

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE FOR WILL BE HELD IN
THE TOWN OFFICE - 15A CASTLEGATE
AT 7.15 PM ON THURSDAY 3 APRIL 1997**

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Carrs Field
3. Millennium Green - Trust Deed
4. Signs - Holmes/Greens
5. Seat Survey - action
6. Holmes - Play Area
7. Shire Park
8. Clerk's Contract
9. Confidential Item - Salaries



Clerk of the Council

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES OF MEETINGS

POLICE LIAISON MEETING	THIRSK SCHOOL	April 14	7.30 p.m.
PLANNING MEETING	TOWN OFFICE	April 15	7.30 p.m.
FULL COUNCIL MEETING	COURT HOUSE	April 21	7.15 p.m.
FULL COUNCIL MEETING	TOWN HALL	May 19	7.15 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council Committee Members 1997/98

	Finance Committee	Planning Committee	Town Dev. Working Party	Amenities Committee	Carrs Field	Greens/ Ingramgate	Footpaths	Mill Gdns/ Market Pl	Holmes Playgrounds Millenium	Xmas Lights	Burial Board
D Adamson	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	*	*	X	X
R Hall	X		X	X	X					X	CH
J Jackson	X	X	CH	X	X		X		X	CH	X
J Marshall	X	*	X	X	*	*	X	*	CH	*	*
A Morton	X	X	X	X		CH					X
G Murray	X		X	X		X	CH	X			
D Murkett	X		X	X	X			X			X
F Roberts	X	CH	X	X							
A Robinson	X		X	X	X			CH		X	
J Salmon	X		X	X		X		X		X	X
J Watson	X	X	X	CH			X		X		

Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio of all Committees

Minutes of the Amenity Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Town Office on Thursday 3 April 1997 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), J. Marshall, D. Adamson, J. Salmon, G. Murray, J. Jackson and the Clerk.

Apologies: Received from Councillors Morton, Roberts and Murkett.

Carrs Field: Councillor Adamson advised the meeting that in accordance with the Trust Deed, the three appointed Trustees to the Carrs Field - Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust had met and co-opted a further two Trustees, namely Mrs K. Reynard and Mr P. Bardon. Noted.

It was proposed Councillor Marshall seconded Councillor Watson that the solicitor be advised accordingly. Councillor Adamson declared an interest, the motion was carried.

It was further proposed Councillor Marshall seconded Councillor Watson that relevant correspondence relating to Carrs Field be copied and forwarded. Agreed.

Correspondence from Mr Tetley re the cutting of Carrs Field and the problem of moles was discussed. Thirsk Racecourse had been advised that this area was no longer the responsibility of Thirsk Town Council, and was to be transferred to the Carrs Field - Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust.

It was agreed that the responsibility for the boundary fence between the Holmes and Carrs Field should be clarified.

Millennium Green: Receipt of the Millennium Green Trust Deed was acknowledged. It was proposed Councillor Marshall seconded Councillor Murray "that the document be passed over to our solicitor for advice". All in favour.

Signs: After discussion it was agreed to purchase three No Parking signs to be erected on the Holmes. Chairman and Clerk to decide on cost and size. Councillor agreed on the need to replace the Dog Signs - remnants of the old signs to be removed and to be replaced with proper signs, Councillor Marshall and Clerk to decide.

Seat Survey: This survey not yet completed, but Mr Amy to update from existing list. Four new seats have been ordered from Mr Deighton, to be delivered in the near future. Councillor Watson advised the meeting that Mr Seegar had promised to replace the seat damaged when work commenced on his housing development. Agreed to write requesting replacement.

The problem of a suitable delivery address for seats etc was discussed, agreed to write to ask the District Surveyor, if he could help with temporary storage if needed.

Shire Park: An area of land currently maintained by Hambleton District Council could be transferred over to the Town Council, if the Town Council agree. Councillors enquired if any money would be likely to be transferred towards maintenance.

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Holmes: As amended details were not available for discussion these to be forwarded, when received to the full Council for approval. Councillor Marshall requested that the Holmes be monitored to assess the problem of dog fouling, also that consideration be given to erecting a fence around the play area to exclude dogs. Concern was expressed that the seats of the infant swings were already in need of replacement, only six months after purchase. Agreed to write and complain. It was further agreed to mount a publicity campaign to raise public awareness to the problems of vandalism and dog fouling.

Clerk's Contract: The renewed Clerk's Contract was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk, witnessed by those present. Current Chairman to keep the Town Council copy on file. It was agreed that details of leave should be clarified with Councillor Adamson, as Chairman of Finance.

Amenity Worker: Councillor discussed the need for Mr Amy to wear identification as our Amenity Worker. It was agreed to request two photographs to make up an I.D. card.

Confidential Item:

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Amenity Meeting 3 April 1997 - Confidential Item - Salaries

Cemetery Superintendent: After discussion it was agreed to increase the salary of the Mr Atkinson by 3 % to £4,375 for 1997/98 - proposed Councillor Jackson and seconded Councillor Murray - Agreed unanimously.

Clerk: It was agreed to leave the Clerk on the same spinal point as existing and increas in line with agreed N.A.L.C. figures when known (effective from 1st April 1997) - proposed Councillor Adamson, seconded Coun cillor Murray. Agreed unanimously.

Meeting Closed 9.10 p.m.

**A PLANNING POLICY MEETING OF THIRSK COUNCIL TO BE HELD
AT THE TOWN OFFICE AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL**

To consider;

Legal Aspects

Powers /Influence

Finance

Our Vision for the Future

Constraints (Political/Bureaucratic)

What is possible;

Limiting Factors - Quality of Town Facilities

Lack of Consensus

Lack of Land/Finance

Responsibilities -

All Age Groups/Financial Groups

Historic Integrity/Image

Commercial success

Environmental quality

Advantages -

Location - Central - Moors - Dales - Rivers - Flat/Sheltered

Historic Links- Industry - Commerce

- Famous Sons & Daughters

Opportunity Window - Boom? to survive future recession

Central Role of North Yorkshire, Hambleton

Villages - Access M1, A1, A19

Next Action

Publicise Consensus - Influence - Liaise - Lobby

Initiate Outline Plans? - Initiate Preservation Orders

Targets

Parking - Islands

Industry - Retail

Pedestrianisation

Joint Ventures

Homily

Without economic success - nothing is possible.

Minutes of an Informal Meeting held at the Town office on 14th April 1997 to discuss matters relating to Future Planning of the Town.

Present: Councillors F. Roberts (in the Chair), D. Murkett, J. Jackson, J. Salmon, R. Hall, J. Marshall, D. Adamson and the Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies received from Councillors Morton, Watson & Robinson

Chairman: Cllr Roberts welcomed councillors to this informal meeting and asked Cllr. Jackson to lead the discussion.

Discussion: Cllr. Jackson asked that fellow councillors consider what influence they can bring to bear to encourage confidence and investment to improve the town. With present shopping trends, which have caused problems in many towns, it is important to encourage the appropriate development. He asked that councillors bear in mind the many advantages that we have in Thirsk, its central location and the attractiveness of the area. Councillors agreed that that Town Council is constrained as to what they can do, and that local knowledge is not always listened to. However they did agree that the Town Council should be more pro-active to promote the town. Concern was expressed that Thirsk Industrial Park is now full, and the proposed extension urgently needed - agreed to stress the importance of retaining this area for Industrial Development.

The following proposals were put forward to present to full Council;

- a) Invite a representative from Economic Development to meet informally with councillors.
- b) To set up a Town Development Working Party - involving other parties at some future date.
- c) To make public our concern about the need for further Industrial Development at Thirsk Industrial Park
- d) To remind the Enforcement Officer re screening of the gypsy site.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 21 APRIL 1997

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meetings;
✓ a) General Meeting on 17 March 1997 ✓ b) Amenity Meeting on 3 April 1997
3. ✓ To receive Police Reports
4. To consider any Matters Arising
5. To receive Reports from
 - a) County Councillor
 - b) District Councillor
6. Carrs Fields
7. To receive Correspondence
8. To approve accounts for payment
9. Mayor's Announcement
10. To receive Planning Committee Reports
11. To receive Reports from; (note: Chairman's Reports needed for May meeting)
 - a) Sub Committee's
 - b) Members reports
12. Other items of interest and information



Clerk of the Council

Correspondence List for consideration- Meeting on 21 April 1997

Matters Arising

Hambleton District Council - Grant Application - Town Clock
Thirsk Racecourse - cutting of Carrs Field
Environment Agency - Sandhutton Borehole
Hambleton District Council - Diversion of Footpath - St James Green
NYCC - Waiting restrictions - Barbeck Close
D. Bowe MEP - re possible funding for Veterinary Museum
NYCC - Chairman re A61 Long Street/Stammergate Junction
NYCC - Chief Exec re A61 Long St/Stammergate Junction
NYCC - Contract Manager - footpaths cleared as instructed by client (M. Woods)
NYCC - M. Woods - Footpath maintenance carried in accordance with Policy
NYCC - Waterfall/Footpath Holmes referred to Public Rights of Way Officer
T. Willoughby - Sluice gate - waterfall
NYCC - Dowber Way Speed Reducing Measures
HDC - Parking Thirsk Market Place
D. Moore - Meeting Wed 23 April 2.30 pm - prop formation of Lic Trade Assoc
NYCC - Temporary Storage Area
NYCC - Waterfall - Public Footpath
Post Office - Thirsk Delivery Office - holding letter
Chis Amy - Estimates for tree management & planting scheme S. Dowber Way
Police - Response to matters raised last meeting - Licensees Meeting
Grasscutting - NYCC - Contribution based on 6 cuts - £415.30

Cemetery

Application for addition inscription - Beryl Crossley
Application to erect memorial - John Victor Thompson
McLarens Toplis - payment recommended re damage Cemetery Entrance
Odlings - re above
Millennium Green - Hambleton District Council - Latest Trust Document
Planning - Planning List and Planning Applications
Kwik Fit - Letter from HDC re internally illuminated logo sign

Correspondence

Yorkshire Local Councils Association - future subscriptions based on Council Tax
Puppy Lifeline /Winged Fellowship (respite care for disabled people)
Express Printing - free quote for printing magazine
British Diabetic Association - Street Collection 16 June 1997
Carrs Field - Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust - Trustees co-opted
BTCV - weekend 30 May - 1 June
Pc Pears - Damage St James Green
HDC - Land at Shire Road
HDC - Membership of Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity
HDC - Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Area Advisory Group - 30 June
HDC - Tree planting Scheme - Grant offered £200
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee - Minutes 7 April 1997
Notice of Audit - 21 July 1997
FWAG - various workshops and walks Rural Development Commission - Survey
HDC - St Naming & Numbering - Plot 1, St Mary's Court

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Accounts for Payment - submitted to Town Council Meeting 21 April 1997

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£ 344.41
P. Dunning	£ 525.64
Electro World - Fluorescent tube	£ 5.00
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks & £2 + 50p	£ 10.50
D. Adamson - refund for stationery	£ 7.54
J. W. Deighton - 4 metal seats	£ 520.00
Foden Construction - repairs fence St James Green	£ 129.25
Stone Cleaning Restoration Services	£ 1292.50
Staples - ansaphone/fax/shelf unit	£ 354.45
A. Robinson - reimbursement for paint/brushes	£ 34.76
Sam Turner - paint & Brushes	£ 58.83
Thirsk Hall Estate - rent & wayleaves	£ 5.00
Power Point - footpump & pruner - Cemetery	£ 18.26
Thirsk Motors - fuel	£ 34.44
J. Bell - rent 5 @ £10	£ 50.00
Edge Designs - Co-ware Finance Module upgrade	£ 105.75
Northern Electric - Christmas Lights	£ 425.70
Yorkshire Local Councils Assoc - Sub	£ 311.00
Yorkshire Rural Community Council - Sub	£ 20.00
Mayor's Allowance	£ 200.00
H.D.C. - Rates Office (1st Payment)	£ 68.27
H.D.C. - Rates Cemetery House	£ 68.27 70.00
P. Dunning - Conference Expenses	£
Inland Revenue - Tax & National Insurance	£

Conference:

I attended the Society of Local Council Clerk's Conference at Harrogate at the beginning of April (4th - 6th).

Interesting seminars on Community Policing - given by the Chief Constable, the Media - the relationship between the Council and the local reporters, Burials - with a recommended Charter for the bereaved (Membership to the Institute of Burial & Cremation Administration - Reference Copy of the Charter for the Bereaved £50.00) Seminars also on the new Audit & Account Requirements - still sending many Clerks in a flutter! Plus various computer programs.

Note:

My actual costs were £140.00 accommodation and conference, plus 24 miles travel to Harrogate.

The Council originally agreed to pay for my attendance each alternate year, I attended last year. Are the Town Council willing to contribute towards my expenses?

Power Point - trimmer head	£ 28.94
F. Roberts - key for shed - Little Green	£ 4.49
C. Amy - weekly inspection/replacement shrubs	£ 253.90
S.J. Brown - painting of exterior of office	£ 220.00

Received:

Commercial Union - damage Cemetery gates	£ 1225.00
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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held in the Courthouse on
Monday 21st April 1997**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), F. Roberts, A. Morton, J. Watson, D. Adamson, R. Hall, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, G. Murray, J. Salmon, the Clerk press reporter, and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. Turton and Councillor J. Jackson and from Councillor Murray for lateness.

Minutes: The minutes of the Parish meeting held on 17th March 1997 had been circulated. After some minor amendments, it was proposed Cllr J. Marshall, seconded Cllr. D. Adamson that they be approved. Agreed.

Minutes of the Council meeting on 17th March were approved after minor amendment, proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Councillor Watson. Agreed.

Minutes of the Amenity Meeting held on 3 April were approved, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Adamson. Agreed.

Minutes of the meeting with the Police & Licensees were approved proposed Councillor Murkett, seconded Councillor Robinson. Agreed.

Minutes of the Meeting on 14 April were approved, proposed Councillor R. Hall, seconded Councillor Salmon. Agreed.

Police Matters: A Report from acting Inspector J. Richardson re cyclists on pavements, under age drinking, empty houses and speeding in Long Street, was noted. Councillors requested that they have the opportunity to comment on any proposals to demolish these properties. Sgt Franks reported that youngsters had been remanded re an assault on Friday morning, referring to other assaults he reported that no arrests had been made as yet. When asked if there was progress re the recent spate of broken windows, Sgt Franks replied that they needed information from the public to proceed. He advised Councillors that work is progressing towards the installation of the CCTV cameras - target date is early next year.

Matters Arising: *Licensees:* A request that a representative attend the inaugural meeting of Thirsk Licensed Traders Association was noted. Cllr. Murkett to attend.

Town Clock: A request for grant towards the cleaning of the Town Clock for "It's Birthday" was rejected by HDC.

Carrs Field: Information re the cutting of Carrs Field was noted.

Sandhutton Borehole: Information re proposed abstraction was noted.

Bowe - MEP: Information re possible funding towards the Veterinary Museum Noted.

Stammergate Junction: Letters from Chief Exec. NYCC and Chairman - Noted.

Waterfall: Mr Willoughby unable to help with the sluice gate. Noted.

St Mary's Walk/Dowber Way: Speed reducing scheme deferred. Councillors considered that scheme should proceed at NYCC expense. Noted.

Div Surveyor: Mr Woods, NYCC Div Surveyor has agreed that bulky items can be delivered to Norby depot for temporary storage. Noted.

NYCC - Grasscutting 1997 season - contribution noted.

HDC - Traffic Warden - Comments unsubstantiated - note.

District Councillors Report: Councillor J. Marshall reported that the installation of the All Weather Hockey had been delayed - she requested support from the Town Council to encourage installation whilst the ambient temperature is correct. Agreed. Cllr. Marshall reported good progress with the purchase of land to allow access into the proposed Millennium Green area. Noted.

County Council Business: It was proposed Councillor Salmon, seconded Councillor Murkett that a letter of thanks for support be sent to Councillor Turton. Agreed.

Carrs Fields Trust: Councillor Marshall advised the meeting that the Town Council is still legally responsible for the area, but emphasised that we would wish the Trustees to make any decisions. Councillor Adamson advised the meeting that Mrs K. Reynard and Mr P. Bardon had been co-opted onto the Carrs Field Trust. Noted. It was proposed Councillor Roberts seconded Councillor Watson that the Trustees come forward with a firm proposal re the formation and role of the Trust. Unanimous.

Correspondence: *Millennium Green:* Information from Hambleton District Council advised that it was necessary to surrender our present lease, in order to hand the area over to a Trust yet to be established.

Appeals: Councillors were unable to contribute to the following charities;

Puppy Lifeline: An appeal from this national charity was noted

Winged Fellowship: The appeal was noted from this national charity.

YLCA: Information re charges for future subscriptions was noted - more information requested. Minutes of branch meetings noted.

YRCC: White Rose update noted.

Shire Road: Hambleton District Council to report back after next meeting.

Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Advisory Group: meeting cancelled - next meeting on 30 June 1997

Tree Planting: A grant of £200 has been given towards the recent planting scheme.

Town Hall: Minutes of the last meeting received.

Audit: Notice of Audit has been received - Audit to take place on 21 July 1997.

FWAG: Notices of events noted.

Millgate: A letter of complaint from a resident drew Councillors attention to the disgusting state of the area, due to pigeon droppings, waste food and debris. This to be brought to the attention of Mr L. Crelling with a request that action be taken.

Councillor Murkett reported that the large number of ducks also caused problems.

Laurels - A complaint from a local resident re the size of the laurels, and the general lack of cleanliness of the Market Place was noted - to be referred to sub committee.

Sports Council: Cllr Hall advised of meeting to take place on Thursday.

Seat Cemetery Road: Mr Seegar confirmed that he was willing to pay for a replacement seat. Noted.

E.C.C. - A request to monitor problems in the town's electricity supply was noted.

Councillors please advise the Clerk of details.

YRCC - Survey of general facilities to be completed.

Accounts for Payment: The following accounts were passed for payment proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Morton. Agreed unanimously.

Ian Atkinson <i>by cheque</i>	£ 344.41
HDC ✓	£ 68.27
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P. Dunning ✓	£ 525.64
Electro World ✓	£ 5.00
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C. Amy ✓	£ 253.90
S.J. Brown ✓	£ 220.00

Mayor's Announcements: Councillor Marshall advised Councillors that this year's fund raising event is to be held on Friday 10 May with proceeds to go to the British Heart Foundation plus requests.

Councillor Watson announced that she was to relinquish her post as Vice Chairman, when the present Mayor steps down.

Councillor Marshall announced that she was ~~considering~~ relinquishing her post as Chairman/Mayor of the Town Council, due to other commitments.

Planning Applications:

2/97/152/0535A Proposal: Rev application for construction of grain store
 Location: Woodhill Grange, Newsham Road, Thirsk
 Applicant: Mr J. Bell

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

C2/97/152/0541 Proposal: Formation of a pedestrian access & provision of gate
 Location: Thirsk County Primary School
 Applicant: education Committee

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Planning - Cont

2/97/152/426D

Proposal: Use bdg/land for sale of cars, caravans, motorhomes

Location: 93 Long St

Applicant: D.C. Motors

This Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: there is already a great deal of pressure on Stammerge junction, with tailbacks regularly along the full length of Stammerge. The extra impact of vehicles using the Stammerge exit/entrance will cause extra difficulties. Vehicles leaving the site via the Stammerge exit to go north would be involved in a hazardous crossing of traffic, where drivers have already selected their lane to go south. Have the NYCC had the opportunity to comment?

Application 2/97/152/0452 Proposal: Conversion of disused storage are to form three residential units.

Location: 89 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Broadacres Housing Assoc.

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

<i>Planning Decisions:</i>	A. Dale	Granted
	Scatchards Builders	Granted
	Greenhalls Cellars	Granted REFUSED
	J.R. Martin	Granted
	R. Bennett	Granted
	R.H. Duffy	Granted
	Mr & Mrs D. Gray	Granted
	Mr & Mrs Bryan	Granted

It was proposed Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Salmon that the following proposals were ratified; Agreed unanimously.

- Invite a representative from economic Development to meet informally with councillors
- To set up a Town Development Working Party - involving other parties at some future date.
- To make public our concern about the need for further Industrial Development Land at Thirsk Industrial Park
- To remind the Enforcement officer re screening of the gypsy site.

Standard Orders: It was proposed Councillor Robinson, seconded Councillor Salmon that Standing Orders be suspended.

Sub Committee Reports:

Market Place Com: Councillor Robinson reported that paths are to be laid at Mill Gardens, also that regular sweeping of Mill Gardens and regular watering of the tubs was needed.

Greens Committee: Councillor Morton reported that plans are to be produced for residents of the Crescent to consider.

Holmes Committee: Councillor Watson reported that seats and play equipment have been ordered.

Members Reports: Cllr. Murkett stated his disappointment that Councillor Marshall had been unable to attend the St George's parade.
Councillor Murray requested that the Council should consider taking out TPO Noted.

Burial Board: The following were tabled and approved;

New memorial: John Victor Thompson

Additional Inscription: Beryl Crossley

Items of Interest: Councillor Morton expressed concern that vehicles were crossing and parking on the tactile crossing point at the White Mare Roundabout. This to be reported to Highways.

Confidential Item:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Monday 21st April 1997

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES:

Present; Cllrs J Marshall (in the Chair), F Roberts, A Morton, J Watson, D Adamson, R Hall, D Murkett, A Robinson, G Murray J Salmon

The Clerk had attended the Society of Local Clerks' Conference at Harrogate on the 4th - 6th April 1997.

The Council had previously agreed to pay for the Clerk to attend the Conference every other year and had paid for attendance in 1996.

The Clerk had attended the Course due to its close proximity and the costs were £140 accommodation and Conference plus 24 miles travel to Harrogate.

The Clerk enquired whether the Town Council would contribute to her expenses.

After debate the Council resolved;

1. That we will pay the full cost this year (1997) but will not pay for next year (1998)
2. That attendance at the Conference should be requested
3. That we request a written report from the Clerk re proceedings at the Conference

Resolutions put to the Vote;

Carried 7 for 1 against

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF AMENITY COMMITTEE OF
THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY
IN THE TOWN OFFICE AT 7.30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Seats - to select a replacement seat for Cemetery Road
3. To consider:-
 - a) the purchase of a flame gun
 - b) Amenity Worker - instructions
4. Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall
5. Informal talk re Committee Structures: -
 - a) Delegated Powers
 - b) Council Procedure.



Clerk of the Council

Memo to All Councillors:

Please accept my apologies for being unable to attend the above Meeting, as I shall be on leave that week.

I am saddened by the decision of Councillor Marshall and Councillor Watson to relinquish their posts. It should be borne in mind that my unfortunate illness last year put additional stress onto them both - whilst I appreciate that other Councillors, i.e. Councillor Roberts and Councillor Adamson assisted. Nevertheless with full time employment to consider their's was a heavy burden - not always realised by fellow Councillors.

Can I request that differences be talked out and the way cleared to go forward on a united front.

Meeting re Economic Development - Thirsk - dates awaited - likely to be late May

**Minutes of the Amenity Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Town
Office on Thursday 8th May 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall, J. Watson, D. Adamson, A. Robinson, G. Murray.

Apologies: Received from J. Salmon & J. Jackson (Rotary club night)

A. Morton (playing Church organ)

Councillors Roberts & Murkett arrived late 7.45pm having attended
Sowerby PC meeting

Seat: Discussion took place on the type of seat to replace damaged seat.

Agreed on a wooden seat similar to the one on the Marage (same specification)

Pam to investigate cost of seat plus delivery and write to Mr Seegar saying this is the approximate cost. At the same time to order the seat. Invoice to come to us and then to be forwarded to Mr Seegar. Mr Seegar as per his letter is to fix the seat.

Amenity Matters: a) Purchase of Flame Gun. There is a possibility of a second hand gun from Power Point at £25 + VAT. Prices of new flame gun at Sam Turner/Power Point at about £138.

Problems with use, as it would have to be used in correct method. To be used to clear weeds etc around buildings and gravel path at Mill Gardens etc. - not known who is to use it, would possibly be the Amenity Contractor.

Councillor Murray suggested that the Amenity Contractor to be asked to provide a price for clearing the weeds on the paths, stonework and gravel path at Mill Gardens.

All agreed.

Councillor Robinson to still assess the flame gun.

b) Surface - Mill Garden area

i) Blocks - similar to what Riverside Mews laid in.

ii) Riven Stone - was a possibility that if used could get a Conservation

Area grant.

Councillor Robinson to pursue costs.

c) Amenity Contractor Instructions. Councillor Watson showed councillors the Triplicate book and explained the methodology for getting Chris Amy to do the work.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall: Councillor Watson gave a warning that the Town Hall Committee were to apply for grant aid to improve the Town Hall. Primarily to knock down the annex and replace.

Grant forms will be out in September

Will be looking to the two parish Councils for support and possibly financial assistance.

(STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL until we know that the Sowerby Parish Council have been consulted.) (Not to be mentioned at Town Council)

Any Other Business: Seats: Councillor Robinson has replaced two concrete end and wooden slat seats outside the Mind Shop, with two metal seats. The other seats are in Councillor Robinson's shed for a while. It was discussed that these should be then used to try and repair the seat outside Rukins. Councillor Robinson was to try and check this and do it.

Finances: Councillor Adamson reported that he has balanced the books for 1996/97. Discussion took place about responsibilities, training for all Councillors (possibly from YLCA) and reminder re three monthly balanced accounts to be presented to the Council (next is July meeting) Councillor Adamson updated the meeting re the computer. Councillor Adamson is to present the 1996/97 accounts to the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Ducks: It was reported that some ducklings seem to have disappeared - possible causes - feral cats, crows, mink are suggested.

Play equipment, Norby - Not yet installed - the Clerk to chase up

Meeting re Economic Development: Mr S. Quartermain will be attending (possible dates 4 or 5 June - Councillor Jackson's meeting)

C.C.T.V. - Mr M. Rennolf is leaving HDC and going to Bedford, but the proposed CCTV scheme is progressing.

Meeting closed 8.50 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN
THE UPPER ROOM OF THIRSK & SOWERBY TOWN HALL
AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 19 MAY 1997

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- ✓1. To receive Apologies for Absence
- ✓2. To receive Minutes of the Annual Meeting in 20 May 1996
- ✓3. To receive Chairman's review
- ✓4. To elect Chairman and Vice Chairman for 1997/98
- ✓5. To receive Committee Reports on the year ending March 1997
- ✓6. To appoint Committee Members and Representatives
- ✓7. To receive report on Income & Expenditure Accounts for 1996/97 from the Responsible Financial Officer

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

1. ✓ To approve Minutes of the meetings;
a) ✓ Council Meeting 21/4/97 (5mins) b) ✓ Amenties Meeting 8/5/97 (5 mins)
- ✓2. To receive Police Reports (15 mins)
- ✓3. To consider any Matters Arising (10 mins)
- ✓4. To receive Reports from
✓a) County Councillor (10 mins) ✓b) District Councillor (10 mins)
- ✓5. To receive Correspondence (20 mins)
- ✓6. To approve accounts for payment (5 mins)
- ✓7. To receive Planning Committee Reports (10 mins)
8. To receive Reports from;
a) Sub Committee's (10 mins) b) Council Representative Reports (10 mins)
9. Derelict buildings - Town End (5 mins)



Clerk of the Council

N.B. Please note change of venue

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the
Court House on Monday 20 May 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, J. Watson, R. Hall, Sgt Harris, Cllr. G. Turton, one member of the press and one member of the public

Minutes: Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 May 1995 were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. A. Morton and seconded Cllr. J. Watson.

Chairman's Review: Retiring chairman, Councillor J. Salmon thanked members of the Council for their support during his term of office. He listed the achievements of the Council; Saving the Ritz cinema, the implimentation of the Improvement to St James Green, the development of Carrs Field and general enhancement of the Holmes, also the repairs to the boudary wall at the Cemetery, the introduction of flower tubs in the Market Place, the continual improvement to the Christmas Lights, the continuing development of playgrounds and the acquisition of land in East Thirsk to be one of the Millenium Greens.

Election of Chairman: Nominations were invited for Chairman. Councillor Jan Marshall was nominated, prop. Councillor Watson, sec. Councillor Roberts. Carried unanimously. Councillor Jan Marshall thanked Councillors for their votes and took the chair.

Election of Vice Chairman: Nominations were invited for Vice Chairman. Councillor Janet Watson was nominated, prop. Councillor Murkett sec. Councillor Morton. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Christmas lights: Cllr. Robinson reported on a successful Christmas lights scheme, with very little vandalism. The display continued to improve.

Market Place: Councillor Murkett thanked all concerned for making the flower tubs a success.

St James Greens: Councillor Morton reported that the improvement was progressing.

Cemetery: Councillor Hall reported that the Cemetery continued to function well and that work had recently been completed on repairs to part of the cemetery wall.

Amenity: Councillor Watson reported that work continued to improve the Carrs Field & Holmes areas. A public meeting is to be held soon re Carrs Field, with sports event to be held in June.

Finance: Councillor Salmon reported that contributions had gone towards promotion of the town, via the Tourist Information Centre. He advised that the second edition of Town Talk was shortly to be circulated.

Plans: Councillor Roberts reported on a busy planning year with improvement to the waterside area and the former workhouse site and also buildings to the rear of Market Place properties.

Footpaths: Councillor Marshall reported that footpaths had improved thanks to work by the BTCV. Some river erosion of the footpath had occurred this to be repaired. Thanks expressed to the NYCC for the help of the P3 scheme.

Playgrounds: Councillor Marshall reported that the playground programme was continuing - but expressed disappointment over the lack of progress re the Norby area.

Appointment of Committees & Representatives: Councillor Marshall asked that this be deferred to a future meeting to be held prior to the next full Council meeting, when committee structure was to be considered, with the proposal to hold a full amenity committee to meet once a month to which all councillors were to be invited.

Vote of Thanks: Councillor Jackson gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Salmon, agreed unanimously by all members.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST May 1997

Matters Arising:

Environment Agency - Copies circulated to all Councillors. Mr Browne advised that Thirsk's main source will remain Boltby or Kepwick but that both are due for improvements to the treatment works by December 1998. Re usage he estimated that Thirsk will use 4,000 cubic metre/day rising to 4.800 cubic metre/day in peak times. We would need to contact Yorkshire Water to verify the accuracy of these figures.

He considers that the Environmental Agency has done as much as it can to control this abstraction and will send the Environmental Agency Report on the proposal to abstract if we request it - also he is willing to attend at Town Council meeting if we wish.

/HDC - enclosing letter to Mrs Penson

✓Seegar - confirmation that they will replace seat

NYCC -

✓ A61 Long St/Stammergate - Pelican crossing approved.

✓Norby estate -m traffic calming - Broadacres

✓Thirsk & Dist. Licensed Traders assoc - Meeting 12/5/97

YLCA - Future subscriptions

BTCV - weekend 31 May - 1 June

NYCC - White Mare Roundabout - parking

✓Eccles, Heddon & Co - Prop Millennium Green/Carrs Field

~~Trust~~/St James Green - copies circulated to all Cllrs.

Correspondence:

C Exec - Corporate Plan - Do we wish to have copy of this document? ☒

YLCA - Alcohol - Training Course - supportive - effective *force*

M. Hooper - Pavement Drinking - Racedays

✓ M/s Howells - Stockton Road - ball games

Tabled Correspondence:

BTCV - Annual Revue

Winged Fellowship - Appealed for donation last month

Assoc of larger Local Councils - Conference

Cheltenham & Gloucester - Training Courses

HDC - footpath - amendment to details

Cornhill Insurance

Sutcliffe Play - Complaint not justified - wrong seats.

Planning:

Decisions 4 Whitelass Close Granted

89 Market Place	Granted
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Revised Application? - 71 Market Place

HDC - House naming - Priory Hse, Cemetery Road

Cemetery: Memorials for the following applied for
Beatrice Bashforth Andrew Brown Gladys Vassila

Accounts paid since last meeting:

C. Amy - Tree planting	£1,100.99
I Atkinson - Direct debit not paid	£ 344.41

Accounts for Payment:

I Atkinson - DBR →	£ 344.41
H.D.C. - rates office (2nd payment)	£ 66.00
- rates Cemetery House	£ 74.24
P. Dunning - salary	£ 525.64
Conference Expenses	£ 150.00
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks @ £2.00	£ 10.50
J. Bell - rent 5 weeks @ £10	£ 50.00
Thirsk Motors - petrol & oil	£ 28.80
Power Point	£ 180.14
C.E. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting	£ 400.67
Cornhill Insurance	£1,235.88
N. Electric - Christmas Lights	£ 425.70
- Office	£ 104.57
Sam Turner & Sons	£ 4.12
Wilgro - plants for stone troughs	£ 8.28
Fox's Trophies	£ 4.00

I Atkinson

£3.63.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held in the Upper Room of
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 19 May 1997**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall, J. Watson, D. Adamson, R. Hall, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, G. Murray, J. Salmon, the Clerk press reporter, and one member of the public.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F. Roberts and Councillor A. Morton.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 May 1996 having been circulated were considered read. Proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Adamson that these were a true record.

Chairman's Review: Councillor Marshall gave a brief review of her year of office, which started by her being banned from attending an opening ceremony of a local public house. There was the tragic death of the young child in the Market Place. Cllr. Marshall reported that she had attended various functions in her official capacity as representative of the Town Council - opening charity shops, laying a wreath at Skipton on Swale and attending the remembrance service in November. She thanked councillors for all their support during the year.

Election of Chairman: The Clerk took the chair and invited nominations for chairmanship. Councillor J. Watson proposed that Cllr. Marshall be requested to accept a second year of office, seconded Cllr. Jackson. Carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman: Councillor Marshall took the chair and invited nominations for vice chairmanship. It was proposed Cllr. Robinson and seconded Cllr. Salmon that Cllr. Adamson be elected Vice Chairman. Carried unanimously.

Reports:

Planning Committee: The planning report was given by Cllr. Watson in the absence of Cllr. Roberts. The Town Council had been consulted on almost a hundred planning applications, and it was noted that in the majority of cases the Hambleton District Council took the same view as that put forward from the Town Council.

Carrs Fields, Holmes & Amenity Committee: Cllr Watson reported that our amenity worker had been appointed in June 1996 from which time he had done regular work on improving the amenity areas, taking care of the play areas and repairing and painting seats. The play equipment is nearing completion. Legalities re transfer of Carrs Field over to the Trustees are also nearing completion. It is hoped that there will be some sporting event again this year.

Cemetery Committee: Cllr Hall reported that the Cemetery was running smoothly with the Cemetery Superintendent doing an excellent job. The Cemetery costs around £5000 per year but is considered to be good value. The only problem was that of damage to the gate post which has been excellently repaired.

Market Place Committee: Cllr. Robinson reported that with the help of volunteers the visual amenities have been improved - and that the tubs are to be replanted. He reported that two new seats had recently been purchased and that the clock had been cleaned and looked much better. Cllr. Robinson reported that two further seats were to be placed in Mill Gardens. He thanked his committee and the lady gardeners for their help and dedication.

Christmas Lights: Cllr. Jackson advised that the request for a taller Christmas tree had kindly been met by Mr Woodhead. A donation had been given to Thirsk Chamber of Trade towards the cost of the Christmas Lights display. Consideration is being given to how the display can be further improved.

Footpaths Committee: Cllr. Murray advised that he had not yet finished his survey on the paths within the parish, but would report when this was done.

Finance Committee: Cllr. D. Adamson reported that the computer package is working properly.

Millennium Green: As this project is not yet finalised due to legalities - monnies forwarded to current year.

Representatives: Representatives were elected as attached list:

Finance: A Report Income/Expenditure was presented by the Financial officer, Cllr. Adamson - It was proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett that these accounts be adopted. Agreed.

Town Hall: Discussion re the ownership of the town hall left this unresolved, this to be clarified by Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk.

Meeting closed 8.02 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the upper room of the Town Hall on 19th May 1997

Present: Councillors J. Marshall, J. Watson, D. Adamson, R. Hall, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, G. Murray, J. Salmon, the Clerk press reporter, and one member of the public.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F. Roberts and Councillor A. Morton.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 April were approved, proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett (delete I Atkinson's pay as direct debit - take out considering page 934)

Minutes of the meeting on 8 May were approved, proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cll. Adamson. Confidential item as recorded in minutes retained by chairman.

Police: Inspector Richardson thanked the Town Council for their support during the year. He reported that the Thirsk Licensees organisation is going ahead with approaches from several licensees in the town to join. North Yorkshire Police are helping with finances to set up. Thirsk races had brought the usual street drinking problems, he added that coach drivers were encouraged to turn away from the town when leaving the races, also that each coach driver had been given a letter explaining that no street drinking would be allowed. The proposed CCTV scheme is going ahead, with sites being considered. Councillor Murray expressed concern that the early warning system had not proved effective - this to be looked into. Cllr Adamson reported that cars parked along Long Street were failing to display tax discs. Traffic problems re the car boot sale were reported by Cllr. Jackson.

Matters Arising: Detailed information re Thirsk's water supply having been circulated to all councillors was retained for future information. Thirsk & District Licensed Traders Assoc. - Cllr Murkett requested that consideration be given to the Town Council paying the enrolment fee of £25 - this to be an agenda item next month. NYCC - Correspondence re the driving of vehicles over the tactile area at White Mare roundabout were noted.

Correspondence from Hambleton District Council re letter from local resident was noted. Mill Gardens correspondence referred to sub committee, proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett. Agreed.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr. Murkett requested an informal meeting with Sowerby and Thirsk Councils, to discuss matters relating to highways, education, social services and other County Council issues. A joint meeting agreed, the date yet to be specified. More detail requested by the Div. Surveyor, on drains that were unable to cope with recent rain storms.

District Council Report: Cllr. Robinson reported on recent changes in committee structure at District Council. He informed the Council that approved local street collections were to be listed.

Cllr. Marshall reported that some cameras under consideration for including in the proposed CCTV scheme were proving not to be suitable, as condensation is a problem as is the limited swivel angle.

The decision re the all weather hockey pitch is still awaited.

Correspondence: Detailed copy of the corporate plan available if requested - also on display in the library - noted.

Y.L.C.A. requested more information re the training scheme for licensees - councillors considered that it was too new a scheme to evaluate.

Complaints re children playing football on the grassed verges alongside Stockton Road was noted, as the land in question was County Council land this correspondence was referred to the District Surveyor. It was also noted that Carrs Field is available for children to use if they wish.

* Concern was raised about bad driving practices, at the junction with St Mary's Walk, police have been advised. Cllr. Marshall

A complaint from a local resident about lorries parking overnight on Millgate car park was noted - this indicates the need for a local lorry park.

A complaint re bad behaviour on recent race day was noted and councillors agreed to write to the Chief Constable. Cllr. Murkett also agreed to bring this to the attention of the newly formed Licensed Traders Association.

An invitation to attend RAF Leeming was noted.

Tabled - BTCV Annual revue. Winged fellowship. Assoc. of larger Local Councils - conference. Cheltenham & Gloucester - training courses. Cornhill Insurance.

Accounts for payment: The following accounts were approved for payment proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Watson. Agreed

C. Amy - tree planting ✓	£ 1,100.99
I. Atkinson - DDr ✓	£ 344.41
H.D.C. - rates office ✓	£ 66.00
H.D.C. - rates Cemetery House ✓	£ 74.24 70.00
P. Dunning ✓	£ 525.64
Conference Expenses ✓	£ 150.00
L. Mitchell ✓	£ 10.50
J. Bell ✓	£ 50.00
Thirsk Motors ✓	£ 28.80
Power Point ✓	£ 180.14
C.E. & C.M. Walker ✓	£ 400.67
Cornhill Insurance ✓	£ 1,235.88
N. Electric ✓	£ 425.70
N. Electric >	£ 104.57
Sam Turner & Sons ✓	£ 4.12
K. Reynard ✓	£ 8.28
Fox's Trophies ✓	£ 4.00
I. Atkinson ✓	£ 13.43

Cemetery: the following Memorials were approved;

Beatrice Bashforth
Andrew Brown
Gladys Vassila

Planning: The following planning decisions were received;

4 Whitelass Close	Granted
89 Market Place	Granted

Representatives Report:

Town Hall: The Town Council were welcomed to the Town Hall as their first venue for full Council Meeting.

E. Thirsk: Cllr. G. Murray reported on a successful year for the East Thirsk Community Assoc., the hall is well used and is to be repainted this year.

Chairman: Cllr J. Marshall thanked all who had given support to the 'Mayor's Do' when £500 had been raised for the British Heart Foundation.

Derelict Buildings: Concern was raised by councillors about the condition of buildings at the town end, Thirsk. As complaint was made to the owner last year, it was proposed Cllr. Hall seconded Cll. Adamson that the town Council write to Hambleton District Council to request that they use their powers to ensure that they are made safe. Agreed.

Thirsk Town Council

FOR ALL COUNCILLORS
THE TOWN DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY INAUGURAL
MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE AT
8 PM ON THURSDAY 5 JUNE 1997

AGENDA

GENERAL

1. Village Plan
2. Economic Development Priorities
3. Environmental Reassurance
4. Grant Aid Bids - Lottery etc
5. District/County Council support/Joint Development

SPECIFIC CONCERNS

6. Lorry Parking
7. Car Parking 'Island' Parking design?
8. Town Centre Shopping - quality choice attractions - pedestrianisation -
-traffic control - large draw business
9. Market Problems - policy
10. Empty Shops
11. Empty Sites
12. Industrial Estate full

PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS TO MAXIMISE

13. Heritage - Environment/Museums/Famous Folk
14. Retail - Market - Industrial
15. Location
16. Liaison

Clerk to the Council



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Development Working Party of Thirsk
Town Council held in the Town Office on Thursday 5 June 1997**

Present: Councillors J. Jackson (in the Chair), J. Marshall, J. Watson, D. Adamson, D. Murkett, J. Salmon, A. Robinson, Mr P. Whitaker of H.D.C., and the Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor Murray, Roberts & Morton..

Welcome: Councillor J. Jackson welcomed his fellow councillors and Mr Whitaker, Hambleton District Council officer. Cllr Jackson's first item was the Village Plan as this was, he considered, an idea without legal liability.

Mr Whitaker advised that the group should take time to discuss and form their opinions - as many items on the agenda are inter-related. He advised that the District Wide Plan is due out soon; after which time Hambleton District Council will again be into review for the next District Wide Plan.

Village Plan: It was decided that this should be re-named the **Town Plan** and various local groups should be invited to join in and form a partnership to meet regularly and discuss the formation of a Town Plan. Councillors from Sowerby and Thirsk, members from Thirsk & Sowerby Advisory Group, the Civic Society and the Town Centre Management Group should be invited to be part of this group.

Economic Development Priorities: Concern was expressed over the Phase 3 of Thirsk Industrial Park - we are awaiting the Inspector's decision as to if this is to be retained for industrial development. Councillors stressed the need for employment to be provided locally.

The continuing need for a local **lorry park** is highlighted by the overnight parking in the area.

Retail Development is also very important to the town. The number of empty shops is causing concern - can Hambleton District Council help in any way to encourage owners to let short term.

Derelict Properties: Concern was also expressed about Hambleton District Council NOT being strong enough about derelict properties. Some local properties had remained in a run down state for several years.

Way Ahead: It was agreed that the proposed Herriot Centre, when opened, should bring about an upturn in the town's development. Sites are being considered for extra car parking for tourists.

Next Meeting: This to be on Thursday 17 July at 7.30 p.m.(possibly 24 July).

Agreed that we need a frame work to hang our comments on.


Agreed that we would welcome the attendance Hambleton District Council's officers.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOMS OF THIRSK TOWN HALL AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 1997

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 19 May 1997 5 mins
3. To receive Police Reports 15 mins
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising 10 mins
5. ✓ To receive Reports from 20 mins
 - ✓ a) County Councillor
 - ✓ b) District Councillor
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence 20 mins
7. ✓ To appoint a representative to the Town Hall Management Com. 5 mins
8. ✓ To consider protesting to stopping up of local right of way. 5 mins
9. ✓ Co-operation with Chamber of Trade re the following; 10 mins
 - a) Thirsk Medieval Fayre - public meeting
 - b) Appeal to landlords re empty shops.
- ✓ 10. Railway Cutbacks. 10 mins
11. Thirsk & District Licensed Traders Association - enrollment fee. 5 mins
- ✓ 12. To approve accounts for payment 5 mins
13. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports 10 mins
14. To receive Reports from; 20 mins
 - a) Sub Committee's
 - b) Members reports


Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE LIST June 1997

~~Meeting Minutes~~
HDC - Barleys Yard, Kirkgate - Play Area - £12,705
Eccles, Heddon & Co - Mill Gr/Carrs Fld/St James Green
Thirsk Hall Estate - Newcombe's Buildings Station Rd
NYCC - Heavy Com Vehicles Order - 9 June 1997
NYCC A61 Long St - St Mary's Walk
NYCC - Ball games Stockton Road - additional trees
Mr & Mrs Ellis - Ball games Stockton Road
Elec Consumer Comm - Energy Seminar - 11 June
YWA - Copy of Agency's licence determination 21/4/97
YLCA - Attendance at meetings - Local Council Review
NY Police - CCTV European Law
Thirsk/Dis Licensed Traders Assoc - Drinking Area
Eccles Heddon - Millenium Green Trust Deed

Correspondence

NYCC - Grass cutting Ingramgate
Mr Choules - complaint re play area
Assoc. of Small Historic Towns & Villages - 5 JULY 1997
HARPAC - Projects welcomed
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee - 12 May 1997
Minutes 2 June 1997 - AGM - 1 July 1996
M & D Turner - Neighbourhood Watch Scheme/cost of signs
Thirsk Cricket Club - Duck Race - Sunday 31 August 1997
Thirsk Hall Estate - Tenancy Agreement 15a Castlegate
Carrs Field - Public Meeting 14 July
C. Amy - report amenity areas

Tabled

Domino design - copying
NALC - Year book 1997/98
Lord Hire Centres
Great Ormond St Hospital
Farmway
J. Toms Ltd - tree supports etc
NYCC - County Training Program
Abbeyfield - Open Day 11 July

Planning

Application Refused - Kwik Fit - HDC correspondence
Application Granted - 21 Fairfield
Application Granted - 12 Darrowby Close
Application Withdrawn - 79-86 St James Green
Application Received - C Legard - Grixxlefield House
Application Received - Mr & Mrs Brough, 87 Norby
Application Received - Frankland Arms
Application Granted - Barleys Yard - amended plan
Thirsk Industrial Park - amended plan

Cemetery - memorials & grave purchases

Stanley Thompson Ethel May Smith Harold Fairclough

Allan Simpson

Edith Annie Carver

Winifred Strom

Payments for approval for June Meeting;

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£ 344.41
H.D.C. rates office	£ 66.00
H.D.C. rates Cemetery House	£ 74.24
P. Dunning - salary	£ 525.64
C. Amy - weekly maintenance & repairs	£ 270.00
Colour Centre	£ 102.74
Power Point	£ 57.73
Glasden UK	£ 311.86
Edge designs	£ 50.91
C E & C M Walker	£ 400.67
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	£ 136.30
N Yks Timber	£ 132.79
British Telecom - office	£ 81.76
F D Todd & Sons - skip	£ 74.33
Thirsk Motors - fuel	£ 33.36
Farmway - weedkiller	£ 57.25 56.40
Rowley's - wreath	£ 25.00
Playdale	£4577.81
S. Dodds - reimbursement for plants	£ 20.86
Inland Revenue - Council Administration	£ 333.39
Inland Revenue - Burial Board	£ 93.21
<i>I ATKINSON -</i>	<i>£ 26.11</i>
<i>FOX'S COPY SHOP</i>	<i>£ 50.75</i>

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the upper room of the Town Hall on 16 June 1997

Present: Councillors J. Marshall, J. Watson, D. Adamson, R. Hall, A. Morton, A. Robinson, J. Salmon, the Clerk press reporter, and two members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs F. Roberts and Councillors D. Murkett, Jackson and Murray.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 May were approved, proposed Cllr. Adamson, seconded Cllr Watson carried.

Matters Arising: Barleys Yard Development correspondence advised that the developers are proposing to contribute towards the existing playarea in the Holmes, rather than providing a pocket play area.

Derelict buildings Station Road, correspondence from the owner complaining of lack of consultation, was noted - the boundary fence has now been repaired.

NYCC - Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles order - noted.

Stockton Road - residents concern about children playing ball games on the grass verges was noted. This area is under the ownership of the NYCC so it is their prerogative to decide what action is necessary.

YLCA - No restriction to number of councillors attending meetings. Noted.

Police - Advice re the CCTV use was noted.

Thirsk & District Licensed Traders Assoc. - proposals to bring in the Portman Identity card to restrict underage drinking was approved. Further proposals to allow drinking within the town square were noted with reservations.

District Council Report: Hockey Pitch - Cllr. Marshall reported that the all weather hockey pitch has been approved. Shire Park - Cllr. Marshall advised that Hambleton District Council have agreed to hand over the open space to the Town Council. Preliminary application has been made to English Heritage for a CAP Scheme. Noted, agreed to write in support.

Correspondence: Ingramgate - correspondence re the delay in cutting the grass, due to allowing time for the daffodils to die back after flowering, was noted.

HARPAC - Information was passed to Cllr. Watson to read and report on.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Committee Minutes of 2 June noted. - AGM 1 July 1997

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - a request for donation towards posters was discussed. Agreed to donate - agenda item for July.

Thirsk Cricket Club - A request to hold a duck race on 1 August was approved.

Carrs Field - Notice of a public meeting to be held on 14 July - noted.

Thirsk Alcohol & Drug prevention group - a request to hold a rap music event in the market place was agreed with the proviso that it finish by 8.20 p.m.

Reports: *Amenity Committee* - Correspondence from Mr Amy identified damage to amenity areas enclosing quotes for repairs - referred to Amenity Committee for decision.

Correspondence from a Darrowby Close resident essentially referred to the installation of the play area and complained about the useage of the area by children. This was referred to Amenity Committee for further discussion.

Carrs Field: Correspondence re Carrs Field needs further discussion - to be referred to the Carrs Field Committee. Councillors agreed to pay for hire of hall for meeting.

Town Hall: Councillors A. Robinson wished to resign from the Town Hall Committee. Nominations were invited. Cllr D. Adamson was nominated, proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Morton. Carried.

Right of Way: Cllr Robinson reported, in the absence of Cllr. Murkett, of his concern and that of many of the electorate, about the loss of a public right of way through the Three Tuns yard, which has been used by locals for many years. It was proposed Cllr. Robinson that The Town Council take the lead to get the path determined, seconded Cllr. Hall. Agreed.

Accounts: Proposed Cllr. Morton seconded Cllr. Adamson that the following accounts for payment be approved. Agreed.

I. Atkinson - DDR	£ 344.41
HDC - rates office	£ 66.00
HDC - rates Cemetery House	£ 784.24 70.00
P. Dunning	£ 525.64
C. Amy	£ 270.00
Colour Centre	£ 102.74
Power Point	£ 57.73
Glasden U.K.	£ 311.86
Edge Designs	£ 50.91
C.E. & C.M. Walker	£ 400.67
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	£ 136.30
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British Telecom	£ 81.76
F. D. Todd & Sons	£ 74.33
Thirsk Motors	£ 33.36
Farmway	£ 56.40
Rowleys	£ 25.00
Playdale	£ 4,577.81
S. Dodds	£ 20.86
I. Atkinson	£ 26.11
Fox's Copy Centre	£ 50.75
Inland Revenue	£ 333.39
Inland Revenue	£ 93.21
Thirsk & District Licensed Traders	£ 25.00
L. Mitchell	£ 8.50

Thirsk Chamber of Trade: Medieval Fayre - It was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Salmon that the Town Council join forces with the Chamber of Trade at an open meeting to discuss same. Agreed unanimously.

Property rents: Councillors agreed that a joint letter from Thirsk Town Council and Thirsk Chamber of Trade to owners of vacant shops requesting that they lower rents and/or do short term lets to encourage new tenants.

Railway Cutbacks: Councillors expressed their concern about the rail cutbacks affecting local residents travelling to York or Northallerton for work or education purposes. It was proposed Cllr. Robinson and seconded Cllr. Salmon, to write to Regional Railways, members of Parliament and the NYCC education department.

Planning Committee:

Application at Thirsk Industrial park - amendments approved

Kwik Fit	Refused
21 Fairfield	Approved
12 Darrowby Close	Approved
Barleys Yard	Approved

Planning Applications:

2/97/152/551 Proposal: Installation of 9 closed circuit television cameras as amended by details received 6 June

Location: Town Centre and Car Parks

Applicant: Hambleton District Council

The Council wish to see this application approved.

2/97/152/547 Proposal: Alteration to existing disused agricultural building to form office accommodation for use in connection with mail order business.

Location: Grizzlefield House, Felixkirk Road

Applicant: C. Legard

The Council wish to see this application approved.

2/97/152/548 Proposal: Extension to existing dwellinghouse

Location: 87 Norby, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs G. Brough

The Council wish to see the application approved.

2/97/152/214D Proposal: Display of 4 externally illuminated wall-mounted signs and an externally illuminated projecting sign.

Location: Frankland Arms, Ingramgate

Applicant: Pubmaster Ltd.

The Council wish to see the application approved BUT have comments.

Sub Committee Reports

Market Place; Councillor Robinson reported that the town clock had received it's annual service, also that the flower tubs are being replanted

Cemetery: the following Memorials were approved;

Stanley Thompson	Allan Simpson
Ethel May Smith	Edith Annie Carver
Harold Fairclough	Winifred Strom

Town Development Working Party: Minutes of the Town Development Working Party were noted.

Representatives Report:

Thirsk Chamber of Trade: Cllr Salmon reported that he had attended as Council representative the meeting of Thirsk Chamber of Trade.

British Red Cross AGM - Cllr. Adamson reported that he had attended the AGM of the British Red Cross as Council representative.

RAF Leeming: Cllr. Adamson reported that he had attended RAF Leeming on behalf of the mayor, Cllr. Marshall who was unable to attend.

Pavement Worker Project: An informal talk to be arranged with the youth centre, pavement worker.

Skipton on Swale Memorial: Cllr. Marshall reported that she had attended as representative of Thirsk Town Council and laid a wreath.


Community Care: Cllr. Salmon advised of the Community Care Executive Committee meeting to be held on 1 July. Noted.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 3 JULY 1997

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Election of Chairman. - J WATSON
3. ✓ RANY presentation - not confirmed.
4. ✓ Millennium Green - Trust Document
5. ✓ Carrs Field
6. ✓ ROSPA - Play Equipment Inspection
7. ✓ HARPAC
8. ✓ Election of Committee Chairmen
9. ✓ Reports back from Committees
10. Confidential item.



Clerk of the Council

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**Minutes of the Amenity Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the
Town Office on Thursday 3 July 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), A. Morton, J. Marshall, D. Adamson, J. Jackson, A. Robinson, and the Clerk.

Apology: Received from Councillor Mrs F. Roberts and Councillor G. Murray.

Millennium Green: Cllr. Marshall reported on the study, she & Cllr. Watson had made, of the Millennium Green draft Trust deed and our solicitor's comments, confirming clause 3, making comments re the number of years, and identified the need to decide which local bodies should have the power to nominate representatives. Indicative list of local bodies to have representation (this list was not exclusive and suggestions were welcomed); (to go forward to full Council when scheme further developed)

- a) Countryside Commission (for 4 years)(as per Trust Deed)
- b) Thirsk Town Council (the Chairman)
- c) East Thirsk Community Association (the Chairman)
- d) East Thirsk County primary School (the Headmaster)
- e) Thirsk Council of Churches
- f) North Yorkshire Police Force
- g) Thirsk Round Table
- h) The Lions
- i) Thirsk Rotary Club
- j) Thirsk School
- k) Thirsk Community Education (Youth)
- l) Local residents - Keith Gittons (RSPB)(resident)
- Mike I'Anson (resident/policeman)

Crisis Meeting: Councillor Marshall reported that the Countryside Commission were awaiting a final version of the trust Deed from their solicitors. She advised that a crisis meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 23 July with Chris Marshall of the Countryside Commission and Dave Goodwin of Hambleton District Council - Councillors Marshall, Adamson, Watson, Roberts & Jackson to attend.(meeting due to lack of progress with scheme)

Entrance: Councillor Marshall confirmed that the East Thirsk play area had been purchased by Hambleton District from the County Council to provide the southern entrance onto site - new fencing to be erected with new entrance direct to play area. Hambleton District Council officer Chris Vincent to take over engineering responsibilities when he returns from sick leave.

Carrs Field: Sports Event: Cllr. Watson reported that the Round Table had been unofficially in contact at very short notice, re holding a sports event on Friday 27 June. The contractor was unable to get the field cut because of the inclement weather. The report from the Carrs Field Trustees re the condition of the fields and proposals put forward were noted. It was agreed that the Carrs Field Sub Committee should decide

policy and act until such time as legalities are complete re the hand-over to the Trustees. Councillors present were urged to hold a meeting, take decision relating to grasscutting, hedgecutting and moles and also appoint a chairman.

Requests re power cables, change of use and removal of dangerous materials to be referred to sub committee.

Play Areas: ROSPA report - check that Chris Amy has copy of full report and request urgent action that all comments have been acted upon - as annual inspection is due soon. Technical catalogue needed so that Chris can order what is needed. Contact ROSPA as to when the next inspection is to take place.

It was proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Cllr. Watson that extra bark be ordered from Image Builders at the price quoted (£200). A walk around and inspection of the play equipment to be arranged.

HARPAC: Cllr. Watson reported that they will fund up to 50% on suitable projects, and proposed that we promote the scheme to the public. It was proposed that a HARPAC representative be invited to a Town Council meeting. Agreed.

Appointment of Chairman: The following were nominated as chairman of sub committees.

Planning - Cllr. F. Roberts - proposed Cllr. Watson seconded Cllr. Adamson.

Town Development - Cllr. J. Jackson - proposed Cllr. Marshall, sec, Cllr. Watson.

Amenity - Cllr. Watson - proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Adamson.

Greens - Cllr. Morton - proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson.

Footpaths - Cllr. Murray - proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson.

Mill Gardens - Cllr. Robinson - proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson.

Holmes - Cllr. Marshall - proposed Cllr. Morton seconded Cllr. Watson.

Christmas Lights - Cllr. Jackson - proposed Cllr. Adamson, seconded Cllr. Robinson.

Burial Board - Cllr. Hall - was already nominated by the Burial Board.

Committee Reports: Cllr. Robinson reported that some of the flower tubs are to be re-sited to more appropriate locations. He also advised that seats had been purchased for Mill Gardens.

Any other Business: Cllrs. Marshall & Roberts had obtained permission from Hambleton District Council for a notice board to be erected on the north side of the toilet block in the market place to be used by community groups- Cllr. Robinson to investigate possible providers of a suitable noticeboards.

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Any other Business: A notice board is to be erected on the north side of the toilet block in the market place - Cllr. Robinson to look into this.

Thirsk Town Council

Town Development Working Party of Thirsk Town Council

Meeting to be in the Town Office on Thursday 17 July 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of previous meeting on 5th June 1997
2. ~~Matters Arising:~~
 - i) Phase 4
 - ~~ii) Letters to owners of retail premises~~
 - iii) Any other matters arising
3. Window of Opportunity
4. Parking Islands.
5. A new retail heart to stem the accelerating town centre decline.
(Nursery Site) (NYRA participation).
6. Phase 4 Location.
7. Sewage & Water.


Clerk to the Council

**Minutes of the Town Development Working Party of Thirsk Town Council held
in the Town Office on Thursday 17 July 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Jackson (in the Chair), A. Morton, J. Marshall, J. Salmon, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, Mr Charles Shirtcliffe and the Clerk.

Apologies: Received from Councillors Mrs F. Roberts, Watson & Adamson.

Parking Charges: Cllr. Marshall reported that Hambleton District Council were to appoint a working party to consider implementing parking charges. Concern was expressed by Cllr. Jackson that the expensive recent Public Inquiry was being ignored. Cllr. Salmon reminded fellow councillors of the inherent unfairness if these were to be implemented throughout the District - as many town centres are not under District control. Cllr Marshall advised that there was some indication that their justification may be linked to the installation of the CCTV system, and proposed that the Town Council withhold their promised contribution if this was the case.

Matters Arising: i) Phase 4 - Councillors agreed that whether or not we acquire our hoped phase 3 we should proceed to look for suitable land for phase 4. Agreed.
ii) Letters to the owners of retail premises; This is in hand.
iii) It was considered that if owners willing to lower rents (as a group) then the District Valuer be approached with a view of lowering the rates. As well as supporting this the Town Council would perhaps invite the District Valuer for discussion.
iv) Derelict Properties: Concern that Hambleton District Council were NOT strong enough. Propose that in view of the properties of concern, we write and ask them;
a) What sort of teeth they had?
b) How do they use them?

Window of Opportunity: Cllr. Jackson identified the window of opportunity given by the current M1 link stopping near us - making Thirsk a natural resting place, on route. This could be highlighted by signage advising of the accommodation and services offered in Thirsk. Cllr. Marshall proposed that this should be taken forward to see what we can do and to check the position with signage.
Cllr. Jackson identified that the many Millennium projects were likely to bring trade to our local steel companies - again highlighting the area.

Retail Heart: Cllr Jackson stated the need to have something dramatically large in the town centre, or within walking distance of the centre. It was hoped that the former Nursery Site be considered for such a development.

Rural Arts North Yorkshire: Mr Shirtcliffe advised the meeting that their bid for lottery funding has been successful to fund a feasibility study to construct an Arts Centre either in the existing building or on an alternative site - part of their remit is to look at other feasible sites. The Nursery Site would be considered in this study. It was considered that Thirsk is in need of a focus to draw people in. Cllr Marshall considered that it was important that the study would look into the possibility of preserving and saving this building as well as considering new building.

Meeting Closed 9.30 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF
ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN
THIRSK TOWN HALL AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 21 JULY 1997**

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 16 June 1997
3. ✗ To receive Police Reports
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising
5. ✓ To receive Reports from
 - ✓a) County Councillor
 - ✓b) District Councillor
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence
7. ✓ To receive HARPAC report
8. ✓ To receive report from Carrs Field - Public Meeting
9. (9.) Town regalia
10. ✓ To approve accounts for payment
11. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports - Planning Applications/Results

Application 2/97/152/057E - Planning Application- layout of land and construction of 35 dwellings with domestic garages - Stockton Road.
12. To receive Reports from;
 - a) Sub Committee's
 - b) Members reports



Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE LIST July 1997

Matters Arising

HDC - Barleys Yard, Kirkgate - Play Area - £12,705
NYCC - Thirsk sign
NYCC / Miss A. McIntosh - local rail services
National Statistics - closure of Thirsk registrar's office
HDC - Land at Shire Road
NY Police - Pavement Drinking
Thirsk School - Issues - T & D Licensed Traders Assoc
HDC - St James Green enhancement scheme

Correspondence

Potts of Leeds - Thirsk clock tower
Parish Church of St Mary's - Duck race - 25 August 1997
HDC - Dog/litter bins
HDC - Noticeboard - Market Place Conveniences
HDC - water butts
J. Cave - Mrs L.E. Mawer deceased
Countryside Commission - Issue 2 & Trust Deed
N.Y. Health Auth - Closure of Zetland St Clinic

Tabled

Local Council Review
HDC - Drug solutions - fact sheet
HDC - draft Hambleton Countryside Design Summary
NYCC - newsletter
Thirsk Com Alcohol & Drug Prevention project
Highways Ag - A19 design/build/finance/operate contract
YRCC - Country Air
YLCA - 1. White Rose Update 2. Yks Bldgs Pres. Trust
 3. Europlay 4. Branch agenda
 5. Yks N. Yks Playing Fields Assoc
Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - Annual Report 96/97
Electricity Consumers Committee - details seminar 11 June

Planning

HDC - House Name - Cedar House, Cemetery Road
HDC - Dangerous Building - rear 71 Market Place
HDC - Footpath order - St James Green
Application Granted - 9 Closed Circuit Television Cameras
Application Granted - Golden Fleece - projecting sign
Application Granted - Installation of satellite dish
Application Granted - 20 Long Street
Application Granted - 7 Herriot Way
Application Granted - 8 Rymer Way
Planning Application - Office accom/rear 87 Market Place
Planning Application - Toilet facilities "
Planning Application - Bungalow - vicarage gardens
Planning Application - Ext. 5 Bridge Street
Planning Application - 35 dwellings - Stockton Road
Planning Application - flats/dwellings - old Workhouse
Planning Application - storage container/Diagmed
HDC - Trees at Cod Beck adjacent Todd's yard

Cemetery - memorials & grave purchases
Doris M. Abbott Lilian & Rita Harm

Payments for approval for July Meeting;

Accounts paid since last meeting:

L. Mitchell - 4 weeks @ £2 £ 8.50

Accounts for payment:

I. Atkinson - DDR	£ 344.41
H.D.C. - rates office	£ 66.00
H.D.C. - rates Cemetery House	£ 74.24 70.00
P. Dunning - salary	£ 525.64
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks @ £2	£ 10.50
J. Bell - 5 weeks @ £10	£ 50.00
Foden Construction Ltd	£ 1469.70
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	£ 235.00
Sam Turners	£ 8.67
Wilgro Nurseries - plants	£ 20.71
Thirsk Motors ltd - petrol	£ 33.00
C.E. & C.M. Walker -grasscutting	£ 568.70
E.K. Rowland - grass cutting Carrs Field	£ 100.00
Hambleton District Council - litter bins	£ 325.77
Hambleton District Council - lease	£ 1.00
Power Point - Burial Board	£ 85.30
Mrs Turner - contribution towards Neighbourhood Watch posters	£ 10.50

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in Thirsk Town Hall on
Monday 21 July 1997 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), J. Watson, J. Jackson, A. Robinson, D. Murkett, G. Murray, D. Adamson, F. Roberts, R. Hall, one member of the press and two members of the public.

Apology: An Apology for lateness from Cllr. D. Murkett..

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 June were amended to read that rates Cemetery House should be £70.00 this also applies to the Minutes for May. It was proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Robinson that the minutes be approved as amended. Agreed.

Minutes of the Amenity meeting held on 3 July were approved, proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Adamson. Agreed.

Minutes of the Town Development Working party held on 17 July were agreed with the comment that Mr Shirtcliffe spoke "as a presentation", Proposed Cllr. Jackson, seconded Cllr. Robinson.

Minutes of the Confidential Meeting of 21 April were approved proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Roberts.

Police: Local Police were not in attendance, but the Clerk reported that meetings had been held with licensees re the cordoning off of part of the Market Place for the next two Saturday race-meetings. Thirsk Police have given this their support on a trial basis the first to be on 2 August.

Cllr Hall expressed concern about the number of recent accidents at Stammergeate junction - agreed to write to the Highways Authority.

The Chairman hoped that the Police would be able to attend the next meeting and requested information about local raids on public houses.

Matters Arising: Hambleton D.C. correspondence re the contribution towards play equipment was noted. Cllr. Watson proposed that money contributed for play areas should be held in a separate account, this was seconded by Cllr. Roberts. This was carried by majority vote.

N.Y.C.C. - Correspondence advised that town name signs were now the responsibility of the Parish/Town. Councillors requested information re this change of policy.

Rail Services - Correspondence from Miss A. McIntosh was noted.

Correspondence from NYCC advised that trains had been withdrawn without formal notification and that the minimum service was not being met.

Correspondence from Regional Railways stated that a survey of use had been completed and that the size of the town had been taken into account prior to withdrawing the service. Agreed to write complaining that Thirsk may well have been considered by the number of residents not by the hinterland served by the town.

Registrar's Office: A letter of confirmation from the Office of National Statistics, that the local registrar's office will close, was noted. Cllr's agreed that members of the public will need to be advised of the new service and should be encouraged to use the domiciliary service whenever necessary.

Matters Arising cont.

Land at Shire Road: Councillors confirmed that they were pleased to take over management of the area.

Street Drinking: Correspondence from the Police confirmed that they expected to use evidence gathered from the proposed C.C.T.V. cameras when gathering evidence about street disturbances.

Correspondence from Thirsk School re licensing education, identity card scheme and the proposed cordoned off area for drinking in the Market Place was noted.

St James Green: Correspondence from H.D.C. advised that the defects correction period had now expired and the final payment was due. Noted.

FWAG - Members of the Council agreed to continue it's membership of the FWAG and approved the subscription fee. proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Roberts.

Carrs Field: An update of the Draft Scheme for setting up the Carrs Field Trust and details of procedure were noted. Publicity notices have been displayed on the Town Notice Board and in the Town Council Office.

Footpath: Cllr. Marshall reported that Cllr. Murkett had collected signatures and sent forms in supporting the continued use of the footpath through the Three Tuns Yard. He advised that this may take up to two years to complete and any decision would be lodged on any deeds.

Medieval Fayre: Cllr. Marshall reported that a second meeting has been held and arrangements are in hand for the medieval Fayre to proceed this year.

Property Owners: Cllr. Marshall reported that the joint letter from the Town Council and the Chamber of Trade had not yet been sent.

Amenity Committee - Millennium Green - the Chairman reported that the proposed meeting is to be held on Tuesday 29 July 1997 with Chris Marshall of the Countryside Commission and Dave Goodwin of Leisure Services, Hambleton District Council.

Notice Board: Cllr. Robinson asked for price guidance re the purchase of a notice board.

County Council Matters: Cllr. Murkett reported that there was to be a full Council meeting on Wednesday, when he was going to object most strongly against any further closures of Court Houses.

He hoped to have a meeting to consider the highways, byways and footpaths soon.

Stammergate Junction - Cllr. Murkett voiced concern about the four side impact accidents that have occurred during the last month. He was also concerned about the lack of a defined footpath in front of Volvo garage, and stated that he intends to support much needed traffic calming measures.

District Council Matters: Cllr. Marshall reported that Hambleton District Council were to set up a working party to consider the implementation of car parking charges. The cost of the proposed C.C.T.V. scheme has contributed to this decision. Councillors objected strongly to this proposal so soon after winning the public inquiry and did not consider this to be in the interest of the town.

Correspondence: *Duck Race:* A request from the Parish Church of St Mary's to hold a duck race on the 25 August was approved.

Notice Board: Correspondence giving permission to erect a notice board on the north side of the public conveniences was noted

Burial Board: Correspondence advising of money to be held in trust for maintenance of the late Mrs L.E. Mawer's family graves was noted and approved.

Millennium Green: Final copy of Trust Deed was received from the Countryside Commission. Noted. Cllr Marshall to compare with original.

N. Yorkshire Health Authority: Proposals to close Zetland Street Clinic with future services to be provided at the Friarage Hospital were noted.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr. Marshall declared an interest and took no part in discussions.

Planning: Information from Hambleton District Council re Planning Committee meeting dates, Tree Preservation Orders and Hedgerow regulations were noted.

Village Lock-Ups: A survey of village stocks, ancient punishment devices and holding buildings was referred to Thirsk Museum Society.

Northallerton Town Council: A request that the Council support Northallerton Town Council's bid for donation from the District Council towards the Christmas Lighting was noted and rejected. Councillors considered that contributions should come from local organisations and businesses.

N. Yorkshire Playing Fields Assoc: Councillors agreed to renew subscription proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett.

Tabled Correspondence:

Draft Hambleton Countryside Design Summary

Hambleton District Council - Planning Information Handbook

Local review

Yorkshire Local Councils Association - White Rose update, Yorkshire Buildings

Preservation Trust - Europlay leaflet - Branch Agenda 2.7.97 - York & N. Yorkshire Playing Fields Assoc.

Thirsk Community Alcohol & Drug prevention Project

Yorkshire Rural Community Council - Country Air

Electricity Consumers Committee - N. E. region - seminar Energy Efficiency Seminar

Members Reports:

Carrs Field: Cllr. Adamson reported on the public meeting on the future of Carrs Fields. It was a well attended meeting with various requests for netball equipment, kick around area and/or provision of a ramp for skateboards. Cllr. Adamson is currently awaiting information on these, but as yet, the Trust members have not yet formed a view. He added that the Trust intend going to various organisations for contributions, including the Town Council.

Councillor Robinson considered that a sports complex is being proposed in what is currently a countryside area - he hoped that careful judgement will be given. Also no mention had been made of the re-instatement of the Green Sports.

Councillor Watson added that the interpretation of recreation has caused endless discussion. She added that firm proposals were needed.

Town Regalia - This was deferred for discussion to next Town Council Meeting.

Accounts for Payment: The following accounts were approved for payment, with amendment to Minutes for May & June re the payment to HDC for Cemetery House should have been £70.00 - proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Watson.

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Planning Matters: Results:-

CCTV Scheme	Granted
Golden Fleece	Granted
Satellite Dish	Granted
20 Long St	Granted
7 Herriot Way	Granted
8 Rymer Way	Granted

Planning Application:

2/97/152/388C

Proposal: Alterations & extensions to existed disused building for use as office accommodation.

Location: Rear of 87 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs S.M. Pearson

The Council wish to see this application approved.

2/97/152/328D

Proposal: Extension to existing shop unit to provide toilet facilities.

Location: Shop unit rear of 87 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs S.M. Pearson

The Council wish to see the application approved

2/97/152/555

Proposal: Construction of a detached bungalow with domestic double garage

Location: Vicarage Gardens, Cemetery Road

Applicant: Seegar Homes Ltd

2/97/152/554A

Proposal: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of parts of existing dwelling

Location: 5 Bridge Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J.A. Addison

This Council wish to see the application approved.

2/97/152/523B

Proposal: Layout of land, alterations to existing disused furniture factory to form 14 flats and construction of two buildings to comprise 15 dwellings.

Location: The Workhouse, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Merewood Homes Ltd.

This Council wish to see the application approved - but scale incorrect.

2/97/009/171

Proposal: Siting of a storage container

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park

Applicant: Diagmed Ltd.

This Council wish to see the application approved BUT were concerned that permission should be only temporary.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Mrs F. Roberts declared an interest and left the room.

2/97/152/057E

Proposal: Layout of land and construction of 35 dwellings with domestic garages.

Location: OS 0685 and land to north OS 0685

Applicant: Barratt Homes Ltd

This Council wish to see the application refused.

Main points of concern were over development of the area, the proposed demolition of Stoneybrough, access, TPO's not acknowledged and lack of play area.

Exclusive Right of Burial: The following Rights of Burial were approved;

Stanley Brough	Grave Space 7	Section G6
Ms Marjorie Wood	Grave Space 16	Section E5
Miss Jennifer Thompson	Grave Space 6	Section G6

Sub Committee Reports:

Town Centre Development Working Party: Cllr. J. Jackson commented on Minutes circulated to councillors. Mr Shirtcliffe had, he said, gave a presentation, noted.

Carrs Field: Cllr. Robinson advised that maintenance was in hand for Carrs Field.

Burial Board: Complaint received about overgrown appearance of the S.W. corner of the Cemetery - referred to Burial Board meeting to consider.

Amenity: Cllr. Watson advised that Mr Amy was working to implement all ROSPA recommendations.

Finance: Cllr. Adamson advised the meeting that he had resigned from the position of Responsible Finance Officer. Declining to give reasons the Council went into secret session for further discussion.

Confidential Session: Decision was made to have a meeting of the personnel Committee at which the ex-chairman of the Finance Committee was asked to put his complaint in writing.

**Minutes of the Millennium Green Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held
in the Town Office on Tuesday 29 July 1997 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), J. Watson, F. Roberts, J. Jackson, Chris Marshall (Countryside Commission), Dave Goodwin (Leisure Services H.D.C.) and the Clerk.

Legal Issues: Cllr. Marshall reported she and Cllr. Watson had perused the latest copy of Trust Deed from the Charity Commission noting the comments that had come from our solicitor. A list of local groups to be asked to appoint a representative will go to full Council for approval when the Deed has been approved.

Mr Goodwin advised that Hambleton District Council required that the land be leased to a local Trust, whose members should include representatives from Thirsk Town Council, East Thirsk Community Association and Thirsk County Primary School.

On the matter of setting up the Trust, it was agreed to write, enclosing leaflets, to the various groups inviting them to a meeting to discuss further.

Grant Money can be applied for prior to the Trust being set up - the applicant being Thirsk Town Council.

Triangular Land: Satisfactory negotiations with North Yorkshire County Council are in hand to create a southern access to site. Accommodation works to provide this access to be included in scheme, provision of timber field gate and planting and maintenance of hawthorn hedge. Chris Marshall recommended that as legalities can take some considerable time, a wayleave agreement be applied for in the interim period so that the scheme can proceed. Agreed.

The above purchase improves access as the agreement with Yorkshire Water is for limited entry across their land.

Scheme Approval/Costs : The original scheme was costed out in January 1997, at £50,000 which did not include the accommodation works. Costings to included at Contractor's rate. Mr Goodwin to speak with engineers to update costs. Consideration to be given to change the specifications for some of the footpaths, if we need to prune costs.

Dave Goodwin recommended that the Town Council be requested to delegate authority to Cllr. Jan Marshall, to enable the scheme to proceed without delay.

Financial Package: Dave Goodwin to provide draft costings.

Donations of materials, say trees, and professional time can be considered as credits and accrued against costs. Professionals plying their own trade can be credited at £120 per day - and physical work can be credited at £45 per day.

Implementation: Mr Goodwin proposed that Phase I should include, clearance of the site, the basic infrastructure, the bridge construction and major tree planting.

It was considered important that we should "keep faith" with local residents and provide the buffer zone at an early opportunity.

Grant Applied For:

- a) Initial: Mr Goodwin to work through engineers report and submit to Cllr. Marshall before 14 August.
- b) Overall: Chris Marshall to ensure that this is progressed through the Countryside Commission.

Suitable Contractors: Hambleton District Council have a select list from which to invite tenders for the work.

Work on Site: It is hoped that quotes will be received early September. Dave Goodwin to consult with Cllr. Jan Marshall within the first two weeks, to enable the application to arrive with Chris Marshall at the Countryside Commission by the end of September. The anticipation is that the infrastructure will be in place by the end of the year.

Publicity: It is hoped that our local Darlington & Stockton reporter can help with publicity.
The Countryside Commission will provide a notice board FOC, after an offer has been made - this can include list of major sponsors to the scheme.

Millennium Feature: Mr Goodwin confirmed that Hambleton District Council would provide core funding to Rural Arts North Yorkshire towards their project - yet to be decided.

RANY will need to given a clear brief of what we envisage for the site. They will need adequate time to include into their work program. It is hoped that local people will work on the project.

Meeting Closed 9.15 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

**AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE
HELD IN PRIVATE AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE 15A CASTLEGATE
THIRSK AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 1997**

DETAILS OF AGENDA TO FOLLOW

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Dunning', is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk of the Council

MINUTES OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held 1st August 1997 in The Council Offices at 7.30pm

Present; Cllr Marshall (Chair) Cllrs Roberts, Watson, Adamson, Jackson, Morton, Murkett, Murray, Robinson & Salmon

Apologies received from Cllr Hall (on holiday)

The Chair opened the meeting with the request that all Councillors act in a respectful manner. The reasons for calling the meeting were also given.

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Murkett that all press and public be excluded - all in favour.

Moved by Cllr Murray that we accept the Clerk's resignation - all in favour.

General discussion followed regarding the actual date of the Clerk leaving - as she needs to give three months notice and her letter was dated 22 July 1997 it was agreed that the date would be 22 October 1997. Also query was raised whether salary could be paid in lieu of notice if replacement Clerk appointed early (Answer - yes)

Cllr Murkett asked whether gratuity would be due to the Clerk (she started for the Council in April 1992 and her earlier Contract stated that it was payable after 5 years) Cllr Salmon suggested a possible ex gratia payment. It was then proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Morton that we investigate either the payment of the Gratuity or the making of an ex gratia payment to the Clerk.

General discussion took place regarding the appointment of Clerk, Part time Clerk.

Initially proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Watson that we appoint a Clerk and a part time Clerk, after discussion this motion was withdrawn and replaced with 'that we appoint a new Clerk on the laid down National Scale and later that we advertise for an assistant - this proposal was put forward by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Jackson - Carried - all votes for None against.

Agreed that Appointments Committee be established - Moved Cllr Robinson, Seconded Cllr Murkett - put to the Vote - All in favour none against

The number of members of this Committee to be 5 with 3 forming a quorum - Moved Cllr Watson Seconded Cllr Roberts - all in favour.

Members of Appointments Committee to be Cllrs Marshall, Adamson, Murkett, Roberts and Watson

This Committee to hold a meeting on Tuesday, 5th August to discuss and prepare Job description and Advert for replacement Clerk who would also be the RFO. This information then to be presented to full Council Meeting in August.

Ratification of Cllr Robinson as member of Personnel Committee - proposed Cllr Murray, Seconded Cllr Watson - All in favour, None against.

It was then proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Roberts that the Personnel Committee meeting previously requested by the Town Council should not now take place. - All in favour

It was moved by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Roberts that we appoint a temporary Responsible Financial Officer - All in favour
MOVED by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Watson that temporary RFO be Cllr Salmon.

Then proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded Cllr Adamson that Cllr Roberts be Chair of Finance - All in favour.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 1997**

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. Millennium Green Update
3. Carrs Field
4. Play Areas
5. Seats



Clerk of the Council

Minutes of Amenity Meeting held on Thursday, 7th August 1997

Present; Cllrs J Watson(Chair), Cllrs Marshall, Roberts, Adamson, Jackson, Murkett, Murray, Salmon.

Apologies received from Cllrs Robinson, Hall & Morton.

Millennium Green Update;

A report was made back to the Amenity Committee following on from the 'Crisis' meeting held on the 29th July between Cllrs Marshall, Roberts, Watson & Jackson and Dave Goodwin (Leisure, Hambleton DC) and Chris Marshall (Countryside Commission)

This meeting was felt to have been very worthwhile and various matters of concern were raised, in particular the delay in any progress being made. The Legal position was being looked into by Hambleton District Council and they were in fact chasing NYCC. Cllr Murkett offered to 'chase up' NYCC to complete formalities. A re-costing is required on the Millennium Green project which is delayed due to shortage of staff within the Engineers Dept at Hambleton but Dave Goodwin is to chase.

Hazel Kirby who is the Country Organiser for BTCV is interested in meeting with us in connection with possibly undertaking work on the Millennium Green and a site meeting has been arranged for 20th August 1997 at 7.00pm

Hambleton District Council maintain a list of Contractors and it was felt that tenders be sought for the initial clearing of the Millennium Green and that we would hope to have made considerable progress by March 1998. It was suggested that authority be delegated to Cllr Marshall to liase with Dave Goodwin on Millennium Green matters - to be ratified at full Council. Hambleton have written to RANY regarding the Millennium feature and suggested that they contact the Town Council to arrange a 'brain storming' meeting.

Details were received from Chris Marshall (Countryside Commission) regarding signage board in the Field. It was suggested that we may wish to approach local firms for sponsorship re trees, shrubs etc - agreed to bear in mind

A meeting is to be arranged with local organisations who may be interested in becoming involved with work in the field, and who may wish to be Trustees.

Carrs Field; It was requested that Carrs Field Committee hold a

meeting to answer queries raised in letters received from the Trustees regarding work they wished to undertake/be undertaken in Carrs Fields. Report to be made back to Town Council meeting.

Play Areas; An update was made as regards the state of the swings etc. Confirmation that ROSPA inspection will take place in September. Amenity worker still inspecting Play Areas on a regular basis.

Seats; 2 seats have been ordered from firm in Darlington, made of recycled material. One to be sited on Whitelass to replace the one removed last year which was covered in graffiti and other one to replace rusty metal seat near Race Course. Repair and replacement of seats to be on-going project

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF
ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOM OF
THIRSK TOWN HALL AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 18 AUGUST 1997**

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence (5 mins)
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 21 July 1997 (5 mins)
3. ✓ To receive Police Reports *not present LATE 1933H* (10 mins)
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising (15 mins)
5. ✓ To receive Reports from
 - a) County Councillor (10 mins)
 - b) District Councillor (10 mins)
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence (15 mins)
7. ✓ To consider Town Regalia (10 mins)
8. ✓ To receive report on the Millennium Green (10 mins)
9. ✓ To receive report from Thirsk & District Licensed Traders Assoc (10 mins)
10. ✓ To receive report from Town Centre Development Working Party (10 mins)
11. ✓ To receive report from Carrs Field sub committee (10 mins)
12. ✓ To approve Accounts for payment (10 mins)
13. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports (10 mins)
14. ✓ To receive Reports from;
 - a) Sub Committee's (10 mins)
 - b) ✓ Members (10 mins)
15. ✓ Other items of interest and information
16. Confidential Item


Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE LIST August 1997

Matters Arising

Carrs Fld - Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust - various points
HARPAC - confirmed Mr Willis to attend Monday 20 October
Ms A. McIntosh - Railway service
NYCC G Rhodes - Railway service
Mr/Mrs Turner - Thanks contr. Neighbourhood Watch signs.
NYCC - Replacement Town Sign
HDC - Order footpath - Little Green

Correspondence

District Audit - Auditors Certificate & Opinion
HDC - Prop Millenium Green - surrender of existing lease
HDC - Land at Shire Rd - draft lease
HDC - District Wide Local Plan - Inspectors Report
BTCV - program Jan - April 1998
NYCC - Logal Service to Parish Councils
NYCC - re-drafting of Bus Timetables
J.R. Irving - use of footpath - 3 Tuns Yard
Mrs Taylot/Garbut - complaint about shavings

Tabled

YLCA - Joint Annual Meeting 6 September - Annual Report
YLCA - White Rose - J.E.Mins 19/7 - Local Agenda 21
Woods on Your Doorstop
N Yorkshire Police Authority - Newsletter
NCPCC - Conference Thursday 11 September
NY Fire & Rescue Service -Bonfire Safety

Planning

Application Granted - 5 The Crescent
Application Granted - shop unit rear 87 Market Place
Application Granted - 5 Bridge Street

Planning - cont.

Planning Application -
2/96/152/062P Hollins Barn, Sutton Rd - Minor amendment

Planning Appeal

Kiwk Fit Props - 14 October- (Control of Advertisements)

Cemetery - application to erect memorials

George Herbert Maddra
John Ward Stothard
Phyllis Holman

Payments for approval for August Meeting;

Accounts for payment:

I. Atkinson - DDR	£ 344.41
H.D.C. - rates office	£ 66.00
H.D.C. - rates Cemetery House	£ 70.00
P. Dunning - salary	£ 525.64
L. Mitchell - 4 weeks @ £2	£ 8.50
J. Bell - 4 weeks @ £10	£ 40.00
The Colour Centre	£ 73.40
The Colour Centre	£ 10.98
Horticultural Services	£ 166.85
Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board	£ 19.25
C E & C M Walker - grasscutting	£ 400.67
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£ 43.00
S.J. Brown - painting of bus shelter	£ 100.00
Sam Turner & Sons - C. Amy - 1 wood rake	£ 10.90
Power Point (C Amy - £2.96 wire brush) (balance Burial Board)	£ 343.34
Farmway - (weedkiller - brush - Burial Board)	£ 26.96
C Amy & Assoc 9 weeks @ £30 + £30 (woodshavings delivery)	£ 300.00
G.C. Croasdale - maintenance parts	£ 106.93
Sutcliffe Play - maintenance parts	£ 433.54
Image Builders -	£ 200.00
Petty Cash (£50)	£ 50.00
P. Dunning - travel to & from Audit 36 miles @ 20p	£ 7.20

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held
in Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 18 August 1997 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), J. Watson, A. Morton, G. Murray, Mrs F. Roberts, A Robinson, R. Hall, J. Jackson, D. Murkett, D. Adamson, two members of the public, press reporter and the Clerk.

Apology: Received from Councillor J. Salmon

Minutes of Previous Meeting: It was proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Murray that the minutes be approved with the amendment that Cllr. A. Morton be added to the apologies - as he was on leave. Agreed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Development Working Party on 17 July were approved.

Minutes of the Millennium Green meeting were approved proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Jackson.

Matters Arising: HARPAC - Correspondence confirmed that Mr Willis, will be pleased to attend the Town Council meeting on 20 October - Noted.

Railway Service - Correspondence from Ms A. McIntosh, M.P. and also Mr Rhodes, NYCC was noted.

Neighbourhood Watch - A letter of thanks for the donation towards the cost of neighbourhood watch signs was noted.

Town Sign - Correspondence from NYCC advised that policy had changed in 1987/88. Agreed to write to YLCA advising them that the Town Council had not been informed of this change of policy, so that other parishes may be advised.

Barley's yard development: Cllr. Watson queried if donation had been received - not as yet.

Public Footpath: Cllr. Murkett advised that forms had been sent in to NYCC - he was also collecting signatures.

TPO - Stoneybrough: Plan received showing these. Noted.

Police: Sgt S. Harris was thanked for police assistance re Thirsk County Primary School.

Re the proposed area of the Market Place being cordoned off for drinkers to use on racedays - he advised that Hambleton District Council were unable to consider this until September.

Councillors were concerned about the large number of lorries still entering the town and asked if the weight restriction was being observed.

Police Raids: A number of under age drinkers have been cautioned. Noted.

Darrowby Way: Concern was raised about the safety of young children driving toy vehicles on the street. Noted.

Market Place: Complaints about the behaviour of youths were noted - it is hoped that the installation of CCTV cameras will help with this.

Control Room Visit - This to be arranged.

Stammergate Junction: Concern was raised about traffic at this junction and a request that a police officer be on duty on race days was noted.

District Council Report: Cllr. Marshall advised the meeting of the following;
 All Weather Hockey Pitch - this is currently under construction. Noted.
 Town - Thirsk is to be featured by new media - noted.
 District Wide Plan - the Inspector's report on the District Wide Plan is out now.
 Noted.

Correspondence: Audit: Comments from the District Auditor's report were read out and noted.

Millennium green: It was proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett that the existing lease on the play area be surrendered to enable the Millennium Scheme to proceed.

Shire Road: Draft lease for this land to be referred to the Amenity Committee for consideration. Proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett.

District Wide Plan; The Planning Committee to consider items of interest to Thirsk. Noted.

B.T.C.V. - A request for details for the 1998 program was noted.

Mcleans Play Area - A complaint re the inconvenience caused by chippings during the topping up of the safety surface was noted. The woodchip was spread and cleared the same day.

YLCA - White Rose update - details noted.

Millennium Green: Cllr. Marshall has been perusing the new Trust Deed this to be referred to Millennium green committee and then to the solicitors.

It was proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Watson that Cllr. Marshall draft letter to interested parties. Agreed.

It was proposed Cllr. Roberts seconded Cllr. Murkett that Cllr. Marshall be given authority to progress costs. Agreed.

Deed of Covenant - It was proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Watson that the land be adopted by the Official Custodian of Charities. Agreed.

Town Centre Development Working Party: Concern was expressed about proposals to implement carparking charges. A proposal that we should perhaps withhold our contribution to the CCTV scheme if parking charges are implemented, was noted - this was considered to be a long stop suggestion.

Industrial Development Land: It was proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Morton that the Town Council actively look for a suitable site for further business development (phase 4). Agreed.

It was agreed to write asking what powers the District council have in relation to derelict properties in the town.

A proposal to site sign advertising the merits of the town on the A1M was considered - agreed to write to the Highways Agency for signage information.

Nursery Site - Comments of this area possibly being developed as part of the commercial heart of the town were noted.

Cemetery - The following applications to erect memorials were approved;

George Herbert Maddra

John Ward Stothard

Phylliss Holman

Carrs Field: It was reported that the legal procedure for the Trust was being followed, with the declaration being forwarded to the Charity Commissioners. The Trustees were requested to put forward any further projects in time to be taken into consideration when setting the precept.

It was proposed Cllr. Robinson seconded Cllr. Morton that the Town Council finance hedge cutting expenses and grass cutting expenses of the same frequency as that on the Holmes.

It was proposed Cllr. Robinson seconded Cllr. Morton that the area be included in the Town Council's grass cutting tenders. Agreed.

It was proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Hall that the Town Council request that Northern Electric underground the overhead cables through Carrs Field. Agreed.

Accounts :

It was proposed Cllr. Murray, seconded Cllr. Watson that the following accounts be accepted.

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Sub Committees: Cemetery - Complaint re grass noted.

Market Place - Cllr. Robinson reported that the bus shelter has been painted. Noted. Cllr. Robinson paid tribute to the appearance of the towns with the flower tubs. He did however point out that the cleaning needs to be improved and the bins to be emptied more frequently.

Cllr. Hall voiced concern about the mess caused by pigeons - It was agreed unanimously to write to Hambleton District Council to complain.

It was proposed Cllr. Robinson seconded Cllr. Murkett that a letter be sent to the people who had helped with the lovely flower display in the town.

Planning: The following planning results were noted.

5 The Crescent	Granted
Shop unit rear of 87 Market Place	Granted
5 Bridge Street	Granted

Planning Application: Hollins Barn, Sutton Road, - Minor Amendment - Approved.

Members Report:

Rates Office - Cllr. Roberts advised that the Hambleton District Council office was to close. Noted.

E. Thirsk Hall - Cllr. Murray reported that a complaint about the level of the floor was proved to be unfounded after checking by laser equipment. Charges to be increased for the first time. Noted.

Exclusion of Press & Public:

It was proposed Cllr. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Roberts, to exclude press and public for confidential items. Agreed.

Confidential Meeting:

Minutes of previous Meeting: it was proposed Cllr. Adamson seconded Cll. Morton that the Minutes of the previous confidential meeting be accepted.

Appointment of New Clerk: The job description forms, person specification forms, duties of the financial officer and application forms having been circulated to all councillors were accepted proposed Cllr. Murray and seconded Cllr. Murkett. Agreed.

It was proposed Cllr. Morton and seconded Cllr. Murray that the post be advertised in the Northallerton, Thirsk & Bedale Times, the Northern Echo and the Darlington & Stockton Times. Agreed.

100 Birthday: It was proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr Murray that a gift of flowers to residents should be made to residents reaching 100 years of age. Agreed.

The Meeting Closed at 10.15 p.m.

**A meeting of Thirsk Town Development Working Party will be held in the
Town Office on Thursday 28 August 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting already adopted and presented
- future procedure?
2. Matters Arising - Progress so far.
3. Parking Islands
4. Pedestrianisation.
5. Public Buildings.



Clerk of the Council

**Minutes of the Town Development Working Party of Thirsk Town Council held
in the Town Office on Thursday 28 August 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Jackson (in the Chair), A. Morton, J. Salmon, G. Murray, Mrs F. Roberts and the Clerk.

Apologies: Received from Councillors Murkett, Watson & Marshall.

Minutes: Cllr. Jackson questioned the procedure for approval of minutes. It was agreed that a "Health Warning be on the Minutes so that they can be approved prior to presentation to the Full Council".

Matters Arising: Cllr. Jackson queried if the joint letter from Chamber of Trade and Town Council had been sent - Cllr. Salmon to check with Chamber of Trade and advise accordingly.

Discussion took place about the possible positioning of a sign promoting Thirsk as a resting/tourist place where the AIM finishes. Agreed to write asking Autolink their policy re such signs.

Discussion took place re possible action about derelict properties and action permissible in law by Hambleton District Council. Agreed to write to HDC requesting information and to consider inviting building control officer for further discussions.

Parking Islands: Cllr. Jackson outlined his proposal that Thirsk should include parking islands on the outskirts of the town - and encouraging users to walk into town centre. It was proposed Cllr. Salmon, seconded Cllr. Jackson that the Town Council write to Hambleton District Council to ask that they "consider the feasibility of applying parking islands within the Thirsk area". Agreed.

Public Buildings: Cllr. Jackson queried if the Town Council had any control of the various Trusts within the town.

Cllr. Salmon felt that we should consider the bringing together of the various social services into one complex. Noted. He requested that we look at the possible use of the land formerly occupied by the Salem Chapel. Noted.

Next Agenda: Pedestrianisation/Drains/Sewage & Water

Meeting Closed 9.10 p.m.

**Agenda for Amenity Meeting of Thirsk Town Council to be held in the Town
Office on Thursday 4 September 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Millennium Green - Update/Lease - arrangements for meeting - invite people to be Trustees - volunteers - "gifts" from firms - sponsorship
5. Land at Shire Road - Draft Lease
6. BTCV - work programme January - April 1998
7. Carrs Field update (if anything to update)
8. Seats Update (new seats - plastic ones - Mr Seegar)
9. Any other items of interest or information
10. Confidential item - No 1
11. Confidential item - No 2


Clerk of the Council

N.B. Please note that I shall be on leave on Wednesday 3rd September

**Minutes of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council held
in the Town Office on Thursday 4 September 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), A. Morton, J. Jackson, D. Adamson, G. Murray, J. Marshall & A. Robinson and the Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies for absence received from Councillor Roberts, apologies from Councillors Marshall, Robinson & Salmon for lateness.

Minutes: Minutes of the Amenity meeting of 7 August were approved proposed Cllr Morton, seconded Cllr. Adamson.

Matters Arising: Seats - Cllr. Watson queried delivery date on seats ordered from Outwoods - To be delivered next week.

Footpaths - Concern was expressed about the large number of elders growing out of the wall supporting the footpath causing damage. Proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Cllr. Murray to write to the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board, Agreed.

Holmes - It was proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Adamson that the area owned by Hambleton District Council to the north of Millgate car park be adopted as a footpath and surfaced accordingly, to prevent further erosion by public use. Agreed.

Footpath to waterfall - grass still needs to be cut back - Cllr. Murray to ask contractor to contact.

BTCV - 1998: Various projects were considered for BTCV to include in their spring work program;

- Entrance for Carrs Field

- Paint white bridge

- Removing elders adjacent to path

- To prune back overhanging vegetation in East Thirsk

Carrs Field: A complaint from a local resident that his dog had recently died, the result, he believed of poison, was greeted with concern. Cllr. Adamson confirmed that the mole catcher had been in Carrs Field. It was proposed Cllr Watson, seconded Cllr. Murray that a letter expressing our concern be sent to the Trustees.

Cllr. Robinson reported that the southern hedge has recently been cut and that the grass has been cut again.

Cllr. Marshall queried if any information re Skate Boards has come forward. Cllr. Adamson stated not as yet - as full planning would be needed.

Millennium Green: Cllr. Marshall reported on a site meeting with Hazel Kirby, B.T.C.V. - Money could be available from the "Land Fill Tax Funding" and from the Environmental Action Fund.

She also advised that another "final lease" had been received from the Countryside Commission.

It was proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Morton that a meeting be arranged for Wednesday, 8 October in East Thirsk Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Shire Road: It was agreed that the lease for Shire Road be accepted. Proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Watson.

Seats: Cllr. Robinson stated that the seats in the town were a disgrace and added that they should be replaced, where necessary, in the next 12 months.

It was agreed to write to Seegar's builders, advising them that a seat on the Holmes has been damaged with some force.

Cllr. Marshall considered that residents, who had expressed a wish in the past to place a seat in memorial, should be approached again.

Any Other Business: Cllr. Murray requested that a letter of condolence should be sent on the recent tragic death of Princess Diana - Cllr. Marshall reported that she had already done this.

A flag pole had been erected temporally (as it was not very robust) on the Town Hall, consideration to given to possible purchase of a new flag pole.

Many flowers have been laid on the Town Clock in memorial.

Planning - Site meetings to be held on Monday 8 September were noted.

Notice Board - Cllr. Robinson reported on the cost of a notice board to be place on the north side of the public toilets. It was proposed Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr.

Watson that this quotation be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

Meeting Closed 10 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF
ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOMS OF
THIRSK & SOWERBY TOWN HALL
AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1997**

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence 5 mins
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council Meeting 18 August 1997 5 mins
 - ✓ To receive Minutes of sub committees; - 5 mins
 - ✓ Amenties - Town Centre Development Working Party
3. To receive Police Reports 10 mins
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising 20 mins
5. ✓ To receive Reports from
 - ✓ a) County Councillor 10 mins
 - ✓ b) District Councillor 10 mins
6. ✓ To consider princess Diana Memorial Fund 10 mins
7. ✓ To consider purchasing a new Flag Pole 10 mins
8. ✓ To consider Town Regalia 10 mins
9. ✓ To receive Correspondence 10 mins
10. ✓ To approve accounts for payment 10 mins
11. ✓ To consider procedure for appointment of new Town Clerk 10 mins
12. To receive Planning Committee Reports 10 mins
13. To receive Reports from;
 - a) Sub Committee's 10 mins
 - b) Members reports 10 mins
14. Other items of interest and information 5 mins



Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE LIST September 1997

~~Matters Arising~~

- ~~Highways Agency - Tourist signs ALM~~
- HDC - Dog/litter bins - Favenfield
- HDC - Derlict properties
- HDC - Barleys Yd - More details needed re play area
- OPRAF - Rail service
- Royal British Legion Club - Flower tubs
- Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust - Fencing, Electric Cables,
- Donations to Carrs Field, Moles
- Northern Electric - Map of proposed undergrounding

Correspondence

- R B Legion: Remembrance Sunday Service/Parade - 17 Sept.
- Thirsk/Sowerby Town Hall - Minutes meeting 7 July 1997
- NYCC - Prop Waiting restrictions Barbeck Close
- NYCC - Prop waiting restrictions Westgate
- Royal Mail - Prop. to change postcodes in the York area
- Mrs Welburn - Ducks - Millgate
- Thirsk & Dist Council of Churches - use of Notice Board
- Thirsk/Dist Licensed Traders Assoc - Meeting 8 September
- HDC - Tree Planting Scheme
- District Audit - letter to Chairman re Audit
- Jefferson Willan - Transfer of Licence - Treetops
- Camerons Brewery - Transfer of Licence - The Black Bull

Tabled

- YLCA - Local Government Review
- Irvine Martin - Christmas Display catalogue
- Barclays PLC - year 2000
- British Red Cross - Christmas card brochure
- FWAG - International Conference - Tuesday 14 October

Planning

- Street naming etc - Barley's Yard, The Marage
- Minor Amendment - Thirsk Ind Park - Fuel/lubricant Depot
- Satellite Dish - relocating - Occupiers of 5a Market Pl, 11 Stammerge, 17 St James Green

Planning Appeal

- Action Data - Appeal Dismissed
- Kwik Fit - Discontinuence Notice - 14 October 1997

Application:

Proposal: 35 dwellings Stockton Road

Results:

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| D. Saddington - demolition building | Granted |
| C Legard - Grizzlefield House | Granted |
| Mrs S M Pearson - rear 87 Market Place | Granted |

Cemetery - applications for additional inscription

Antoni Zajackowski
Elizabeth Cook

Payments for approval for September Meeting;

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Rowleys's - flowers for Mrs Huson	£ 12.50
F. ROBERTS	

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held
in Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 15 September 1997 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), J. Watson, A. Morton, G. Murray, Mrs F. Roberts, A Robinson, D. Murkett, D. Adamson, J.M. Salmon, two members of the public, press reporter and the Clerk.

Apologies: Received from Councillors R. Hall & J. Jackson

Minutes of Previous Meeting: It was proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr. Morton that the minutes be approved. Agreed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held on the 4th September were approved - proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Murray.

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Development Working Party on 28 August were approved. Proposed Cllr. Murray seconded Cllr. Salmon. Agreed.

Police Matters: As no police were in attendance the Chairman asked Councillors if they had any areas of concern. Various matters were raised, the large number of HGV vehicles still passing through the town, bicycles being ridden in a dangerous way, Police response after vehicle theft and the use of an area of the highway for the sale of vehicles - cars without tax discs offered for sale. The police to be advised of these.

Matters Arising: *Carrs Field:* A plan from Northern Electric indicated route likely to be used for a proposed undergrounding scheme. Correspondence from the Trustees requested that they be granted funding for a skate board ramp - it was agreed that this should go forward to the Finance Committee. Proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Salmon. Agreed. *As committee when*

Rail Services: Correspondence from OPRAF advised that local rail services were to be upgraded during the winter.

Barleys Yard: A letter from Hambleton District Council re the naming of the development was considered. Agreed that the name "Barley's Yard" should be retained.

Derelict Properties: Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised that the full powers of the District Council were being looked into.

Environmental Health: Correspondence advised that further bins had been provided following complaints by residents.

Highways Agency: Information received - to be referred to the Town Development Working party.

Remembrance Service: Correspondence from the Royal British Legion gave details of meeting to make arrangements for the remembrance service.

All Weather Hockey Pitch: Cllr. Marshall advised that the all weather hockey pitch was almost complete and would be ready for use in January 1998. Noted.

Cemetery: the problem of grass cutting has been addressed.

County Council Report: Cllr. Murkett reported that a traffic calming scheme for Long Street has been put forward. It included lowering the speed limit from 40 to 30 m.p.h. installing traffic islands in the road and the installation of a mini roundabout (at this Councillors cheered). It was proposed Cllr. Murray that the proposals be accepted. He requested that he was advised of other areas of concern prior to the site meeting.

School Governor: Cllr. Murkett reported that a vacancy had occurred at Sowerby school for a school governor.

District Council Report:

Cllr. Robinson brought to the Council's attention information from Action for Market Towns. Agreed that the Council should join the scheme.

Industrial Land: He also reported that negotiations ~~had started~~ ^{may} on the purchase of more land for industrial use.

He reported that a local firm had won Hambleton District Council's design award.

Street Lights: Cllr. Robinson reported that target time to repair street lights was now seven days.

Cllr. Marshall reported that she had attended Planning Meeting and spoke against the "Barratts" planning application. Cllr. Marshall said that Barratts had proposed that "In recognition of the anxiety of not including a play area in Phase I they would ensure that it would be one of the first constructions in Phase II." She advised that money had been offered to County Council for traffic calming on Stockton Road and also a donation of £38,000 is to go to District Council to be used as part funding of the Millennium Green - Phase II. - *Recreation Land*

Cllr. Marshall reported that the Chairman of Planning had stated publicly that he disagreed with ~~District Wide~~ ^{Town} Policy re Play Areas - Councillors considered that this brought into question the whole of District Wide Policy and agreed to write to complain of this.

Princess Diana Memorial Fund: Councillors discussed the proposal to donate towards the Princess Diana Memorial Fund stating that it was illegal for the precept to be spent other than in, or for the good of the parish. It was proposed that this should be left as a matter for personal decision.

Flag Pole: Cllr. Marshall reported that the recent bereavement of Princess Diana led to a flag being flown at half mast on the Town Hall. It was noted that the flag pole needs to be replaced. After discussion it was agreed to approach Sowerby Council to ask if they are willing to share the cost of a replacement flag pole.

Town Regalia: Cllr. Salmon stated that former policy agreed by the Town Council proposed that further links should be purchased each year. It was proposed by Cllr. Watson that the principle be accepted and that quotation should be sought, seconded Cllr. Marshall. Agreed.

Further discussion took place re the proposal to purchase an official Vice Chairman's badge. It was proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Marshall that further information should be sought. Agreed to seek quotation.

Correspondence: *Action for Market Towns* - Cllr. Marshall requested that after joining Action for Market Towns a representative should attend the conference in October. Agreed unanimously.

Royal British Legion - Correspondence advised of the meeting arrangements to finalise details for the Memorial Day Parade.

Town Hall: Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July were tabled.

North Yorkshire County Council: Proposals re waiting restrictions at Barbeck and Westgate were considered. Councillors considered that the proposals re Barbeck were fine but that they disagreed in the extension of the no waiting area as this was not now necessary.

Thirsk & District Council of Churches: A letter requesting notice board space was approved with the provision that only A4 size be used - request for an area to display large posters was passed on to Hambleton District Council.

Thirsk & District Licensed Traders Assoc. - Agenda details of the most recent meeting had arrived too late for Councillor Murkett to attend.

Transfer of Licences: Application for the transfer of licences were approved with the request that the applicants attend a licensees training course.

Millgate Gardens: Correspondence from Mrs Reynard and Mrs Dodds advised that they were unable to continue in the gardening capacity. Cllr. Marshall spoke in appreciation of all the hard work that Mrs Reynard & Mrs Dodds have put in over the years.

Accounts :

It was proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Cllr. Murray that the following accounts be accepted.

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Town Clerk: Councillors discussed procedure for selecting a new Town Clerk. It was agreed that a short list of seven applicants should be invited for interview. It was proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Salmon that Cllr. Marshall, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Morton and Cllr. Adamson be the interview panel. Agreed.

Planning: Barleys Yard: A proposal from Hambleton District Council that this development be known as Marage Road was rejected, proposed Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr. Murkett that Barley's Yard remain as part of the address.

Car Park: An application that a 22 space car park be constructed for use as a visitor's car park was approved by the Town Council. Prop. Cllr. Roberts sec. Cllr. Murray.

Visitor Centre: The proposal to convert the former veterinary premises to a visitor Centre was welcomed by Councillors. Proposed Cllr. Roberts seconded Cllr. Watson. Cllr. Watson proposed that the Planning Committee report be moved further up the agenda, seconded Cllr. Murkett.

Cllr. Watson proposed that any planning applications that are not straight forward be left in abeyance until Cllr. Robert's return. Noted.

Suspend Standing Orders: It was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Murkett that Standing orders be suspended for 15 minutes. Agreed.

Sub Committees: Cemetery - In the absence of Cllr. Hall, Cllr. Salmon reported that a site meeting had been held in the Cemetery, Cllr. Hall is to arrange the cutting of the vacant area. It was also noted that kerbs around various graves need to be improved, as do the paths, also the war graves.

Finance: Cllr. Roberts advised councillors that she needed budget details from all committees to allow time to consider the precept necessary.

Market Place: Cllr. Robinson thanked Mrs Reynard and Mrs Dodds adding that his committee would look into employing another gardener.

Greens Committee: Cllr. Morton reported that plants had been destroyed by the Grass Contractor strimming - a letter of complaint to go to the Contractor.

Millennium Green: Cllr. Marshall informed councillors that she would draw up a letter inviting groups to a meeting on 8 October 1997.

Reports: Cllr. Murkett reported that he had received complaints about the condition of the ditch in the Millennium Green site. Noted this will be dealt with when site work commences.

Cllr. Murray reported that East Thirsk Community Assoc. had not yet appointed a new caretaker.

Cllr. Salmon reported that a meeting with Thirsk Chamber of Trade who had invited representatives from chambers in Northallerton, Easingwold, Stokesley and Bedale had voted to campaign strongly against the proposed implementation of car parking charges throughout the District.

Cllr. Robinson reported that the East Thirsk Youth Leader had recently resigned.

Cllr. Morton gave Cllr. Jackson's report on the planning meeting. Noted.

Cllr. Marshall reported that she had attended the official opening of Multi Drive on Thirsk Industrial Park and that she had attended a cocktail party at RAF Leeming.

The Meeting Closed at 10.20 p.m.



NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Police Office
Westgate
Thirsk
North Yorkshire
YO7 1QS

10/24

01609 789621

Telephone:

Our Ref: JR/DA

Mrs. P. Dunning,
Clerk to the Council,
15a Castlegate,
Thirsk,
North Yorkshire

30th September, 1997

Dear Mrs. Dunning,

With reference to your letter concerning the recent Council Meeting.

1. The situation with Large Goods Vehicles breaching the weight restriction is a matter we are seeking to resolve.

Local officers are tasked to stop and check any vehicles which are suspected of breaking the Regulations, and in time, I am intending that Traffic officers will target this problem as well as speeding.

Hopefully we will see a reduction to a satisfactory level.

2. The Council may be aware that there are three additional Special Constables starting in Thirsk within the next few weeks.

The Specials have been asked to target Community based problems, by developing their own initiatives. They are presently focusing on children drinking in Public Places.

The next project, targeted for mid-October, is aimed at a Vehicle and Cycle Lighting Campaign, which will also deal with cycling on the pavements. All the Specials' initiatives will be supported by the Regulars, when they are not committed with other work.

3. Your letter does not provide sufficient detail for me to comment specifically. In general we do not attend the scene of a vehicle theft, as we are better employed using our knowledge of likely offenders to target our searches elsewhere. We would only attend to the Complainant in person, if there was a likelihood of gaining information that could not be passed by telephone, or if the Complainant was considered to be vulnerable and needed the reassurance of a visit.
4. The offences outlined regarding the cars For Sale on Long Street are technical in nature, and any movement by them on the road is catered for through the use of Trade Plates.

I will advise the Owner of the legal position, but I am sure you will appreciate that with so many other problems that directly effect people's quality of life, I have to take care in ensuring that officers' time is best used to target the priorities set out in our Service Plan.

I hope this letter addresses the issues raised by the Council and we will continue to attend Meetings wherever possible. You should perhaps note that your meetings coincide with my days off. I am prepared to attend if there are any matters you feel can only be addressed through myself. Otherwise, another officer will attend, subject to availability.

You may be interested to learn that Inspector Gary Clarke has been successful in his application for a Post as Chief Inspector, and will not be returning to Thirsk as originally planned. My own position is yet to be resolved, but I remain hopeful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Richardson', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

John Richardson,
Acting Inspector
Thirsk Police Office

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 1997**

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To consider any Matters Arising from the Meeting on 4 September 1997
3. To consider Shire Park Lease
4. To consider Millennium Green
5. Appointment of New Clerk
6. Confidential Item


Clerk of the Council

**Minutes of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council held
in the Town Office on Thursday 2 October 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), J. Marshall, Adamson, Robinson, Jackson and the Clerk.

Apologies: Received from Councillors Roberts, Salmon.

Matters Arising: *Seats:* Cllr. Watson queried when the seats from Outwood were to be fitted, and agreed that if Chris Amy needed assistance he could employ a helper at the Council's expense.

Marage Seat: Councillors considered that the seat was not damaged by vandalism, but by the action of contractors on the building site adjacent. Agreed to acquire a price from John Worley or Peter Chandler to repair this seat. In view of the vulnerability of this site, it was agreed that one of the "Outwood" seats be located here.

Offer of Seat: Some time since the family of the late Mr Stott offered to purchase a seat in memorial of their father - this has never been followed, agreed to write to ask if they still wish to donate a seat.

Holmes: Awaiting a price for skimming the top surface from the footpath.

Carrs Field: Cllr Marshall reported that the scheme has been forwarded to the Charity Commissioners to be sealed.

St James Green: Copy of letter sent to the owner of the land, Mr John Bell was noted.

Footpaths: A complaint from residents of the condition of the footpath adjacent to the Cod Beck to be passed on to the N.Y.C.C.

Play Areas: *Workhouse Site:* Cllr. Marshall reported that the developer of the former workhouse site is to install a play area for small children, which it hopes the Town Council will take over and maintain in the future, with an agreed sum of money. A sum is also to be paid towards the Millennium Green project. Noted.

It was proposed by Cllr Adamson and seconded by Cllr. Marshall that the Town Council agree to accept responsibility for future maintenance. Agreed unanimously.

Barleys Yard: Cllr. Marshall expressed concern about the letter received from Hambleton District Council about the proposed expenditure - Cllr. Marshall to draft letter of response.

ROSPA Report: Recent report from ROSPA to be on agenda at next meeting.

Millennium Green: Cllr. Marshall reported on recent costings for the scheme. Concern was expressed about the effluent in the ditch, agreed to write to the Environmental Agency as this must be a threat to health with housing and schools in such close proximity.

Cllr. Marshall reported on a meeting with Mr Armstrong in respect of the lease, the Town Council need to officially surrender the present lease so that it can be put in the hands of the Trustees and thereafter into the ownership of the Official Custodian of Charities.

Millennium Green:cont.

A Public Meeting is to be arranged for 7 October when it is hoped to invite people to be trustees.

Work Plan: Cllr. Marshall reported on a meeting with Chris Vincent when it was agreed that Phase I - the main footpaths and the seeding and levelling, the planting of shrubs and trees nearest to properties in Dowber Way and Megson Place is to start in November. Agreed.

Appointment of New Town Clerk: It was reported that 6 applicants were interviewed and that Mrs Audrey Marigold Wilkinson was recommended for the post. It was proposed Cllr. Watson that Mrs Audrey Marigold Wilkinson be accepted as Town Clerk, seconded Cllr. Robinson. Agreed. It was agreed that she should start on 13 October 1997 if this was convenient.

Town Hall: Cllr. Watson advised that a meeting with Mr Armstrong, solicitor had been arranged. She also advised that an application for grant of £80,000.00 was to be put forward being half of the estimated cost.

Notice Board: Correspondence from the Council of Churches requesting a notice board was considered. Agreed that they be advised that they are welcome to use a part of the new notice board.

Thirsk Town Council

P. Dunning,
Clerk To The Council,
15a Castlegate,
Thirsk,
N. Yorkshire.

Telephone 01845 526445

September 1997

Dear

Derek,

Thirsk Millennium Green

As you may be aware Thirsk has been fortunate enough to be chosen for one of the 23 pilot sites of Millennium Greens that the Countryside Commission is developing with funds from the Millennium Commission lottery funds (the total number of sites is 250).

Thirsk Town Council along with Hambleton District Council have taken the lead so far on this development but we are now looking for people and organisations who would like to get involved with the scheme - either as trustees and/or volunteers.


We are writing to ask you whether you would like to be involved in the scheme and hope that you will.

To assist your decision we are holding a meeting on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30 p.m. in the function room of the East Thirsk Community Hall and invite you or your representative to attend.

More information about the scheme will be given at the meeting but we include a brief history, a map to indicate the location of the land, and a plan of the scheme.

We hope very much that you will be able to come along and give this important project your support.

Yours faithfully,



Cllr. Jan Marshall
Town Mayor

Brief History of the Site

The land was in agricultural use (vegetables) until mid 1980's when it was left after the various housing developments on and off Dowber Way were built. Some building debris was left on the site and it was left to go wild.

It has been recognised for some time that East Thirsk was suffering from a major imbalance between housing and recreational area i.e. no recreation areas, and to address this problem this field and the field to the west (the stick of the "T") were designated some 20 years ago for recreational use.

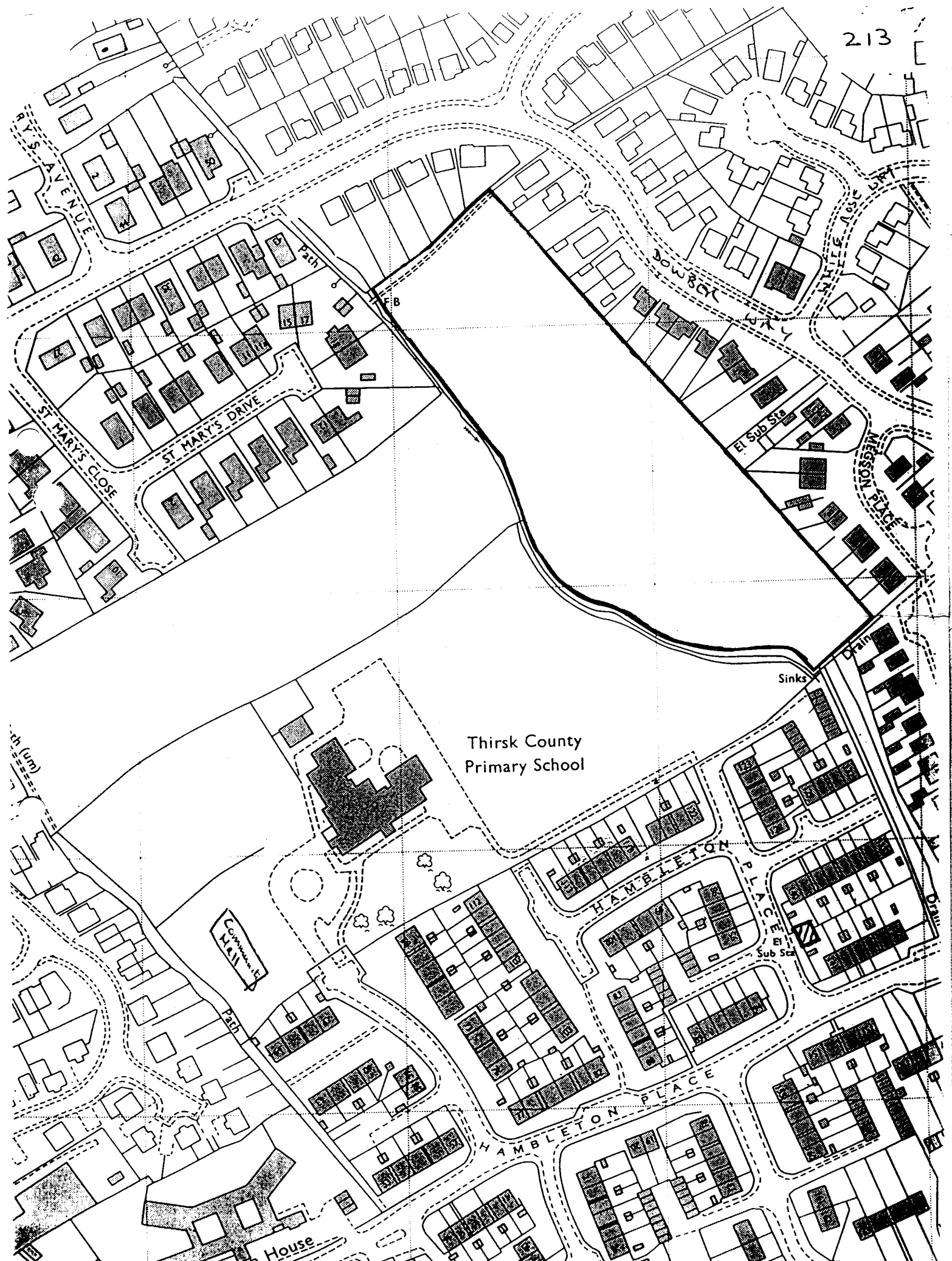
It is only recently that this designation could be turned into reality for part of the site when the land was purchased by Hambleton District Council. It is the District Council's policy to hand land over to the parish councils but in this case the Thirsk Town Council identified the Millennium Green project as promulgated by the Countryside Commission as being the better way to go.

It would:-

- Ensure the involvement of the local community
- Guarantee the land for recreational use for 999 years
- Provide a source of funding for the development of the site.
- Celebrate the Millennium
- Provide a natural haven for wildlife, birds, trees and flowers in an increasingly urban area.

A scheme has been drawn together, which the local community was consulted on in the summer of 1996. It has been costed and work identified that would be suitable for both volunteers and contractors. The scheme takes the best of the area as it exists - hence scrub land is being left as a natural resource for wildlife, as well as providing recreational areas for old and young alike. It also recognises the need of neighbours for privacy by incorporating hedges and trees as barrier areas.

The more formal play provision is intended to be provided in Phase II of the East Thirsk recreational area and we hope that this too will soon become a reality.



Thirsk County
Primary School

Sinks

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Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY WILL
BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 1997**

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 28 August 1997
3. A presentation from Mr D. Cashmore, Head of Building Control - re action permissible in relation to derelict buildings.
4. Parking
5. Large Housing Developments
6. Sewage & Water



Clerk of the Council

Memo:

All Councillors are welcome to attend the Millennium Green Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. East Thirsk Hall

Mr Chris Amy, our amenity worker, has requested that he be able to claim an allowance towards transport costs when he needs to travel to Sam Turner's & Co., Northallerton. May I suggest that we take this on board as a policy.

Thirsk Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 1997

Present: D. Cashmore, head of building control Hambleton District Council, Councillors Jackson, Watson, Salmon and the clerk.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors Roberts, Robinson, Marshall and Morton.

Derelict Properties: Mr D. Cashmore gave a brief presentation about the action permissible re derelict property (a copy attached re procedures). He advised that spot listing could be done, to protect worthwhile property. The local knowledge of residents is useful in pointing out areas of concern. The main area of concern is to remove any danger to the public.

Councillor Jackson asked if sewage records were held at Hambleton District Council and requested copy.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved proposed Councillor Salmon seconded Councillor Jackson. Agreed unanimously.

Parking: Concern was expressed that the new car park to the rear of the Cross Keys public house would provide 22 more spaces. Councillor Jackson requested that we write to Hambleton District Council to request a bigger commitment to providing car parking.

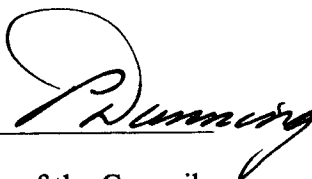
Next meeting: To be held on 27 November

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF
ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR OF
THIRSK TOWN HALL AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 1997**

AGENDA

- ✓1. To receive Apologies for Absence
- ✓2. To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 15 September 1997
- ✓3. To receive presentation from HARPAC - ~~Mr. J. J. J. J.~~
- ✓4. To receive Police Reports
- ✓5. To consider any Matters Arising:
 - ✓a) Purchase of links for mayor's chain b) Purchase of C. Chairman's badge
- ✓6. To receive Reports from
 - a) County Councillor ✗
 - b) District Councillor ✓
- ✓7. To receive report re Millennium Green
- ✓8. To receive Correspondence
- ✓9. To approve accounts for payment
- ✓10. To receive Planning Committee Reports
- ✓11. To receive Reports from;
 - ✓a) Sub Committee's
 - ✓b) Members reports
- ✓12. Other items of interest and information


Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE LIST October 1997

Matters Arising

FWAG - arrangements for meeting 27 October 97
HARPAC - copy to councillors
N. Yorkshire Police - matters raised at last meeting
Cod Beck IDB - footpath alongside Cod Beck
HDC - Pigeons
NYCC - Traffic Calming - Norby/A61 Carlton Miniott
HDC - Barleys Yard - Marage, Thirsk
C. Exec HDC - Planning Policy
Cllr. Mrs S. Latter - Planning policy
Action for Market Towns -
NYCC - Hire of Courthouse
NYCC - Storage of seat
Sowerby Parish Council - flag pole
BTCV - Natural Break

Carrs Field

Eccles, Heddon & Co - Scheme has been sent to Inland Revenue for stamping.

Mayor's Chain

Quote from Fattorini

Correspondence

G. Murray - apology for absence
Thirsk Co Primary School - School Governor
Mrs D. Gormley - School Governor's report
Thirsk Tourist Information Centre -
Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - request £500.00
NYCC - Liaison Meetings
Royal British Legion - Remembrance Service 9/10/97
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee - meeting 1/9/97
NYCC - accident St James Green

Tabled

Countryside Commission - Landfill Tax Rebate Scheme
B. Bowe MEP - Cleveland & Richmond Euro News
Dibb & Lupton - Good Neighbour - Transfer of Licence
Farmwatch Security Exhibition
Thirsk & District Licensed Traders - Meeting 6/10/97

Planning

Planning Appeal

Dwellinghouse, Vicarage Gardens

Application:

2/97/152/14N Prop: Display of an externally illuminated fascia sign

Location: 71 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: William Hill Organisation

2/97/152/561 Proposal: Alterations to 2 existing ground floor shop units & approved first floor flat for use as a ground floor bistro & first floor flat

2/97/152/561B Proposal: Display of an externally illuminated wall mounted sign & a non illuminated projecting sign.

Location: Bakers Alley

Applicant: Mrs V. Charles

2/97/152/561 Listed Building consent for above

Results:

4 Fairfield - Granted

Moat House Farm - Granted

Vicarage Gardens Cemetery Road- Refused

15 Darrowby Close - Granted

Johnson Cleaners UK ltd - Granted

Royal British Legion - Granted

Dispol UK - Granted

Cemetery

Application to erect a memorial - Karl Netherland

Application to erect a memorial - Hector MacLeod

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I ATKINSON
C Amy - Shirts

3-53
£125.00

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall on Monday 20th. October 1997 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the chair), ^{D.E. ADAMSON} J. Watson, A. Morton, R. Hall, Mrs. F. Roberts, A. Robinson, J. Salmon, J. Jackson, Wpc. F. Hannan, Mrs. M. Devine, HARPAC, two members of the public, press reporter, Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Wilkinson.

Apologies: received from Cllrs. Murray and Murkett.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: After amendments on several details it was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Roberts that the minutes be approved. Agreed.

Town Development Working Party: It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Jackson.

HARPAC: A presentation from Mrs. Devine gave a brief outline of the beginnings of HARPAC. She went on to tell us what they hoped to achieve in the future. Various councillors asked relevant questions.

Police matters: Wpc. Francis Hannan, who has recently been appointed Community Officer, reported on the concerns expressed at our last meeting re. the number of heavy goods vehicles passing through the town, she reported that recently three new special constables had been appointed. Councillors again expressed concern about on street parking in Long Street. She has promised to look into this. Cllr. Roberts voiced concern about the danger of cyclists on pavements. Noted.

Matters Arising:

Cod Beck: Concerns expressed about tree suckers along the river bank and the condition of the footpath. Noted and copy sent to NYCC.

Pigeons: Correspondence from Hambleton District Council re problems caused by the birds fouling the pavements were noted and copy sent to Thirsk Chamber of Trade. Market Place Sub Committee to identify problem buildings and report back, prior to writing to occupiers.

Traffic Calming, a Norby: Plans approved by Town Council, Broadacres Housing Assoc. to fund the scheme.

Carlton Miniott: Scheme generally approved but some concern voiced about the egress from the railway station.

Barleys Yard: Hambleton District Council have accepted this name to be used for development near Kirkgate

H.D.C. Notice Board: Information has been passed on to Thirsk and District Council of Churches.

District Wide Plan, reply,: (Cllr. Roberts declared an interest and took no part) discussion ended, clerk to ask when this new provision will be made for an open space, as indicated in HDC. letter.

Action for Market Towns: meeting in Tadcaster 24th. November 1997, Cllrs. Roberts and Jackson interested, give details when they arrive.

Flag Pole: Letter with offer of a pole from a Sowerby Councillor, all agreed to accept.

Seat stored at Norby: Seeger to be asked to install.

BTCV., Millenium Green,: BTCV are able to come between 27th February 1998 and 1st. March 1998.

Carrsfield: Scheme has been sealed and has been sent for stamping.

Mayor's Chain: Discussion ended with a Proposal by Cllr. Salmon that 5 pairs of links be purchased now and precepted for next year, seconded by Cllr. Morton. Agreed. Alternative quotes to be sort.

atters Arising cont'd.

Vice Chairman's Badge: Proposal not to have a badge for the Vice Chairman by Cllr. Robinson seconded by Cllr. Hall. Agreed.

NYCC. Report: Sowerby P.C. have requested that buses should run from the railway station into the town.

HDC. Report : The All-Weather Pitch is on target. Queries over charges to be raised at Hambleton District Council by HDC. councillors. -

CCTV.: on target.

Car Parking Charges: Deferred for the moment for further reseach.

Millenium Green: Meeting well attended, some 12 trustees at the moment. Meeting to be held on Oct. 22nd. for trustees , the officers will be appointed. Play area, new details to be consider -ed. Sewer to be investigated, weed killing done last friday. Cllr. Marshall thanked by Cllr. Salmon for all her work on this project.

Correspondence:

Thirsk Primary School: School Governor required, Cllr. Morton. agreed to stand again, subject to agreement from Bagby P.C. Agreed. Annual Report from Thirsk R.C. Primary School.

Thirsk Tourist Information Centre: Support asked for in order to compile new information leaflet. Support of £500.00 proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr. Salmon to be paid in November. Agreed.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau: Request for help, to be put on November agenda. Possibly have C.A.B. representative to speak at meeting in the new year.

NYCC Parish Liason Meetings: to be arranged soon.

British Legion Remembrance Service: details given.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall: minutes tabled.

Accident, St. James Green; to be persued to find culprit.

Suspend Business Standing Order: proposed Cllr. Salmon, seconded Cllr. Robinson. Further 20 minutes or a.s.a.p. agreed.

Tabled Correspondence:

Countryside Commission - Landfill Tax Rebate Scheme.

.Bowe MEP. - Cleveland & Richmond Euro News.

Dibb & Lupton - Good Neighbour - Transfer of licence.

Farm watch Security Exhibition.

Thirsk & District Licenced Traders - Meeting 6/10/97.

Accounts for Payment: The following accounts were approved for payment, proposed Cllr. Salmon, seconded Cllr. Morton.

I. Atkinson -DDR	£344.41
H.D.C. - rates office	£ 66.00
H.D.C. - rates Cemetery House	£ 70.00
P. Dunning - salary	£645.11
M. Wilkinson - salary	£411.63
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks @ £2.00	£ 10.50
J. Bell - 5 weeks @ £10.00	£50.00
C. Amy - 5 weeks maintenance @ £30.00 plus socket set	£167.99
Power Point - amenity uses	£ 5.29
Playdale - bolts	£ 29.38
The Colour Centre - paint & materials	£ 53.42
Playground Management - annual inspection	£218.55
S. Turner & Sons Ltd.	£ 42.29
CE & CM Walker - grass cutting	£336.05

Accounts cont'd.

Thirsk Motors Ltd.	£ 25.03
Audit Commission	£322.89
Petty Cash	£150.00
I. Atkinson	£ 3.53
C. Amy	£125.00

The following accounts were settled before the meeting:

Action for Market Towns	£ 75.00
C. Amy	£265.00
Outwood Seats	£577.51
K. Reynard	£186.00

Resolution passed that from 1/11/97 A.M. Wilkinson's signature would be accepted, proposed Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr. Salmon.

Planning:

Planning Appeal

Dwelling house, Vicarage Gardens

Applications:

2/97/152/14N Prop: Display of an externally illuminated fascia sign.

Location: 71 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: William Hill Organisation

2/97/152/561 Proposal: Alterations to 2 existing ground floor shop units & approved first floor flat for use as a ground floor bistro & first floor gallery.

2/97/152/561B Proposal : Display of an illuminated projecting sign

Location : Bakers Alley

Applicant: Mrs. V. Charles

2/97/152/561 Listed Building consent for above

Results:

4 Fairfield - granted

Moat House Farm - granted

Vicarage Gardens Cemetery Road - refused

15 Darrowby Close - granted

Johnson Cleaners UK Ltd. - granted

Royal British Legion - granted

Dispol UK - granted

Cemetery:

Application to erect a memorial - Karl Netherland

Application to erect a memorial - Hector MacLeod

Finance;

Cllr. Roberts reminded everyone to have budgets ready for precept Meeting - 12th. November

Christmas Lights Committee:

Christmas lights to be as last year, tree from Mr. H. Woodhead, switch on 24th. November 1997. Town Council to give same donation £250.00.

Play Areas Committee - meeting to be arranged.

Members Reports:

Cllr. Jackson - Ambulance response time, suggested it be monitored.

Cllr. Adamson - Y.C.L.A. Report, will give at next meeting.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Salmon reported need for room for Youth Group meeting - cost to be shared with Sowerby, proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded

Any Other Business cont'd.

Cllr. Adamson. Agreed.

Brittain in Bloom/Long Street flora, to be put on next agenda.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Mrs. P. Dunning.

The Meeting was closed by the chairman at 10.16pm.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON 6th. NOVEMBER 1997 at 7.30pm. IN THE TOWN OFFICE.

AGENDA.

1. Apologies for Absence.

2. Approve the Minutes.

3. Matters Arising -

Marage seat.

Offer of seat.

Holmes - skimming of surface estimate.

Carrs field.

4. Business -

Footpaths.

Millennium Green report.

Town Hall meeting.

Gardener.

ROSPA report.

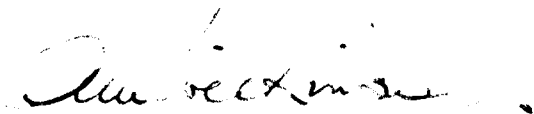
Seats.

Precept.

C. Amy -travel expenses.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council - AGM, 15th. Nov.1997.

5. Any Other Business.



Clerk of the Council.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenity Committee Meeting held on Thursday
6th. November 1997 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillors Mrs. J. Watson, in the chair, Miss J. Marshall, Mrs. F Roberts, Messrs Adamson, Jackson, Morton, Murkett, Murray, Robinson and Salmon, and the clerk.

Apology: Mr. Hall.

Minutes: having been circulated were approved proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Adamson, All agreed.

Matters Arising :

Marage Seat: C Amy has installed an "Outwood" seat. Clerk to ask Mr P. Chandler and Mr J Worley to quote for repairing the one which was removed. Cllr Robinson proposed that the council claim from the insurance for the cost of this repair.

Offer of Seat: No reply to date.

Holmes, Skimming Estimate: An estimate has been received from Mr. R. Hunter, clerk to clarify what this includes and as to how skimming will be done. Clerk to ask C. Amy to put in a quotation. Clerk to explain to both that the soil removed could be used on the Holmes. This work to be done before the Council decides if anything further is necessary.

Carrs Field: Deeds have been sealed. Notices have been put up. Letter of thanks from Mr D. Adamson, chairman Carrs field Trust- Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust, thanking the Council for its help in the past

Business:

Footpaths: Nothing heard.

Millenium Green: Cllr Marshall reported Phase 1 had begun on Monday. Cllr Marshall explained the need for a new Millenium Green Chairman as she can not be both.

The following names to be added to the existing list of Trustees:

Mr C. Lewis, Representative for Thirsk Primary School and a Resident.

Trustee Deed needs to be activated by Town Council, proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr. Roberts. Cllr. Jackson reported interest in Millenium by The Rotary Club to have a member, Cllr. Marshall to contact him.

The closure of the meeting proposed by Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr. Morton.

C. Amy arrived to discuss with councillors the ROSPA report : a) Roundabout, East Thirsk , clerk to clarify what ROSPA mean, send 1996 and 1997 reports to Whickstead and ask their suggestions. Cllr. Roberts suggested its removal if faulty. b) Retention chain problems , Cllr. Watson suggested that the council get back to Playdale, send a photocopy. C. Amy thanked for his work.

Future plans discussed : Hedge planting between Holmes and Carrs Field - C. Amy to bring estimate a.s.a.p. Details of pollarding to be done before and after Christmas. About 30 seats have been repaired, Cllr. Roberts said that Mr. Woods, Norby knew of someone who repairs concrete seats, clerk to follow up. List of Town Council seats to be located. Condition of " Rukin's " seat brought to the Council's attention. Cllr. Adamson proposed that it be replaced, seconded Cllr. Murkett. All agreed.

Clerk to write to Seegers to ask where and when installation of the seat they are replacing will be. C. Amy to remove this seat from NYCC Depot to J. Bell's store.

Councillors plan that seats are inspected regularly and therefore kept in better repair.
Holmes : Dog Fouling Signs : clerk to contact Miss H. Clough-Smith for signs. Dog Warden to "police" this matter.

Meeting reopened, proposed Cllr. Roberts seconded Cllr. Murkett.

Confidential matter discussed.

Gardener : As the present gardeners were giving up Cllr. Robinson suggested that each committee be responsible for the gardens in its area, Market Place Committee has already asked C. Amy to give a quote for theirs. Cllrs. Marshall and Watson will draw up a list of areas.

C. Amy travelling expenses : decide that these should be include in cost quoted. Cllr. Murray proposed and Cllr. Morton seconded that they be included. Agreed.

Request by C. Amy for ladder, Cllr. Murkett proposed one purchased, seconded Cllr. Marshall.

Precept, Cllr. Roberts told Councillors the dead line for it to be received was 4th. December.

Any Other Business :

No Parking Signs, Holmes: Cllr. Marshall and Watson to investigate.

Shire Park Lease: Full names of Councillors who can sign taken for inclusion on Lease.

Open Ditch, Millenium Green, clerk to contact Environment Agency.

Carol Singing : 17th December 1997 at 7.00pm. at The Town Clock. Cllrs. Robinson and Jackson to organise mince pies. The British Legion Band booked.

Maintenance of St. James Green: Cllr. Morton requested that the Council should have Annual Maintenance done by Fodens, Cllr. Marshall proposed, Cllr. Jackson seconded this. Agreed.

Notices of meetings read. Various Councillors agreed to go, details to clerk later.
The meeting closed at 10.02pm.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS
WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOM, THIRSK & SOWERBY TOWN HALL AT 7.15pm.
ON 17th. NOVEMBER 1997.

AGENDA.

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Council Meeting, 20th. October 1997.
 ✓ To receive Minutes of sub committees.
3. ✓ To receive Police Reports.
4. ✓ To consider Matters Arising.
5. ✓ To receive reports from ;
 a) ✓ County Councillor b) District Councillors
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence.
7. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports.
8. ✓ To receive report from Y.L.C.A. Meeting.
9. ✓ To consider C.A.B. request.
10. To discuss Long St./ Britain in Bloom. *deferred*
11. To consider Fire Brigade request.
12. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
13. To receive Reports from :
 a) Sub Committees
 b) Councillors' reports
14. Any Other Business.

Clerk of the Council.

Thirsk Town Council

Correspondence List November 1997.

Matters Arising

North Yorkshire Police - matters raised at last meeting

Cod Beck: Reply from NYCC

HDC. Notice Board: Reply from Thirsk and District Council of Churches.

District Wide Plan : Reply from Chief Exec. Mr. Simpson

Action For Market Towns : Applications sent.

Flag Pole: Details of flag etc.

Seat stored at Norby: letter has been sent.

Mayor's Chain: Names received, looking for addresses

Thirsk Primary School : Response.

Accident St. James Green: Update.

Correspondence

BTCV: Reply on Cod Beck request

Dog Fouling Act.

ROSPA: 1998 Inspection form

Parish Paths Partnership: questionnaire

HDC Appeal by Seegers reply

HDC Treasurer's Dept. Precept 1998/1999

HDC Planning Dept 7a Bridge St. Thirsk

Sowerby Primary School: Vehicle Hazards

Long Street: Mr. Day, Copy of letter, Traffic Calming.

Tabled

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Committee Minutes.

HDC Street Collection dates

North Yorkshire Health Authority, Duchess of Kent Hospital

Cemetery

Application to erect a memorial J. Guy

Application to erect a memorial - Dora Leng

Application to erect a memorial - John Christopher Beeve

Application to erect a memorial - James George Pamment

Planning

Results

3 Byland Ave - granted

77 The Market Place - granted

Station Road Sowerby - granted

Application

2/97/152/0016H Prop. Change of use of existing ground floor shop to a Betting Office and new shop front

Location: 51 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Ladbroke Racing Ltd

Report by Councillor D E Adamson From the YLCA Annual Conference
held at Ripon on 6th September 1997

Minutes of Council Meetings

During a session on Council Meeting^s the talk turned to Minutes of Council Meetings, the two full-time Officers of the association[^] stated that upon attending many Council Meetings and inspecting the records they were horrified to find the length many minutes go to-they stated that only decisions of a Council need be recorded, not the general talk and discussions leading up to the decisions being taken.

Upon reading this subject further - namely The Parish Councillors^{Co. D. E.}_^ and Local Council Administration

(I)
I propose under Standing Order No 21 that this Council do forthwith adopt this report and the recommendations of both the YLCA full-time Officers and the quoted authority in print and that our Minutes will from this meeting~~only~~ contain the decisions of this Council and not the discussions leading up to them

Charles Arnold Baker
Local Council Administration

p67 Minutes----They are intended to be formal records of Official acts and decisions, not reports, still less as verbatim reports of speeches made by councillors. Minutes should, therefore be as short as is consistent with clarity and accuracy.

John Prophet
The Parish Councillors Guide

p125 Minutes should be short. In general terms they should record decisions, not the discussions which precede them.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

PENDING EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

	Number	Gross	Details	
ST IN	10031	5.87	Barclays Bank	safe custody charge
MINUTE	10046	70.00	Hambleton DC	council tax-July
BOAR	10084	5.87	Barclays Bank	safe custody charge
	10096	29.37	FWAG	Affiliated membership
	10097	1.14	Power Point	grease cart
	10098	3.00	Hambleton DC	Hamb. District Sports Council
	10099	25.00	NY Playing Fields Assoc	membership sub 97/8
W DISBURSE	10130	120.00	N Y C C	hire of court house
WAD	10160	127.28	Yorkshire Water	water charges
35	10161	20.00	Yorkshire Water	water charges
PPRND	10162	1431.95	Dunning, P	Ex-gratia payment on leavin
	10165	9.29	Sam Turner & Sons	hammerite, etc
	10166	23.37	Thirsk Motors	petrol
	10167	232.65	CE & CM Walker	grasscuts-Oct
	10168	28.71	Northern Electric	electricity
	10169	10.40	Yorkshire Purchasing Orga	arch files
	10170	15.00	Rowley's	bouquet
	10171	102.42	FD Todd & Sons	waste collection, etc
	10172	11.28	Power Point	waterproof covers BURIAN Bd.
	10173	54.58	Yorkshire Purchasing Orga	paper etc
	10174	10.49	Refund To Cllr A Robinson	timber shuttering
	10175	7.50	Refund To Cllr A Robinson	timer
	10176	29.20	Sam Turner & Sons	hack saws, etc
	10177	166.85	Horticultural Services	replanting tubs
	10178	344.41	Atkinson, I	salary-Nov
	10179	523.49	Wilkinson, A.M.	salary-Nov
	10180	70.00	Hambleton DC	co tax-Dec
	10181	66.00	Hambleton DC	co tax-Dec
	10182	50.00	Society Of Local Council	subscription
	10183	135.00	Society Of Local Council	conference-April 98
	Total	3730.12		

£ 233.33 SOWERBY P.C.

£ 296.44 C. AMY.

£ 35.00 C. AMY

£ 500.00 T. I. C.

J. Bell
L. Mitchell

1/3 grass cutting - FLATTS.

Ready-mix concrete

Donation

Office Rent.
Windows

Signed _____

Signed _____

*MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
17TH NOVEMBER 1997 AT 7.15PM IN THE UPPER ROOM THIRSK TOWN HALL*

Present: Councillors Mrs Roberts, Mrs Watson, Adamson, Hall, Jackson, Murkett, Robinson, and Salmon, Press Representative, 2 Parishoners and the Clerk.
Cllr Adamson took the chair.

Apologies: Cllrs Morton and Murray. (Cllr Marshall will be late)

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Amendments:

P960: "Cllr Adamson to be added to present list.

P962: "hopefully a" to be inserted before "from Mr Woodhead"

Amendments approved.

Approval of the Minutes proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr Hall, All agreed.

Minutes of Amenities meeting held on 6th November 1997: approved, proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Watson. Agreed.

Police Report from Wpc Hallam: Launching a Drink/driving Campaign. Pedal cyclists being reminded of the need for lights and not to ride on the pavement. Children under 10 years are being escorted home. Stammergate/Long Street junction, visibility now improved since the cars parked outside the garage to the right of the junction have been moved. Speeding in Long Street is being monitored. Police are attending the Action for Market Towns meeting on 24th November at Tadcaster.

Questions to the Police: Cllr Roberts asked if Wpc Hallam could make some enquires on behalf of the Council regarding the accident on St James Green approx. 6 weeks ago, brief details known to council given.

Matters Arising :

All-weather Pitch Charges: Concern over charges by the hour request that charges be by the game.

Christmas tree: Letter of thanks to Mr H Woodhead.

Cllr Adamson relinquished chair to Cllr Marshall.

Footpath, Holmes to St James Green : NYCC reply read ,to be asked to look at walls near waterfall.

Thirsk and District Council of Churches, Noticeboard: Cllr Robinson hopes new notice board will soon be in place. Number of notices to be checked regularly

District Wide Plan: reply from Chief Executive, contents noted.

Action For Market Towns: Applications sent.

Flag Pole: Size of flag considered, consult with Sowerby P.C. Order proposed Cllr Murket seconded Cllr Salmon. Agreed.

Bagby P.C. agree to Cllr Morton standing as governor again for Thirsk County Primary School.

Mayor's Chain: Y L C A could have addresses of alternative suppliers.

County Council Report : Cllr Murket reported roundabout at Stammergate/Long St. and pelican crossing in Long St. have been approved. Final plans to be obtained by Cllr Murkett, for next meeting. Concern over apportionment raised by Cllr Salmon, told new system to be in place next year.

District Council Report: Cllr Robinson expressed concern about HGV parking over night in Millgate due to inadequate signs. National Cycling Network Event, alternative route being sort. Cllr Marshall reported swimming bath charges being reviewed.

Correspondence:

Dog Fouling: New laws from H D C
H D C Appeal by Seegars reply
H D C Precept 1998/9
H D C Planning Dept , 7a Bridge Street, information.
Sowerby School Traffic Control: support of school's action to H D C
P. Day, letter concerning Stammerge/Long Street junction.
Christmas Fayre: Request for usual support for Fairground Organ (£60.00), Proposed
Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Jackson. Agreed.
H D C The Workhouse, Sutton Road: Accepted in principal, request inflation
allowance due to time lapse before installation.
Parish Government Conference, Scarborough: bring to next meeting.
3rd National Youth Councils Conference, Scarborough: Sponsors for 2 pupils of
Thirsk School Proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Murkett, with follow up report to
Town Council. Letter to school with copy of details asking for suitable applicants. Cllr
Salmon will give guidance.
Damaged seat: contact insurance company a.s.a.p.

Planning:

Results- 3 Byland Ave - granted.

77 The Market Place - granted

Station Road Sowerby - granted

Applications- 2/97/152/0179D Alterations and extensions to existing veterinary
surgery with 3 first and second floor flats and to existing adjacent building for use as a
tourist information centre.

2/97/152/0559 Formation of car park with pedestrian access

2/97/152/14N Display of an illuminated fascia sign, William Hill Organisation.

2/97/152/0561,A,B,C, Alterations to 2 existing shops, Bakers Alley to ground floor
bistro and first floor art gallery.

Letter regarding planning application at Carlton Miniott to extend Fishponds and open
shop on site. Debated, letter to H D C Planning expressing concern on enlargement of
fish ponds and shop out of designated area. 3 abstentions to this letter.

Cllr Watson proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Temporary suspension of meeting.
Presentation by Mayor on behalf of Councillors to former clerk, Mrs P Dunning
Cllr Salmon proposed seconded Cllr Roberts meeting resume.

Report from Y L C A meeting attended by Cllr Adamson. Length of minutes, decision
only necessary to be recorded in minutes. Cllr Adamson proposed this be adopted by
Town Council, seconded Cllr Hall, carried. (5 for 2 against and 1 abstained.)

Citizens Advice Bureau: request for help to keep Thirsk branch open, Cllr gave details.
Donation £250.00 proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Roberts (4 for 3 against). All
agreed to put £500.00 in precept 1998/9.

Suspend Standing Orders - proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Roberts - 20 minutes.

Long Street/Britain in Bloom- leave to next meeting.

Accounts: payment proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Watson.

Since last meeting:

Yorkshire Water, Cemetery Lodge	£ 127.28
Yorkshire Water, office	£ 20.00
P. Dunning, Ex-gratia payment on leaving	£1431.95

At this meeting:

Sam Turner and Sons hammerite etc	£ 9.29
Thirsk Motors Ltd	£ 23.37
CE & CM Walker, grasscutting	£ 232.65
Northern Electric, electricity	£ 28.71
East Thirsk Community Hall, stationery	£ 10.40
Rowleys, bouquet	£ 15.00
F D Todd & Sons, waste collection	£ 102.42
Power Point, covers, Burial Bd.	£ 11.28
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation, files	£ 54.58
Refund Cllr Robinson, shuttering	£ 10.49
Refund Cllr RObinson, timer	£ 7.50
Sam Turner, hacksaws	£ 29.20
Horticultural Services replant tubs	£ 166.85
I Atkinson, DDR	£ 344.41
A M Wilkinson, salary	£ 523.49
H D C , C. Tax	£ 70.00
H D C , C. Tax	£ 66.00
SLCC , Sub.	£ 50.00
SLCC, Conference Apr 98	£ 135.00
CAmy	£ 296.47
C Amy, ready mix	£ 35.00
Sowerby P C grass cut, Flatts	£ 233.33
Thirsk Tourist Information Centre, donation	£ 500.00
J Bell 4 weeks at £10.00	£ 40.00
L Mitchell 4 weeks at £2.00	£ 8.50

Thirsk Fire Brigade Request: Cutting equipment is needed. Cllr Marshall proposed donation £250.00 seconded Cllr Salmon. Cllr in favour of donation but not of amount.

Reports- Sub committees: Cllr Salmon said each committee will have financial statment next week.

Play areas Meeting - 18th November 1997 at Cllr Robert's Home

Councillors reports: Cllr Adamson reported he had attended Abbeyfield opening.

Cllr Marshall reminded that the Carol Singing is on 17th December 1997 at 7.00pm.

Any Other Business:

Ask L Mitchell to clean office windows.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A Meeting of Thirsk Town Development Working Party will be held on Thursday 27th. November 1997 at 7.30pm in the Town Council Office.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes (previously agreed by full Town Council)
3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:
 - a) Request for map of sewers
 - b) Town sign wording
 - c) Industrial Estate phase 3 location
 - d) Car parking
 - e) NYRA meetings
 - f) Derelict buildings advice
 - g) Action for Market Towns meeting
4. Nursery Site Development: Outline plan, (This item may be brought forward)
5. The Old Courthouse: bid for purchase
6. Any other business



Clerk to the Council

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING PARTY HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 1997 IN THE TOWN
OFFICE AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs Jackson (in the chair), Robinson, Watson, Hall, and Salmon and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs. Adamson, Marshall, Murkett and Roberts.

Minutes of the last meeting, agreed at Town Council.

Matters Arising:

- a) Map ~~of~~^{of} sewers - will be discussed when these have been studied.
- b) Town Sign, wording: Letter from Highways Agency stating that any sign needs permission from local authority first then Highway Agency will consider it. Letter to be sent to Mr P Whittaker Economic Development stating that Thirsk are considering "Motorway" signs to promote Thirsk. Could there be co-ordination between Thirsk Town Council and the Hrreriot Centre Committee as to the contents. Signs intended on A1M, A1, A19, A168 and other "A" roads.
- c) Industrial Estate, phase 4: to be left until final District Wide Plan published.
- d) Car parking: HDC letter stating car parking being sort in Thirsk. Clerk to ask for any details available of proposed sites. Cllr Robinson to make informal inquires as to the availability of Thirsk Auction Mart for use as parking on Bank Holidays, possibly for park and ride.
- e) North Yorkshire Rural Arts: Cllr Jackson reprinted od meeting with Mr A Bond.
- f) Derilict Buildings: H D C will give help and support if needed.
- g) Action For Market Towns, 24th November 1997, Cllr Jackson reported, speakers not on Market Towns.

The Old Courthouse: Clerk to write to NYCC Chief Executive and Clerk's Department asking what their plans are for this building?

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Thirsk Town Council

There will be a meeting of the Am~~n~~enities Committee of Thirsk Town Council on 4th December 1997 at 7.30 pm in the Town Office.

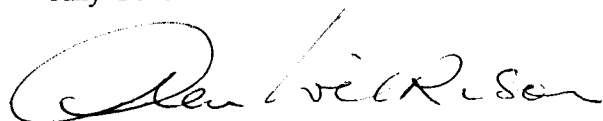
AGENDA:

- ✓1. Apologies
- ✓2. Minutes as at meeting 17th November
3. Matters Arising:
 - ✓a) Marage Seat
 - ✓b) Holmes: Skimming
 - ✓c) Carrs Field
 - ✓d) Footpaths
 - ✓e) ROSPA Report
 - ✓f) Pollarding etc, estimate from C Amy
 - ✓g) Seat installation by Seegars
 - ✓h) "Rukins" seat
 - ✓i) Dog fouling signs
 - ✓j) Gardener
 - ✓k) Ladder, purchase
 - ✓l) Ditch, Millennium Green
 - ✓m) St James Green, maintenance and accidents
 - n) Repair and renewal of gates, Castlegarth.

Correspondence

- ✓Parish Paths Partenship, questionnaire
- ✓ROSPA 1998, inspections
- BTCV, 2 letters
- ✓Draft Economic Development Strategy 1998/99
- ✓FWAG notice

Any Other Business



Mrs. A M Wilkinson
Clerk to the Council

Thirsk Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held Thursday 4th December 1997

Present:- Councillors J Marshall, D. Adamson, J Jackson, A Morton A Robinson

Apologies:- Councillors F Roberts, J Watson, J Salmon also Mrs Wilkinson our Clerk who we wish a speedy recovery

Marage Seat:- No reply to our letter yet, old seat on J Bell's premises awaiting repair.

Homes Skimming No reply received to date from Mr Hunter re our request for a more detailed breakdown of his estimate, also no reply from Chris Amy on same subject. **ACTION** ask NYCC for a list of suitable small works contractors.

Carrs Field:- Documents signed and ready to go to Charity Commissioners, all legal work now completed.

Footpaths:- no reply to letter yet, deferred to Council meeting 15th December.

ROSPA Report:- Letter to Playdale re chains on swings too long, copy of 1996 report to be supplied by Cllr J Marshall to send to Wickstead.

Pollarding:- Proposed and Seconded that we accept Chris Amy's tenders for the various bits of work needed.

Centenary Field Regeneration, Proposed and Seconded that we apply for various grants to enable the work to proceed, these applications to be submitted by Chris Amy. Proposed and Seconded that stile on Centenary field be repaired.

Castlegarth:- repairs needed to gates etc., need to seek permission of the owner (J Bell), work to be financed by 3p's.

Seat Installation by Mr Seegar:- work not carried out despite our letter, NYCC Engineer would like the seat moved from his premises, Proposed and Seconded that we install seat and submit invoice to Mr Seegar for work done.

Rukins Seat (Long Street):- old seat has been removed by Cllr Robinson (thanks Andrew) and new seat is on order, expected delivery and installation January 1998.

No Parking Signs on Holmes, we need to investigate the removal of qty 1 plinth.

Dog Fouling Signs:- Mrs Wilkinson to liaise with Hilary Clough-Smith as to how many signs we need on the Holmes and location of signs.

Gardener:- Chris Amy is calling into the office re the 2 shrub tubs that Cllr Marshall asked about.

Ladder:- see last amenities meeting minutes, prices being sought from Power Point and Sam Turner re purchase of a ladder.

St James Green:- Price and agreement of terms have been requested from Fodens for maintenance of this years works. **ACCIDENTS:-** price of repairs to be presented at Council meeting on 15th December, still trying to obtain details of accident No 2 from Police, details of No 3 received and claim forms have been requested. **Mrs Wilkinson** to investigate obtaining red relectors for the end of fence uprights on right-hand side of Green

Castlegarth Gates:- Chris Amy has been asked to complete invoice.

Correspondence P3 questionnaire, to be completed by Mrs Wilkinson aided by Cllrs Marshal, Watson and Roberts

ROSPA Inspection 1998:- cost will be?????? £350

BCTV;- work proposed by us not suitable for them.

Draft economic Dev. Strategy 1998/9:- Cllr Robinson to pass to Cllr Hall.

Any other business:- Proposed and Seconded that we contact HDC and ask that our Precept payments be credited to our Bank a/c direct instead of a cheque as at present. Book, Local Council Administration, **Mrs Wilkinson** to obtain signatures for cheque and order from YLCA. The provision of some sort of storage building/container was discussed, to be discussed further in the future.

The meeting closed at 2115hrs.

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 10th December 1997 in the Council Office at 8.00pm.

Agenda

1. Budgets for 1998/99.
2. Precept



Clerk to the Council

The Minutes of the Thirsk Town Council Finance Committee held in the Town Office on Wednesday 10th December 1997 at 8.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. F Roberts, in the chair, J Marshall, J Watson, D Adamson, A Morton, D Murkett, G Murray, A Robinson and J Salmon, and the Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs R Hall and J Jackson.

Finance: Cllr Roberts asked for each committee's budget proposals for 1998/99.

Amenities: Details of ongoing work given. Agreed to increase Amenity worker's hourly rate to £3.80 per hour from 1st April 1998.

Town Hall Annex: Proposed single story but with foundations etc. that could take upper storey at future date. Town Council to apply for planning permission.

Greens: Budget for St. James Green, Little Green and Ingramgate, amount included for possible action when Todd's Yard area is completed.

Buiral Board: Amount required includes new gates and posts after gate widened to facilitate entry of grass cutting equipment. New strimmer and extra grass cutting included.

Christmas Lights: Increased so as to comply with future safety requirements.

Market Place: Budget planned to include paying for flower tubs to be planted, maintained and watered.

Administration: Budget increased where necessary, overall 3.7%.

Mayor's Allowance: Discussion, after a proposal to raise the amount to £500.00 per annum, ended in agreement to pay £300.00 per annum, proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Watson.

Thirsk Interactive Group: Cllr Salmon asked for provision in the precept for an amount of £300.00. This would be available in small amounts to the group, when formed, providing satisfactory need is shown. Cllr Robinson stressed the need for a properly constituted group. It was asked if assistance was being sought elsewhere, possibly from Sowerby P. C. ?

National Savings Account: Clerk to get withdrawal form and ascertain who the signatories are.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL
BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOM, THIRSK TOWN AND SOWERBY TOWN
HALL ON 15th DECEMBER 1997 AT 7.15PM**

AGENDA

- ✓1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
- ✓2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council Meeting
✓ To receive Minutes of Sub Committees
- ✓3. To receive Police Report.
- ✓4. a) Presentation Thirsk Interactive Youth Group
b) Consideration of financial support
- ✓5. To consider Matters Arising
- ✓6. To receive reports from:
✓a) County Councillor ✓b) District Councillors
- ✓7. To receive Planning Committee report.
(Including consideration of Nursery Site Plans)
- ✓8. Finance: a) agree budgets
b) agree precept
- ✓9. To approve accounts for payment.
- ✓10. To receive Correspondence
11. To discuss Long Street/Britain in Bloom
12. To receive reports from:
a) Sub Committees
b) Councillors reports
13. Any Other Business



Clerk to the Council

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Correspondence List December 1997

Matters Arising:

- North Yorkshire Police - matters raised at last meeting
- Footpaths - NYCC reply
- Flag - waiting for reply
- Seat stored at Norby, moved
- Mayor's Chain
- Accidents - St James Green
- Thirsk Tourist Information Centre reply
- Citizens Advice Bureau reply
- Thirsk Fire Station donation
- Traffic Calming Topcliffe Rd. - Sowerby Primary School
- HDC Leisure Services- reply
- Parish Government Conference, 6/8 March 1998

Planning:

Results;

- 35 Dwellings, Barrett Homes- granted
- 23-25 Kirkgate, Thirsk- granted

Applications:

- 2/97/152/0523D Prop.: Display of non illuminated sign boards as amended by letter and plan, received by HDC 14th November 1997
- 2/97/152/0523E: Prop. : Siting of Portacabin for Sales Office
- 2/97/009/0068B: Prop: Extension of existing steel fabrication workshop
- 2/97/152/0016H Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor shop to a betting office and new shop front.
- Amendment for above.
- 2/97/152/0562 Prop: Extension to existing dwelling
- 2/97/152/555A: Prop: Construction of detached dwelling house with double garage.
- 2/97/009/0071D: Prop: Construction of a warehouse building with office accommodation

Withdrawn:

- Prop: Display of an externally illuminated fascia sign

Correspondence:

- Thirsk Hall- Tenancy of 15a Castlegate, Thirsk
- NYCC Transport Review
- HDC District Wide Plan, Inspector's Report
- Royal British Legion- Poppy Appeal
- Events In Hambleton 1998
- Traffic Restriction of Waiting Order -A170 York Rd. and Barbeck Close
- NYCC Parish Council Liaison meetings
- Application of transfer of licence, Black Lion, Thirsk
- H D C Insurance cover for Council Representatives
- Dog fouling, reply to request for notices

Tabled:

Royal Mail, Post Code Changes

NYPA Newsletter

HDC Street Collections, December 1997

SLCC, minutes, Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 impact

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall minutes

Come and Stay in Herriot Country 1998 brochure

Glasdon Products

Cemetery

Application to erect a memorial - Lillian Binns

Application for additional inscription - Norah Thomas

Application for additional inscription - William Fred Sharman

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

PENDING EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

Number	Gross	Details	
10130	120.00	N Y C C	hire of court house
10183	155.00	Society Of Local Council	conference fee
10198	88.48	Sam Turner & Sons	bolts, etc
10193	14.25	Sam Turner & Sons	bolts, etc
10194	297.28	Bow House Publishing	advert in Come & Stay in He
10195	119.00	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hal	meetings
10196	16.76	Power Point	gauntlet
10197	35.25	Les Almack & Son	plumbing
10198	344.41	Atkinson, I (DD)	salary-Dec
10199	523.49	Wilkinson, A.M.	salary-Dec
10200	1247.55	Inland Revenue	tax
10201	93.21	Inland Revenue	tax
10202	70.00	Hambleton DC (DD)	co tax-Jan
10203	66.00	Hambleton DC (DD)	co tax-Jan
10204	30.47	Tilcon-Todd	concrete
10205	20.09	Power Point	cables,etc
10206	8.00	Thirsk Motors	petrol-Nov
10207	103.95	BT	quarterly charges
10208	40.00	J Bell	rent x 4wks
10209	8.50	L Mitchell	cleaning
10210	69.00	A M Kaye	recreation work
10211	38.46	Refund To I Atkinson	phone rental+vat element
10212	430.06	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hal	1/2 cost of building insura
10213	880.63	C Amy & Associates	general work+materials for
Total	4770.49		

**Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Town Hall on
Monday 15th December 1997.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall, in the chair, D Adamson, R Hall, J Jackson, D Murkett, G Murray, F Roberts, J Salmon, J Watson, Wpc Hannan, Press reporter, two members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies: Councillors Morton and Robinson.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Approval proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr Watson. Agreed.

Minutes of the Previous meeting: Approval of minutes proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Watson. All agreed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 4th December 1997, approved - proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Marshall, agreed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Development Working Party held on 27th November 1997 approved proposed Cllr Hall seconded Cllr Jackson.

Police Matters: Wpc Hannan attended the meeting.

Second accident , St. James Green : has details will help clerk with claim.

CCTV cameras will all be installed and running by mid January. Councillors invited to observe monitors.

Cycling on pavements: 40 have been stopped during campaign.

Drugs have been found in Thirsk, prosecutions pending.

Insp. Broadley is the new Inspector for Thirsk, starting 5th January 1998

Cllr expressed concern over the short length of time police Inspectors spent at Thirsk.

Cllr Marshall thanked Wpc Hannan for her report and for attending the meeting.

min Roundabout

County Councillors Matters: Shown plan of ~~traffic island~~ at Long Street, to be similar to the one at Town End. Surveys of Traffic Calming to go on.

Hambleton District Council Matters: Herriot Centre - Fund raising launched.

Swimming Pool charges: Details of prices explained. Cllr Roberts proposed, seconded Cllr Murray that the Town Council write to Hambleton District Council, Leisure Services expressing disgust at ratio by which charges have been raised and asking that in future Trustees have more say, meeting held in the evenings to enable attendance and councillors be given full and correct information on which to make future decisions. Agreed. Cllr Murkett abstained.

Suspension of meeting: proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Roberts.

Thirsk Interactive Youth Group; Thirteen members attended in order to tell the Town Council of their aims and needs, 1) Skateboard area 2) Disco lighting at the Youth club, Thirsk School. Councillors questioned them on how the club would be formed and controlled. Cllr Marshall thanked them for coming.

Meeting reopened, proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Jackson.

Cllr Salmon proposed seconded Cllr Adamson that £300.00 to be provided from April 1998 and to paid in £50.00 sums on production of satisfactory evidence of need by Thirsk Interactive Youth Group, if formed and run correctly. Cllr Salmon assured cllrs of proper control. Youth Group left the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Footpath Holmes to St James Green, letter saying no maintenance necessary at the moment. Councillors request a copy of annual inspection of retaining walls alongside Cod Beck and the waterfall at Norby.

Flag: Awaiting response from Sowerby P.C.

Seat, Norby: Has been moved to Mr J Bell's store, site visit needed to decide position.

Mayor's Chain: Proposed by Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Salmon to buy 10 links now from Thomas Fattorini Ltd.

5 for, 0 against and 3 abstained. Clerk to ask cost including installation and engraving.

Accident, St. James Green: Quotations for repairs received. Repairs to be carried out, proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Jackson. Reflectors to be installed when repairs completed.

Thirsk Tourist Information Centre: Thanks for donation.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Thanks for donation. Visit to be discussed at January meeting.

Fire Station Donation: to be made when name of fund known.

Traffic calming, Sowerby: Copy of letter from NYCC Highways Dept. to Head of Sowerby Primary School read and noted.

Floodlit Pitch: Change of charges noted. Clerk to reply that Town Council pleased with change.

Parish Government Conference, Scarborough, 6-8th March 1998: Cllrs Marshall, Roberts and Watson may attend.

Matters Arising from Town Council Minutes: P 967, Add " Robinson"

Amenities Minutes:

Draft Economic Strategy Plan: Discussed , reply as follows -lack of space in Thirsk, like industrial areas expanded but balanced with tourism, balance cost by creating industrial land near Thirsk for the benefit of Thirsk people as well as helping tourism.

Planning Report:

Results:

35 Dwellings, Barrett Homes - granted.

23-25 Kirkgate Thirsk - granted.

Applications:

2/97/152/0523D Prop. Display of non illuminated sign boards as ammended by letter and plan received HDC 14th Nov. 1997

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2/97/152/0016H Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor shop to a betting office and new shop front, and ammendment.

2/97/152/0562: Prop:Extention to existing dwelling.

2/97/152/555A Prop:Construction of detached dwelling house with double garage.

2/97/009/0071D Prop: Construction of a warehouse building with office accomodation.

Withdrawn: 2/97/152/14N: Display of an externally illuminated sign.

Discussed in meeting:

970

2/97/152/0533A: (Cllr Hall declared an interest.)

Plans studied. Cllr Roberts proposed seconded Cllr Murkett that the Town Council have no objections. Agreed. Cllr Jackson against.

Finance:

Budget for 1998/99.

Cllrs Adamson, Marshall and Roberts had considered requirements and ~~decided~~ ^{recommended} to precept for £51,500.00 (fifty one thousand, five hundred pounds), which is within inflation, proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Adamson. Agreed. Cllrs Hall ~~and~~ ^{abstained} Salmon ~~abstained~~ ^{against}.

Accounts for payment: the following accounts were approved for payment, proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Roberts. Agreed.

Sam Turner & Sons - bolts etc	£ 14.25
Bow House Publisng - advert in Come & Stay	£297.28
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - meetings	£119.00
Power Point - gaunlet	£ 16.76
Les Almack & Son - plumbing	£ 35.25
I Atkinson DDR salary Dec.	£334.41
A M Wilkinson, salary	£523.49
Inland Revenue - tax	£1247.55
Inland Revenue - tax	£ 93.21
Hambleton District Council DDR, C Tax.	£ 70.00
Hambleton District Council DDR, C tax	£ 66.00
Tilcon-Todd, concrete	£ 30.47
Power Point -cables	£ 20.09
Thirsk Motors - petrol	£ 8.00
B T - quarterly charges	£103.95
J Bell - rent, 4 weeks	£ 40.00
L Mitchel - window cleaning	£ 8.50
A M Kaye - recreation work	£ 69.00
Refund I Atkinson - Phone + vat element	£ 38.46
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - 1/2 building ins.	£430.06
C Amy & Associates - gen. work + materials for.	£880.63

Correspondence:

Office Lease: renewed.

NYCC Transport review: Clerk to write asking for coordination of buses and trains, comprehensive timetables, availability of buses with relation to hospital visiting etc.

District Wide Report: to be investigated by Cllrs Marshall and Roberts.

British Legion, donation: to be as last year plus inflation.

Standing Orders suspended to 10.15pm, proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Watson.

Events in Hambleton 1998: let Clerk have any details by 9th February 1998.

NYCC Traffic restrictions, A170: noted.

Parish Liason Meetings: bring to February meeting

Transfer of licence, Black Bull, Thirsk: no objections. Suggest new licensee goes on course. Ask that all noise be kept within public house.

Insurance Cover, for HDC representatives: Clerk to reply that Thirsk Town Council have cover. Clerk to copy and give to Thirsk Chamber of Trade.

FWAG: meeting to be arranged.

Dog fouling: letter from Mrs Clough-Smith to be studied at Amenities.

Tabled Correspondence:

White Rose Update, etc.

The Tourism Industry - leaflets.

Lister, garden furniture brochure.

Cemetery:

The following applications to erect memorials were approved:

Thomas Wood William Fred Sharman Lillian Binns

Members Reports:

Cllr Jackson referred to various items from T D W P meeting. Cllr Salmon wishes the Town Council to have an opinion on development in the town. Cllr Murkett suggests this be on next T W D P agenda. Next meeting 22nd January. - *cancelled*

Cllr Roberts reported on Action for Market Towns conference.

Cllr Salmon said there was nothing to report on the Flatts Trust.

Cllr Marshall had attended the Yorkshire Cross Country Championships on Saturday.

Playarea E. Thirsk, letter read. Letter to be sent to Mr P Stabler, NYCC and copy to Mr Goodwin, HDC., saying boundary too near to play equipment, people will be nearer garages, will affect access to Millennium Green playarea and that NYCC will be guaranteed entrance.

Carol singing, 17th December 1997 at 7.00pm. Mince pies and mulled wine to be served.

Cllr Hall reported great concern over route proposed for National Cycle Way. Cllr Marshall to investigate.

Meeting closed 10.15pm.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THIRSK TOWN
COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 1998 IN THE TOWN
OFFICE AT 7.30PM**

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. Apologies, for absence.
- ✓ 2. Minutes, as approved at meeting 15th December 1997

3. Matters Arising:

- a) Marage seat
- b) Holmes- Skimming of path.
- c) ROSPA, reports 1997 & 1998/
- d) Centenary Field regeneration
- e) Castlegarth, repairs.
- f) Seat installation, Seegars
- g) Rukins seat. —
- h) No Parking signs on Holmes
- i) Dog fouling signs
- j) Ladder
- k) Parish Paths Partnership questionnaire
- l) Local Council Administration, book

4. Correspondence

5. Any Other Business



Clerk to the Council

**Minutes of the Amenity Committee of Thirsk Town Council held
in the Town Office on Thursday 8th January 1998 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), J. Marshall, D Adamson, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D Murkett (late arrival), F Roberts (late arrival) and the Clerk.

Apologies: None received.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council.

Matters Arising:

Marage Seat: Mr Worley has looked at repairs needed. Clerk to ask for repair soon.

Holmes, Skimming: Quotes received: R. Hunter - £280.00

C. Amy - £250.00

Cllr Morton proposed seconded Cllr Adamson accept C. Amy's quote. Agreed.

ROSPA, inspection 1998: Clerk to ask for discount due to amount of playareas.

E. Thirsk playarea: Clerk to query with Wicksteed the roundabout at E Thirsk, send copies of 1996 and 1997 ROSPA reports.

Centenary Field: FWAG meeting 21st January 1998 at 7.30pm in the Town Office.

Copies of C Amy's ideas to Cllrs Watson and Marshall.

Castlegarth repairs: C Amy has been given go ahead to begin.

Seegars seat: Clerk to write to Seegars, enclosing a plan showing position where seat to be installed and asking for prompt installment of the seat stating that if not done within 14 days of date of letter then Thirsk Town Council will have the seat put in place at Seegars expense.

Rukins Seat: Cllr Robinson has this replacement in hand.

Market Place Seat: Cllr Robinson has removed damaged seat.

List of Town Council Seats: Cllr Adamson to do extra copies.

Holmes, No Parking Signs: Clerk to ask Mr D Collinson for price to replace bases and plinths, possibly offcuts, and engraving.

Dog fouling: Details of possible ways of signing against dog fouling on the Holmes discussed. Clerk to order 50 " stick on " notices, to be stuck on suitable surfaces. Also to ask for details of any prosecutions that have been made for dog fouling.

Ladder: Prices, length and quality disussed, Clerk to compare S Turners and B & Q then order.

Parish Paths Partenership survey: In process of completion.

L.C.A. Book: Out of print, due end of January.

Shire Park Lease: Correspondence queried by Cllr Marshall. Town Council to pay registration fee £40.00 and duty for stamping £2.00.

E Thirsk Playarea: Details of proposals explained by Cllr Marshall, still being clarified with H.D.C. and N.Y.C.C.

National Cycle Network: Bagby P.C. have met landowners affected. There is to be a meeting between Thirsk Town Council and Bagby P.C. and those affected.

Millennium Green: Tree planting 28th February and 1st March, volunteers needed.

Correspondence:

C Amy quote for repair to fence near playarea, Long St.: Acceptance proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Marshall. Agreed. Clerk to write to HDC Planning Dept. asking that more substantial fencing be put in position by developers.

Any Other Business:

Thirsk Town Hall: Cllr Watson reported on progress, plans posted on Tuesday.

Grasscutting: Each area checked. Horticultural Services and Gordon Westlake to be added to 1996 list. Clerk to contact E. Coulson for further names.

Thirsk Town Development Working Party: Meeting postponed.

Broken Paving Slabs: Clerk to report broken slabs near Royal Hotel and posting box.

Swales Garage: State of this area to be reported by Clerk to HDC.

Next meeting: 5th February 1998 at 7.30pm, Town Office.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOMS OF THIRSK AND SOWERBY TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 1998 AT 7.15PM.

AGENDA

/Presentation of cheque to Thirsk Fire Station Crash Rescue Fund

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council Meeting. 15th December 1997
 - /To receive Minutes of sub committees:
 - /Finance, Amenities.
3. To receive Police Reports.
4. To consider Matters Arising.
5. To receive Reports from
 - /a) County Councillor /b) District Councillor
6. To receive Planning Committee Reports
7. To approve accounts for payment.
8. To receive Correspondence
9. To receive report from Burial Board
10. Signs.
11. To receive Members reports & COMMITTEES
12. Other items of interest and information



Clerk to the Council

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THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Correspondence List January 1998

Matters arising:

- Flag - *donated*
- Seat, *Norby Cemetery Lane*
- Mayor's Chain - new quote
- Accidents, St James Green - update
- National Cycleway, Sustrans - update
- Events in Hambleton, 1998/9
- Parish Government Conference, 6/8th March, Scarborough
- Liason Meetings: Community Centre, Northallerton, 11th March *causly Council*
- East Thirsk Playarea
- 3rd National Youth Councils Conference

Planning:

Results:

- 2/97/152/0426D Prop: Use of existing building & land for sale of cars, caravans & motorhomes- granted
- 2/97/152/0523C Prop: Application for listed building consent for alterations to existing disused furniture factory to form 12 flats & 2 dwellings as amended- granted
- 2/97/152/0523B prop: Layout of land, alterations to existing disused furniture factory to form 12 flats & 2 dwellings - granted
- 2/97/152/0523E Prop: Siting of a portable building to provide property sales facilities - granted
- 2/97/152/0523D Prop: Display of 2 non illuminated signboards as amended - granted
- 2/97/152/0562 Prop: 4 St James Green - granted
- 2/97/152/0179F Prop: Display of a project indicator - granted

Appeals: *Southallwood*

Kwik Fit Properties

Seegar Homes Ltd, Vicarage Garden, Cemetery Rd.

Applications:

- 2/97/152/0567 Prop: Outline application for construction of 2 detached dwellings
- 2/97/152/0561, A, B, Amended Prop: Alterations to 2 ground floor shop units, Bakers Alley
- 2/97/152/0566 Prop: Layout of land & construction of a building with office accomodation & associate facilities for the assembly, storage & distribution of lighting products
- 2/97/152/0179F Prop: Display of project funding indicator
- 2/97/152/0179G Prop: Formation of an access ramp for the disabled
- 2/97/152/0179H Prop: Application for listed building consent for the formation of an access ramp for the disabled
- 2/97/152/0523D Prop: Amendment, Display of non-illuminated sign boards
- 2/97/152/0565 Prop: Outline application for the construction of a dwelling to replace existing dwelling

Correspondence:

- North Yorkshire Health Authority - Duchess of Kent Hospital, consultation document.
- Transfer of land - Shire Park.
- Shirtcliffe & Co - Application for Grant of Justices Licence. - *V.N. Charles - Bakers Alley*
- Johnsons - Application for transfer of Justices Licence, Quality Fare
- Eccles, Heddon & Co - E. Thirsk and Carrs Field
- NYCC, Traffic Calming A61 Carlton Miniott/Thirsk
- Lady Chaytor
- ~~██~~
- Toc H New Tees Group

Tabled Correspondence:

Action for Market Towns, Newsletter etc
FWAG Annual Report & Review
Carers' Link, newsletter
Local Council Review
The Tourism Industry

Cemetery:

Application to erect a memorial - Mary Spencer

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

PENDING EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

Number	Gross	Details
10052	2.10	Thirsk & Sowerby Civic So
10130	0.00	N Y C C
10192	5.87	Barclays Bank
10215	250.00	Thirsk Fire Station Crash
10216	190.00	Hambleton DC
10217	32.00	Royal British Legion
10218	2.00	Inland Revenue
10219	40.00	H.M. Land Registry
10220	49.13	Thresher Wine Shop, Thirs ^{J. Jensen}
10221	18.00	The Baker's Oven ^{A. R. AGES}
10222	26.44	Alpha Signs
10223	11.51	Thirsk Motors
10224	925.60	Eccle Heddon & Co., Solic
10225	21.65	Sam Turner & Sons
10226	17.63	The Colour Centre
10227	26.99	Power Point
10228	352.73	Guy Johnston Electrical &
10229	225.60	Farmway
10230	1000.00	Hambleton DC
10231	1.80	Refund To F Roberts
10232	250.00	Thirsk Chamber Of Trade
10233	10.50	L Mitchell
10234	50.00	J Bell
10235	70.00	Hambleton DC
10236	66.00	Hambleton DC
10237	344.41	Atkinson, I
10239	190.00	Hambleton DC
10240	50.00	Petty Cash
Total	4229.96	

Additions

523.49 A.M. Wilson
 457.90 Fox's Copy Shop
 280.00 C. AMY

Salary Jan 98.
 PHOTOCOPY ETC
 Insp & Emergency Work.

Signed _____

Signed _____

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary between 1st April, 1997 and 19th January, 1998 inclusive.

Balances at 01/04/1997

Business Current Account, Barclays	0.00
Business Premium Accnt, Barclays BP	25023.84
High Interest, Barclays HIBA No 1	33598.44
National Savings	1968.20
Play Area 1, Barclays HIBA No 2	0.00
Premium No 2 (Cemetery), Barclays BP	207.00

TOTAL	60797.48
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RECEIPTS	Gross	Vat
Burial Board	5987.60	
Amenities: Open Areas	200.00	
Amenities: Market Place	0.00	
Amenities: Play Areas	12970.42	
Amenities: Xmas Lights	0.00	
Amenities: Trusts	0.00	
Amenities: The Greens	0.00	
Amenities: Paths	245.00	
Amenities General	446.96	
Finance And General Purposes	52574.90	
Total Receipts	72424.88	0.00

PAYMENTS	Gross	Vat
Burial Board	6044.62	
Amenities: Open Areas	1555.81	
Amenities: Market Place	3022.63	
Amenities: Play Areas	5670.21	
Amenities: Xmas Lights	445.79	
Amenities: Trusts	100.00	
Amenities: The Greens	1657.78	
Amenities: Paths	235.00	
Amenities General	7544.14	
Finance And General Purposes	16588.46	
Total Payments	42864.44	2848.60

Closing Balances at 19/01/1998

Business Current Account, Barclays	-1829.71
Business Premium Accnt, Barclays BP	43278.73
High Interest, Barclays HIBA No 1	34028.70
National Savings	1968.20
Play Area 1, Barclays HIBA No 2	12705.00
Premium No 2 (Cemetery), Barclays BP	207.00

TOTAL	90357.92
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 1998
at 7.15pm IN THE UPPER ROOM, THIRSK AND SOWERBY TOWN HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Marshall, chair, D.Adamson, R.Hall, D.Murkett, F.Roberts, A.Robinson, J.Salmon and J.Watson; 3 members of the public, 3 Fire Officers, 2 Police Officers, press reporter and the clerk.

The Mayor presented a cheque from the Town Council to Mr. N. Rothery, Officer in Charge of Thirsk Fire Station, for Thirsk Fire Station Crash Rescue Equipment Fund. Mr Rothery expressed his thanks and explained some of the work undertaken by Thirsk Fire Crew.

Cllr. Marshall welcomed Inspector Broadley to our area and to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. J.Jackson and for late arrival Cllr. Morton and Cllr. Murray.

MINUTES: TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 15th December 1997.

P.968 - delete "traffic island", add "mini roundabout" and "rest of Long Street scheme".

P.970 - delete "decided", add "recommended". "Cllr, Hall abstained, Cllr. Salmon voted against".

Approval of minutes proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Roberts. All agreed.

AMENITIES Committee, 8th January 1998.

Approval proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Watson. Agreed.

FINANCE Committee, 10th December 1997.

Approval proposed Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Roberts. Agreed.

POLICE REPORT: from Insp. Broadley and Wpc. Hannan.

Insp. Broadley explained that it is not up to her how long she stays at Thirsk. CCTV. now operational, 22 arrests to date. Visit to see CCTV monitors, 25th January between 12noon; and 2.00pm, names to be taken and final arrangements to be made by Clerk with Wpc. Hannan. Cllr. Salmon asked that a note be made of Community Fun Day 8th July 1998 to be run by Police on Thirsk Racecourse. Cllr. Marshall asked if police horses were being disbanded for financial reasons, saying they would be missed in Thirsk on race days and asked that Insp. Broadley convey the Town Council views to the Division. Cllr. thanked Insp. Broadley and Wpc. Hannan for attending.

MATTERS ARISING:

FLAG: Mr M. Robson has given one for use at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall.

3rd. NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: No response, Clerk to contact Mr. C. Lewis.

EAST THIRSK PLAYAREA: Cllr. Marshall gave update, playarea had been conveyed at smaller area than that which was leased, meeting between NYCC, HDC, Head of primary school and Cllr. Marshall ended with agreement for Thirsk Town Council to be given licence to occupy, but no rights of way to be established. Details to follow.

PARISH GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, 6-8th March: Cllrs Marshall, Roberts and Watson to attend on 7th. Cllr Murkett took note of comment on the early finishing time.

PARISH LIASON MEETING, 11th March: Cllr. Murkett attending as County Councillor, Cllrs Roberts and Watson to attend.

ACCIDENTS, ST. JAMES GREEN: Details Known to date given.

EVENTS IN HAMBLETON 1998/99: Details to the Clerk by 9th February 1998.

SEAT, near Cemetary: No reply from Seegars yet, may need permission to put in suitable place.

MAYOR'S CHAIN: Quote from Fattorini for 10 links, their installation and engraving received. Clerk to get quotes for engraving from Fox Engraving, Pattisons and Manfields.

NATIONAL CYCLEWAY: Cllr. Marshall gave update a meeting to be arranged between NYCC, HDC, Sustrans, all relevant Parish Councils & Thirsk Town Council.

MATTERS ARISING, from Town Council minutes:

P.968 - Cllr. Salmon stated that Thirsk Interactive Youth Group in process of being formed.

P. 969 - Cllr. Robinson queried change in charge for new pitch. Cllr. Hall requested copy of Draft Economic Strategy when published.

P. 970 - nil.

P. 971 - Thanks to all who attended the Carol Singing, to Cllrs. Jackson and Robinson for the wine and mince pies and to the R.B.L. Band.

MATTERS ARISING, Amenities minutes:

Marage Seat: Repair, request for quote left on Mr J. Worley's answerphone. Litter bin now wired to fence, base missing. Cllr. Roberts said Mr. J. Bell willing to have bin on verge. Cllr regrets seat needs to move.

Rukin's Seat: Cllr. Robinson has ordered.

Market Place Seat: Damaged, removed, repaired, reinstated, taken to joiner at Knayton. Clerk to ask for price to repair Marage seat, Cllr. Robinson to give name etc. to Clerk. Cllr. Hall recommended using this man in future.

Noticeboard: Cllr. Robinson reported this is nearing completion.

MATTERS ARISING, Finance minutes:

Forms for National Savings repayment being filled in.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Murkett explained in detail the budget of NYCC and forthcoming cuts in services and that NYCC will go to limit for capping. Cllr. Roberts reported that NYCC not giving grant to Playing Fields this year and thanked Cllr. Murkett for speaking up on this.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Marshall reported on budgets for 1998/99, concerned, particularly on only £10,000 for playareas, will be objecting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:RESULTS:

2/97/152/0426D Prop: Use of existing building & land for sale of cars, caravans & motorhomes, granted.

2/97/152/0523C Prop: Application for listed building consent for alterations to existing disused furniture factory to form 12 flats & 2 dwellings as amended, granted.

2/97/152/0523B Prop: Layout of land, alterations to existing disused furniture factory to form 12 flats & 2 dwellings, granted.

2/97/152/0523E Prop: Siting of a portable building to provide sales unit, granted.

2/97/152/0523D Prop: Display of 2 non illuminated signboards as amended, granted.

2/97/152/0562 Prop: 4 St. James Green, granted.

2/97/152/0179F Prop: Display of a project indicator, granted.

APPEALS:

Kwik Fit Properties, granted.

Seegar Homes Ltd., Vicarage Garden, Cemetery Road, granted.

APPLICATIONS:

2/97/152/0567 Prop: Outline application for construction of 2 detached dwellings.

2/97/152/0561 A&B Amended Prop: Alteration to 2 ground floor units, bakers Alley.

2/97/152/0566 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with office accommodation & associated facilities for the assembly, storage & distribution of lighting products.

2/97/152/0179F Prop: Display of project funding indicator.

2/97/152/179G Prop: Formation of an access ramp for the disabled.

Planning Committee Report con't'd.

2/97/152/0179H Prop: Application for listed building consent for the formation of an access ramp for the disabled.

2/97/152/0523D Prop: Amendment, Display of non-illuminated sign boards.

2/97/152/0565 Prop: Outline application for the construction of a dwelling to replace existing dwelling.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The following accounts were approved for payment, proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr. Roberts, all agreed.	£. p.
Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Soc. membership	2.10
Barclays Bank, charge for safe custody	5.87
Thirsk Fire Station, crash rescue fund	250.00
Hambleton District Council, plan. app. Town hall	190.00
Royal Britttish Legion, wreath	32.00
Inland Revenue, stamp duty, Shire Park lease	2.00
H.M.Land Registry, compulsory registration, Shire Park lease	40.00
Refund to Cllr. J.Jackson, carol singing, cider	49.13
Refund to Cllr.A.Robinson, mince pies	18.00
Alpha Signs, alter office lettering	26.44
Thirsk Motors, fuel, dec.	11.51
Eccles Heddon & Co, legal services Apr to Dec	925.60
Sam Turner & Sons, padlock, screws, latch etc	21.65
The Colour Centre, brush, paint, turps, etc	17.63
Power Point, augers, drill bits	26.99
Guy Johnston, Christmas lights, labour & bulbs	352.73
Farmway, kerb granules	225.60
Hambleton District Council, contribution to Mill. Green	1000.00
Cllr. Roberts, refund petrol, CAB meeting	1.80
Thirsk Chamber Of Trade, donation to lights appeal	250.00
L.Mitchell, cleaning windows, 5 wks	10.50
Mr. J.Bell, office rent, 5 wks	50.00
Hambleton District Council, c. tax, Feb 98	70.00
Hambleton District Council, c. tax, Feb 98	66.00
I. Atkinson, salary, Jan 98, DDR	344.41
Hambleton District Council, plan. app. Carrs Field	190.00
Petty Cash	50.00
A.M.Wilkinson, salary, Jan 98	523.49
Fox's Copy Shop, photocopy etc	457.90
C.Amy, inspection & emergency work	280.00

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYCC Health Authority, Duchess of Kent Hospital: Cllr. Murray to study report and report back to next Town Council meeting, ask for cpy of final document.

Transfer of land, Shire Park: Details noted.

V. Charles, Bakers Alley: Application for Liquor Licence: no objections, attend licencees course.

Quality Fare, Transfer of Licence: no objections, recommend attend course.

Cllr. Roberts asked Clerk to make enquiries if any licencees do go om courses.

Eccles, Heddon & Co letter: E. Thirsk Playarea, meeting on Wednesday. Carrs Field, has been completed.

NYCC, Traffic Calming, Carlton Miniott: noted.

Lady Chaytor, letter: Poor bus services, Clerk to reply and then forward her letter to NYCC Transport Officer and ask to be informed of outcome.

TOC H, request for accommodation: refer to E. Thirsk Community Hall.

REPORT FROM BURIAL BOARD: Cllr. Hall said that Cllr ^{SALMON} had resigned from the board, which now comprises Cllrs. Hall, Morton, Murkett and Adamson. Gate to be installed, Wetlands Lane. Charges being reviewed, completed by 1st April 98 ^{+ J. JACKSON}

SIGNS:

ADVISE

Stockton Road, missing, York Road not good to read. Clerk to ~~ask~~ L.C.A.

~~advise~~ re NYCC not providing signs - place on agenda of YLCA

Councillors asked to survey, position and condition, milestones within Thirsk Town Council area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Town Hall: Cllr Watson said plans submitted and acknowledged

Greens: Quotes for repair of fencing accepted, claims to be made from insurances.

MEMBERS REPORTS:

Cllr. Murkett asked when Clerk will assume financial responsibility. Cllr. Salmon explained that one item was to be cleared up, hand over 31st January. Clerk to take over balanced accounts.

Cllr. Salmon: Has been approached to represent Town Council on committee for Community Fun Day, 4th July, Thirsk Racecourse. Cllr. Morton proposed and Cllr. Hall seconded that Cllr Salmon should accept. Agreed.

Cllr. Roberts: Thanked Town Council for donation to C.A.B., need for more advice workers, to be fund raising event. Playing Fields, Annual Conference, Askham Bryan 9th September 1998, £15.00 per person. North Yorkshire Playing Fields Assn. A.G.M. 8th July 1998 at Sherburn in Elmet.

Cllr. Marshall: Millennium Commission has awarded £26,500.00 to Millennium Green.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION:

Cllr. Marshall asked if Thirsk Courthouse was on the market? Cllr. Murkett to make enquires.

Cllr. Roberts: Mr Jack Crowsdale, of Playdale, has died. Clerk to send Town Council's condolences.

Cllr. Watson: Reported water on road opposite Austin Reeds, already reported.

Meeting closed at 9.46pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THIRSK TOWN
COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 1998 IN THE TOWN
OFFICE AT 7.30PM

→ Please note
change of date.

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To receive Minutes of previous meeting, 8th January 1998.
3. To consider any Matters Arising.
4. To receive a report on FWAG meeting.
5. To receive reports on Signs and Milestones
6. To receive a report on Bottom field & Seven Acres
7. Other items of interest and information
8. Confidential Item.



Clerk to the Council

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**Minutes of the Amenity Committee Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the
Town Office on 3rd February 1998 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors J Watson and J Marshall in the chair, D. Adamson, F. Roberts, G. Murray and A. Morton.

Apologies: Councillors J. Jackson, D. Murkett and J. Salmon.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council.

Matters Arising:

Marage Seat: J Worley contacted, waiting quote. Cllr Robinson to give name of person at Knayton, get quote.

Skimming, Holmes: Have written accepting C. Amy's quote.

RoSPA: Letter received giving 10% discount on annual inspection.

Seegar seat: Mr Seegar has confirmed installation, C Amy to arrange collection on day.

Rukin's Seat: Clerk to check on progress.

Holmes, No Parking signs: D. Collinson price accepted.

Wording of incscription: NO PARKING, (in large lettering), BY ORDER OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL, (in smaller lettering).

Dog Fouling: Notices to be delivered. C Amy to fix on trees, seats etc.

Ladder: Clerk to order ladder from S. Turner & Sons Ltd.

Parish Paths Partnership Survey: Completed and posted.

L.C.A. Administration Book: Now in stock.

Shire Park Lease: Fee and stamping duty sent.

National Cycle Network: No information on planned meeting.

Long Street Playarea: C. Amy has completed.

Grasscutting Tenders: Forms sent out 29th January 1998 to be returned by 12 noon 12th February 1998.

Swales Garage: H.D.C. have spoken repeatedly to owner, visited 2nd February, nothing causing danger.

FWAG meeting, report: Discussed plans of action for The Holmes, Centenary field and Jungle field. Sluice gate discussed. Will try to find contact with regard to presevation, involvement of school children, Education pack. Bat boxes discussed. Plan of action to come in due course.

Signs, Milestones: Clerk to ask Mr Chris Vincent, H.D.C. for names of makers, get prices for reflective signs the same size as existing ones. Milestones located on Stockton Road, damaged and corroded; Plump Bank, near Felixkirk Road, needs inspecting and removing if damaged; Imgramgate, fine at present.

Bottom Field and Seven Acres: Update Millennium Green, finally received grant offer, progress being made. Bottom Field: re possible purchase, Town Council to draw up outline plan. *for development*

Correspondence:

Kwik Save, Transfer of Licence: no objections, licensee to attend course.

NYCC, Road closure: The Marage, noted.

British Korean Veterans Assn.: Request for parade and Mayor to read lesson at Church service 19th April 1998, agreed to attend and read lesson.

H.D.C., Common land, Todd's Yard: Noted, HDC responsible for grasscrete, Thirsk Council to note this.

Foden, Maintenance, St. James Green: Noted

HDC, Street name: Instead of " Sutton Bank House" prefer "Old Workhouse, Sutton Road" and for "Sutton Bank Road" prefer "Workhouse Close, Sutton Road", to save confusion.

Planning:

Shop & Cafeteria, Carlton Miniott (2/97/025/0188): To continue to object on same grounds as previous application.

Station Road, Business Park (2/97/139/0515): Approved with reservations regarding traffic, particular concern over two entrances so close together.

Town Hall: Update re grant application, visit by representative of 21st Century Halls to inspect Town Hall. More information being collated and will be forwarded to 21st Century Halls by Cllr Watson before 20th February.

Any Other Business:

Mayor's Chain: Clerk to order links, engraving to be discussed at full Council meeting.

Oak Tree, Holmes: Clerk to ask C Amy to transplant base if possible.

Seat, York Road: Clerk to ask C Amy to remove to safe place and report on condition. May need replacing by metal one.

Next Meeting: 5th March 1998, Clerk to confirm that Mr S.Quartermaine coming to speak on the District Wide Plan.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM.

Public and press excluded.

Ownership of Town Hall discussed.

Resolved: To appoint the two Councils (namely Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council) as the Trustees for Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall to replace the two surviving Trustees, Mr. Watson Bateman and Mr Colin Kirk, proposed by Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Marshall. All in favour.

Need to delegate 2 Councillors to sign the Trust Deed. Proposed that this be signed by The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Morton. All in favour.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF
ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOM OF THE
THIRSK & SOWERBY TOWN HALL AT 7.15PM ON MONDAY 16TH
FEBRUARY 1998**

AGENDA

- ✓1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
- ✓2. To approve Minutes of the previous Council Meeting, 19th January 1998
✓To receive Minutes of sub committee - Amenities, 3rd February 1998
- ✓3. To receive Police Report.
- ✓4. To receive any Matters Arising.
- ✓5. To receive Reports from:
✓a) County Councillor - *holbeck* ✓b) District Councillor
- ✓6. To receive Planning Committee Report.
- ✓7. To receive Correspondence.
- ✓8. To approve accounts for payment.
- ✓9. To consider Grasscutting Tenders.
- ✓10. To consider Ideas for Millennium Projects.
- ✓11. To receive Reports from:
✓a) Sub Committees ✓b) Members
12. Other items of interest and information.
13. Confidential Item.



Clerk to the Council

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Correspondence List February 1998

Matters Arising:

Seat, Norby.

Mayor's Chain

Accidents, St. James Green

Parish Government Conference, Scarborough, 6/8th March

Liason Meeting, Community Centre, Northallerton 11th March

Pavement Worker, to talk to Council

Planning:

Results:

2/97/152/0561 Prop: Alterations to 2 existing ground floor shop units and approved first floor flat for use as a ground floor bistro and first floor art gallery as amended by plan received by HDC, 23rd December 1997 - granted.

2/97/152/0561A Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to 2 existing ground floor shop units and approved first floor flat for use as a ground floor bistro and first floor art gallery as amended by plan received by HDC 4th December 1997 - granted.

2/97/152/0561B Prop: Display of a externally illuminated wall-mounted sign and a non-illuminated projecting sign as amended by plan received by HDC on 23rd December 1997 - granted.

2/97/152/0561C Prop; Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of an illuminated wall-mounted sign and a non-illuminated projcting sign amended by plans received by HDC 23rd December 1997 - granted.

2/97/152/0016H Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor shop as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 8th December 1997 - granted.

2/97/152/0179E Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations and extentions to existing former veterinary surgery with first and second floor flats - granted.

2/97/152/0179G Prop: Formation of an access ramp for the disabled - granted.

2/97/152/0555A Prop: Construction of a detached dwelling house with domestic double garage - granted.

Withdrawn:

2/97/152/0565 Prop: Outline application for the construction of a dwelling to replace existing dwelling.

Applications:

2/97/139/0515 Prop: Alterations and Extentions to 2 existing approved retail units and incorporation of use of an existing vehicle repair and paint spraying unit in the formation of a single retail unit.

2/97/025/0188 Prop: Cafeteria and fishing tackle shop with associated facilities, amended plans.

2/97/152/0566 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with office accomodation and associate facilities for the assembly, storage and distribution of lighting products, amended plans.
2/98/152/0394D Prop: Variation of a condition to permit the occupation of approved dwellings prior to the construction of garages.
2/98/009/0017H Prop: Display of externally illuminated signs, Thircon.
2/98/152/0337C Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-roofing of part of existing building.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Turner - Concessionary Travel Fares
YLCA Newsletter etc.
Thirsk Tourist Information Centre.
HDC, Street naming and numbering, (2)
Parish Precept 1998/99
Safer Communities Consortium
Thirsk Fire Station Crash Rescue Equipment Fund
HDC, H. Clough-Smith, letter
NYCC, Transport reply
Barclays Bank, safe keeping

Tabled Correspondence:

NYCC, Parish Newsletter etc
Thirsk Alcohol and Drug Prevention Project
Action for Market Towns Report
Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Minutes (2)
Tilcon Price increases
Crystal FM Radio
S G Promotions
Ken Moorhead Excavations Ltd.

Cemetery:

Application to erect a memorial - Walter Smith

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

PENDING EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

Gross	Details	
0.00	N Y C C	hire of court
30.83	Power Point	hire equipment
344.41	Atkinson, I	salary
523.49	Wilkinson, A.M.	salary, feb
40.00	J Bell	4 weeks
8.50	L Mitchell	4 weeks
85.93	Northern Electric	electric.offic
62.28	Thorntons	receipt books
233.82	B A Noble	fence repairs
12.00	Thirsk Motors	fuel
39.60	Power Point	anvil lopper
145.41	RS Hall Engineering Ltd	bracket,town c
66.00	Hambleton District Council	council tax
70.00	Hambleton District Council	council tax
226.78	Priory Publications	advert
Total	1889.05	

Signed_____

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Thirsk Town Council

GRASSCUTTING TENDERS RECEIVED, 1998

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Areas</u>						
A- Holmes	67.50	82	37	149	33	60
B- Greens	45	57	36	100	33	45
C-Mill Gardens	5	12	12	44	33	15
D- Roadsides	100	97	46	150	33	60
E- East Thirsk	35	76	20	103	53	45
F- Carrs Field	50	94	55		33	50
G- Centenary Field	200	280	50		85	70
H- Churchyard	95	185	60		75	140
I- Millennium Green	50	77	70		50	45

Contractors

Contractor 1 - North Yorkshire County Contracting

Contractor 2 - G. West

Contractor 3 - C.L.Walker

Contractor 4 - M. Shipton

Contractor 5 - M. Hodgson

Contractor 6 - K. Tiplady

NB. The amount tendered by Contractor 3 for Area G is for cutting only.

**Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday 16th February
1998 in the Upper Room, Thirsk an Sowerby Town Hall**

The Mayor announced that former Councillor Bert Craig had recently died and asked everyone present to stand to observe a minutes silence in his memory.

Present: Councillors J Marshall, in the chair, J Watson F. Roberts, R Hall, A Robinson J Salmon, J Jackson, G Murray, D Adamson, press reporter and the Clerk.

Apologies: Councillors, Morton and Murkett.

Minutes of the previous meeting, 19th January 1998:

P 974: Add "Salmon" and "Cllr Jackson"

P 975: Should read " Clerk to raise with LCA so they can discuss this issue with other Parish Councils and raise with NYCC on Parish Council's behalf. Approval proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Roberts. All agreed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee, 3rd February 1998:

P2: Add " for development" Approval proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Adamson. All agreed.

Police Matters: Police not in attendance, Clerk had not received any details. Visit to see CCTV, Clerk to arrange an evening visit.

Matters Arising:

Seat, repair: Quote from J. Worley, acceptance proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Watson. Agreed, Cllr Hall abstained.

Mayor's Chain: Engraving quotes considered. Inscription on each link to be name and year, proposed Cllr Salmon seconded Cllr Jackson. Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Watson seconded that the Town Council accept Fox's quote - £3.50 per link, for inscription of name and year. Agreed.

Pavement Worker: Clerk to arrange for the Youth Worker and Mr W. Charlton to attend Amenity meeting in April.

3rd Youth Conference: Cllr Salmon thanked the Council for their support. Clerk to write to organisers giving reasons for non attendance.

Community Fun Day, Thirsk Racecourse: Cllr Salmon reported date changed to 18th July 1998.

National Cycleway: Investigations still going on.

Rukin's Seat: Not yet begun.

Noticeboard: Will be installed shortly.

Litterbin, Marage: No longer fastened to fence, base still on building site.

Duchess of Kent Hospital, Catterick: Cllr Murray gave a report having studied the information sent to the Town Council, dicussion followed. Cllr Salmon proposed Cllr Murray seconded that Thirsk Town Council wish to oppose the closure of The Duchess of Kent Hospital , Catterick. (6 for, 0 against, 3 abstained). Clerk to write to Mr. W. Hague, MP, Miss A McIntosh MP and Mr Daivd Bowe MEP.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Marshall declared an interest and took no part in dicussions.

Thirsk Courthouse: Reported not yet on the market, will be notified when to be put on.

Finance, handover: Cllr Watson enquired at what stage the financial handover was at. Cllr Salmon replied giving details. Cllr Roberts, as Chairman of Finance Committee, questioned the arrangements. sil

At this point Cllr Salmon left the meeting.

Seegar seat: Clerk to write stating Town Council require fixing of seat within 14 days.

Milestones: Plump Bank, Cllr Hall to remove. Cllr Hall stated milestones are marked on OS maps, he will identify those in our area and look at them. Stockton Road milestone fixed securely. Suggested LCA have "county-wide" look at milestones.

Old Workhouse, Sutton Road: Naming, "White Mare House" and "White Mare Close" proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murray. Agreed.

Seat, York Road: Cllr Marshall reported it is in ditch, Amenity Worker to remove to safety as soon as possible.

No County Council Report.

District Council Report: Cllr Marshall reported that cutbacks, redundances and freezing of salaries within HDC were being used to keep council taxes down. Car parking charges to be discussed on 19th March 1998, Councillors urged to revive their campaign against car parking charges now.

Planning Committee Report:

Results:

2/97/152/0561 Prop: Alterations to 2 existing ground floor shop units and approved first floor flat for use as a ground floor bistro and first floor art gallery as amended by plan received by HDC, 23rd December 1997. Loc.: Bakers Alley - granted.

2/97/152/0561A Prop: Application for listed building Consent for alterations to 2 existing ground floor shop units and approved first floor flat for use as a ground floor bistro and first floor art gallery as amended by plan received by HDC on 4th December 1997. Loc.: Bakers Alley - granted.

2/97/152/0561B Prop: display of an externally illuminated wall-mounted sign and a non-illuminated projecting sign as amended by plan received by HDC on 3rd December 1997. Loc.: Bakers Alley - granted.

2/97/152/0561C Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of an illuminated wall-mounted sign and a non-illuminated projecting sign amended by plans received by HDC 23rd December 1997. Loc.: Bakers Alley - granted.

2/97/152/0016H Prop: Change of use of existing ground floor shop as amended by letter and plans received by HDC on 8th December 1997. Loc.: Market Place - granted.

2/97/152/ 0179E prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations and extensions to existing former veterinary surgery with first and second floor flats - granted. Loc.: Kirkgate, Thirsk

2/97/152/0179G Prop: Formation of an access ramp for the disabled. Loc.: Kirkgate, Thirsk. - granted.

2/97/152/0555A Prop: Construction of a detached dwelling house with domestic double garage. Loc.: Vicarage Gardens. - granted.

Withdrawn:

2/97/152/0565 Prop: Outline application for the construction of a dwelling to replace existing dwelling. Loc.: Thirsk Junction.

Applications:

2/97/139/0515 Prop: Alterations and Extensions to 2 existing approved retail units and incorporation of use of an existing vehicle repair and paint spraying unit in the formation of a single retail unit. Loc.: Station Road, Business Park.

2/97/025/0188 Prop: Cafeteria and fishing tackle shop with associated facilities, amended plans. Loc.: Carlton Miniott.

2/97/152/0566 Prop: Layout of land and construction of a building with office accommodation and associate facilities for the assembly, storage and distribution of lighting products, amended plans. Loc.: Station Road, Thirsk.

2/98/152/ 0394D Prop: Variation of a condition to permit the occupation of approved dwellings prior to the construction of garages. 2/98.009/0017H Prop; Display of externally illuminated signs. Loc.: Barley's Yard.

2/98/152/0337C Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for the re-roofing of part of existing building. Loc.: Market Place.

Cllr Hall queried size of Tesco's site, noted entrance land not owned by Tesco.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Turner, Dowber Way, Travel tokens: Discussed, reply - unable to finance but sympathetic with her views. Write to HDC, M/s McIntosh MP and Mr J Prescott MP.

YLCA, Country Air etc: Various details including village hall insurance noted.

YRCC, playareas: refer to Amenity meeting.

Playing Fields Assn., annual subscription: £25.00 proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Watson. Agreed.

Best Kept Village: noted.

Thirsk Tourist Information Centre AGM: Cllr Morton, our representative, is willing to continue, proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Murray. Agreed. Cllr Robinson attending AGM in Cllr Morton's absence.

Leechfield House, Newsham: Change of name, noted.

Todd's Yard, naming: Discussion, "Todd's Court" Proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Roberts, 6 for , 1 against.

Precept 98/99: Granted. Clerk to check on Direct Debit arrangements.

Safer Communities Consortium, 13th March: noted.

Thirsk Fire Station Crash Rescue Equipment Fund, thanks for donation: noted.

Mrs H. Clough-Smith, Dog fouling and info.: Cllr Watson to study.

Copy of reply from NYCC to Lady Chaytor: noted. Clerk to ask for explanation for non arrival of bus.

Barclay's Bank, Safe custody: Clerk to investigate what is held there.

Priory Publishing: Councillors decided not to put an entry in the "North Yorkshire Moors Advertiser" this year, proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Adamson.

Accounts for Payment: Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Watson that the following account be passed for payment. All agreed.

Power Point, hire of equip.	£ 30.83
I Atkinson, salary	£344.41

A M Wilkinson, salary	£523.49
J Ball, 4weeks	£ 40.00
L Mitchell, 4 weeks	£ 8.50
Northern Electric, electric office	£ 85.93
Thornton's Printers, Burial Bd. receipt books	£ 62.28
B A Noble, fence repairs	£233.82
Thirsk Motors, fuel	£ 12.00
Power point, anvil lopper	£ 39.60
R S Hall Engineering Ltd, bracket, christmas lights	£145.41
H.D.C. council tax, DD	£ 66.00
H.D.C. council tax, DD	£ 70.00
York & N. Yorks. Playing Fields Assn., sub	£ 25.00
Rowleys, wreath,	£ 20.00

Bank Transfer: Proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Roberts that £30,000.00 be transferred from the Business Premium Account to the H.I.B.A. to gain more interest. Agreed.

Grasscutting Contract, 1998 Season:

Recommendation from the group that opened the tenders in adherence with Standing Orders, that the lowest tender, which was submitted by C.E. & C.M. Walker, the present contractor, should be accepted. Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr Robinson seconded acceptance. All agreed.

Millennium Project: Cllr Marshall asked Councillors to think what may be suitable, Cllr Murray thought schools may have ideas, Cllr Watson asked that the request for ideas be put in the press, parishoners to contact Councillors or the Clerk.

Sub Committee Reports:

Burial Board: Cllr Hall reported charges made had been compared with surrounding areas and recommended no change. Cllr Roberts proposed seconded Cllr Jackson the Town Council make no change. All agreed. Cllr Hall stated the cemetery was tidy.

Suspension of Standing Orders, proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts agreed.

Discussion on the repair of the gates.

Meeting reopened: proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Roberts. Agreed.

Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Hall that Cllr Hall asks Mr A M Kaye to repair the cemetery gates. Cllr Hall asked for the potholes near the cemetery gate be reported to NYCC, Highways.

Town Development Working Party: Cllr Jackson next meeting to be before next council meeting.

Members Reports:

Cllr Roberts: has attended C.A.B. computer course.

Cllr Hall: attended Thirsk Sports Council meeting.

Other Items of Interest:

Cllr Marshall informed councillors, Council of Churches, 7th March 1998, 10.00am to 4.00pm at Carlton Miniott; Civic Society, AGM, 18th March 1998. Thirsk Museum has lost its 100% rate relief, now 90%.

Cllr Roberts: Concerned about the state of the cobbles an pavements in the Market Place, Cllr Robinson to report to next meeting. No signing in Long Street for pedestrian crossing, Clerk to report to Mr E. Hayward, NYCC Highways. Suspend Standing Orders for 10 minutes proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Robinson. Agreed.

Exclusion of Press and Public: Proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Roberts. Agreed.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM.

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall.

Cllr Watson read letters from Mr M. Armstrong and the Charity Commission.

Discussion on the urgent nature of the situation ended with the following being proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Roberts:

" Agree to transfer of trusteeship from named Trustees to the Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council as a matter of urgency to keep continuity." Unanimously agreed.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE OF THIRSK TOWN
COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE ON THURSDAY 5th
MARCH 1998 AT 7.30 pm.**

AGENDA.

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes approved at Town Council.
3. To consider any Matter Arising, which was not dealt with at Town Council.
4. To receive any Correspondence.
5. To discuss seats.
6. Any Other Items of Interest.

Mr S. Quartermaine, Head of Planning Services, Hambleton District Council, will be at the meeting at 8.00pm to discuss the District Wide Plan and Planning.



Clerk to the Council.

NB.

CCTV Visit: This has been arranged for Tuesday 10th March 1998 at Thirsk Police Ststion at 7.00pm. (visit to last up to an hour).

Minutes of the Amenity Committee Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Town Office on 3rd March 1998 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors J Watson, in the chair, D. Adamson, J. Jackson, J. Marshall (arrived later) A. Morton, D. Murkett (arrived later), F. Roberts, G. Murray A. Robinson, J. Salmon (left early) Mr. S. Quartermaine, H.D.C. and the Clerk.

Minutes: Approved at Town Council.

Matters Arising: from the minutes of the last meeting that have not already been attended to at Town Council.

Seeger's Seat, near Cemetery: Collected Tuesday. C. Amy to be there for installation, on Friday.

Skimming of Path, Holmes: Completed.

ROSPA: Inspection booked for September.

Ladder: Has been ordered.

FWAG. Report: received, passed to Holmes sub-committee.

Foden Maintenance: In process of being arranged.

Correspondence:

FWAG.event: 18th March 1998, noted. List of events for year ,noted.

Shredding bag: idea not to be taken up.

From Town Council;

YRCC, Playarea equipment: decided to visit possibly later in year.

Seats:

Damaged seat, Marage: Police notified. Discussion on replacement. Clerk to ask maker to look at damaged seat and give his views. Siting of replacement to be considered with Mr. J. Bell.

Seat, York Road: Beyond repair, prices for replacement to be obtained.

Damaged seat, Station Road: Possible to use wood from York Road seat to repair.

Millstones: Cllr Roberts said if these were now Town Council's responsibility should be insured.

Milestones: Cllr Marshall has photographed one on Stockton Road. Insurance discussed.

Mr S. Quartermaine, Director of Planning and Environmental Services spoke to the meeting about the District Wide Plann and answered councillors questions.

Other Items of Interest:

Playdale equipment: McCleans seesaw, bolts to be supplied by Playdale. One handle broken off, other to be removed. Fort has been made secure, at Playdale's expense.

McClellan's Playarea, chippings: C. Amy spent all morning clearing from lawn of 14 Allerdale Close. More Chippings needed. *agreed to obtain @ higher cost*
Millennium Green: Cllr Marshall explained the problems the Trust were having with the Countryside Commission (obtaining monies), as a result of which a planting weekend arranged November 1997 had taken place on 28th February and 1st March 1998 for which Millennium Green Trust were ^{at the moment} unable to pay for the trees. It was agreed that the Town Council would pay for the trees until such time as the Millennium Green Trust could reimburse the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Thirsk Town Council

Minutes of Thirsk Town Council Amenity Meeting held in the Town Office on Thursday 12th February 1998.

Present: Councillors J. Marshall, J. Watson, D. Adamson, A. Robinson & J. Jackson.

Grasscutting: All tenders that had been received were opened and given reference numbers.

GRASSCUTTING TENDERS RECEIVED, 1998

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Areas</u>						
A- Holmes	67.50	82	37	149	33	60
B- Greens	45	57	36	100	33	45
C- Mill Gardens	5	12	12	44	33	15
D- Roadsides	100	97	46	150	33	60
E- East Thirsk	35	76	20	103	53	45
F- Carrs Field	50	94	55		33	50
G- Centenary Field	200	280	50		85	70
H- Churchyard	95	185	60		75	140
I- Millennium Green	50	77	70		50	45

The sub committee recommended that Contractor 3 be awarded the work for all areas. After making this decision the names of the contractors were divulged.

Contractors

Contractor 1 - North Yorkshire County Contracting

Contractor 2 - G. West

Contractor 3 - C.L. Walker

Contractor 4 - M. Shipton

Contractor 5 - M. Hodgson

Contractor 6 - K. Tiplady

NB. The amount tendered by Contractor 3 for Area G is for cutting only.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE TOWN DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY WILL
BE HELD ON 12th MARCH 1998 IN THE TOWN OFFICE AT 7.30PM.**

AGENDA.

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes as adopted by Town Council, 15th December 1997.
3. To receive any Matters Arising.
 - a) Water supply and sewerage
 - b) Trading Estate, Phase 3 and 4.
 - c) Car Parking:
 - Meeting Hambleton District Council Herriot commitment.
 - Possible car parking charges.
 - d) Signage from the A1, A168 and A19.
 - " Staging Post - Herriot Town" ?
4. To discuss an overall plan for the Nursery Site as requested by the Town Council.
5. Any Other Items of Interest.



Clerk to the Council.

Thirsk Town Council

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 16TH
MARCH 1998 AT 7.00 PM IN THE UPPER ROOM, THIRSK AND
SOWERBY TOWN HALL**

Amended.

AGENDA.

1. ✓ Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To receive the Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 17th March 1997.
3. ✓ To receive the Chairman's Report.
4. ✓ To receive Ideas for a Millennium Project from Parishoners.
5. ✓ To receive Contributions from the Electors of the Parish.
6. ✓ Other Items of Interest.

Ann Wilkinson

Clerk to the Council.

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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16th March 1998 in the
Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs Marshall in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Jackson, Morton, Murray, Murkett, Roberts, Robinson, Salmon, Watson, 5 Parishoners, 2 Press Reporters and the Clerk.

Apologies: none.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th March 1997: approval proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Roberts, agreed.

Chairman's Report: Cllr Marshall was impressed by the large number of items that had been undertaken by the Town Council during the year. The year had seen a change in venue for the meetings of the Town Council and a new clerk to the Council, Carrs Field had passed to the trustees, Millennium Green Trust now in place, support had been given to the Christmas lights, C. A. B. and Thirsk Fire & Rescue Equipment Fund, CCTV which had been installed in the town, unfortunately the closure of the Courthouse and the Register Office had taken place, a noticeboard for the public to have notices in had been placed in the Market Place, links for the Mayor's Chain are being purchased and car parking charges had been prevented once during the year but the possibility had been raised again by H. D.C.

Ideas for a Millennium Project for the Town: As none had been received from Town Councillor or Electors it was decided that ideas should be passed to the Clerk and the press were asked to include this in their reports.

From the Electors: Mrs Reynard: Cleanliness of the town is still a problem. She felt that each shop or business could at least sweep its own frontage and particular areas needing attention are Picks Lane, Newsham Road and the approach to Castlegarth. Mrs Dodds: Pleased with the Holmes area but asked for the briars on the path from the Marriage Road to the Iron Bridge to be cleared. A request for the press to publish that members of the public are welcome to attend each monthly meeting.

Other Items of Interest and Information: none.

The Meeting Closed at 7.25pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROOMS OF THIRSK TOWN HALL AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 1998

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting, 16th February 1998
To receive Minutes of sub committee - Amenities, 5th March 1998
3. ✓ To receive Police Report } 1 : 00 A
4. ✓ To receive Police Report }
5. ✓ To receive any Matters Arising
6. ✓ To receive reports from:
✓a) County Councillor ✓b) District Councillors
7. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Report
8. ✓ To receive Correspondence
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment.
10. ✓ To consider Ideas for Millennium Projects.
11. ✓ To receive Reports from:
✓a) Sub Committees ✓b) Members
12. Other Items of Interest and Information.



Clerk to the Council.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Correspondence List March 1998.

Matters Arising:

Mayor's Chain.

Pavement Worker, 2nd April 1998, 8pm

National Cycleway meeting, Sutton Village Hall, 6th April 1998, 7.00pm.

Rukin's seat. - 10 Feb

Noticeboard, Market Place.

Seegar's seat - fixing.

Milestones.

Street naming, letter.

Safe custody.

Cobbles and Pavement, Market Place.

Planning:

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2/98/152/0526D Prop: Display of an internal illuminated pole sign.

2/98/152/0523F Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for the reconstruction of internal walls of existing building.

Correspondence:

H.D.C. District/Parish Liason meeting, 15th April, Stonecross.

YCLA, White Rose Update etc

The Samaritans, AGM.

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall, 1998 charges.

Shirtcliffe & Co, reapplication for licence, V M Charles

Action for Market Towns, questionnaire.

The World of James Herriot.

H.D.C. Street Naming.

N.Y.C.C. Grasscutting 1998.

Royal British Legion, parade, 14th June 1998.

Tabled Correspondence:

Battery Freelance Distribution Ltd.

YRCC, The Landfill Tax.

Portfolio Display
Danum Creative Developments Ltd.
Bins'n'Benches.
Local Council Review.
RAF 98

Cemetery:
Application to erect a memorial - Florence Mary Smith

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

PENDING EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

Number	Gross	Details	
10130	0.00	N Y C C	hire of cour
10257	24.68	Hambleton District Council	poop scoop n
10258	32.50	YLCA	admin. ref.
10259	82.26	YLCA	a/cs & audit
10260	123.36	YRCC	parish gov.
10261	20.00	Rowley's	wreathe B Cr
10262	-70.00	Adjustment	over payment
10263	-66.00	Adjustment	over payment
10264	21.50	Yorkshire Water	sewerage sta
10265	137.66	Yorkshire Water	sewerage & w
10266	86.00	Blackburn,M.	repair seat
10267	132.16	BT	phone bill,o
10268	28.20	FWAG	review meeti
10269	60.00	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	hire -dec97
10270	17.00	Thirsk Motors	fuel
10271	87.76	FD Todd & Sons	empty skip
10272	387.99	Inland Revenue	quarterly pay
10273	93.21	Inland Revenue	quarterly pay
10274	25.45	The Colour Centre	paint,primer
10275	307.00	Blackburn,M.	noticeboard
10276	738.61	Thorpetrees	trees
10277	344.41	Atkinson, I	for March 98
10278	523.49	Wilkinson, A.M.	salary March
10279	8.50	L Mitchell	cleaning 16 1
10281	300.00	Marshall, J	1997/98 allow
10282	14.36	Refund To A Robinson	fixings+labou
10283	171.11	C Amy & Associates	1-28 Feb. ger
10284	1050.00	C Amy & Associates	coppicing,pol
10285	290.16	C Amy & Associates	Castlegate ga
10286	130.88~	C Amy & Associates	5-31 Jan.gene
10287	250.00~	C Amy & Associates	skimming foot
10288	415.00~	C Amy & Associates	fence replace
Total	5707.25		

I. ATKINSON

PHONE

PENDING INCOME TRANSACTION

Number	Gross	Details	
38	103.32	National Savings	Interest to
Total	103.32		

Signed _____

Signed _____

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary between 1st April, 1997 and 16th March, 1998 inclusive.

Balances at 01/04/1997

Business Current Account, Barclays	-156.28
Business Premium Accnt, Barclays BP	25023.84
High Interest, Barclays HIBA No 1	33598.44
National Savings	1968.20
Play Area 1, Barclays HIBA No 2	0.00
Premium No 2 (Cemetery), Barclays BP	207.00
TOTAL	60641.20

RECEIPTS	Gross	Vat
Burial Board	6644.06	
Amenities: Open Areas	200.00	
Amenities: Market Place	0.00	
Amenities: Play Areas	13034.03	
Amenities: Xmas Lights	0.00	
Amenities: Trusts	0.00	
Amenities: The Greens	0.00	
Amenities: Paths	245.00	
Amenities General	862.26	
Finance And General Purposes	53770.95	
Total Receipts	74756.30	0.00

PAYMENTS	Gross	Vat
Burial Board	7047.47	
Amenities: Open Areas	1555.81	
Amenities: Market Place	3231.63	
Amenities: Play Areas	5712.21	
Amenities: Xmas Lights	1193.93	
Amenities: Trusts	1290.00	
Amenities: The Greens	2117.20	
Amenities: Paths	235.00	
Amenities General	8847.70	
Finance And General Purposes	18288.62	
Total Payments	49519.57	3299.79

Closing Balances at 16/03/1998

Business Current Account, Barclays	2024.41
Business Premium Accnt, Barclays BP	6085.94
High Interest, Barclays HIBA No 1	64791.77
National Savings	0.20
Play Area 1, Barclays HIBA No 2	12768.61
Premium No 2 (Cemetery), Barclays BP	207.00

TOTAL **85877.93**

TOWN	CAR PARK	PROPOSED CHARGE	ASSUMED USE	INCOME (£)	COMMENTS
Thirsk	Market Place Spaces: 190 short Assume 1000 per day	Up to 1 hour 20p Up to 2 hours 50p	30% 70%	18,000 105,000	
	Millgate Spaces: 128 long Assume 300 per day	Up to 2 hours 50p Up to 4 hours £1.50 All Day £3.00 Season Ticket £2.00 ^{per day} 13 wks	75% 10% 10% 5%	33,750 13,500 27,000 9,000	
	Herriot Visitor Centre			No net income	
	Nursery Car Park			To be discussed at a later date	
			Thirsk Total	206,250	

Minutes of the meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday 16th March 1998 in the Upper Room, Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall at 7.15 pm.

Present: Cllrs. Marshall, in the chair, Adamson, Hall, Jackson, Morton, Murkett, Murray, Roberts, Robinson, Salmon and Watson. 5 Members of the Public, 2 Press Reporters and the Clerk.

No Apologies.

Cllr. Marshall welcomed Mr M. Brownlee, North Yorkshire News reporter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, 16th March 1998:

P 977 - delete " and lack of adherence to Town Council decisions", proposed Cllr Salmon, seconded Cllr Murray. Agreed.

Approval proposed Cllr Watson seconded Cllr Roberts. Agreed.

Minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting, 5th March 1998:

Delete "now" insert " at the moment", proposed Cllr Adamson seconded Cllr Roberts. Agreed.

No Police Report. Cllr Adamson asked that thanks for the CCTV visit by Councillors to Thirsk Police Station be sent.

Matters Arising:

Mayor's Chain: Clerk reported that Fattorini had asked to see the chain in order to make matching links. Dates arranged.

Pavement Worker: Attending Amenity meeting, 2nd April at 8 pm. Cllr Watson proposed Cllr Salmon seconded that 30 minutes be allowed for talk and questions.

"Sustrans": Meeting 6th April 1998 in Sutton Village Hall at 7.00pm. Cllrs Watson, Roberts and Adamson unable to go. Cllrs Hall, Marshall and Salmon will attend other Councillors to inform Clerk.

New Noticeboard, Market Place: Installed, notices allowed at Council's discretion, display 7 to 10 days, to be left with Clerk. Press asked to publicize. Cllr Murkett stated not for political use, all agreed.

Seegar's Seat: Clerk to inform Mr Seegar that if not installed immediately the Town Council would have installed and invoice him for the expense. Agreed.

Milestones: These are the property of NYCC, Highways Dept., in neglected state, Clerk to ask if upkeep to be done by Highways Dept.? If not would they be prepared to give help and guidance to Town Council on upkeep?

Millstones: Revealed that Mr Moore, NYCC did not know these had been turned over to Parishes. Clerk to write and enclose copies of past correspondence. Cllr Murkett to take up this matter, asking who is responsible if these disappear. Ideas on preservation given, Clerk to write to Mr Woods NYCC, and N.A.L.C. enclosing pictures.

Street Naming: " The Old Workhouse" and "Bellingham Close" proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Murray. Agreed.

Safe Custody: Cllr Murkett suggested Town Council buys a safe. Clerk to photocopy and leave in Barclays at moment.

Pavement, Market Place: Cllr Murkett expressed concern over state of pavements. NYCC responsible.

Rukin's seat: no report.

Finance Handover: Cllr Adamson thanked Cllr Salmon for all the work he'd done. Cllr Salmon confirmed the Clerk now the R.F.O.

Precept: Clerk to check on Direct Debit.

Town Development Working Party meeting: Cancelled due to number of apologies. Items from Amenities Committee at next meeting.

County Councillor's Report:

LongStreet/Stammergate: Cllr Murkett stated that time will tell if these measures a success. Discussion - length of time taken, 54 signs between 30mph limit and White Mare roundabout, untaxed vehicles on highway.

Right of Way, Three Tuns Yard: Cllr Murkett apologised over failure to fill forms, now corrected.

District Councillor's Report:

Cllr reported on District Wide Plan meeting, Industrial land now taken, Stage 3 has been passed, Bottom Field - amenity land, Rybeck development reduced, Sowerby development area included against inspector's suggestion. Leisure and Amenities, grants for 1998/99 already spent; some items approved for 1999/2000. Herriot meeting to be held on 20th March 1998.

Planning Committee Report:

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2/98/152/0523F Prop: Application for Listed Building Consent for the reconstruction of internal walls of existing building.

Correspondence:

HDC Liaison meeting, 15th April 1998: Cllrs Murkett and Adamson to attend.

YLCA items: White Rose Update passed round meeting.

Samaritans, AGM, 25th March1998: noted.

Thirsk Town Hall charges: increases noted.

Licence, V.M.Charles, Bakers Alley: reply as before.

Action for Market Towns: Cllr Jackson to fill in questionnaire.

Herriott Centre: Poster put up. Request for donation left for discussion later.

NYCC, Grasscutting 1998: Reply stating that grass will be cut 14 times, avoiding daffodils.

British Legion Parade 14th June 1998: Agreement to march proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Salmon. Agreed.

Flypast: To commemorate 80 years of RAF. All Agreed.

Finance:

Chairman's Allowance: Clarified from Finance meeting at £300.00 p.a. proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Adamson. Agreed.

Accounts for Payment: proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr Murray that the following accounts be passed for payment. All agreed.

HDC, poop scoop notices	£ 24.68
YLCA, admin. ref. book	£ 32.50
YLCA,a/cs & audit seminar	£ 82.26
YRCC, parish gov. conference	£ 123.36
Rowleys, wreath	£ 20.00
Adjustment, overpayment	-£ 70.00
Adjustment, overpayment	-£ 66.00
Yorkshire Water, sewerage etc office	£ 21.50
Yorkshire Water, sewerage and water, Cem. Lodge	£ 137.66
Blackburn,M, repair seat	£ 86.00
B.T., phone a/c	£ 132.16
FWAG, review meeting	£ 28.20
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, hire	£ 60.00
Thirsk Motors, fuel	£ 17.00
Fd Todd & Sons, empty skip	£ 87.76
Inland Revenue, quarterly payment	£ 387.99
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Colour Centre, paint, primer etc.	£ 25.45
Blackburn,M, noticeboard	£ 307.00
Thorpetrees, trees	£ 738.61
Atkinson,I (March 1998)	£ 344.41
Wilkinson, A M salary, March '98	£ 523.49
L. Mitchell, bus shelter windows	£ 8.50
Refund A Robinson, fixing noticeboard	£ 14.36
C Amy & Assocs. gen 1-28th Feb.	£ 171.11
C Amy & Assocs. coppicing & pollarding	£ 1050.00
C Amy & Assocs. Castlegarth gates	£ 290.16
C Amy & Assocs. 5-31st Jan gen.	£ 130.88
C Amy & Assocs. skimming footpath,Holmes	£ 250.00
C Amy & Assocs. fence replacement	£ 415.00
I. Atkinson, phone rental	£ 38.46

Ideas for Millennium Project:

Cllr Jackson: Landscaped area for outdoor theatrical performances.

Cllr Marshall: Floodlighting of St. Mary's Church.

To be on future agendas for more ideas.

Sub Committee Reports:

Cllr Jackson: Christmas lights, N.Electric querying time on etc.

TDWP meeting arranged 29th April 1998 7.30pm, Town Office, same agenda plus any update.

Members Reports:

Cllr Watson: Report on NYCC Liaison meeting, A-Z directory being published. Some contracts had been lost to outside firms. Fly tipping to be monitored. Parish Paths Partnership after 1999 being looked at.

Cllr Murkett: Details of "Final report", circulated to Councillors should be called Interim report, explained to Parishoners present and gave copies.

Cllr Roberts: Attended YLCA meeting with Cllr Murkett, milestones discussed.

Cllr Salmon: Attended Chamber of Trade and Community Care Assn. which needs more funds.

Cllr Adamson: Attended YRCC Conference, 7th March 1998: Informative day, seminars and lunch good.

Cllr Marshall: "Parochial charities" asked about need for 2 deeds at YRCC meeting, awaiting reply. CCTV visit to Thirsk Police station, enjoyed. Lighting to be taken up with HDC by Cllr Marshall and Cllr Roberts. Better contact needed between Thirsk and Northallerton. Car parking charges, HDC Working party meeting, 19th March 1998 details of proposed changes given. Letter to be sent to all HDC Councillors. Public meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

Suspension of Standing Orders: proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Murkett for 15 minutes. Agreed.

Cllr Marshall proposed that the Town Council does not pay its contribution of £5000.00 for CCTV to HDC (july 1998 Town Council meeting) seconded Cllr Salmon. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

It was suggested that £2000.00 be donated to Thirsk Police towards the creation of the necessary radio link for CCTV. This was put as a proposal by Cllr Murkett seconded by Cllr Salmon. Agreed, Cllr Hall abstained.

Other Items of Interest and Information:

Cllr Roberts reported that pigeons are feeding on duck food, notices prohibiting feeding would help.

Cllr Marshall thanked all who had helped at the planting weekend at Millennium Green. On "No Smoking" Day she had planted an Ash tree.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

subject to Cllr Salmon's decision?