to see included. Agreed that a site meeting be arranged to consider this and that this be on agenda next month.

Cllr. Robinson reported that bollards intended to prevent parking adjacent to the White Mare roundabout, had been placed too far apart. Mr Woods advised that these are to be adjusted.

Cllr. Salmon asked if it may be possible to plant trees along Long Street - this was difficult because of underground mains services.

Cllr. Roberts expressed concern about an unfinished footpath in Long Street - Mr Woods advised that was soon to be completed.

Cllr. Robinson expressed concern about a steep drop into the Cod Beck adjacent to the road a few north of the N.Y.C.C. Depot - Mr Woods promised to inspect.

Cllr. Salmon expressed concern about the 'blind' exit from the footpath adjacent to the weir onto the road. Mr Woods to look into this.

Cllr. Marshall asked when traffic calming measures for St Mary's were to be implemented - Mr Woods advised that they had been approved but that a 'date had not yet been fixed'.

Mr Woods advised the Council of road resurfacing soon to be done in Thirsk - Station Road, White Mare roundabout, Barbeck and Ingramgate, he apologised for any inconvenience, but stated that as much work as possible would be done at night to minimize disruption.

**District Council's Report:** Cllr. Marshall asked Councillors for suggestions for grant aid to Voluntary Organisations.

**Shopping Survey** - Cllr. Marshall reported on the receipt of the shopping study on Northallerton & Thirsk, this needed more discussion. Agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the Retail Survey, recently received Planning Amendments and plans for non-food retail development.

**Lighting Schemes:-** Cllr. Marshall asked that Hambleton District Council wished to be advised of problem areas with poor lighting. Various areas were identified.

**Matters Arising:** Replies to earlier correspondence were noted from the N.Y. Police and N.Y.C.C. As the Police failed to support our request for a roundabout - it was considered necessary to slow the traffic down along Long Street. Agreed to ask for a 30 m.p.h. limit.

**Gipsy Site:** Nearing completion should be open mid May.

**Sowerby Waste Site:** Reply from N.Y.C.C. noted.

**Market Franchise:** Correspondence from the Department of Environment was noted. Councillors commented that the cancellation of the Car

**Boot Sale** had improved local fund raising efforts. Proposed Government regulation of the markets would make it difficult for Trading Standards to police. Proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson that our M.P. be invited to a local Car Boot Sale. Agreed.

**St Mary's Church Clock:** An appeal for funding towards the repair of the church clock as discussed by the Council. Proposed Cllr. Salmon and seconded Cllr. Robinson that on this occasion the Town Council pay the full cost of the annual maintenance of the clock, also that the Town Council be asked next year for contribution. Agreed.

**Greens;** Nothing further to report.

**Bank Holiday Market:** Cllr. Robinson expressed concern that on the recent Bank Holiday stalls were permitted to stand on the bus park and the taxi ranks. Agreed these areas should be left clear.

**Meeting with Hambleton District Council:** Councillors were advised of the change of venue and time for the above meeting, and were asked to consider any matters they wished to raise with officers.

**NALC Appeal:** Councillors considered the level of contribution towards this years appeal. Proposed Cllr. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Morton that £50 be contributed, as in the previous year. Agreed.

**Donation:** Cllr. Marshall presented a cheque from the National Playing Fields Association for £500.00 towards the play area. This was gratefully received by the Council.

**Planning:**

2/94/139/0391B Installation of a satellite dish at Thirsk Swimming Pool  
The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/94/152/0397A Change of use of existing first floor office to a flat  
62A Market Place, Thirsk

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/94/152/0076H Application for Advertisement Consent to Display one  
externally illuminated fascia sign & one non-illuminated  
projecting sign at 46 Market Place, Thirsk.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

2/94/152/0033E Construction of 6 flats with car parking spaces, Royal  
Oak Yard, Market Place, Thirsk.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

**Planning Results:**

2/94/152/0303M Mr K Ali

GRANTED

**Meeting:** Planning meeting to be arranged for 5 May to discuss Retail  
Survey, Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes and the planning  
application for a non food retail store.

**Site meeting** to be arranged for 28 April to consider possible  
improvements to Ingramgate.



**The following payments were approved:**

Hambleton District Council - Council Tax	£	58.29
I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. Apr	£	337.00
R. Allan - Payment as environment worker (to be paid 4 weekly - 1st on 22nd April)	£	120.00
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£	25.88
The Colour Centre - paint for Cemetery Lodge	£	23.95
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£	8.50
Thirsk Hall Estate - rent & wayleaves Holmes	£	5.00
D. Atkinson - purchase of 2nd hand gate	£	10.00
P. Dunning - travel expenses to Conference	£	32.10
P. Dunning - postage	£	100.00
R. Allan - resurfacing footpath Hambleton (P3)(Grant)	£	350.00
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc.- subscription	£	267.00
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc.- 5 Local Council Reviews	£	32.50
F.D. TODD & SONS - Skip Cemetery	£	65.80
I. Atkinson - reimbursement- repair of wheelbarrow tyre	£	15.87

**The following Exclusive Rights of Burial were Granted;**

Mr Ronald Tyreman  
Elsie and Lawrence Dowson

**New Inscriptions approved**

Annie Ellis  
Marjorie Lonsdale  
Barbara Webster

**New memorial approved:**

Elsie & Lawrence Dowson

**Correspondence:** A letter complaining about the state of the shrubbery in the Macleans Play Area was noted and referred to the Amenities.  
Y.L.C.A. Centenary Celebrations: Councillors wishing to attend the centenary celebrations should advise at the next meeting, so that places can be reserved.

Correspondence advising of the N.Y.C.C. contribution towards grass cutting for the forthcoming season was noted by the Council.  
Minutes from Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee were noted.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance - Cllr. Salmon reported on the year end standing of the Council's resources. Noted.

**Representatives Reports;**

Cllr. D. Murkett moved that the Town Council should enter into agreement with the East Thirsk Community Hall to hold the Council Meetings in the Hall. Agreed that we should enquire about costs and put this on agenda for the May meeting.

It was proposed Cllr. Salmon & seconded Cllr. Morton that the Town Council write to congratulate the E.T.C.A. on achieving their goal. Agreed. Cllr. Murkett advised that the District Council are to be asked to waive the survey charges in respect of the E.T.C.A.

Cllr. J. Salmon asked that it be minuted that he had reported to full Council on the Y.R.C.C. Conference.

Cllr. A. Morton advised that the bereavement care service offered by the C.C.A. has closed. Also that they are currently negotiating for new premises, and that interviews to select a new organiser are to take place on 28 April.

Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts advised the Council of the opening of a play equipment and safety surface exhibition held at Askham Bryan, a joint venture between the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and the North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association to celebrate 25 years.

**Other Business:** Cllr. Morton commented that the new toilets should have provided a facility for young children. Also that a sign showing the opening hours ought to be displayed.

Cllr. B. Garthwaite was congratulated on being elected to be on the Hambleton Housing Association.

Cllr. L. Brown reported that the railway station was un-manned at 10 am on a Saturday morning. Agreed to write and complain.

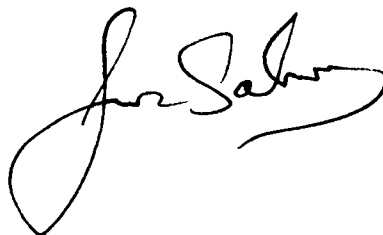
Cllr. J. Watson advised that a piece of fencing was in need of repair on the perimeter of the County Primary School play area. This was to be attended to. Also that seats and litter bins were needed.

Cllr. Watson reported that she had had some response to her appeal for information in respect of the Green Sports and hoped to find more through the resources of the Library.

All Saints report: A letter from Mrs D. Gormley chairman of the Governors of All Saints Primary School was read to the Council. It was noted that there very few new children from Northallerton, partly due to the busing arrangements and partly since it is hoped that there will soon be a Catholic School in Northallerton. Their first year of L.M.S. was expected to leave them with a comfortable credit.

Councillors expressed concern at the poor cloakroom arrangements at the school and it was agreed to write supporting the provision of better facilities.

Cllr. F. Roberts expressed concern that despite local fund raising patients from the Friarage were frequently sent to Darlington for Scanner tests. Agreed to write to the Community Health Council to ask for clarification on the reasons for this.



The Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in East Thirsk Community Hall on Thursday 5th May at 7 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. Miss J. Marshall (in the Chair), J. M. Salmon, B. Garthwaite, L. Brown, J. Watson & A. Morton.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor Mrs F. Roberts.

**Retail Survey:** Councillors discussed the recently received retail survey. The most noticeable comparison between Northallerton & Thirsk shops indicated that Thirsk lost 25% of it's potential trade. Councillors would request that the Hambleton District Council actively encourage more development in Thirsk.

**Planning:**

**2/94/152/0474** Outline Application for the Construction of a Non-Food Retail Unit at Junction of Station Road & Newsham Road, Thirsk for J. Bell Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

The Town Council approve in principle the development of the site, subject to acceptable conditions.

- a) We have concerns about access and egress to the site.
- b) Safe access for pedestrians needs to be ensured, both into the site and along the footpath past the site.
- c) It should be noted that the junction of Newsham Road and Station Road is under considerable pressure with vehicles from the Ambulance Station, Fire Station and the Sorting Office (which is NOT shown on the map)
- d) The development should not detract from the visual amenity of the area. The Racecourse is used as a caravan site on several occasions during the year.
- e) The site will need to be landscaped to make it an attractive feature.

**Supplementary Planning Guidance** On considering the draft of the supplementary planning guidance Councillors considered that the following amendments could be made:

- a) That reference should be made to preserving hedges, as well as trees.
- b) That shop security and advertisements should be two separate leaflets.
- c) Guidance ought to be given on the number of signs permitted on shop fronts.
- d) Some reference should be made to 'A' boards with reference to clutter and safety aspects.
- e) Guidance ought to be given to the increasing number of retail outlets down snickets, as to how they should advertise.

The guidance in general is good, but readers need to be made aware that more information is available from the District Council.

**Any Other Business:** Councillors were very concerned about inconvenience caused by the recent roadworks. Agreed to write to the North Yorkshire County Council expressing dismay at the length of time that the roads were left in poor condition. particularly over the Bank Holiday period.

Chairman

**minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 16th May 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. Mrs F.R. Roberts (in the Chair), J. Salmon, J. Marshall, L. Brown, A. Robinson, R.S. Hall, S. Clements, J. Watson & A. Morton, and Cllr. D. Murkett.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor B. Garthwaite.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the A.G.M. on the 18th May 1993 having been circulated were considered read. Proposed Cllr. J. Marshall seconded Cllr. J. Watson that the Minutes of the A.G.M. be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Chairman's Report:** Cllr. Roberts reported on a very busy year in which the Town Council had helped stave off the implementation of car parking charges. The improvement of several amenity areas such as Carrs Field, and the Greens, were started and a new play area had been provided. Cllr. Roberts thanked Councillors for their support during her year as chairman and formerly resigned her position.

**Election of Chairman:** Nominations for chairman were requested. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Murkett, seconded Cllr. F. Roberts, that Cllr. J.M. Salmon be Chairman. Agreed.

**Chain of Office:** The chain of office was formerly handed over to Cllr. J.M. Salmon by Cllr. F. Roberts.

Cllr. J. Salmon took the Chair, and thanked fellow Councillors for voting him into office.

**Election of Vice Chairman:** Nominations for Vice Chairman were requested. It was proposed Cllr. J. Watson and seconded Cllr. A. Morton that Cllr. Miss J. Marshall be elected Vice Chairman. Agreed.

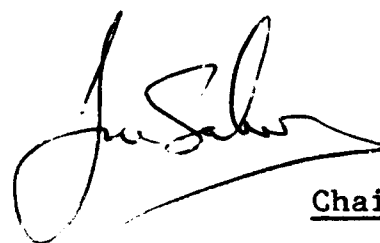
**Annual Financial Report:** Cllr. J.M. Salmon reported on the year end finances of the Town Council. It was moved Cllr. A. Morton seconded Cllr. F. Roberts that the accounts be agreed subject to audit. Town Councils books are to go to audit on 7th June.

**Appointment of Committees and Representatives:**

Cllr. J.M. Salmon outlined his proposals for Committees with some new Committees being formed.

Proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Roberts that the Council accept and approve the Committees as proposed. Agreed.

Proposed Cllr. D. Murkett and seconded Cllr. J. Watson that the Council accept and approve the Representation as suggested. Agreed.



Chairman

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**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, L. Brown, A. Robinson, R.S. Hall, S. Clements, J. Watson & A. Morton, and Cllr. D. Murkett.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor B. Garthwaite.

Meeting adjourned to hear presentation from Mr W. Woolley, Head of Technical Services, Hambleton District Council on the proposed improvement scheme for St James Green.

Mr Woolley presented drawings of an enhancement scheme which set out to preserve and extend the grassed area of St James Green. He advised of grant-aid available via Cape Scheme (10% of total). Total scheme likely to cost £20,000, which can be phased in. Hambleton District Council may be willing to fund between 30-50%, depending on English Heritage contribution and significant Town Council contribution (of at least £6,000).

Mr Woolley thanked. His proposals met our remit that our first priority is to prevent erosion of the green areas, our second to provide reasonable managed access to properties fronting the Green.

Meeting resumed. **County Councillors Report:** Councillor G. Turton referred to the provisional response of the Rt. Hon M. Heseltine, M.P. in respect of the overhead pylons, to which he intends to object strongly. He advised of correspondence from the N.Y.C.C. advising that a traffic count is to be done on Stammergeat junction and that he still supports the installation of traffic lights. It is to be considered at the C.C. Highways Area No 1 sub-committee on 25 June.

Cllr. D. Murkett advised that 'monies for a refuge at that corner were earmarked in the past' (about £3,000) and asked that the money be put towards the installation of traffic lights.

Cllr. J. Marshall, as Governor of Thirsk School asked that Cllr. Turton appeal that the County Council adopt the policy of '1 child to a seat' and that 'seat belts be fitted in school transport'. Councillors agreed that this may be difficult to enforce but that it should be pursued. Cllr. Turton was asked to reflect the view of the Town Council. Agreed.

**District Council's Report:** Cllr. Marshall as a member of the Hambleton District Council's Rural Transport Sub Committee indicated that she would report our view on school buses.

She advised that the District Council had supported the move of the Community Carers Association to new premises.

Cllr. Marshall reported that the proposals to improve the street lighting appeared to be hopeful.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April having been circulated were considered read. Proposed Cllr. D. Murkett seconded Cllr. J. Watson that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Wm Hague M.P. Correspondence re market franchise, Noted.

N.Y.C.C. Re-Surfacing work, Station Road; Council had complained at the length of time the temporary road surface on Station Road was left unfinished. Advised that this was due to the rapid deterioration of the temporary running surface.

Waste Disposal Sowerby Site: Evening closures from 17 May-Noted.

Centenary Celebrations service at York Minster on 4th September - 7 Councillors wished to attend.

**Purchase of Land for Amenity Use:** Cllr. F. Roberts advised of a small pocket of land 2.86 acres adjacent to the cod beck which the Town Council had an option to buy at £1,500. Agreed to accept in principle that the town Council should seek to acquire land of benefit to the Community. Proposed Cllr. D. Murkett seconded Cllr. A. Morton. It was proposed Cllr. D. Murkett seconded Cllr. F. Roberts that the Town Council seek an alternative valuation with a view to purchase. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

*Ans*

**Ingramgate:** Cllr. J. Marshall advised the Council that the District Council were enthusiastic to include the Ingramgate in the Town's enhancement area. It was proposed Cllr. D. Murkett seconded Cllr. F. Roberts that the Town Council seek to establish ownership of the land where necessary. Referred to Amenties Committee to progress it.

**Centenary Celebrations:** various suggestions were put forward to mark the centenary of the founding of parish councils. Agreed that the various options, Civic Service, a scented garden, the planting of trees be referred to a small working party for a feasibility study. This working party to be convened by the mayor and comprise of Councillors, Roberts, Marshall & Salmon.

**Improvement of St James Green:** Agreed that the proposals put forward by Hambleton District Council be discussed further at the Greens sub committee.

**Proposed extension to Millgate Car Park.** Details of proposed realignment of the bus park area and extension of the car park as proposed by the Thirsk Chamber of Trade were referred to sub committee for further discussion.

**East Thirsk Community Hall:** In considering if the Town Council should change it's venue for future meetings, Councillors decided that this should be left in abeyance for the time being.

#### Planning:

##### Results received:

2/94/152/0196E	R.H.Firth	GRANTED
2/94/152/0477	J.F. Crackell	GRANTED
2/94/152/0465B	Hambleton Housing Association	GRANTED

##### Planning Applications:

2/94/152/0474 Outline Application for the Construction of a Non-Food Retail Unit at Junction of Station Road and Newsham Road, Thirsk for J. Bell

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- d) The development should not detract from the visual amenity of the area. The Racecourse is used as a caravan site on several occasions during the year.
- e) The site will need to be landscaped to make it an attractive feature.

2/94/152/0215D Proposed change of use of existing ground floor shop & garage to a restaurant with associated facilities at 20 Finkle Street, Thirsk

Council wished to see this application REFUSED

2/94/152/087A Change of use of existing bible class meeting rooms to office & meeting accom. for conservation purposes at 9-11 Castlegate, Thirsk

Council wish to the application APPROVED

2/93/152/0106C Amended plans for Black Bull Hotel

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Planning Appeal: Thirsk Racecourse Co are to take their application to hold Car Boot Fairs to appeal. Agreed that the Town Council reiterate their reasons for objecting.

The following Exclusive Rights of Burial were Granted;

#### **New Inscriptions approved**

DORIS J. EDEN

REDERICK D. BURN

#### **New memorial approved:**

EVA MESSENGER

GEORGE WILLIAM HESLOP

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**The following payments were approved:**

Hambleton District Council - Council Tax May	£	57.00
I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. May	£	333.00
R. Allan - Env. Worker (4 weeks to 20th May)	£	120.00
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£	33.29
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 5 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£	10.50
M/s C.E. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting	£	305.50
North Yorkshire Playing Fields Assoc. - Annual Subs.	£	10.00
Yorkshire Rural Community Council - Annual Contribution	£	15.00
G. Johnston - electrical work in Town Clock	£	153.22
Power Point - rake & hayter blade	£	44.83
K. Reynard - reimbursement for plants & fertiliser	£	18.50
East Thirsk Community Hall - hire of hall 5 May	£	6.00
Gateway 2000 purchase of computer	£	1,085.00
North Yorks County Council - hire of Court House	£	45.00
Fox's Photocopy Centre - photocopies	£	40.57
Fox's Trophies - engraving of bars for chain	£	8.00

Accounts moved Cllr. D. Murkett and seconded Cllr. F. Roberts. Agreed

**Correspondence:** An invitation to attend Yorkshire Day was accepted. Agreed that 2 Councillors and their spouses attend.

Hambleton Economic Development Report: Referred to Planning Committee.

Libraries: Council agreed to support the retention of our local library in the face of the Local Government Review. Clerk to write to the Prime Minister expressing our concern.

**Committee Reports:**

Cllr. J. Watson reported on a meeting of the Amenity Committee which met to confirm the appointment of amenity worker Mr R. Allan. Proposed Cllr. A. Morton that the Council ratify this decision, seconded Cllr. Marshall. Councillors expressed a wish to meet with Mr Allan, agreed he be invited to the next Amenity Meeting.

**Representatives Reports:**

Councillor J. Salmon reported that he would be attending the memorial service at Skipton on Swale, Saturday next to represent the Town Council and lay a wreath. Also that he would be attending the Royal British Legion Service to lay a wreath on behalf of the Town Council on 6th June.

**Any Other Business:**

Councillors expressed dismay to hear of the forthcoming closure of Thirsk Cinema. Agreed to write to Mr & Mrs Barr to thank them for the service they have provided for the community.

Cllr. Hall advised that the play equipment at the McCleans site needed a seat replacing. Noted, and referred to Amenities Committee.

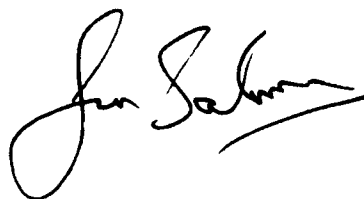
Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts complained bitterly about the lack of reporting on Thirsk events by the local newspapers. This was referred to the Communications Committee.

Cllr. Roberts asked if the District Council had monitored the bus parking area on the recent bank holiday. The Clerk advised that the District Council had confirmed that there was room for one bus to pull in.

Councillor Roberts asked that the purchase of a mayoral chain be put on agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor J. Salmon reported on the proximity of the proposed National Grid's overhead pylon route from Lackenby-Pickton-Skipton which skirted round the eastern side of Thirsk By pass. This was the worst possible route as far as Thirsk is concerned. Agreed that an action group be convened by the mayor, comprising 3 - 5 councillors, to fight against this decision.

The Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.



**Chairman**

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**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, R. S. Hall, F. Roberts, L. Brown, A. Robinson, B. Garthwaite, J. Watson, & A. Morton.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor D. Murkett.

**Minutes:** Proposed Councillor Watson seconded Councillor Roberts that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 May 1994 were approved subject to noting that they were proposed Councillor Marshall not Councillor Watson.

**District Councillor's Report:** Councillor Marshall reported having asked at Leisure Committee last week that District Council consider Thirsk Cinema being used as an Arts Venue. Council decided to wait and see if a buyer appeared.

**Mayoral Chain:** Councillor Mrs F. Roberts appealed for the Council to purchase a mayoral chain so that Thirsk be represented in a better light at functions. After discussion it was agreed to find out the costs and discuss at the next Council Meeting.

**Centenary of Parish Councils:** This was deferred until the July meeting.

**Byelaws:** A report of the meeting of the sub committee was submitted to the full Council. Agreed to write to the Secretary of State, Chairman of the Board of Trade, to our M.P. and our M.E.P. Councillor Marshall reported on the view taken by the Hambleton District Council- agreed to write stating that the Town Council were disappointed by their view and asking them to protest most strongly on our behalf. Yorkshire Water to be consulted about possible effects of high voltage cables over Sewage Works.

#### **Planning:**

##### **Result:**

62 Market Place

GRANTED

Applications received by the Town Council:

2/94/152/076J Application for listed building consent for the display of an externally illuminated fascia sign and a non-illuminated projecting sign at 46 Market Place, for National & Provincial Building Society.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

2/94/152/479 Alterations & extension to existing bungalow & formation of a vehicular access road & to include the change of use of existing

agricultural land to domestic use, at Marcliff, Station Road, Thirsk for Messrs. G.M. Taylor

Council wish to the application REFUSED.

2/94/009/0097D

Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

2/94/009/0140 Use of land as a haulage depot with associated facilities to include the construction of a building to incorporate a waste transfer area, a vehicle workshop & office accommodation & the installation of plant & machinery for the processing of building materials. at Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, for F.D. Todd & Sons, (Haulage) Ltd.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/94/152/319D Formation of a vehicular access at 25 Ingramgate, Thirsk for S.D. Rose

Council wish to see the application REFUSED. Until the area is considered in more detail.

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**Street Naming:** The proposed name of Waterside for the new development along waterside was approved.

The proposed name of Whitestone Close was rejected by the Town Council since it may well lead to confusion with other similar names in the immediate vicinity.

Council expressed dismay at the proposed naming of the new gipsy site, but considered it more appropriate if Sowerby Council chose the name.

The Council's support for the Newsham Road corner to be designated as commercial was canvassed - agreed to appeal that the area not be designated Green Wedge as indicated in the Draft Plan and be designated Commercial.

**Matters Arising:** Correspondence from North Yorkshire Police stated that the Police were unable to support our request for traffic lights at the Long Street/Stammergate Junction, as the free flow of traffic would be impeded. Also that the criteria to reduce speed along Long Street was not met. Agreed write and ask what is being done to reduce accidents at this junction.

**Scanners:** Correspondence from Northallerton Health Trust advised of differing types of scanner which necessitated transporting patients from the area to another.

**Seat Belts -** Correspondence from M.E.P. & M.P. were in support of seat belts in school transport. Confirmed that North Yorkshire County Council are to give preference to coach hire firms with seat belts fitted.

Meeting of the Playing Fields Association on 18 July was noted.

**Toolshed:** Mr J. Bell wrote to ascertain if the Town Council wish to retain the toolshed on the Little Green. Agreed Council wish to retain for future use.

**E.T.C.A.:** Correspondence advising of the formation of a furniture store was noted.

**Heritage:** Following the concern expressed by Councillors it was agreed to write to the heritage Secretary about the possible splitting up of the art & museum collections.

**Libraries:** Letter from resident complaining of the inconvenient opening hours of Thirsk Library was noted. Agreed write in support of this view.

#### **Accounts for payment:**

It was proposed Councillor Mrs F. Roberts, seconded Councillor A. Morton that the following accounts be approved.

Hambleton District Council - Council Tax April/May/June	£	172.29
(N.B. Direct Debit did not go through so 3 months)		
I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. June	£	333.00
R. Allan - Env.Worker (4 weeks to & inc. 17th June)	£	120.00
P. Dunning - salary/room allowance/telephone rental	£	898.21
I. Atkinson - advance telephone rental	£	20.16
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£	8.50
Yorkshire Local Council Ass. (Audit Notices)	£	3.49
Andrew Jackson - felling pruning & shredding Whitelass	£	120.00
Rowley's Nurseries - purchase wreath & bouquet	£	40.00
Alternatives - supply of printer	£	240.87
M/s Walker - grasscutting May 12, May 24, June 7	£	458.25
N.Y.C.C. Hire of Court House - Jan to March	£	45.00
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£	36.54
Earl Haig Fund - Royal British Legion - wreath	£	25.00
East Thirsk Community Hall - hire of room - 24 May	£	6.00

*for*

Reports:

**Amenity Committee:** Councillor J. Marshall reported on action taken by the amenities committee re several problem areas in and around the market place. She reported that District Council are to assist with the clearing of the proposed new garden site.

**Purchase of land:** Council have made an offer for land adjacent to the Cod Beck and are awaiting response.

**Correspondence from Hambleton District Council** offered land in Norby for a play area. The proposal was welcomed by the Town Council and it was agreed that the site be inspected prior to July's meeting.

**Help to Voluntary Bodies:** Hambleton District Council appealed for named of voluntary organisations in need of assistance. Noted.

**Dog Control Byelaw:** It was proposed Councillor F. Roberts, seconded Councillor Marshall that the Council resolved to adopt dog control byelaw. Agreed, with the proposal that these be signed by Councillor Roberts & Councillor Marshall.

**Communication Committee:** Councillor Brown reported on a meeting at which it was agreed to pursue the matter of a Newsletter. Costings and outline to be decided.

**Cemetery Committee:** Councillor Hall reported that there were no problems in relation to the Cemetery.

**Mew memorial & Inscriptions** were approved for:

LEONARD TREMAINE

NORAH MYERS

STUART BINNS

EILEEN MARGARET PAMMENT

**Holmes & Carrs Fields Committee:** Councillor Janet Watson that the Yorkshire Rural Community Council were unable to proceed with Carrs Field. She reported on a meeting at which decisions regarding Carrs Field were taken, to remove rubble, to make further enquiries re events to be held in the field, to erect a plaque to Miss Johnson as benefactor, to make enquiries re the construction of a bridge, and to purchase picnic tables.

**Greens Committee:** Councillor Morton reported on problems re the work recently done by the Gas Board on the Greens advised the Council that he yet to hold a Greens Meeting, but hoped to do so in the near future.

**Finance Committee:** Councillor Salmon reported on the finances of the Town Council - requested that the amounts for each Committee be calculated.

**Market Place Committee:** Councillor Marshall reported on behalf of

Councillor Murkett; she advised of problems re the general untidiness of rear of properties, of seats and pavements in need of cleaning, of the door of the town clock needing painting and of consideration being given to tidying up the Mill garden area.

**Any Other Business:** meeting was advised that the 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery are to give a concert in the market place, on 24 September.

**Sorting Office:** Following recent reports on cut backs proposed for Thirsk Sorting Office it was agreed to write and object.

**Town End:** Concern was expressed out the fading of the roundabout at the Town End, agreed to write re same to North Yorkshire County Council.

**Complaint re grass cutting** noted: Appropriate action taken.

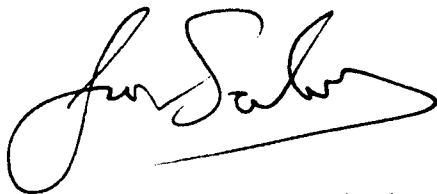
**Annual report of Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau** - Noted

**Applications for Transfer of Licence:**

The following applications were noted.

Alice Jackson re the Black Swan, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk

Peter Ryan/Martin Pickard re Yorkshire Co-Operative Ltd.

 18/7/74

The Meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

Chairman

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 18th July 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, J. Watson, A. Morton, L. Brown, A. Robinson, S. Clements, & D. Murkett.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillors Hall, Garthwaite & Roberts.

**Minutes:** Amendment - page 774 it should be noted that in discussing a name for the former Sutton House site the Council asked that the word 'Sutton' be included in the name'. It was then proposed Councillor Watson seconded Councillor Brown that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 June 1994 be approved. Agreed

**Police Report:** Acting Sgt. Andrea Kell reported that the police were monitoring the activity at the County Primary School playground, with regular visits. Attention was again drawn to the problems when turning right at Stammerge junction. Noted. Problems of children on the roof of the C.P. school, and entering empty properties were noted.

**Water Report:** Cllr. J. Marshall reported on the drastic water shortage in Thirsk and the threat of Thirsk having no mains water. Agreed after full discussion, to ask for full explanation of the present position from Yorkshire Water, of proposed improvement to meet present and future housing needs. Proposed Cllr. Salmon, seconded Cllr. Morton to invite spokesperson to next meeting.

**County Councillor's Report:** Cllr. Turton passed on approving comments from the 'partially blind' about re-locating the taxi ranks. Noted.

Stammerge junction - Cllr. Turton confirmed that waiting restrictions were to be implemented. Cllr. Robinson asked what is to be done with the Calvis Hall layby. Not known. Cllr. Marshall reported that the number of fire personnel is gradually being reduced at Thirsk - Cllr. Turton replied that Thirsk is designated as a 1 pump station, by the Home Office.

**District Councillor's Report:** Councillor Marshall reported that the Thirsk Local Plan had gone forward for draft, with sites recommended for 100 additional houses in the Thirsk area - Admiral's Court and part of Rybeck Farm to be designated as housing. A lorry park to be included in Phase 3 of the Thirsk Industrial Park development, and the racecourse to be redesignated as Sport/leisure. Thirsk's second retail area to be behind a Low's. The Council to be consulted on official deposit in due course.

**Mayoral Chain:** Correspondence from the Northallerton Round Table re the report of last month's discussion was noted. The Council wished to disassociate itself from these comments and agreed to write stating that no 'slur' was intended, the Clerk and Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts had already replied. Noted.

The decision to purchase/or not purchase a new chain was deferred to the next meeting.

**Surveillance Cameras:** Cllr. Marshall reported that the District Council were currently considering installing security cameras. Although there was general support for this it was considered that more information was needed before proceeding.

**Pylons:** Cllr. Marshall reported that District had bowed to public opinion and had passed a resolution to appeal against the pylon decision and ask for undergrounding on Thirsk by-pass if the red route is chosen.

**Planning:**

**Street Naming:** Details of numbering of Waterside received. Noted.

**Formal Street Naming & Numbering** - Details of Sutton Court. Noted.

**Planning Results:**

Mr A. Jones - 9-11 Castlegate  
Change of use premises Royal Oak Yard  
6 Flats Royal Oak Yard  
Mr & Mrs Taylor - Marcliff

Granted  
Granted  
Refused  
Refused

**Planning Applications:**

2/94/152/0481 Proposal: Construction of a detached bungalow & domestic garage and a pair of semi-detached bungalows with domestic garages.

Location St Giles Close, Thirsk

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: Feel that this development is too crowded, and would urge that the planning committee come and see it before a decision is made. it does not seem to match the rest of this small estate.

2/94/009/0141 Proposal: Siting of a carbon dioxide storage tank

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road,

Applicant: Woodlands, Yorkshire

Council wish to see this application APPROVED

Comments: No objections, provided this is not the start of turning the Thirsk Industrial park into a miniature I.C.I.

**General observation re the Thirsk Industrial Park:**

What extent are firms locating at the Thirsk Industrial Park encouraged to access via the by-pass and not coming through Thirsk - i.e. lorries from the North?

2/94/152/0102 Proposal: Ext to existing garage forecourt by incorporating the use/landscaping of existing domestic garden

Location; 1 Westgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Woodhead & Bray Ltd.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: This garden is in the conservation area while that in itself is no bar to commercial activity we do not like the idea of this little garden being turned into a forecourt. We particularly do not like the idea of cars with advertising boards fixed to their roofs sticking up over the top of the wall, which will be distracting to motorist approaching the junction. As well as being detrimental to visual amenity in the conservation area.

**Correspondence:**

A request for an on/off licence from Mr K.Todd was noted. Councillors would have preferred that this be a table licence only.

Memorial: Letter from Mr M. Stott expressed a wish to provide a memorial for his father, Mr Raymond Stott, perhaps a seat. Council welcomed this generous gesture in memorial of a former Councillor.

Duck Race: Thirsk minibus association requested permission to hold their annual duck race. Council agreed subject to minimal disturbance to the ducks at nesting time.

Town Twinning; Correspondence from Michel Ducamp president of V.H.E. with a view to town twinning to be discussed further by the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Accounts approved for payment:**

I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. July	£	333.00
R. Allan - Env.Worker (4 weeks to & inc. 15th July)	£	120.00
R. Allan - clearing & spraying Millgate proposed garden		
- Fitting of style into Carrs Field	£	133.22
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£	8.50
N.Y. Playing Fields Assoc. - subscription	£	25.00
F.D. Todd & Sons Ltd.emptying cemetery skip	£	65.80
M/s Walker - grasscutting June 21	£	152.75
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£	33.81
B. & Q. - purchase/installation of kitchen	£	1057.40
Fox's photocopies -	£	21.41
Royal British Legion Band- donation	£	25.00

**Grants of Burial: the following were approved.**

Eileen Pamment - grave space 8 E4

George Heslop - grave space 6 E4

**Councillors Reports:**

**Market Place:** Cllr. Murkett, Hambleton District Council had responded to complaints re Kirkgate/Market Place - Noted

**Communication:** Cllr. Brown reported on correspondence re the Herriott Country Magazine - proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Morton not to purchase further advertising space this year. Agreed.

**Carrs Field ;** Cllr. J. Watson reported on Carrs Field - She advised fellow councillors that bricks had now been removed, by some Councillors, Clerk and volunteers, and that once the remaining rubble had been cleared the field could be thrown open to the public. The Round Tablers had been approached with a view to organising a sports event. Cllr. Watson reported that she was looking into the history of the sluice gate. Cllr. Marshall had, on behalf of the Town Council sought technical advice about the bridge and been reassured that it appeared sound. However there was some work to be done on bridge parapets and the metal needed painting. Concern had also been expressed re ownership. Agreed that the Town Council try to establish ownership and responsibility. Concerns about the erosion of land below the waterfall, have been reported. Agreed to write to the Cod Beck Internal

Drainage Board and the North Yorkshire County Council about the possible construction of a bridge over Whitelass Beck. The 3 R.H.A. had offered help in the form of man power with the construction. Site visit to be arranged.

**Greens:** Cllr. A. Morton reported on a meeting of the Greens sub committee when the plans from Hambleton District Council were discussed in depth, and various amendments suggested. Agreed that we ask the District Council to redraw making these amendments, when we will then consult with the interested parties, N.Y.C.C., H.D.C. and Mr J. Bell, landowner.

**Finance:** Cllr. J. Salmon reported on the finances of the Town Council, producing abstract of accounts as audited. He was asked to advise of budgets on the new committees.

**Members Report:**

Cllr. Marshall reported on information from ROSPA re Childrens Play Areas Y.R.C.C. conference facilities for hire - noted.

Millgate Car Park - Cllr. Marshall reported that the District Council were to landscaping the garden area before handing over to the Town Council.

C.P. Play Area complaints from residents noted, also letter from Wm Hague in respect of same, noted and referred to sub committee who are monitoring the situation.

Cllr. Morton reported re poor attendance at Castlegate Youth Centre - noted. - C.C.A. have now relocated in Chapel Street. - Complaints re the dog waste bins smelling were noted.

Cllr. J. Salmon reported on his representing the Council at the Citizens Advice Bureau/ the British Red Cross and the burial of the timecapsule on Sutton Court.

An appeal on behalf of the R.B.L. Band for help towards the Austrian trip was approved. Proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr. Watson that £25 be donated. Agreed

Conference: Councillors invited to attend the Y.L.C.A. conference in September noted. Cllr. Marshall and Cllr. Salmon and the Clerk to attend. Cllr. Watson had received complaint re the bollards near the walkway to Barclay's bank - Clerk to investigate.

The Meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

Chairman

## **Thirsk Town Council**

### **Report of Finance Committee, 12 August 1994.**

Present: Councillors Morton, Roberts, Salmon [in the chair], and Clerk.

#### **1] Audit of Accounts to 31 Mar 94**

Following completion of the audit of our accounts, the District Audit Service asked us to discuss various points raised by the Auditor, ensure appropriate action be taken by Clerk and Chairman, and record them in the Council's minutes.

An abstract of these audited and approved accounts was presented to Council at our July meeting.

The points raised were: how to show money transferred to Gratuity Fund; review of insurance cover; monitoring account balances; Chairman to initial each page of minutes; all payments be minuted; meet National Insurance liabilities where relevant; accounts be signed by Clerk and Chairman.

We have noted each point and: will show transfers next year as advised, ensure all payments are recorded in minutes, sign each page of minutes and annual accounts as indicated. We fully reviewed our insurance cover during year [when taking up insurance with Cornhill Ins.] and will review it at intervals. There may be some saving in providing separate playing field insurance from a specialist insurer, as advised by PFA [Cllr Roberts & Clerk to pursue]. We have no National Insurance liabilities as yet, though will check and monitor in future.

To assist Clerk, we will ask our Bank to provide automatic money transfer from a deposit account to meet cheques as they are presented to our current account. If this service is not available from our Bank we will approach other local Banks with a view to receiving this helpful service. It is usually provided free or at low cost to charitable organisations, and we hope will be available to us. The advantage is that our current account never becomes overdrawn nor holds large sums. This will give Clerk time in advance to withdraw money from high interest earning accounts, which must get at least one week's notice of withdrawal, in order to put it in the deposit account and thence to current account as needed. This action will be done after payments are approved by Council each month. In consequence money will always be earning interest [in the deposit account at least], even when set aside there waiting to be transferred to meet current account payments. It will save the Clerk some work and having to juggle transfers and timings between different kinds of account.

These were essentially technical points, important of course to ensure they are done to meet our legal obligations, but none are matters of current serious concern. We noted that the accounts were audited more quickly this year and that the charge at approx. £250 for doing them was lower than last year by around £50. Auditor offered extra advice were to wish it, at a charge, but plainly did not expect us to need to do so. Clerk complimented on preparing straightforward and easy to audit accounts, thus saving us higher audit charges.

Some helpful general advice notes provided by District Audit Service were discussed.

#### **2] Play equipment maintenance funds.**

We have been provided with some monies to cover future maintenance of various play equipments. These are to be recorded and reported separately from other funds to ensure we use them for their proper purpose and can see what remains following use over time.

It is easier to do this if such monies are placed in a separate interest earning account, rather than trying to keep track of it as a book-keeping exercise within the main funds accounts. We noted possibility of fragmenting funds too much, potentially limiting us from receiving higher interest rates on large sums.

With this caveat in mind Clerk to set up a separate Building Society account for these monies.

Note: This account will include £3,665 to maintain Coppice/Herriot Way equipment - over 10 years; £775 to maintain Long St [Persimmon] equipment.



### 3] Review of Money holding Accounts

Arising from the first two points, Clerk and Finance Committee Chairman to review how we hold money in our various Bank/Building Society Accounts.

#### a] Most monies are held in **Bank accounts** [held for both **General & Burial Board Funds**]

Current Account plus Deposit Account	[with automatic transfer to be arranged]
Business premium Account	[1 week's notice of withdrawal]
High Interest Account	[1 month's notice of withdrawal]

b] Held in **National Savings Bank for Gratuity Fund**. Currently £820, having transferred £200 to it from general funds last year to keep this fund topped up to meet eventual payment. This account to be continued as existing.

c] **Grave Maintenance Fund** of £207, currently held in Bank Deposit Account, to be put in a **Building Society Account [No.1]**. The interest from this fund is to be paid each year to Cemetery Caretaker in respect of care of particular graves.

d] New **Building Society Account [No.2]** to be opened to hold **play equipment maintenance money**

Note: After each Council meeting Clerk will transfer sufficient funds into either Bank Current or Bank Deposit Account to meet total of payments approved by Council.

Which of these accounts money is transferred to depends upon -

- i] when we arrange automatic transfer and
- ii] making sure that by either method sufficient funds are in current account to meet cheques when they are presented.

### 4] Break-down of 1994/5 Budget by Committee/sub-Committee heading.

See attached details and proposals.

### 5] Timing of Finance Committee meetings.

To meet three times a year at least. These to be

- 1] in July to consider Auditors report,
- 2] in early December to set next year Budget proposals, and
- 3] in early February to monitor position of end of current year in order advise February Council how to complete budget targets for year.

### 6] Parish Paths Partnership[PPP]

Noted need to put forward proposals to NYCC shortly in order to obtain grant funding.

### 7] Current Year Expenditure Position

This was looked at in some detail.

Noted: £1,375 on Cemetery Lodge includes new kitchen; Insurance sum of £1,003 in total split between GF & BB - with whole of public liability recorded by GF; new computer and printer bought for Clerk at £1,350 approx..

Burial Board expenditure on target; General Fund under at present - will change very rapidly as money for play equipment is spent.

Budget for 94/95 at Dec 93 & amendments (a)	Revenue position at= No. of weeks gone= %age of year gone=	12-Aug-94 19 37%	Payments made from 1 Apr 94 to 12-Aug-94 (b)	% used after 37% year gone (b/a%)	Left in budget at 34,558 (a-b)
	<b>Burial Board Expenditure</b>				
2,200	Paths, walls, gates, etc			0%	2,200
150	Trees, plants, weedkiller, etc.			0%	150
300	St. Mary's Churchyard			0%	300
400	Equipment (inc maintenance & hire)	78	20%	322	
400	Fuel	154	39%	246	
500	Waste, inc Emptying skip	132	26%	368	
1,450	Cem Lodge, inc water ch, phone, /BB Office	1,375	95%	75	
400	Insurance	397	99%	3	
50	Plans and stationery		0%	50	
4,675	Cem Superintendent/Co Tax	1,669	36%	3,006	
	Misc.			0	
10,525	<b>Burial Board Expenditure Total</b>	3,805	36%	6,720	
	<b>General Fund Expenditure</b>				
500	Subscriptions, (inc. LCA)	317	63%	183	
1,500	Donations, inc ETCA Hall	210	14%	1,290	
200	Chairman's allowance		0%	200	
800	Travel, courses, accomodation	313	39%	487	
900	Official expns, inc Election, Audit, wreathes	389	43%	511	
700	Insurances (general)	606	87%	94	
550	Room hire/Court House/Clerk 's room	167	30%	383	
1,000	Phone/Faxes/postages	227	23%	773	
300	Stationery/photocopies/printing, etc.	73	24%	227	
1,500	Equipment [computer/printer]	1,351	90%	149	
3,425	Clerk, inc Gratuity Fund	806	24%	2,619	
300	Miscellaneous		0%	300	
11,675	<b>Total expenditure on Administration</b>	4,459	38%	7,216	
1,750	Town Hall inc insurance		0%	1,750	
1,600	Christmas lights		0%	1,600	
2,600	St. furniture (inc bus sh/Clock/seats/n. board)	198	8%	2,402	
15,000	Play equipment		0%	15,000	
500	Trees, shrubs, etc.		0%	500	
4,300	Grass cutting (inc Flatts)	1,222	28%	3,078	
15,012	Mill gdns/Greens/Holmes+Carr's Fld/	2,256	15%	12,756	
1,645	Amenity Worker	590	36%	1,055	
42,407	<b>Total expenditure on Community matters</b>	4,266	10%	38,141	
11,675	<b>Total expenditure on Administration</b>	4,459	38%	7,216	
54,082	<b>General Fund Expenditure Total</b>	8,725	16%	45,357	
10,525	<b>Burial Board Expenditure Total</b>	3,805	36%	6,720	
64,607	<b>Total Council Expenditure</b>	12,530	19%	52,077	

to Thirsk Town Council						
in Finance Committee						
At 12 August 1994						
Budget Breakdown						
	Communications	Administration				Admin
		Subs/Dons	Expenses	Office	Clerk	Total
Subs. (inc. LCA)			500			500
Donations		500				500
Chrmn's allwnce/hosp. fund			200			200
Travel and courses			800			800
Election			600			600
Audit			300			300
Insurances			700			700
Administration/equipment				1,500		1,500
Room hire/Crt Ho/Clerk's rm				550		550
Postages/photocopies/etc				1,000		1,000
Stationery				300		300
Clerk					3,225	3,225
Pay to Clerk's gratuity fund					200	200
Miscellaneous		300				300
Administration totals		800	3,100	3,350	3,425	10,675
Community Funds [Amenity Committee]						
	Xmas Lights	Market Place	Greens	Holmes/Carrs Field	Amenity Ad Hoc	Amenity Total
Town Hall		1,400				1,400
Town Hall insurance		350				350
Christmas lights	1,600					1,600
Town clock		500				500
Bus shelter		300				300
Seats/noticeboards*					1,000	1,000
Street furniture[inc dog litter bins]*					800	800
Play equipment*					15,000	15,000
Trees,shrubs,etc.*					500	500
Grass cutting					4,000	4,000
Flatts grass cutting					300	300
Mill gardens, etc..		500				500
The Greens			5,000			5,000
The Holmes				700		700
Carr's Field				8,812		8,812
Amenity worker					1,500	1,500
Community totals	1,600	3,050	5,000	9,512	23,100	42,262
Town Council to review distribution of funds if wished.						
Recommend: A) Leave budgets as shown						
B) * These funds asterisked be utilised by all Amenity sub-committees						
C) Council to consider a budget for Communications Committee when it reports its plans						
Notes						
a) Budget breakdown for Burial Board not shown. See monthly report for position.						
b) We began the year with £15,667 in reserves.						
c) We have received £26,000+ income this year to date, including half year precept						
d) Next half-year Precept of [£22,000+£2,500=£24,500] due in October						

15/8/94

## Centenary of Thirsk Parish Council

Proposals to celebrate the 100 years of our Parish Council.

### A) Practical

- 1] Name our new field "The Centenary Field".  
Record this on a plaque, mounted on a stand, sited at the Centenary Field.  
Have a suitable ceremony dedicating the field for public use.
- 2] Put up two hard-wood seats, one in the Centenary Field and one in Carr's Field, each with a plaque recording the purpose. A dedication ceremony be arranged for each.
- 3] Plant a number of trees and shrubs, in both Fields and elsewhere in the parish.  
Seek 50% grant funding for these. Dedication ceremony for each planting.

#### Costs:

Plaque and stand	[allow up to]	£100
Two seats [hard-wood; bolted on to a concrete base]		£500
Trees [at about £30 each, including protective surround]		£800

Total, [including £400 grant] £1400

### B) Light-hearted

- 1] To put up a small exhibition of photographs and relevant papers and documents, showing the work of the Council over the last 100 years; sited in the Town Hall in the [autumn?].
- 2] Council to meet, in front of this exhibition, using the original/first meeting's agenda and then to discuss the matters arising.  
Members of the public be asked to join in with relevant memories and reminiscences
- 3] Civic Society be asked to join with us in setting up this reconstruction.

#### Costs

Limited to hire of Town Hall; advertising. Within a budget eg £50

### Action

If these proposals are agreed:

- a] Clerk to find out costs of two seats, a stand, and plaques for each.
- b] Clerk to establish cost of suitable trees and shrubs, with protective surrounds.
- c] Clerk to seek tree planting grant funding, as instructed by Amenities Committee.
- c] Amenities Committee to identify suitable trees/shrubs and sites for their planting.
- d] Amenities Committee to identify positions to site seats and Centenary Field plaque.
- e] Chairman, with advice from Amenities Committee and Clerk, to decide date(s) and arrangements for various dedication ceremonies. To be completed by March 95.
- f] Costs to be met initially from reserves.
- g] Councillors Roberts and Salmon, assisted by Clerk, to seek relevant information, papers, documents and photographs to put up on display.
- h] Councillors Roberts and Salmon to seek involvement of Civic Society, and, with their help, to set up the repeat of the "original Council meeting". This to be put on by March 95.

Council is asked to approve these proposals, costs and arrangements

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 15th August 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, J. Watson, A. Morton, L. Brown, A. Robinson, B. Garthwaite, R. Hall, & D. Murkett. Mr Les Fussey and Mrs Marjorie Powell from Yorkshire Water

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillors Turton and Roberts.

**Minutes:** It was proposed Councillor Murkett seconded Councillor Morton that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 July 1994 be approved. Agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

**County Council Business:**

Councillor J. Salmon reported on the demise of Lady Tranmire - it was agreed to write expressing sincere condolences to Councillor G. Turton on his mother's death.

Councillor Murkett reported that Councillor Turton had been refused permission to speak against the Pylons as he was a landowner - agreed the issue should not go unchallenged and Council should write requesting special dispensation for Councillor Turton to speak on our behalf.

**Yorkshire Water;** Mr Les Fussey, customer services and Mrs Marjorie Powell, engineer gave detailed information on the water holding system into Thirsk. Mrs Powell pointed out that it was the culmination of a burst pipe at Felixkirk and the unprecedented high demand up by 50%, due to the hot spell, that we had recently enjoyed that led to the shortage of water.

**Mayoral Chain:** Councillor Salmon advised the Council that without entering into discussion he wished to take a vote as to if the Town Council should purchase a mayoral chain. The motion was proposed should the Town Council seek to purchase a mayoral chain. 1 vote in favour, 4 votes against with 5 abstentions.

**Centenary of Parish Councils;** The following proposals were put forward;

- a) The recently purchased field to be called the 'Centenary Field'
  - b) Two wooden benches to be purchased one to be placed in the centenary field and the other to be located at a suitable site.
  - c) A plaque to be placed in a central location to mark the occasion - probably in the Market Place
  - d) Small notices to be attached to the seats
  - e) To plant a number of trees and shrubs in the Centenary Field and Carrs Field and elsewhere in the parish.
- Total anticipated spend on these to be £1400.00 of which it is anticipated £400.00 will be in grant.

These proposals were proposed Councillor Marshall and seconded Councillor Murkett. Agreed.

It was proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Garthwaite that the Market Place plaque be placed on the Town Clock. Agreed that the feasibility of this be considered and that the Amenity Committee decide the wording and the site for this plaque, with a budget of up to £200. A civic service to be arranged for Sunday 4 December to be held at St Mary's Church open for all denominations.

**Romanian Appeal:** Mr Bousefield gave a short presentation of his work to help the Romanian children. He has made 13 trips taking much needed goods during the last four years. A group of 22 children and 5 adults from Romanian are to come to Thirsk for a short holiday.

Councillor Salmon wished to make a donation out of his Chairman's Allowance to purchase a gift of educational material to each child. Noted.

*JS.*

**Matters Arising;**

Royal British Legion: Letter of thanks for the poppy wreath on 6 June and also the D. Day Celebrations - also advised that wreaths were ordered for the Remembrance Service. Noted.

School Transport: Correspondence from Wm Hague advised of recent changes affecting school transport - fact sheet enclosed. Noted.

**Planning:**

Correspondence from advised of a new electricity supply cable to be taken from the sub station, north of the Old Bakery, Millgate Car Park to the Waterside Development - Agreed to ask that care be taken on the reinstatement of the footpath.

**The following Planning Applications were Received:**

2/94/152/0488      Proposal: Extension to existing bungalow.  
Location: 1 Dowber Way, Thirsk  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R. Baker

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: No objections in principle but feel on balance the roof should be pitched not flat. The extension appears to go right to the edge of the property. Is this O.K.

2/94/152/0293F      Proposal: Advertisement consent for the illumination of 2  
existing signs.  
Location: 42 Long Street, Thirsk  
Applicant: Mr H. Ahmed

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: Some concern expressed about yet more lights in this road approaching the roundabout. This will be distracting to motorists. There is a lot of wording on the signs that cannot be read in a quick glance. Also it is near to the zebra crossing with lights flashing.

2/94/152/0477A      Proposal: Change of use of existing ground floor shop with  
storage area to a hot food take-away shop.  
Location: 31/35 Ingramgate, Thirsk  
Applicant: Mr S. Sung

Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

Comments: Too hazardous, parking straight off the roundabout. Query whether such an outlet would be appropriate at the entrance to the town in the conservation area and also this is a mainly residential area. Late night use as a takeaway will not enhance the area or please residents.

2/94/152/0073G      Proposal: Display of an internally illuminated projecting sign  
Location: 14 Market Place, Thirsk  
Applicant: Yorkshire Bank plc

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: Against planning guidelines.

2/94/152/0135D      Proposal: Use of existing storage building as a vehicle repair  
workshop  
Location: Part OS Field 1842 Station Road, Thirsk  
Applicant: T Cree

Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/94/152/0491      Proposal: Construction of a single detached garage.  
Location: 18 Rymer Way, Thirsk  
Applicant: Mr S.J. Watson

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: This plan is not feasible. The personal door opens onto another car space and the roof gutters overhang the neighbouring space to the left. By building a garage there will only be space for one car, rather than two on the existing parking place, thus losing a space. Would a double garage be possible on this site?

2/94/152/0490      Proposal: Extension to existing dwellinghouse to form a  
domestic double garage & conversion of existing integral garage to a store room.  
Location: 55 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk  
Applicant: J. D. Gray

Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

Correspondence:

**Dog Control Byelaws:** Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised that the new byelaws are to be advertised, at the Town Council's expense in the Darlington & Stockton Times. Application will then go to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation.

**Justice of the Peace Recruitment Campaign:** Applications for new magistrates being sought. Noted.

**Tree** - St. James Green - Letter from Sir John Cameron advised that he had donated the South American Beech situated on the Green, and asking that consideration be given to erecting a fence to protect same. Noted.

**Codbeck:** A complaint re the poor condition of the Codbeck was passed on to the Internal Drainage Board.

Paid since last meeting:

B. & Q. - purchase/installation of kitchen	£	1044.75
Cornhill Insurance - renewal of policy	£	1003.48
Yorkshire Local Council Assoc. - conference fees	£	183.30

Accounts approved for payment:

I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. August	£	333.00
R. Allan - Env. Worker (4 weeks to & inc. 25th August)	£	120.00
Hambleton District Council - Council Tax - August	£	57.00
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£	8.50
Power Point - Nylon wire	£	17.04
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£	24.50
Audit Commission - Audit fee for 1993/94	£	256.15
Thirsk Properties - valuation & report on land at Norby	£	58.75
J. Cartman - shrubs	£	9.00
J. McLauchkan Horticulture - cocoa shell	£	11.00
Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board - drainage rate	£	16.45
Cllr. J. Salmon - travel allowance 133 miles @ 20p	£	26.60
P. Dunning - Mileage Claim to Audit (3 journeys- 54 @ 20p		
- repair of suitcase £1.50		
- postage expenses £100.00	£	112.30
C.E. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting July 6, July 19	£	305.50
Hambleton District Council - ½ cost of litter bin	£	73.29
J. Allan - Hire of Hedge Cutter	£	42.53
J. Atkinson - hire of wallpaper stripper	£	6.00
P. Dunning - reimbursement for padlock & chain	£	3.99
Eccles, Heddon & Co - purchase of land	£	1500.00

Committee Reports:

**Finance:** Councillor J. Salmon gave a detailed report on the finances of the Town Council, giving particular attention to Audit of Accounts, Play Equipment Maintenance Funds and the proposals to mark the Centenary of Parish Councils. He gave full report of the present financial position and advised Committees of their budgets. Councillors thanked for his report and it was proposed Councillor J. Marshall and seconded Councillor R. Hall that these be accepted. Agreed.

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**Amenity Committee:**

Councillor J. Marshall reported that a dead tree needed to be taken down in Favenfield, consideration to be given to placing a seat there. In White Rose Way some play equipment and a seat to be placed on the site. The play area in Darowby Way has been inspected by the suppliers, who are arranging repairs. The fencing around the open space off Long Street has been repaired and suppliers of play equipment are to be asked to submit a scheme. The County Primary School play area has been inspected by the suppliers and necessary replacements completed.

**Paths:**

Councillor L. Brown reported on the state of various footpaths around the town - these to be reported to N.Y.C.C. Work on a small footbridge and fencing to be submitted for P3 scheme, also poor surface to be improved.

**Carrs Field:** Councillor J. Watson reported on a survey by Mr M. Shaw, river consultant on the feasibility of constructing a bridge over Whitelass Beck, various options were put forward, further specifications to be asked for. Trustees to be appointed re the Carrs Field.

**Greens:**

Cllr. A. Morton had nothing further to report.

**Cemetery:** Councillor R. Hall reported that the new kitchen was to be fitted Cemetery Lodge this week.

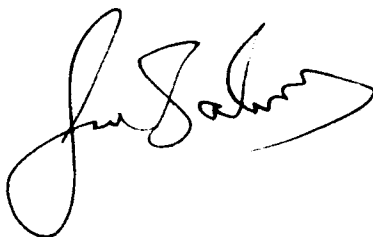
**The following Exclusive Rights of Burial were approved.**

SYDNEY HUGILL GARBUTT Grave Space 14 Section E4  
Ms OLIVE NAIRN Grave Space 9 Section E4

**Any Other Business:** it was reported that an application for ten gaming machines had gone into Hambleton District Council. It was proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Morton that the Town Council write to object for the previously stated reasons. Agreed  
Councillor J. Salmon proposed that the Town Council should write to Thirsk School to thank them for their work in support of the 'Pylon Appeal' especially the children who constructed the model. Agreed.

Councillors were reminded of the invitation to visit RAF Leeming on Wednesday 14 September.

Councillor J. Salmon expressed concern about the high price of petrol in the town. it was proposed Councillor D. Murkett and seconded Councillor Salmon that a letter be sent to the Chamber of Trade pointing this out. Agreed.



The Meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

**Chairman**



**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 19th September 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, J. Watson, L. Brown, A. Robinson, & D. Murkett. Miss Helen Suddick & Mr Terry Beachey, representing the Hambleton Housing Association

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillors Roberts, Morton & Garthwaite.

**Minutes:** The Chairman asked that an amendment be made on page 782 and that the Minute read ..'the high increase in the price of petrol'. Noted. It was proposed Councillor Murkett seconded Councillor Watson that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 August 1994 now be approved. Agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

**Police Matters:** Sgt. Rhodes listened to reports from Councillors of drunken youths running amok, in local shops and committing petty thefts, which made the female shop assistants particularly vulnerable. Advice on how to deal with this form of organised crime is available from the Police. Concern was expressed about children loitering in shop doorways and about the lack of lights on bikes. Noted.

Information re the next Police Liaison meeting not yet available.

**Hambleton Housing Association:** A presentation was given by Miss Helen Suddick, development manager, and Mr Terry Beachey, architect on behalf of the Hambleton Housing Association on the proposed development of a site, off Pick's Lane. The discussion was opened to allow Councillors and members of the public to comment. Questions were asked re possible restoration and concerns re the extra traffic voiced.

The meeting resumed at 8.40 pm

**County Council Business:** Councillor G. Turton thanked Councillors for their condolences on the recent death of Lady Tranmire.

Councillor Turton advised the Council that he had been granted a partial dispensation to speak on our behalf in protest about the Pylons.

**District Council Business:** Councillor J. Marshall reported to the Council on a recent meeting between the Chief Planner, Chief Environment Health Officer, Councillor Murkett, 2 representatives from the Yorkshire Water Authority and herself. She advised the meeting that 'Thirsk does have a problem in respect of it's water supply' since the town is at the end of the line. This to be studied with the help of a water model so that the problem areas can be identified.

**Chairman's Allowance:** It was proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Robinson that the Chairman be granted an additional allowance of £180.00. Agreed.

Councillor J. Salmon, thanked the Council. He went on to thank Councillor Marshall for greeting the Romanian children, on his behalf, and to say how proud he felt to 'present these items to the children on behalf of the Town'.

Councillor Marshall agreed wholeheartedly, and advised the Council that the Bousefield's are to return to Romania later this year, taking family boxes to the children.

Councillor Salmon thanked the press for all their coverage.

**Centenary Celebrations:** Councillor J. Salmon advised the meeting that there was to be a Centenary Service on 4 December to commence at 3 pm. to which local parishes would be invited. He would welcome suggestions for readings and an address. Noted.

**Planning:**

- a) Minutes of the Conservation Area Advisory Group. Noted.
- b) Correspondence re the composition of the CAAG. Noted. it was proposed Councillor Marshall seconded Councillor that there be three representatives, Councillors Marshall, Salmon & Watson. Agreed.
- c) Correspondence re comments, from the Conservation Area Group in respect of the Greens noted.
- d) Local Plan "on deposit" from late October. Noted.
- e) Thirsk Market Place, replacement of bollards. Noted.
- f) Grasscutting Millgate Car Park. Noted.
- g) Letter re underground cabling noted.

**The following Planning Applications were Received:**

2/94/152/019J Proposal: Display of an internally illuminated fascia sign  
 Location: 11 Market Place, Thirsk  
 Applicant: TSB Bank Plc Premises Division.

Council wish to the application REFUSED

2/94/152/016F Proposal: Display of a non illuminated sign.  
 Location: 51-53 Market Place, Thirsk  
 Applicant: Shirtcliffe & Co.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/94/152/073G Proposal: Display of an internally illuminated projecting sign  
 Location: 14 Market Place, Thirsk  
 Applicant: Yorkshire Bank Plc

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/94/152/319E Proposal: Formation of vehicular access  
 Location: 25 Ingramgate, Thirsk  
 Applicant: S.D. Rose

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

2/94/152/0102Q Proposal: Display of 3 internally illuminated fascia signs and  
 an internally illuminated free-standing sign.  
 Location: Woodhead & Bray, Station Road, Thirsk  
 Applicant: Peugeot Talbot Motor Co.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: It appears that this is a new European Corporate Logo.  
 Do the Conservation Area guidelines apply?

The Town Council would prefer not to have internally illuminated.

34/152/493 Proposal: Display of an internally illuminated projecting sign  
 Location: 17 Finkle Street, Thirsk  
 Applicant: Newcastle Building Society

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

**Planning Decisions:**

Kwik Save group plc  
 Market Cross Jewellers  
 Mr & Mrs Copelin  
 Fox's of Thirsk  
 A. Hood  
 Mr & Mrs Schofield  
 S.D. Rose  
 J. Bell  
 Johnsons Properties  
 D.E. Clarke

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Correspondence:

Compulsory Purchase re land on the Greens referred to the ~~Green's~~ Committee for further discussion.

Correspondence from the Hambleton District Council about 'poop scoop byelaws' noted & referred to Ad Hoc Committee.

Minutes from the Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee noted. Councillors were advised that expenditure was needed to replace heaters which were judged 'unsafe'. Councillors expressed concern that routine services may have been overlooked. To consider setting up an emergency fund to budget for such emergencies.

Accounts approved for payment;

Payment of the following accounts was approved Proposed Councillor D. Murkett and seconded Councillor J. Watson.

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Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£	32.75
Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£	8.50
C.E. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting Aug 9/24/Sept 7	£	458.25
Hambleton District Council-Advert-Poop Scoop Byelaws	£	62.96
Royal British Legion - Danger Stranger Signs	£	43.48
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - ½ cost painting exterior	£	125.00
F. Knowles - Goods	£	13.50
Fox's Copy Service - Educational Materials	£	179.96
Fox's Copy Services - photocopies	£	21.02
Eccles, Heddon & Co - legal services re purchase of land	£	193.75
P. Dunning - box floppy discs for computer	£	8.00
Les Almack & Son - Cemetery House - repair to toilet	£	35.25
J.M. Shaw - consultant engineer re bridge/ford	£	245.00

Check in payment of additional work on playground to be withheld until the re-seeding is done as promised.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councillor J. Salmon gave a full report on the finances of the town council. Noted.

Christmas Lights: Meeting to be arranged before next Town Council meeting.

Amenity Committee:

Councillor J. Marshall reported that an area in Norby had been inspected, and the Committee had agreed to ask Hambleton District Council to purchase this site, for amenity land.

Play Areas: Strong letter to go to the suppliers to ensure that they return to complete their contract to ensure areas adjacent to the safety surface are not creating a tripping hazard. Agreed.

Newsletter: Councillor Marshall reported that a report was to be included in the Community Newsletter to make all residents aware of the problems, to report and help the Council ensure that children can play safely.

Favenfield - Dead tree has been removed. Noted.

Town Twinning - Town Council are seeking views from organisations who may be interested in twinning. A [public meeting to be held if there is sufficient interest.

Britain in Bloom: Consideration to be given to improving the general appearance of the town with a view to competing at some future date.

Paths:

Councillor L. Brown reported that the footpaths committee had met with Ms S. Hilder, re the P3 agreement. Proposals put forward had been approved. The local B.T.C.V. group to help with some projects.

*JMS*

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**Cemetery:**

**Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial**

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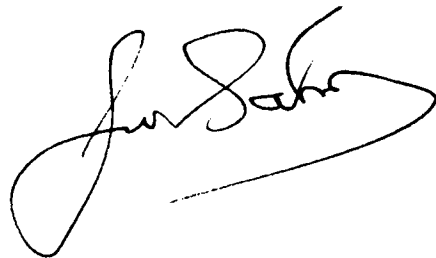
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The Future of Community Hospitals - tabled for Councillors to consider. Noted.

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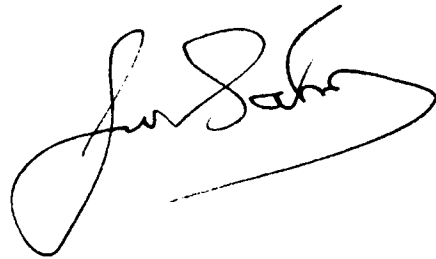
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Chairman

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 17th October 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, L. Brown, R. Hall, A. Robinson, Mrs F. Roberts, S. Clements, A. Morton & Cllr. M. Robson chairman of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee, a member of the public and the press. Councillor D. Murkett arrived late.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence received from Councillors Garthwaite, and Turton. An apology for lateness from Councillor D. Murkett.

**Minutes:** The Chairman asked that an amendment be made on page 785 and that the Minute read ..'Compulsory Purchase re land on the Greens referred to the Amenity Committee for further discussion.'. Noted. Also that the newsletter referred to be clearly identified as the East Thirsk Newsletter. Noted. Agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

**Police Matters:** Councillor Marshall observed that there had been a Heavy Traffic Survey of vehicles through the town. Agreed to ask that this matter together with the previously stated problems of bicycles without lights and the litter problem be put on the agenda of the next Police Liaison meeting which is to be held at Thirsk School on 16 November at 7.30 pm

**District Council Business:** Councillor J. Marshall reported to the Council that the Hambleton District Council have agreed to go ahead with the installation of C.C.T.V. in Northallerton. her concerns over the possible migration of crime were noted. The Council agreed to write to District asking how Thirsk is to be helped overcome potential displacement of crime.

**Newsletter:** Councillor L. Brown reported on a meeting with the Communications Committee, producing a specimen news sheet and advised the Council of cost forecast.

The following propositions were put to the Council;

1) Do the Council agree with the Newsletter in principle.  
Proposed Councillor S. Clements seconded Councillor Mrs F. Roberts that the Council produce a newsletter. Agreed unanimously.

2) Do the Council agreed that the Newsletter should be produced once in this current year and thereafter twice yearly.

Proposed Councillor Roberts and seconded Councillor Morton that the aforesaid newsletter be produced once this current year and that the Council should seek to produce two issues in the year 1995/96. Carried.

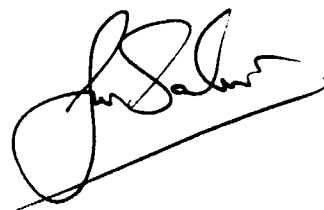
3) Do the Council agreed to allow the Communications Committee a budget of £150 in this current year and a budget of £300 in the year 1995/96.

Proposed Councillor Robinson and seconded Councillor Clements that a maximum of £150 be granted for the first issue, but that the decision of budget for future issues be considered when the finance meeting meets to set budgets for 1995/96. Agreed.

4) Do the Council approve the content?

It was proposed Councillor Roberts and seconded Councillor Marshall that this be taken away and studied. Any amendments to be reported back. Agreed.

**Centenary Celebrations:** Councillor J. Salmon reported on a meeting between Councillors Roberts, Morton and himself to decide on guest list and hymns etc. for the Centenary Service at 3 pm on 4 December. The order of Service to be decided after liaison with the Rev. E. Norris, for which there will be a small charge. Noted. Guests to be invited back to the Town Hall for light refreshments afterwards.



**Committee Amendments:** Councillor J. Salmon presented committee amendments to the Council. Councillors asked that Councillor J. Marshall be included in the Finance Committee. Agreed.

Councillor Marshall asked that 'the changed structure of the Council and it's impact on the workload' be considered at the General Purposes Committee. Agreed.

**Green's:** Councillor A. Morton advised the Council that plans had now been submitted to the N.Y.C.C. for their consideration prior to consultation with residents of the Green.

**Compulsory Purchase:** Councillor J. Marshall reported on the compulsory purchase relating to Todd's Yard to which the Town Council had objected since the land, plot 3, offered in exchange for Plot 1 was found not to be of equal amenity value.

**Planning:**

**The following Planning Applications were Received:**

2/94/152/0119D Proposal: Display of an externally illuminated mounted sign an externally illuminated projecting sign & an internally illuminated lantern.

Location Ye Old Three Tuns, Finkle Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Tetley Pub Co Ltd.

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/94/152/0494 Proposal: Construction of a garden shed

Location: 19 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk

Applicant: D. Dowson.

The Council wish to see the plan APPROVED.

**Comments:** The Council have NO OBJECTION to a garden shed. However neighbours have expressed view that this is in fact a pigeon loft. Can a condition 'that this is a garden shed NOT a pigeon loft' be applied.

**Planning Decisions:**

Johnsons Properties Thirsk

Yorkshire Bank

Mr & Mrs Baker

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Councillor D. Murkett arrived.

Pick's Lane Development ; Comments from the Civic Society to Hambleton District Council were tabled. Noted.

Todd's Yard: Comments from the Civic Society in respect of the proposed compulsory purchase were tabled. Noted.

Meeting was adjourned to hear comments from Councillor M. Robson on matters relating to the Town Hall.

Meeting resumed.

**Town Hall:** It was proposed Councillor R. Hall and seconded Councillor Murkett that the Town Council pay half the cost of replacement heaters. Agreed.

Councillor Murkett asked that the Town Hall Committee advise the Town Council what is needed for the next financial year, so that we can allocate monies in our budget. Agreed unanimously.

Tabled:

Transfer of Licence in respect of the Golden Fleece Hotel was noted.



**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Councillor J. Salmon reported on the finances of the town council. Noted. He asked that Chairman of Committees consider their requests for the next years precept.

**Christmas Lights:** Councillor Robinson advised the meeting that a christmas lights committee meeting is to be held the following week.

**Cemetery Committee:** Councillor Hall reported on a meeting held at the cemetery to consider the condition of the perimeter wall. Work to be undertaken in a rolling program.

The recently refurbished kitchen is now complete, with the damaged unit door replaced. Noted.

The following Grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial were approved:

Sahra Alice Wick Grave Space 10 Section E4

Derek A. Needs Grave Space 11 Section E4

**Carrs Field/Holmes:** Councillor Brown reported that we were awaiting a site visit with representatives from 3 R.H.A. after they have considered the specifications.

Whitelass Beck - the local B.T.C.V. group have carried out wetstone walling to reinstate the banks of whitelass beck. Noted.

**Market Place:** Councillor D. Murkett reported on a most useful meeting with our lady volunteers. Proposals to improve the town centre and the placing of flower tubs, after identifying suitable locations, to be launched under a Thirsk Pride initiative.

Mill Gardens: The further development of the Mill Gardens area is going ahead with the help of our willing volunteers. The Town Council welcome this initiative from our local residents.

**Amenity Committee:**

Councillor J. Marshall reported that a replacement seat is to be purchased to replace one damaged by an army tank, refund to be claimed. Noted.

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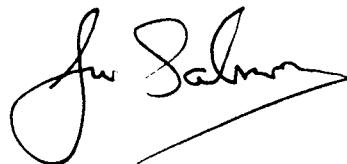
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The Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.



Chairman



**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Councillor J. Salmon reported on the finances of the town council. Noted. He asked that Chairman of Committees consider their requests for the next years precept.

**Christmas Lights:** Councillor Robinson advised the meeting that a christmas lights committee meeting is to be held the following week.

**Cemetery Committee:** Councillor Hall reported on a meeting held at the cemetery to consider the condition of the perimeter wall. Work to be undertaken in a rolling program.

The recently refurbished kitchen is now complete, with the damaged unit door replaced. Noted.

The following Grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial were approved:

Sahra Alice Wick Grave Space 10 Section E4

Derek A. Needs Grave Space 11 Section E4

**Carrs Field/Holmes:** Councillor Brown reported that we were awaiting a site visit with representatives from 3 R.H.A. after they have considered the specifications.

Whitelass Beck - the local B.T.C.V. group have carried out wetstone walling to reinstate the banks of whitelass beck. Noted.

**Market Place:** Councillor D. Murkett reported on a most useful meeting with our lady volunteers. Proposals to improve the town centre and the placing of flower tubs, after identifying suitable locations, to be launched under a Thirsk Pride initiative.

Mill Gardens: The further development of the Mill Gardens area is going ahead with the help of our willing volunteers. The Town Council welcome this initiative from our local residents.

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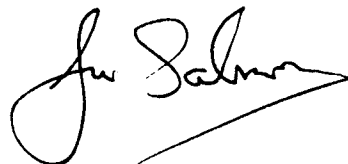
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**Chairman**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 21st November 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, R. Hall, A. Robinson, Mrs F. Roberts, Mrs J. Watson, A. Morton, Cllr. G. Turton & members the press and six members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence received from Councillors Brown and Councillor D. Murkett, also from the police.

**Minutes:** The Clerk apologised for omitting to include apology from Cllr. Mrs J. Watson, the minutes were duly amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts and seconded Cllr. A. Robinson.

**Police Matters:** Councillor Marshall expressed disappointment that the police had been unable to attend as issues of the result of the heavy traffic survey, and the problems of bicycles being used without lights and litter needed to be raised.

Cllr. J. Marshall reported on the recent police liaison meeting held at Thirsk School. She advised councillors that the police were becoming more pro-active, she advised that there was an increase of thefts from garden sheds and garages. Councillor Hall asked if any view re the CCTV cameras were taken, he was advised that the police supported the implementation of CCTV surveillance as useful evidential material.

**County Councillor Matters:** Cllr. Turton advised that he was keen that more members of the public should attend the police meetings - he anticipated that the next police liaison meeting would be held in April in the Town Hall. Cllr. Turton reported that the police are now responsible for their own funding and that a new committee is to be set up to deal with this. He advised that the census of heavy traffic had been to determine how many heavy goods still travel through Thirsk despite signage advising of alternative routes. Cllr. Turton informed the Council that he is to speak against the OHP proposal at the planning meeting on 6 December.

Concern was expressed about the difficulty that large articulated lorries had in negotiating the roundabout at the white mare corner - Cllr. Turton was asked to draw Highways attention to this.

**District Council Business:** Councillor J. Marshall reported on correspondence received from Hambleton District Council re the possible displacement of crime, stating that this was not considered an inevitable consequence, but that Hambleton District would investigate. She advised that baby changing facilities are to be included in public toilets in the car park.

Cllr. Marshall reported that the revised Local Plan is 'on deposit' to allow for any objections or representations to be made.

Hambleton District Council have approved the installation of an all weather hockey pitch at Thirsk School. Congratulations due to all involved.

He also advised that Hambleton District Council are to employ a firm of consultants to ascertain local interest in both Thirsk & Northallerton into the proposal to build an indoor bowling venue.

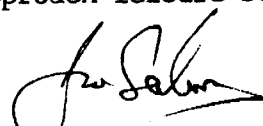
**Compulsory Purchase on the Greens:** Cllr. Morton reported on a meeting with members of the green's committee and District Council re the Compulsory Purchase order to which the Town Council had objected. As a result the District Council had offered to develop the riverside walk, improve the area immediately around the sub station and ensure reasonable access to residents of the Crescent. This was referred to the green's sub committee for consideration.

**Centenary Matters:** Cllr. Salmon reported that the Service Order had been completed for the Centenary Service. Cllr. Morton advised that the crypt would be available for refreshments, should we wish to have the use of it.

**Youth Club East Thirsk:** Cllr. Robinson reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss the setting up a youth club in East Thirsk. After discussion the Council decided to support in principle, this venture, for which donations were being sought.

**Christmas Fayre:** A request for donation towards the Christmas Fayre was discussed. Agreed to donate £60.00 sufficient to hire the Fair Ground Organ.

**Youth Music Festival:** Correspondence from Mr MacPherson asking the Town Council to support the 1995 International Youth Festival was discussed. Agreed to approach leisure Services to ask for grant aid towards funding this event.



**Thirsk Cinema:** Cllr. A. Robinson appealed on behalf of M/s Barr for the Town Council to give consideration as to how they might be able to achieve the re opening of Thirsk Cinema. This was supported by a petition from the children of Thirsk School. Cllr. Marshall reported that it may be possible to develop this as an Arts Centre, which the District may well support. Cllr. J. Salmon gave support to the venture, he asked if Councillors wished to explore positively the possibilities by setting up a working sub committee and to approach Sowerby Parish Council to ascertain their interest. Agreed. Councillor Robinson to be chairman, Councillors Roberts, Morton, Hall & Marshall to form the committee and meet within the fortnight. Agreed.

**Office Facilities:** Cllr. J. Salmon raised the question of providing a separate telephone line for Council business.

Cllr. J. Marshall advised the meeting that there was a possibility of re-locating the office, with the Town Council being given an option on premises soon to be vacated. Councillors agreed to discuss these matters in more depth before reaching any decision.

**Planning Matters:**

The following planning applications were considered:

2/94/152/0180H      Proposal: Display of an externally illuminated fascia sign.  
                          Location: 77 Market Place, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Midland Bank Plc.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

Comments: The white fascia panel is far too large and obtrusive so high up on a building in the Conservation Area.

2/94/152/0496      Proposal: Construction of a building for the storage of machinery.  
                          Location: Thirsk Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Thirsk Racecourse Ltd.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

Comments: This is near the road and so even if it only for an agricultural building we feel it should be more attractively constructed than with concrete block walls. It will be very visible from both the racecourse and the road, which is one of the main entrances into Thirsk.

2/94/152/0243B      Proposal: Display of 2 non - illuminated signs.  
                          Location: 36 The Green, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Ms E. Ogleby.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

Comments: We cannot understand what is to be done with the 'Antiques' sign. It would seem that Ms Ogleby is intending to remove the 'Antiques' signs that presumably denote Mr Ogleby's business - which signs do not, we think, have the benefit of Planning Permission.

2/94/152/0243C      Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of  
                          2 non - illuminated signs.  
                          Location: 36 The Green, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Ms E. Ogleby.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

Comments: The proposed signage not very attractive for a conservation area, the signs do not seem to be of 'conservation quality'.

2/94/152/0016G      Proposal: Installation of a satellite dish.  
                          Location: 51-53 Market Place, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Fox News.

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

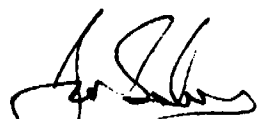
2/94/152/0495      Proposal: Siting of a portakabin for use as an archery clubhouse.  
                          Location: Stable Field, Newsham Road, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Thirsk Bowmen.

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

Comments: We have no objections to a clubhouse on this land but would prefer the permission to be temporary and hope for something more visually attractive eventually.

2/94/152/0472A      Proposal: Extension to existing car park as amended by plans  
                          received by Hambleton District Council on 24 October 1994.  
                          Location: Car Park, Millgate, Thirsk  
                          Applicant: Hambleton District Council

Council wish to see the application APPROVED



Approve but wish to make the following comments:

- 1) We hope that the new planting will be done with care and continuing care taken of the shrubs etc. to see that they are not left to die from lack of watering or weeding. We would ask that decent size trees/shrubs should be used.
- 2) Extra screening should be placed between the footpath and the riverside path.
- 2) Query whether a 1.2 metre footpath is wide enough?
- 4) Positioning of the recycling bays - care needed not to impede the use of the bins by the disabled car parking and vice versa.
- #5) The riverside footpath appears to end at the bridge parapet, is this a mistake, if so the path should be continued across the grass to the road.
- 6) Is a "conservation area" by the river compatible with the footpath

2/94/152/0076L

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of an internally illuminated fascia sign and an externally illuminated projecting sign.

Location 46 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: National & Provincial Building Soc.

Comments: We wish to see this refused. This is internally illuminated and as such goes against Conservation area guidelines. The sign is O.K. & the fascia could be acceptable with suitable external illuminated.

2/94/152/057D

Proposal: Renewal of outline consent for residential development

Location: OS 0685 & land to north of OS 0685, Thirsk

Applicant: Tudland Ltd

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments:

- 1) Does the original parking requirement (1 space + 1 garage) come up to new requirements?
- 2) There is nothing in the original outline concerning play areas - This would need including under new requirements.
- 3) Has any thought been given to how this development will match in with any future plans for housing to the north of Stoneybrough Lane - now to be included in the District Wide Local Plan?
- 4) Letter from CLuttons 21/10/94 is headed renewal of Planning Permission (152/0057C) on land adjacent to Whitelass House, South Kilvington, Thirsk This is totally incorrect. The land referred to in this application NOT adjacent to Whitelass House, Whitelass House is some distance from this parcel of land and is in South Kilvington Parish, not in Thirsk.

2/94/152/0045D

Proposal: Construction of 4 buildings to provide 10 industrial units.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Threejay Developments Ltd.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: No information about the appearance & landscaping or which elevation is front. Not enough detail to base judgement on. Wish to see more detailed plans.

2/94/152/0180J

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of an externally illuminated fascia sign.

Location: 77 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Midland Bank Plc.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: Object, totally unsuitable for the building and Conservation Area.

2/94/139/0464

Proposal: Application for consent to lop a tree subject to TPO no 1993/11

Location: Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: K. Clark

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: We consider the tree well worth preserving - so it must be lopped properly.

2/94/152/0497

Proposal: Use of existing disused agricultural building for the repair restoration and storage of antique furniture.

Location: Abel Grange, Newsham Road, Thirsk

Applicant: T.D. Parvin

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: This is a retrospective application. No objections, provided that method of dealing with any caustic soda effluent is satisfactory. Use of redundant farm buildings is in accordance with local plan.

'94/009/0045D

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 Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk  
 Applicant: Threejay Developments Ltd.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: The Council have no objections to this development, but we would like to stress the importance of screening, landscaping, and the maintenance, as we understand that these units will be for rent the responsibility for this must be more clear at the outset.  
 2/94/152/0019J

Proposal: Display of an internally illuminated fascia signs as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 13 October 1994.

Location: 11 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: T.S.B. Bank Plc premises Division PO Box 382

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: The Council have no objection to the alterations apart from the internally illuminated fascia sign which is against Conservation Area Guidelines.

2/94/152/0076K

Proposal: Display of an internally illuminated fascia sign & an externally illuminated projecting sign.

Location: 46 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: National & Provincial Building Soc.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: The fascia is to be internally illuminated and is not acceptable. The box sign which is to be externally lit is satisfactory. No objections to the fascia if it were externally illuminated.

#### Planning Results:

Thirsk Racecourse Ltd.

Victoria Wine

TSB Bank

Tetley Pub Co

Thirsk Bowmen

Boots Co Plc

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Gaming Licence: Cllr. Roberts advised the Council that an application for a gaming licence had been refused.

District Wide Local Plan: Councillors decided that a special planning meeting would be held with full Council invited to discuss in detail the District Wide Local Plan.

Cllr. J. Salmon informed the Council that the HDC are to publish Planning Guidance Notes.

Survey Signs: Discussion took place re the recent survey of signs in the town.

Consideration to be given to holding a joint meeting with the Chamber of Trade and

officers from District Council. Agreed to write to District asking why our views were not invited prior to the District Council taking action.

#### Accounts for payment:

Confirmation of payment of the following accounts was approved;

E.D. Wood Ltd. - colour converters christmas lights £ 115.50

Thirsk C.O.T. - donation toward christmas lights £ 250.00

The following accounts for payment were approved. Proposed A. Morton seconded Cllr. Marshall. Agreed.

I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. November £ 333.00

R. Allan - Env.Worker (4 weeks to & inc. 18th November) £ 120.00

Hambleton District Council - Council Tax - November £ 57.00

Yorkshire Water - water rate Cemetery Lodge £ 109.58

J.W. Deighton - 2 bench seats £ 240.00

Trevor Iles Ltd - 2 litter bins £ 404.20

F.D.Todd & Son Ltd - emptying skip £ 106.09

Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol £ 27.87

L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 5 weeks @ £2.00(+50p) £ 10.50

C.E. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting Sept 26 £ 305.50

Royal British Legion - 2 wreaths @ £15.00 £ 30.00

I. Atkinson - telephone rental Cemetery Lodge Sep to Nov £ 20.16

Power Point - shovel/spark plug £ 13.77

J. Cartman - prycantha/ties/peat - McLeans Site £ 94.50

.& D.Moore - 32 violas £ 5.50

Sowerby PC - 1/3 cost cutting Flatts £ 196.00

*Lee Suter*

**Application for new vase:**

An application for a new vase for - Mary Gray - Approved

**Correspondence:**

A letter from Thirsk Chamber of Trade thanking Councillors for their donation was noted. Correspondence from the Royal British Legion advising of the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of Cessation of War was noted.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council - information re the NY Rural Initiative was noted.

Y.L.C.A. Minutes of Joint Annual 3 September -, Noted.

Minutes of Annual Meeting J.E.C. 8 October - Noted.

Yorkshire Water - Copy of their Conservation & recreation Annual Report was tabled for Councillors.

**Application for transfer of Licence:**

Re 65 Market Place, Thirsk - Noted.

Re Tesco Store, Station Road, - Noted.

**Sub Committee reports:** Councillor Marshall reported that there had been a joint Amenity /Carrs Field/Holmes/Footpaths meeting to consider the budget necessary for the year 1995/96.

Councillor Robinson reported that there had been a meeting of the Christmas Lights Committee when it was agreed to take extra precautions to protect the Christmas tree and lights from vandalism. He advised that a donation of £250.00 had been given to the Chamber of Trade for the continued enhancement of the Christmas Lights.

Councillor J. Watson reported that at the recent joint meeting it had been decided to redefine the work of the amenity worker/ any comments that Councillors wished to be taken into account be advised with the next ten days.

Councillor A. Morton reported on the disgraceful state of the Greens due to contractors work on the Waterside Development - agreed to refer to the Greens sub committee.

Councillor J. Marshall reported that a complaint from a local resident re the MacLeans site was to be referred to the sub committee.

Councillor J. Salmon reported in the absence of Cllr. Brown on the recently introduced Council newsletter, Town Talk, as a result of which there had already been response-the letter to be referred to the Market Place sub committee. He expressed sincere thanks to Cllr. Mrs L. Brown for her achievement.

Reports: Councillor Marshall reported on the proliferation of A boards in the market place. Agreed to complain to N.Y.C.C.

Councillor Roberts reported on a meeting with Environmental Health Officers re street cleaning and refuse collection. She advised that there was to be a serious attempt to

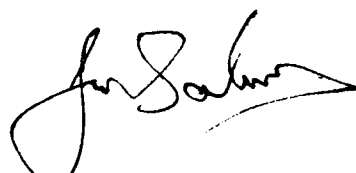
reduce the pick up time. When asked if there a possibility of changing the refuse collection day, replied that District Council said it was not possible. Agreed that if it not possible to change the collection day, we should ask that the collection time be brought forward. The report to be forwarded to the Market Place Sub Committee.

Cllr. F. Roberts noted that her research into the October 1898 Minutes of the Town Council indicated a similar problem!

**Any Other Business:** The Clerk reported that concern had been expressed about the poor footpath around the Church corner, and the lack of a footpath around the Ambulance Station corner. Agreed to pass our concern on these issues on to the N.Y.C.C.

The Clerk reported on a request to bring in street names on Norby Estate. Councillors considered that the streets were too short to be named independently.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

  
Chairman

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 19th December 1994 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, L. Brown, B. Garthwaite, R. Hall, A. Robinson, Mrs F. Roberts, Mrs J. Watson, Inspector Villiers & members the press and three members of the public, Councillor A. Morton arrived late.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence received from Councillors Morton for late arrival and Councillor D. Murkett.

**Minutes:** Amendments re the attendance of Cllr. B. Garthwaite, also that the District Wide Local Plan is Shortly to be on deposit, were noted and duly amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts and seconded Cllr. J. Watson.

**Police Matters:** Following concerns expressed by the Town Council about litter and also of children using bikes without lights, Ins. Villiers advised Councillors that there was to be an initiative re this problem soon but that the Crown Prosecution Service failed to prosecute offenders. The Portman Scheme, which is basically an identification scheme, is to be used to combat the problem of underage drinking. Poor signage at the junction of Stammergate with Long Street is to be considered by Traffic Management. Councillor Marshall referred to young children carol singing at houses in the very late evening, on one occasion providing a distraction whilst a break in occurred at nearby premises. Ins. Villiers advised that all carol singers should be licensed.

**District Council Business:** Councillor J. Marshall reported that an all weather hockey pitch is to be constructed at Thirsk School in 1995, an appeal to include an all weather running surface, should have been made when the District Wide Leisure Strategy was under discussion and had yet to be discussed to consider if it can be facilitated.

A partnership agreement with a local firm and the District Council is to provide Industrial Units, which will provide work in the town.

Lights poor between TIP and Sutton Road roundabout. Problems re poor lighting in the vicinity of the Church and along Sutton Road as indicated in letter from Mr Tyas under control of the highways Authority,

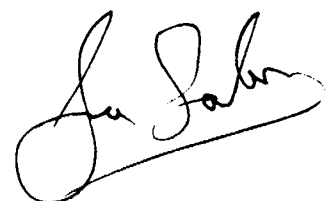
Draft of the Economic Strategy to be discussed prior to next Town Council meeting.

**Tourist Information Centre;** Councillor Mrs F. Roberts reported on a promotional leaflet being prepared by the TIC. The leaflet is centered on Thirsk and is to list attractions within a 25 mile radius of Thirsk - the leaflet to be distributed widely at airports, ports etc. The proposal to give financial support to this project was unanimously agreed by the Council. It was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Marshall that £750 be donated towards the venture. Agreed unanimously.

**Thirsk Cinema:** Councillor J. Salmon reported on a meeting with the former management of Thirsk Cinema. Details re income and expenditure for the last year were circulated to Councillors. It was anticipated that the Cinema would be self funding, once it was re-started. After discussion the following proposals were put to the Council.

- a) That the Town Council agree to take on the lease of the Cinema with a 3 month withdrawal clause.
- b) That the Town Council take over the management - jointly with adjoining Councils if they were supportive.
- c) That an agreement be drawn up with the former management team to run the Cinema for an initial trial period of 6 months.
- d) Within the 6 month period to investigate the potential for development of the facility, to seek advice about potential funding and to monitor the income and expenditure.

Agreed that the General Purposes Committee set up a Steering Group with Cllr. Robinson invited to join as 'front man' Committee to consist of Councillors, Salmon, Marshall, Brown, Morton, Robinson and Murkett. Agreed that a date be set early in January with a view to calling a Public Meeting.



**Precept:** Councillor Salmon reported from the meeting of the Finance Committee on 15 December and asked the Council to accept the following proposals.

- 1) That the post of Clerk be redesignated as a "Busier Part Time Clerk" according to recommendations from the Y.L.C.A. Agreed
- 2) That consideration be given to providing separate office facilities. That £2,000 be put in budget to allow for office provision. Agreed
- 3) That £1,200 be put in budget to allow for office equipment. Agreed

Budget: Total planned expenditure to be £79,595

Using monies out of reserves it was agreed that a precept of £50,000 was required.

Proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr Roberts that a precept of £50,000 be raised.

### **Planning Matters:**

The following planning applications were considered:

2/94/009/0069H                      Proposal: Extension to existing offices to provide staff facilities.

Location: Diagmed, Front Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Diagmed.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: The Council have no objections providing that the proposed building does not cause a loss of car parking space resulting in wagons parking in the lane.

2/94/152/0273D

Proposal: Siting of double linked portakabin for storage purpose

Location: Castle Garth Works, . Masonic Lane, Thirsk

Applicant: GSM Graphic Arts Ltd.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: This the second temporary portakabin on this site! Why do they not go for more permanent buildings? Will this extra building mean that car parking will be lost?

2/94/009/0144

Proposal: Construction of a veterinary surgery.

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Severfield Reeve Projects.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: The proposed building is nearer the main road than the new office to the south, which has had trees planted between the building and the road. It might be better if the proposed surgery kept the same distance from the road and had trees as well. Also the hedge should be replaced on York road having a small gate possibly.

Correspondence re satellite dish in Westgate was noted.

### **Planning Results:**

Fox's News

Hambleton District Council

Newcastle Building Soc.

J.D. Stocks

S.D. Rose

D. Dowson

CAPE Scheme - Correspondence from Hambleton District Council asked for nominations for grant aid noted.

Tree Grant - Correspondence advised that grant of £196.25 had been offered towards this years planting scheme.

TSCAG - Minutes of the meeting 8 November noted.

Car parking - Information re the off street parking places was seen not to include several existing parking places in the Market Place and Millgate car park - resolved to look further into this.

### **Compulsory Purchase Order the Greens:**

Cllr. A. Morton reported on recent correspondence from Hambleton District Council on the Compulsory purchase order relating to the Little Green, Thirsk. He advised councillors on meetings with a representative from the District Council and also with the land owner. It was agreed that

Clarification was needed prior to the Town Council withdrawing its objection to the Compulsory Purchase Order.

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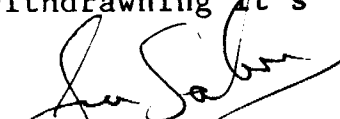
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**Correspondence:** Discussion took place on correspondence from NYCC advising of this years Winter maintenance programme. Resolved to ask that extra consideration be given to the area in the immediate of Thirsk Primary School where dangerously icy conditions had prevailed already.

Community Training Course - Noted - Cllr. Watson to attend. Annual report from Northallerton District Community Health Council. Noted.

H.D.C. Museum Strategy: Small committee to consider and report back to full Council.

Y.R.C.C. Conference on 3 - 5 March - Resolved that the Clerk and 2 Councillors attend - Councillors to advise A.S.A.P.

YLCA - Information including White Rose Update was noted.

Correspondence from a resident of the Crescent expressing concern about the poor condition of the Cod beck was noted. Agreed to write to Yorkshire Water Authority, Hambleton District Council, Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board and the North Yorkshire County Council about the same.

#### **Accounts for payment:**

The following accounts were accepted for payment proposed Cllr. Marshall and seconded Cllr. Hall.

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Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£ 23.74
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£ 8.50
Cllr. L. Brown - reimbursement for film	£ 4.74
J.E. Hall - Refreshments for Civic Service	£ 49.45
L.M. Phillips - footbridge - St Mary's Walk	£ 481.85
A.P. Hill - gate	£ 246.75
Sowerby Parish Council - ½ cost new gas heaters	£ 1099.00
R. Taylor - supply of printer cable	£ 10.00
I. Atkinson - telephone rental 1/12/94 to 28/2/95	
plus underpayment of £3.40 re last rental	£ 26.96
P. Dunning - salary Oct/Nov/Dec + elec. allow.	£ 898.21
telephone rental + postage	£ 100.00
F. Roberts - flowers for Civic Service	£ 13.50
B.T.C.V. Enterprises - tools	£ 256.17
A.M. Duckworth - pruning trees cemetery	£ 129.25
Lesa Brown - distribution of newsletter	£ 27.03
Avenue Printing House - 2,500 leaflets	£ 152.75
Box's of Thirsk - photocopying - Service Order	£ 125.39

#### **Committee reports:**

**Cemetery** Cllr. Hall reported on correspondence from Mr Butterfield re the condition of poplar trees in the Cemetery. After discussion it was decided to have the offending limb cut off and the remainder of the trees lopped to a more acceptable height, to make them more stable.

Application for additional inscription for Phyllis Stoper approved

Application for additional inscription for Georgina Gertrude Pullan approved

Application for a new memorial for Eva Brown approved

Application for a new memorial for May Gregory was approved

**Amenity** - Cllr. Marshall reported that it was hoped to enter the Britain in Bloom at some future date.

**Any other Business;** Cllr. Hall reported on attending the Pylons Enquiry and being most impressed by the considerable financial support that local farmers were putting into fighting against the Overhead Power Lines. Agreed and noted.

Cllr. Roberts wished to acknowledge the wonderful efforts put into the organising and the participation in the Centenary Service. Thanks to all involved.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

Chairman

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**THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 1995**

**Present:** Councillors Marshall, Watson, Roberts, Hall, Robinson, Salmon and the Clerk.

**Thirsk Cinema:**

**Grants:** Councillor Marshall advised the meeting that she had enquired with the Leisure Services, Hambleton District Council, if grants might be available for this project- Andy Carver of Yorkshire & Humberside Arts Council will supply more information if requested.

The Milleniums Fund also give grant aid to the Arts.

ABSA - another organisation which will match expenditure for projects.

**Building:** Councillor Mrs F. Roberts advised that the help available for the decoration and repair for buildings of historical interest may apply.

**Lease:** Councillor Robinson reminded the meeting that we must first seek agreement with the owner of the property. Councillors present considered that the requested rent for the property was fair, after discussion the following proposal was made.

It was proposed Councillor Marshall and seconded Councillor Roberts that we empower our solicitor to approach Mr Calvert to take out a six month lease on the building at a rent of £125 per week, with an option for negotiation for a long term lease at the agreed negotiated price. The lease to commence on 1st March 1995. A request that we be allowed access prior to the commencement of the lease to carry out significant preparation of the property, also to be made.

**Steering Group:** This to consist of members of the General Purpose Committee and other volunteers.

**Management:** After discussion the following was agreed;

- a) That a Management Team be set up, to consist of Councillors Robinson, Roberts, Salmon and the Clerk.
- b) that the General Purpose Committee do the financial monitoring of the project
- c) that the Management Team run the project.
- d) it was agreed that the General Purposed Committee meet, initially on a monthly basis to report on;
  - i) financial update
  - ii) Progress report
  - iii) Development
- e) it was agreed that a separate deposit and current bank account be set up with an initial transfer of £1,000
- f) it was agreed that 2 of the 3 designated signatories be necessary to authorise payment.
- g) to ascertain if V.A.T. can be reclaimed on these 'cinema accounts.'

**Personnel:** Agreement to be reached with the 'Barr Group' of Mr Cartman, Mr Rose, and Mr & Mrs Barr re them maintaining and servicing the equipment and overseeing the project. It was agreed that it was necessary to contact the Barrs to ascertain their expectancy and their requirements for the project.

**Equipment:** The projectors remain the property of Mr Cartman - agreed to ascertain what rent is required.

Other equipment - necessary to check ownership of various equipment prior to commencement of lease.

**Promotion:** Local Schools and other likely groups to be contacted and invited to come and talk with us to assess their possible involvement. (Rural Arts, Police, Radio York) Agreed to contact to ascertain interest.

**Public Meeting:** it was agreed that a public meeting be held in the Cinema - possible first week in February.

**Name:** It was proposed Councillor Marshall and seconded Councillor Salmon that the name of the cinema revert back to the **Ritz**. Agreed.

**Safety:** It was agreed to consider to investigate further the building construction prior to longer term investment.

**Insurance :** Details needed of the lease to ascertain insurance requirements - Public liability may be covered by our present policy.

**Rates -** to ascertain rateable value.

**Cleaning:** As the building has been closed for some time a major clean up is necessary.

**Follow up**

N.B. Rates	1994/.95	£1,650.00	
Rates	1995/96	£3,300.00	(an increase of 42.3%
Rates	1996/97		(to be increased by 43.3% on previous year)

**Minutes of a Meeting at 29 Kirkgate, of the Management Team on Saturday  
7 January 1995**

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**Present:** Councillors Robinson, Roberts, Salmon, Mr & Mrs Barr and the Clerk

**Cinema Project:**

Mr & Mrs Barr gave details of the normal running of the cinema and advised that the minimum required would be;

1 projectionist(£8)      1 ticket seller(£6)      1 attendant(£6)

**Daily cost for staff wages £20.00**

**Projectionists:** It was agreed that a pool of 4 operate on a rota;  
i.e. Geoff Rose/Peter Barr/Ken Cartman/New trainee

**Box Office;** Agreed that a pool of 2/3 reliable persons work on rota  
Float of £25.00 necessary

**Sellers:** Agreed that a pool of 2/3 reliable persons work on rota.  
Float of £5.00 necessary

**Sundries:**

An initial expenditure of £150.00 for icecream, and £400.00 for sweets and drinks is considered necessary(say (£500.00))

**Franchise:** To consider - should we let the franchise for the sundry items?

**Licence:**

The old licence expires on 14 February new application necessary - John Pearson.

**Fire officer:**

Premises will need to be checked - also fire extinguishers.

**Telephone:**

Considered necessary to re-connect telephone on old number - 524751

**Electricity**

To ascertain if a bond is necessary if we pay monthly.

**Heating:**

Necessary to order 20 bags of slack at a cost of £2/per bag £40.00

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 16th January 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, L. Brown, S. Clements, A. Robinson, Mrs F. Roberts, Mrs J. Watson, D. Murkett, A. Morton, R. Hall & members the press and four members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence received from Councillors Turton & Garthwaite.

**Minutes:** Cllr. Murkett asked that he not be included in the Steering Group involved in the cinema project, noted. Councillor Robinson asked that Mr Woodhead be thanked for providing an exceptionally good tree, the Clerk confirmed that this had been done. The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Robinson and seconded Cllr. L. Brown.

**District Council Business:** Cllr. Murkett reported that enforcement officers had to be called to a local garage who were not conforming with planning consent. Noted. Councillor Marshall asked if Councillor Murkett can request for Hambleton District Council to take any action re the obtrusive radio mast recently installed on the ambulance station. Agreed to request the District Council pursue further this national problem.

Cllr. Marshall advised the meeting that comments re the Draft Economic Strategy were overdue, agreed that Cllr. Marshall report the views of the Town Council.

Approval of the veterinary surgery on Thirsk Industrial Park - noted.

Parking Order relating to the Market Place, and Millgate car park - noted.

Cllr. Marshall advised that lighting on the Sutton Court development was not yet complete and that the pavement adjacent to the entrance was still not completed.

Complaint re the lack of assistance at the Thirsk Railway Station - to be followed up.

**Police Matters:** Cllr. Robinson reported on the slow police response when called out to a fracas in the Market Square. Agreed to write to complain about length of response time.

**C.P.O. Little Green:** Cllr. Morton reported that negotiations re the C.P.O. indicated that we were reaching agreement with the Hambleton District Council. Proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Roberts that the Town Council withdraw it's objections subject to satisfactory negotiations.

**Thirsk Cinema:** Cllr. Robinson reported on meetings of the General Purpose Committee and the management team.

The following decisions relating to management were ratified;

- a) That a Management team be set up, to consist of Councillor Robinson, Roberts, Salmon and the Clerk.
- b) that the General Purpose Committee do the financial monitoring of the project
- c) that a Management Team run the project
- c. that the General Purpose Committee met, initially on a monthly basis to report on;
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- e) it was agreed that a separate deposit and current bank account be set up with an initial transfer of £1,000
- f) it was agreed that 2 of 3 designated signatories be necessary to authorise payment
- g) to ascertain if V.A.T. can be reclaimed on these 'cinema accounts'

After further discussion about renaming the cinema it was proposed Cllr. Marshall and seconded Cllr. Roberts that the revert back to the Ritz. Agreed.

Rates - Concern ws expressed about the increase in the rateable value - agreed to write asking for discretionary rate relief.

**Community Care Association;** An appeal for a donation towards the cost of purchasing a new sign for the Community Care Association was discussed - Agreed to support in principle. it was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Morton that a donation of no more than £20 towards the cost of purchasing a sign be made. Agreed.

**Planning:**

An appeal re the Hollies, York Road was noted.

2/94/152/0334H

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of a non-illuminated projecting sign.

Location: 48 Market Place,, Thirsk

Applicant: Granada UK Rental & Retail ltd.

2/94/152/0094G

Proposal: Provision of window cill bars on existing bank.

Planning cont.

**Signage-** Thirsk Market Place: An invitation to attend the Chamber of Trade on 7 February to discuss planning application re signage was noted.

**Planning Decisions:**

**Diagmed:** Correspondence from a neighbour voicing concern about further extension to the development was discussed. Council considered that members of the public should comment on the District Wide Plan, to make their views known to the Hambleton District Council. An application for an increase in the number of gaming machines was considered. Councillors agreed to object.

**District Wide Plan:** This to be circulated prior to a planning meeting at which comments will be made.

**Correspondence:** Information from the Royal British Legion re the proposed VE Day 50th Anniversary Celebrations, 8th May 1995, giving details on arranging street parties and the use of beacons and maroons was noted. The local R.B.L. hope to organise a Church Service and march past on 8th May, a carnival to be held on Thirsk racecourse on 15th May followed by a receptions for between 50-100 war veterans; it was proposed Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Salmon that the Town Council offer contribution towards this. Agreed. A request to use the official badge of the town for the newly formed Thirsk rugby team was agreed.

**Accounts for payment:** The following accounts were approved for payment proposed Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Robinson.

I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. January	£ 333.00
R. Allan - Env.Worker (4 weeks )	£ 120.00
Hambleton District Council - Council Tax - January	£ 57.00
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - Petrol	£ 10.96
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00(+50p)	£ 8.50
Power Point - service & parts for grass cutter	£ 69.65
Sam Turner - 3 bench seats @ £220.00 + VAT	£ 775.50
Sam Turner - materials for tree guards	£ 69.02
Soc. of local Council Clerks - subscription	£ 40.00
Y.R.C.C. Conference fees	£ 148.05

### **Matters Arising:**

**Codbeck Thirsk:** Correspondence from the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board stated that they had informed the National River Authority on several occasions about pollution that occurs regularly in the Codbeck. Maintenance work on this stretch of the Codbeck to be completed in 1995, which should alleviate the siltation. Noted.

**North Yorkshire County Council** state that no serious erosion of this footpath is evident in conditions deteriorate will be pleased to assess the situation again. Noted.

**Winter Maintenance:** Correspondence advised that the 'County Councillors will reconsider its policy in September 1995' - the Council is not happy about the late reviewal date, agreed to write again.

**Conservation Area Advisory Group Meetings 1995** - dates noted by Councillors.

### **Chairman & Members Report:**

**Councillor Murkett** reminded Councillors of the parish elections in May - anyone seeking re-election or members of the public considering standing for the parish elections, should get nomination papers in by April 6.

**Councillor Hall** remarked on the sad fact that 17 wreaths had been stolen from the Cemetery over the Christmas period. Agreed that people be advised to take wreaths as near to Christmas as possible.

**Councillor Roberts** remarked how tidy the Cemetery is. Agreed by all Councillors.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Amenity Committee:** Councillor Watson reported on a meeting with our amenity worker when it was agreed to redefine his work, to include <sup>repairs</sup> more gardening, general maintenance on seats and fencing, but still including regular on play equipment. On offer to paint the waterfall bridge was gratefully accepted. Sluice Gate - is still in need of repair, it was agreed to approach local craftsmen for a donation of oak.

**Play Areas:** Councillor Marshall informed the meeting that decisions on choice of play equipment for a new play area was imminent.

**Market Place Committee:** Councillor Murkett: Informed councillors that a sub committee meeting to order flower tubs was imminent, also that it was hoped at some later date to enter the Britain in Bloom competition.

**Communication Committee:** Councillor Brown informed the meeting that she had received a request for a more substantial 'suggestion box'. Agreed to look into this.

**General Purpose Committee:** Contents of the last meeting has already been discussed re the cinema. The committee will continue to progress to look at office accommodation.

**Cemetery Committee:** Councillor Hall reported that a heavy vehicle had backed into the gate post and caused considerable damage, necessitating repairs to the gates and the post.

Agreed to have these repaired, claiming from insurance, if possible.

**es - cemetery,** following on-going complaints from a tenant of the allotments, it was agreed to carry out further pruning of trees.

**Matters affecting Parish:** Cllr. Mrs Roberts brought to the attention of the Council her fears about the upgrading of the A1M. After discussion, it was proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Morton that the Town Council object strongly stating that we object and demand a public inquiry on the basis that the proposals as put forward will increase the traffic flow through Thirsk.

Cllr Marshall reported a hole in the road. To be reported to the County Council. Also concerns about lack of white lining at the Persimmon Estate. To be reported.

A Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall re the County Council budget cuts. Noted.

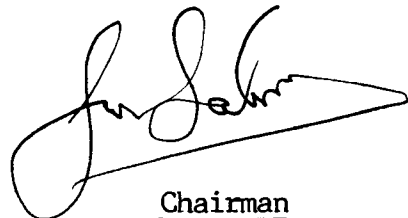
Cllr Watson expressed concern about the lack of reinstatement of the grass in Castle garth following excavation work. Complaint to be made to Northern Electric.

Cllr Clements complained about the traffic problems at Stammergeate junction - agreed to seek a site meeting with highways Authority and the Police.

Cllr Robinson reported deep ruts on the Greens were the N.E.E.B. had been working. Agreed ask them to reinstate. Also that the safety barriers were not in place around excavations at the White Mare Corner. Noted.

Cllr Brown advised the meeting that the library grounds were being used for general car parking. Agreed advise Cllr Turton of the problem.

Concern was expressed about the possibility of being unable to purchase through tickets at Thirsk railway station. Agreed to pursue further.



Chairman

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 20th February 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, L. Brown, A. Robinson, Mrs F. Roberts, Mrs J. Watson, D. Murkett, A. Morton, Councillor Turton, Mr C. Spencer the Chief Exec. H.D.C., Cllr. Mrs J. Imeson & members the press and three members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence received from Councillors Hall & Clements.

**C.P.O. Little Green:** Mr C. Spencer, Chief Exec. of Hambleton District Council and Cllt. Mrs J. Imeson, the Leader of the Council asked the Town Council for their co-operation and help to reach agreement on the C.P.O. of the Little Green. Mr Spencer gave the Council assurances that the Hambleton District Council would maintain the river side walk in perpetuity. Cllr. Morton reassured that this should prevent an unacceptable burden being placed upon our Precept.

Full Council agreed unanimously to withdraw their former objections.

**Signage:** Cllr. Marshall reported on action taken by Hambleton District Council in respect of signage in Thirsk. The Town Council had expressed opinion about some of the signs in the town, but had not been consulted as to what action, if any was to be implemented.

Cllr. Mrs J. Imeson stated that it was unfortunate that this had not been handled better.

Councillors asked that the District Council do more to help businesses in the town.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the last meeting on 16 January were considered. Cllr. Robinson advised Councillors that Cllr. Marshall had reported on the Cinema, not himself. Noted. The Minutes were then approved proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Roberts. Agreed.

**Police Matters:** Correspondence from the North Yorkshire Police advised that local area policing is to be implemented in Thirsk, with officers being allocated responsibility for parts of the town;

PC M. Ryan and PC J. Harrison for the Town Centre, PC D. Pears and PC D. Stokes for Hambleton estate area, PC D. Hannan & PC R. Thorpe for Sowerby area and PC T. Brown & PC C. Thackrah responsible for the Norby Estate. Noted.

**County Council Report:** Cllr. G. Turton advised that there is to be a Police Liaison meeting in the spring. He reported that he had made representation re the proposed reduction of services at Thirsk Railway Station. He reported that there is to be a Public Inquiry on the proposed Dishforth AIM North. As yet he could not report on the recent survey of heavy traffic through the town. Cllr. Marshall raised the problem of Drug Awareness. Noted.

**District Council Report:** Councillor Marshall reported that there is to be a meeting to advise how lottery funding can be applied for, representatives from the Town Council to attend. Lights in Hambleton Drive have now been installed. Councillor Marshall advised the meeting that promotion from Hambleton District Council to improve the market is to be implemented. Noted.

**Cinema:** Cllr. Robinson reported on a successful public meeting to call for volunteers to help run the cinema. The response had been marvellous, with many good ideas brought forward. A meeting of the appointed steering group to be held on 21st February. Thanks were expressed to all concerned.

**Thirsk Railway Station:** Recent problems about the level of staffing at the station were due to staff shortages, this had been addressed. However, proposals to reduce 'through ticketing' were greeted with dismay. Agreed to write to our M.P. and the rail regulator.

**Donation to Charities:** A request for a donation to the Samaritans was discussed by the Council. In view of the many worthwhile charities in need of support it was agreed that consideration be given to have one annual budgeting to allow for such requests.

**Youth Club:** Cllr. Robinson reported on the community project to establish a youth club in East Thirsk. it was proposed Cllr. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Robinson that £250.00 be given towards achieving this.

**Planning:** Cllr. Roberts reminded Councillors about the planning meeting to be held on 23rd February to consider the District Wide Plan.

The following planning application was received;

2/95/152/0499 Proposal: Ext. to existing dwellinghouse

Location: 32 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Beetles

A letter voicing concern about planning application 2/94/152/069H (Diagmed) was noted



**Planning Results:**

Granda UK	Granted
Diagmed	Granted
National Westminster Bank Plc	Granted
Hambleton District Council	Granted
Woodhead & Bray	Granted

**Grass Cutting:** These were referred to the Amentity Committee for decision.

**Exclusive Rights of Burial - Memorials:** The following memorials were granted approval.

Karen Midgley	Lilian Croft
Cyril Messinger	Harold Wick

The following exclusive rights of burial were approved.

Grave Space 2 & 3	E5 Nr & Mrs Sinfield
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Grave Space 1	E5 Mr D. Dowson
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**VE Day 50th Anniversary Celebrations:** Cllr. Salmon reported that he, together with the chairman from Sowerby Parish Council had attended the meeting to consider the VE Day Celebrations. It is intended to hold a carnival on Saturday 15th July for the children on the racecourse, to be hosted by Sowerby Parish Council. On Sunday 16th July there is to be a Church Service, a parade and a tea for the veterans in the Town Hall hosted by the Town Council. It is also hoped to show some vintage films for the veterans.

**Correspondence:**

Minutes of the Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee held on 5 December. Noted.

Minutes of the Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Area Advisory Group meeting on 31 January Noted.

Correspondence re the provision of Garden Waste Sacks. Noted.

Correspondence on the Poop Scoop Byelaws referred to the Amenities Committee.

Thirsk T.I.C. advised on the Annual General Meeting on 22 February. Noted.

Parish precept - Confirmation of acceptance of the precepted figure was received from Hambleton District Council.

Thirsk Christmas Fayre is to be held on Sunday 10th December 1995. Noted.

Village Hall Conference 1995 to be held at Terrington on 8 April 1995. Noted.

An appeal for funding towards the Yorkshire & Humberside Cadet Trust was noted.

A request for more funds for a planting scheme was referred to the Market Place Committee.

**Accounts for payment:** The following accounts were approved for payment proposed Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Robinson.

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Northern Electric - christmas lights	£ 313.72
N.Y.C.C. - hire of court house July/Aug Sept	£ 45.20
Photogas - reimbursement for film/developing	£ 8.38
Tourist Information Centre - donation	£ 750.00
Community Care Association - donation	£ 20.00
A.M. Duckworth - fallen tree/pruning Cemetery	£ 164.50
C. Dale - repairs to cemetery gate post	£ 115.15
F.D. Todd & Sons - emptying of skip	£ 65.80
Fox's Copy Shop - photocopies	£ 55.33

**Cinema Account:**

D. & S Waring - fuel for cinema heating	£ 43.20
Hambleton District Council - licence fee	£ 50.00
Cllr. F. Roberts - cleaning materials - cinema	£ 15.49
Power Point - torch	£ 8.99

**Matters Arising:**

The Department of the Environment is to hold a Public Inquiry for the proposed A1 Motorway

Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised that expenditure has been approved

the damaged sewer outfall at Norby, work to be commenced in the near future.

Street Drinking - District Council still awaiting reply from N.Y. Police.

Correspondence from Northern Electric advised that restoration on the grassed areas in Castle Garth and St James Green are to be completed when weather conditions improve.

**Chairman & Members Report:**

Councillor Marshall gave a report on the problem of poorly installed safety surface which was given us cause for concern. Cllr. Murkett considered that we should bring our problems to the attention of the Yorkshire Playing Fields Assoc. to make other public bodies aware of this problem.

Greens: Cllr. Morton advised the Council that we are awaiting revised plans for the improvement of the area.

Amenties: Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts advised the Council of a meeting with a representative from the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group . Mr Gaddes was enthusiastic about the possibilities for the site and has offered to give a presentation to the Council. Noted.

Market Place: Cllr. D. Murkett reported

**Committee Reports:**

Cllr. Morton advised the Council that the TIC leaflet promoting Thirsk has gone to print. The Tourist Information Centre A.G.M. is to be held on 22 February. Noted.

Cllrs. Roberts and Marshall reported on meetings with Environmental Health Officers from Hambleton District Council re the refuse collection procedure on Mondays in Thirsk.

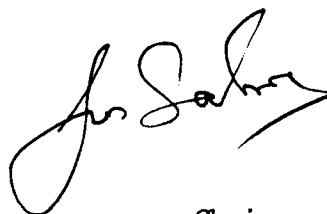
Amendments have been made which have improved collections, and the procedure is still being monitored. Noted. Consideration to providing wheely bins in the town centre to be presented to the Market Place Committee.

Cllr. Salmon reported that the East Thirsk Community Hall had now appointed a caretaker. Noted.

Cllr. Robinson reported that the General Purposes Committee had negotiated a six month lease on the Cinema.

**Matters affecting Parish:**

Cllr. Marshall reported that the Museum Society are to have a report on the recent survey of the Castlegarth. Noted.



Chairman

meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday 21st March at 7.15**

**Present:** Councillors. Mrs F.R. Roberts (in the Chair), J. Marshall, R. Hall, Garthwaite, Brown, Clements, Robinson, Watson & Morton.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on the March 1993 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Morton & seconded Cllr. Garthwaite.

**Chairman's Report** Cllr. Roberts reported on a very busy year in which the Town Council had fought against the implementation of car parking charges, resulting in a Public Parking Inquiry, successfully won, thanks to working together with other concerned groups. The first Medieval Fayre, held in December proved to be a great success. The taking over of various pieces of land, which had warranted the appointment of an amenity worker. The Council has entered into the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme with the intention of improving footpaths in the parish. The Christmas Lights had undoubtedly been the best display yet thanks to the efforts of the Chamber of Trade. Cllr. Roberts gave sincere thanks to all concerned.

**School Governors Report:** Cllr. Morton reported on a year that had seen an increasing number of children attending the school. There are three new teachers, as a result of the recent retirements. He reported that following changes in funding arrangements, the financial pressures indicated that class numbers would probably rise. Cllr Morton paid tribute to the Headmaster & staff and the caring nature of the children, during the current year, £50 had been raised for St James Hospital, Leeds, the sponsored swim had raised £1,000 for the National Asthma Campaign also food and clothing had been collected for despatch to Bosnia.

**Councillors Reports:**

**Carr's Field:** Cllr. Mrs J. Watson reported on the Carr's Field project, following a site meeting to discuss the development of the area, it was agreed that it was first necessary to tidy up the area. It is intended to hold a public meeting to ask residents for ideas for utilising this amenity space. Miss Johnston (dec'd) had expressed a wish that the 'Green Sports' be resurrected - Cllr. Watson informed Council that she is currently looking into the history of the sports and conducting a feasibility study into same.

**Play Areas:** Cllr. Mrs J. Watson reported that a new play area had been provided on the MacLeans site, a second play area was currently being installed on the County Primary School site, but that the Town Council had not been successful in respect of the proposed toddler play area in Norby.

**Amenity Worker:** The recently employed amenity worker would be a most useful asset with the number of areas now the responsibility of the Town Council.

**Parish Paths Partnership:** Two paths in the Parish had been improved already under the umbrella of the P3 arrangement, and it is intended to survey footpaths in the area to identify problem areas.

**Planning Matters:** Councillor Miss J. Marshall reported that there had been a large number of plans for consideration during the current year, but that there had not been any real problems concerning them.

**Greens:** Councillor S. Clements gave a brief report on the on-going problem re the Greens - Councillor A. Morton reported on an informal meeting with the owner and representatives from Hambleton District Council and advised that we are currently awaiting plans.

NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

 Chairman

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 20th February 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, R. Hall, A. Robinson, Mrs F. Roberts, Mrs J. Watson, D. Murkett, A. Morton, & members the press and three members of the public.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the last Annual Assembly held on March 1994 were approved by the meeting proposed Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr. Watson

**Public:** Ratepayer, Mrs K. Reynard suggested that the market might improve if stalls were positioned on the north side of the market place during the winter. Cllr. Murkett stated that this had been considered previously and been rejected, but he moved that the District be asked to look into this. Agreed.

**Structure:** Cllr. Marshall asked that the Council look into the structure of the Annual Assembly and that they consider having a guest speaker, since this was the parishioners meeting, it might attract a larger attendance. Agreed.

**Herriott Memorial:** Cllr. Morton asked that the Council support 'in principle' the proposal to install a memorial to the memory to James Herriott. Cllr. Murkett asked that the Council support the idea of using the veterinary premises as a museum. Councillors agreed both these proposals. Cllr. Marshall added that these would be considered at the April meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee by Hambleton District Council. Noted.

**Police Matters:** Sgt Dalby reported that the new 'area policing' appears to be working well, particularly in communicating with young people. There is to be a drug meeting in April and a Police Meeting in May. Noted. Cllr. Murkett complained about cars parking on footpaths in Ingramgate. Noted. Cllr. Marshall spoke of the problems of street drinking adding that she hoped that the public would report incidents to the police.

**Reports:** Cllr. Salmon reported on a very busy year, which included the Centenary Celebrations, the purchase of the centenary field, the visit of the Romanian children, the Town Council's visit to R.A.F. Leeming, the launching of the newsletter, the installation of a new kitchen in Cemetery Lodge and the Town Council's involvement with the cinema. There were also problems with the town's water supply, the continuing threat to the town of the installation of pylons and the discovery of a Saxon Burial Ground in Castle Garth.

**Thirsk County Primary School** - Cllr. Morton reported on a successful year. The acknowledged need for a new classroom not yet been resolved, but a new teacher has recently been appointed. A discussion on Sex Education was dealt with in a responsible way. There are now seven children from Bank Side Close attending the school.

**All Saints School:** A report from Mrs D. Gormley advised the Council that in the 2nd year of L.M.S. things were going well. There were now 96 children at the school. A compromise had been reached on the school bussing with the parents assoc. having to pay a larger contribution. Further building improvements have been carried out.

**Town Hall:** Cllr. Roberts reported that the Town Hall had never been busier. the C.C.A. had now transferred to larger premises and the Thirsk Minibus Assoc. had now taken over their lease. Bank Holiday markets have been arranged.

**Y.L.C.A.** - Cllr. Murkett reported on the Centenary Service at York Minster, thanking all for their support.

**Community Care Assoc.** - Cllr. Morton reported that the C.C.A. had recently transferred into premises in Chapel Street. Despite the shortage of funding their work with the elderly continues. A new assoc. of the national Assoc. for Widows has been formed. It is hoped to acquire more funding for the Toy Library. The Norby Day centre continues to be most successful.

**East Thirsk Community Assoc.** Cllr. Salmon reported that the hall is now one year old and has met all it's expectations. Fundraising still continues, a Youth Club has recently been formed and a caretaker has recently been appointed.

**League of Friends:** Cllr. Murkett reported that the next meeting of the league is on 20 April. Noted.

**C.A.A.G.** Cllr. Salmon reported that the four meeting held during the year had contributed to a photographic survey, given views on the Waterside development & Todd's development amongst others.

**Tourist Information Centre:** Cllr. Morton reported that bookings at local B & B accommodation were down by 3.7% last year, he added that extra promotional leaflets had been printed, also 50,000 copies of the new Thirsk leaflet. The windows had been

**Citizens Advice Bureau:** Cllr. Salmon reported that they continue to hold two advisory sessions per week in their more spacious surroundings. Some funding has been provided towards their debt work by R.A.F. Leeming.

**Sports Council:** Cllr. R. Hall reported that Thirsk was well supported on the Sports Council. problems had been encountered re the funding of the aqua turf. Noted.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Soc.** Cllr. Roberts advised that they continue to actively support the Revolt campaign against the pylons, and report on the District Wide Local Plan.

**Thirsk Comm Education:** Next meeting at the end of March. Noted. Happy at response to the Courses. A meeting of the Museum Soc. about the Castle Garth dig to be on 25 April. Noted.

Cllr. L. Brown arrived at 7.50 p.m.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Amenity** - Cllr. Marshall advised that the problems re the safety surface on the County Primary School site were being monitored, meanwhile the youngsters in the area were enjoying the play equipment. A new play area off Long Street is soon to be installed.

**Planning:** Cllr. Mrs F. Roberts informed the meeting that no fewer than 99 plans had been dealt with during the last year, as well as dealing with comments regarding the District Local Plan.

**Plans:** Cllr. Morton reported that we were currently awaiting revised plans re the St James Green area and intended to go to public meeting shortly. The C.P.O. re the Little Green had now gone ahead and the way is now clear for the area to be redeveloped, incorporating a riverside path.

**Finance:** Cllr. Salmon reported on the setting of a £50,000 precept for a busy year and estimated that the coming year is likely to be as busy.

**Market Place:** Cllr. Murkett reported that the extension to Millgate Gardens looked very good. Also of the intention to position flower tubs in the town centre and gave special thanks to Mrs Reynard and her helpers. It is hoped to enter the Britain in Bloom competition sometime in the future.

**Carrs Field:** Cllr. Watson reported that work on the footbridge over Whitelass Beck is now almost complete, adding that we are indebted to the local B.T.C.V. group. New fencing is to be erected on the boundary of Carrs Field. A rounders match had been organised last summer and it is hoped to hold some sporting event this year.

**Cemetery:** Cllr. Hall told the Council how well the cemetery was maintained, with many residents agreeing. In an effort to prevent wreaths being stolen prior to Christmas, as had happened this year, families are to be requested to delay placing their memorial wreaths until Christmas Eve. Mrs Atkinson was well pleased with her new kitchen.

**Communications:** Cllr. Brown referred to the council newsletter, of which 2,000 copies were circulated. The 2nd edition to be out in May.

**Footpaths:** Cllr. Brown commented on the work repairing clearing overhanging vegetation and repairing the surface of footpaths incorporating the P3 scheme.

**Christmas Lights:** Cllr. Robinson reported on the success of this years christmas lights, which had been safeguarded by the installation of a fence around the Christmas tree.

**Cinema:** Cllr. Robinson commented that the Ritz Cinema, recently reopened by the Town Council with the help of volunteers, had now been running a fortnight. The public support was still there but that it was early days yet to form an opinion.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday 27th March 1995****Apologies;** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Garthwaite, Clements & Turton.**Minutes;** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February having been circulated were considered read, approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Morton.**County Councillors Report;** Cllr. Marshall reported on behalf of Cllr. Turton that the report on the vehicle survey of traffic through Thirsk was still awaited.**District Council Report;** Cllr. Marshall reported that the recent application for a gaming licence had been turned down. Planning application in respect of the all weather hockey pitch is to go out soon. A review of the market is to be implemented. The area adjacent to the bakery on Millgate car park is to be re-surfaced. The extension on Millgate car park commenced today and is expected to take 6 weeks. The water leak on the St James Green has still not been attended to.**Planning;**

The following planning applications were considered.

/94/152/076M Proposal: Display of an externally illuminated projecting sign.

Location: 46 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: National &amp; Provincial Building Soc.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/94/152/076N Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of an externally illuminated projecting sign.

Location: 46 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: National &amp; Provincial Building Soc.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/94/152/096C Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling.

Location: 33 Station Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr &amp; Mrs D. Worsnop.

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/94/152/0500 Proposal: Use of existing former garage building &amp; land in connection with the storage, restoration and sale of antiques &amp; additional use of existing antique storage &amp; workshop buildings for associated retail.

Location: 39 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr B. Ogleby.

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

**Comments:** This is a residential and environmental improvement area and the proposed use is not comparable with either of these. The extra traffic generated by retail use will cause problems within the Greens.**Correspondence:**

The 1993/94 Annual Report of Hambleton District Council was noted with interest.

Minutes of the February meeting of Thirsk &amp; Sowerby Town Hall Committee. Noted. Minutes of Thirsk &amp; Sowerby Town Hall Committee meeting of 6 March. Noted.

Correspondence from the Rural Development Commission enclosing booklet. Noted.

Information from Hambleton District Council re V.E./V.J. Day grants of £200 towards cost of special events. Noted.

A letter from a resident asking for a 'caution ducks crossing' notice was discussed, councillors agreed but added how difficult it was to protect the ducks as they are now all over the town.

Sutton under Whitestonecliffe Parish Council had written requesting information about the proposed V.E. Anniversary Celebrations. Noted.

**Grasscutting;** Councillors ratified the decision of the Amenity Committee in selecting a contractor to undertake the 1995 grasscutting season. Proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Marshall that Tender 2 be accepted. Agreed with one abstention. Tender 2 was later identified as M/s Walker, of Eryholme.**New memorial:** Permission was given for the erection of a new memorial to the memory of

WILFRED &amp; DAISY DOWELL

**Application for Licence;** Applications for the following were received councillors raised no objection.

Transfer of licence re the Black Swan Norby. Noted.

Application for Restaurant Licence re the White Horse Cafe. Noted.

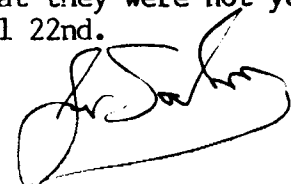
**Finance:** The following accounts for payment by the Town Council were approved by the Council. proposed Cllr. Roberts, seconded Cllr. Marshall.

I. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. March	£ 333.00
R. Allan - Env.Worker (4 weeks )	£ 120.00
Yorkshire Water - 1st instalment (2nd September)	£ 117.30
A.M. Kaye - Repairs to Cemetery gates	£ 20.00
The Colour Centre - paint	£ 13.57
Thirsk Motors ltd - fuel	£ 16.88
F.D. Todd & Sons ltd. - emptying of cemetery skip	£ 50.38
Durham County Council - Village Green Conference	£ 64.63
N.Y.C.C. - Hire of Court House Oct/Nov/Dec	£ 45.00
Hire of Community Hall 5th January	£ 6.00
Hambleton District Council - 3 Dog/Litter Bins	£ 740.25
Wm Potts & Sons Ltd. - maintenance of Town Clock	£ 96.35
S. Dodds - Plants for Mill Gardens	£ 74.63
Kompan Ltd. - Play Equipment - Persimmon Site	£ 4,430.14
F. Peart & Co Ltd. - Materials for footbridge	£ 1,246.42
Yorkshire Purchasing Co - stationery	£ 31.23
P. Dunning - Salary Jan/Feb/March	£ 806.25
- Room Hire /heating/telephone rental	£ 92.89
. Allan - Rotovating Mill Gardens/Fixing Litter Bins	£ 75.00
R. Allan - Fixing seats in Hambleton Play Area	£ 90.00
J. Cartman - shrubs - Mill Gardens	£ 39.25
Binks Nurseries - shrubs	£ 63.82
J. McIllauchlan - shrubs	£ 62.92
K Reynard - compost, lavender, gloves?	£ 8.72
Fox's Copy Centre	£ 29.70

The following accounts in respect of the Ritz Cinema were approved for payment proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Roberts Agreed.

D. & S. Waring - fuel for cinema	£ 43.20
Hambleton District Council - licence fee	£ 50.00
Power Point - torch	£ 8.99
E.T.C. - bulbs	£ 4.75
F. Roberts - reimbursement for cleaning materials	£ 15.49
Bookers - confectionery items	£ 351.96
Slaters - Ices & Lollies	£ 201.94
F. Roberts - reimbursement ices etc	£ 155.56
Megson - booking fee	£ 155.00
National Screen Service Ltd.	£ 16.43
P. Dunning - float for cinema	£ 30.00
Cornhill Insurance	£ 75.62
D. & S. Waring - fuel for cinema	£ 75.20
Slaters - ice Cream	£ 76.23
Bookers - confectionery	£ 170.29
Nurdin & Peacocks - calculator/tabards	£ 18.29
A. Robinson - sundry items	£ 58.15
Chubb Fire ltd. - service of fire extinguishers	£ 56.64
Thirsk Advertiser	£ 40.00
P. Barr - projectionist 9 x £8	£ 72.00
G. Rose - projectionist 9 x £8 - (cash)	£ 72.00
Fox's Copy Centre - photocopies	£ 76.15

**Cinema report:** the recent meeting with the volunteers indicated that they were not yet ready to assume control. A further meeting to be arranged for April 22nd.



**Method of Reporting to the Council:** Consideration to be given to councillors circulating a written report prior to the meeting to save time. Cllr. Hall suggested that consideration be given to members using fax machines for this purpose. Proposed that this method be tried for 3 months. Agreed that these items be put on agenda for a general purpose committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting.

**V.E. Day:** Cllr. Salmon advised that events to celebrate the 50 years anniversary of the cessation of war will include bonfires, street parades on Saturday 15 July with a tea party provided by Sowerby Parish Council on the racecourse and church service and parade on Sunday 16 July followed by tea in the town hall hosted by the Thirsk, Town Council. It is also the intention that an appropriate film be shown during the afternoon. It was proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr. Murkett that the Council pay for this reception estimated to be in the region of £200 and also pay for the hiring of the film, Noted.

**Committee reports:** Cllr. Marshall reported about the problem re the safety surface on the County Primary School site. Consideration to be given to contacting the Playing Fields Assoc. The recent seminar at the Y.L.C.A. conference about play equipment for the over 10's displayed equipment which proved vandal resistant.

**Communications:** Cllr. Brown asked that contributions be forwarded for inclusion in the next newsletter to be referred to her.

**Footpaths:** Complaints had been received about the condition of the footpath opposite St Mary's Church and the lack of footpath around the ambulance corner. Noted.

**Sanity:** The poop scoop byelaws to be advertised in the Thirsk Advertiser. Noted.

**Carrs Field:** Work continues to improve the area, with the old hedges being layered and the footbridge nearing completion. This will be a pleasant walk for the public to enjoy.

**Market Place:** Cllr. Murkett reported that flower tubs had been priced and it was proposed to purchase subject to receiving permission from the North Yorkshire County Council.

**Matters Arising:** Correspondence from the National Rivers Authority was discussed with some of the some of their facts quoted being challenged. Councillors expressed concern about the frequency of the 'red light' flashing on the pumping station adjacent to the Crescent and the reports of raw sewage leaking into the river. Agreed to write voicing our concern and to ask Hambleton District Council, as agents, if the standby pump was installed.

**Business Rates:** Correspondence from the District Valuer re the concern expressed about the high increase in rateable values of business properties within the town advised that traders appeal if they feel aggrieved. Councillors considered that all traders in the town should appeal.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr. Morton asked if the Council were in agreement with the principle of having a memorial to James Herriott in the town. Councillors were in agreement to support a initiative from Hambleton District Council or the County Council re the setting up a museum in the old veterinary premises and also having some kind of a memorial to James Herriott.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

 Chairman



**MINUTES OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT EAST THIRSK COMMUNITY HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 1995**

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**Present:** Cllrs. Marshall, Roberts, Watson, Salmon & the clerk, Mr Simon Geddes of the Farming & Wildlife Conservation Group. Councillors Morton & Robinson arrived late due to other commitments.

**Presentation:** Mr Geddes gave an interesting presentation of the possibilities for future development of the Holmes and Carrs Field areas, with consideration given to tree and hedge planting, fencing, and gates, also the creation of ponds to encourage a good wildlife habitat. Advice was available for tree and land management, e.g. pollarding the larger trees and correct grazing ratio to encourage the meadow grasses and flowers to return. He advised of the various grants available and left useful informative material for the Town Council to consider. The area is particularly suitable to be included in the school visit scheme, as the access is good, it is open to the public and already there is a good variation. (this could attract £400.00 grant).

**Enrollment:** Councillors present considered it to be well worth the enrollment fee of £25.00 to be given the opportunity to take part in this Countryside Commission Scheme.

**Carrs Field:** Councillor Mrs Watson advised the councillors present that she had received a firm offer to hold a full Sports Event at the end of August in the Carrs Field, in accordance with the late Miss Johnson's wishes.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT EAST THIRSK COMMUNITY HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 1995**

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**Present:** Cllrs. Salmon, Marshall, Roberts, Watson, Morton & Robinson and the Clerk.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the last General Purposes Committee were confirmed.

**Office Accommodation:** The Chairman, Councillor Salmon, advised the meeting that the Clerk had requested that the offer of office accommodation from the Hambleton District Council be taken up. The clerk was asked to ascertain the rent, and make enquiries about cost of telephone installation, answerphone & fax.

**Communication between Councillors:** Having considered the option of all councillors having fax machines, the idea was thrown out, as not being necessary.

**Cinema:**

**Current Position:** Discussion took place about the present position Cllr. Roberts advised that she was willing to take over the rota, in the short term. Councillors discussed the pros and cons of appointing a cinema manager and agreed that it was not the way to go at this present time. It was proposed Councillor Salmon seconded Councillor Roberts that the Clerk log extra hours required for the administration of the cinema, and she be allowed to claim for up to 10 hours at £4/hour. Agreed.

**Advertising:** Cllr Salmon proposed that the Management Committee, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr Robinson, Cllr. Salmon and the clerk meet with Mr Graham Colbeck, who has taken over the advertising, to discuss each new program as it arrives. Agreed.

**Lights:** The Clerk advised the meeting that she was still concerned about the lights on the rear staircase. Agreed to ask Mr Cartman if this work can be treated as urgent, if Mr Cartman is unable to oblige, an alternative contractor to be used.

**Ex Gratia Payment:** The Clerk was asked to leave the room whilst the committee discussed offering an ex gratia payment to the clerk for the extra work involved re the cinema project. When invited back to the meeting, the Clerk was asked to include an agenda item of an ex gratia payment of £300 for the April meeting of the Town Council.