

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 18th April 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, C. Kirk, C. J. Megson, H. Whitton, E. R. Stott, Mrs. P. M. Roberts.

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. J. Ellis & L. Stuart.

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

Matters Arising from the Annual Assembly Minutes

Market Place Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that four separate claims had been made in March 1978, October 1979, February 1980 and April 1982 relating to accidents to members of the public allegedly caused by falls, etc. on the cobbled Market Place. Information as to the outcome of the claims is not available as the Council's Insurers deal direct with the claimants.

Industrial Estate The Chairman reported that the 17 acres of land have now been purchased and are in the ownership of the District Council.

Thirsk County Primary School Letter presented from the County Education Officer stating that the L.E.A. has no plans at present to enlarge the school but that it could be extended on its present site should it prove necessary. He also stated that the teaching staff is determined not on the accommodation available but on the anticipated numbers of children on roll in the Summer Term when numbers are at their highest. It was agreed to forward a copy of this letter to Coun. Turton and seek his comments.

Charities Coun. Craig reported that he had not been able to distribute the final £1.00 of the £48.00 as the proposed recipient had died. It was agreed another person should benefit.

Post Office A reply from the Head Postmaster stated that they are currently seeking other premises for use as a Sorting Office and are following up the suggestion that the Clinic and Annexe could be suitable for this purpose.

The Greens It was agreed to ask F. D. Todd & Sons to quote for the supply and laying of suitable material on the service roads on the Greens, with a separate price for St. James' Green and the Little Green.

Matters Arising from the Council Meeting Minutes

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Bus Shelter Repairs still awaited. The Technical Officer to be asked to expedite this work.

Disc Parking Nothing reported.

Signposting - Hambleton Estate After further consideration, members agreed to request signs at both the Sutton Road and Long Street entrances to the Estate bearing the words 'Hambleton Estate leading to Bowber Estate'.

Grass Cutting It was agreed to ask Mr. Shipton to cut the Greens once each month and to notify him if it is found necessary for them to be cut more often. Mr. Shipton to be allowed to use the 'strimmer' from the Cemetery to cut the long grass round the stones.

Public Conveniences Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that because of the many instances of vandalism that had occurred it had been decided to close the conveniences at 6.30 p.m. Since closing the conveniences at night, vandalism has virtually ceased. It was agreed to request that they be kept open until 10.00 p.m. during the summer months for the benefit of visitors to the town. It was also agreed to suggest that notices be displayed stating that persons doing wilful damage will be prosecuted.

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**Mill Gardens** The Chairman reported on the site meeting which had been attended by seven members but not by a representative of the developers. It had been decided that the slope should be in two tiers with the large stones replaced along the edge of the first tier. Part of the footway should be reinstated, shrubs planted, gravel or flags along the edge and the rest to be grass. Mr. Burns from the developers had agreed to attend a meeting which was arranged for 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd April on site.

**Cemetery Grass Cutters** Estimates had been received for the overhaul and repair of the two remaining cutters at a cost of £140.00 and £220.00. It was agreed that if an allowance could be obtained on these cutters in exchange for purchasing a new cutter and with a balance of no more than £200.00 to pay, the Chairman be empowered to act accordingly.

### Correspondence

**Britain in Bloom** Letter and pamphlet received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding the 1983 Britain in Bloom Competition.

**Plans** The following Planning Applications were presented and observations made:

Use of Part of Existing First Floor Offices as a Laboratory at 79/81A, Market Place for Janton Laboratories. No Objections.

Installation of a New Shop Front at 87, Market Place for Amos Hinton & Sons. No Objections.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 87, Market Place for Amos Hinton & Sons. Object to an Illuminated Sign.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Hanging Sign and Non-Illuminated Projecting Sign at the Red Bear, Market Place for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery. No Objections.

Provision of a Pitched Roof to a previously constructed flat roofed extension at 36, St. Mary's Walk for Mr. L. Bickerton. No Objections.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at Kemp's Yard, Kirkgate for Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Goldthorp. No Objections.

Erection of a Wall at White Horse Service Station, Long Street, for Thirsk Motors Ltd. No Objections.

Erection of an Internally Illuminated Pole Sign and Repositioning of Existing Internally Illuminated Pole Sign at White Horse Service Station for Thirsk Motors Ltd. No Observations.

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

### Accounts as Circulated

Shaw & Sons Ltd	- 5 Burial Grant Books	- £184.00
Wm. Potts & Sons	- Maintenance of Town Clock	- £ 38.53
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 6.51

### Additional Accounts

D. G. Collinson	- Work on Garden of Rest	- £287.50
Harland Ltd	- Mountfield Mower less Part Exchange on Haytor Mower	- £164.95

**Precept** A Precept for £6,500 was signed - to be received in two installments - 30th April and 30th September.

### Burial Grants

Ian Michael Abbott	4 D4	£15.00
John Frederick Crooks	10 D4	£15.00
James William Hoggart	9 D4	£15.00
Henry Dove	6 D4	£15.00
Frederick & Isabel Stuart	5 D4	£15.00

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Chairman's Report The Chairman thanked the members who are not seeking re-election for their services to the Council and gave his best wishes to those seeking re-election on 5th May.

Any Other Business

Congratulations At the suggestion of Coun. Megson, it was agreed to send a letter of congratulation to Major Peter Bell on his appointment as High Sheriff of North Yorkshire.

Audit The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of Accounts will take place on 31st May at Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall.

Cemetery Bier As it had been previously agreed that the old bier should be renovated, a quotation to be sought for this work.

Market Place Coun. Whitton requested that the H.D.C. be asked to carry out repairs to the cobbles before the start of the tourist season.

Advertising Boards Coun. Roberts reported that advertising boards are again obstructing the footways and Market Place. It was agreed to ask the appropriate authorities to take action and suggest that the offending boards be impounded.

Ingramgate Sign Coun. Allenby reported that the Ingramgate sign has been removed by vandals. Mr. Woods to be notified.

Bus Stand Coun. Craig was concerned at the lack of control of parking on the Bus Parking area on the Market Place. H.D.C. to be asked to erect a large conspicuous sign indicating 'Parking for Buses Only'.

Car Park Indication Sign Coun. Whitton stated that the sign indicating the direction to the Northallerton Road entrance to the Car Park, sited at the junction of the Northallerton Road with the main road through the Market Place, should be erected near the Nat/West Bank so that it is visible to motorists before they reach the junction. H.D.C. to be asked to consider this.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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16/5/83

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th May 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, F. N. Bickers, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. Whitton, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office Each member signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mandate A new mandate was signed authorising the continuation of Barclays Bank as the Council's bankers and the signing of cheques by any two Councillors and countersigned by the Clerk.

Election of Chairman At the request of Coun. Craig and Coun. Whitton, the election was held by ballot.

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Coun. Megson be Chairman.'

Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Coun. Murkett be Chairman.'

Voting - 4 in favour of Coun. Megson. 6 in favour of Coun. Murkett.

Coun. Murkett being duly elected, took the chair and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman This election was also held by ballot.

Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that Coun. Roberts be Vice Chairman.'

Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Megson 'that Coun. Craig be Vice Chairman'

Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Stott 'that Coun. Megson be Vice Chairman'.

Voting - 6 in favour of Coun. Roberts. 1 in favour of Coun. Craig. 3 in favour of Coun. Megson. Coun. Roberts duly elected.

### Appointment of Representatives

Civic Society Coun. Megson appointed.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Craig appointed.

Charities Coun. Craig and Coun. Foxton appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Foxton appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Murkett appointed.

Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts, Coun. Foxton and Coun. Brannon appointed. It was agreed that during the next year when it is the Town Council's turn to take the chair, Coun. Roberts, as Vice Chairman of the Council, should be Chairman of the Town Hall Committee.

Citizens' Advice Bureau Coun. Bickers appointed.

Community Care Association Coun. Craig nominated for the Committee.

Local Councils' Association Coun. Murkett and Coun. Allenby appointed.

### Sub Committees

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

The Holmes and The Greens Coun. Craig, Coun. Whitton, Coun. Brannon, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Planning Coun. Brannon, Coun. Stott, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Market Place - Accidents Letter presented from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that since January 1981 only four accidents have occurred in the Market Place which have been reported to the County Council's insurers and one of the accidents was not due to the condition of the footway. Details as to any compensation which may have been paid were not available.

Thirsk County Primary School No reply from Coun. Turton. It was reported that he is on holiday. Coun. Craig reported that there is a meeting of the Governors on 18th May.

Post Office It was noted that the Post Office has applied for planning permission to build a delivery and sorting office on part of Castle Garth and the C.B. Press site.

The Greens Letter presented from F. D. Todd & Sons requesting a meeting with a representative of the Council to discuss the type of work required on the Greens. It was agreed that the Greens sub committee meet with Mr. Todd on Friday, 20th May.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that although he has to seek confirmation from the appropriate Committee that a direct covenant between Barratts and the Council would be acceptable as far as maintenance of the watercourse is concerned, to avoid delay it would seem sensible for negotiations to be commenced and he is instructing the District Valuer accordingly.

Bus Shelter Letter presented from the Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that the existing broken windows will be replaced and the shelter will be painted.

Public Conveniences Members were concerned that the toilets are still being closed at 6.30 p.m. despite the request for them to be kept open until 10.00 p.m. during the summer months. It was agreed to write again to the Technical Officer asking him to treat as a matter of urgency the request for the toilets to be open until 10.00 p.m., seven days each week, during the summer months. It was suggested that members meet the Technical Officer to discuss means of making the toilets vandal proof.

Mill Gardens Letter presented from Mr. J. R. Burns confirming that the work, agreed to at the site meeting held on 22nd April, will be carried out as soon as possible. It was agreed to request that the old lamp standards be re-instated.

Disc Parking Nothing reported.

Signs - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Market Place The Clerk reported that Mr. Flanagan had stated that repairs to the cobbles are to be carried out in the near future. It was suggested that the attention of the Chief Executive be drawn to the state of the Market Place cobbles. It was agreed to request that the yellow lines on the Market Place be renewed.

Advertising Boards Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Chief Environmental Health Officer is being asked to investigate the problem and to initiate legal proceedings in respect of any contraventions of the Thirsk (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 1982. Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that appropriate action will be taken with regard to any signs placed within the highway.

Ingramgate Sign Notification received from Mr. Woods that this sign is the responsibility of the H.D.C. Coun. Allenby stated that the sign has been re-instated.

Bus Stand Reply awaited from H.D.C.

Car Park Indication Sign Reply awaited from H.D.C.

Restoration of Burial Carriage A specification of the work to be carried out and a quotation of £155.00 + V.A.T. received from Mr. S. J. Farquharson. Mr. Farquharson stated that although the tyres were showing signs of wear they appear to have several years of service left. If new tyres were decided upon they could be supplied at £25.00 + V.A.T. each. Prop. Coun. Bickers, sec. Coun. Whitton 'to accept the quotation of £155.00 + V.A.T.' Voting - 9 in favour - 1 against.

St. Mary's Churchyard Letter presented requesting a grant towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'to make a grant of £150.00 as in previous years'. Agreed.

Correspondence

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Notice presented of the A.G.M. to take

Swimming Gala Letter presented inviting a representative of the Town Council to present the certificates and trophy at the Thirsk Area Primary Schools' Swimming Gala on 19th May. It was agreed that Coun. Foxton be the representative.

International Festival of Cycling Invitation received for the Mayor, Mayoress and Clerk to attend a lunch prior to the start of stage three of the Great Yorkshire Classic Race from the Market Place at 1.00 p.m. on 2nd July.

Appeal Notification received that the appeal by Mr. J. W. Richardson, against the refusal of planning permission for a workshop at land to the rear of Saxty House, Station Road, has been dismissed.

Proposed Footpath Diversion Copy notice received of the intention of the H.D.C. to divert a footpath at Dowber Way, Thirsk.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Martin South and Nigel Ackeroyd to apply for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Application for a Justices' Licence Notice received of the intention of Jonathan Prendergast to apply for a Justices' Licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquor for consumption either on or off the premises of the Regent Bingo and Social Club with the following conditions: 1. That the sale or supply of intoxicating liquors shall be restricted to members of the Club. 2. That there shall be no sale of liquors for consumption off the premises but that the supply of such liquor be limited to liquor given as prizes at games of bingo or prize bingo. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Megson 'Not to make any comment'.  
Voting - 7 in favour - 1 against - 2 abstentions.

Plans The following Planning Applications were presented and observations made:

Construction of 2 Detached Dwellinghouses at Land adjacent to Stockton Road for Barratt (York) Ltd. No Objections.

Alterations to Disused Joiner's Shop in Former Cottages to form a Dwelling at 3, Kemp's Yard for Mr. & Mrs. Goldthorp. Support this application.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Sign at Midland Bank, Market Place for Midland Bank P.L.C. No Objections.

Alteration to Existing Meeting House at Friends' Meeting House, Kirkgate for Society of Friends. No Objections.

Outline Application for the Construction of Light Industrial Warehouse Building to include Postal Sorting Office and Delivery Office at Newsham Road (C.B. Press and Castle Garth) for North Eastern Postal Board. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Shop at 3, Castlegate for Mr. C. Pattison. No Objections.

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

#### Accounts as Circulated

Harland Garden Machinery	- Mountfield Rotary Mower less part exchange on used Mowers	- £205.25
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 17.37
M. T. Shipton	- Emptying Cemetery Compound	- £ 41.40
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens - April	- £ 39.10
Thirsk Hall Estate	- 1 year's rent - The Holmes - + 3 Wayleaves	- £ .42
Peat & Son	- Headed Stationery	- £ 27.94
Coun. Roberts	- Travelling Expenses to C.A.B. Meeting	- £ 3.14

#### Additional Accounts

North Yorkshire P.F.A.	- Subscription 1983	- £ 2.00
Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - 4th Quarter - Cemetery & Lodge	- £ 25.30
St. Mary's P.C.C.	- Grant to Upkeep of Churchyard	- £150.00
L. C. Hopps	- Repairs to seat and canopy at White Mare Corner	- £ 56.48

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Any Other Business

Flower Troughs - Market Place Coun. Craig stated that he had received complaints from members of the public regarding the state of the troughs at the side of the footpath to the Pelican Crossing. Coun. Craig offered to plant the troughs if the Council supply the plants and the offer was accepted. Coun. Allenby volunteered to assist.

Plaque - Flower Trough Coun. Megson reported that the plaque from one of the troughs had not been replaced following repairs to the trough some months ago. H.D.C. to be asked to replace it.

Gas Holder - Long Street Coun. Megson stated that he had been approached by residents living in the vicinity of the gas holder asking if it could be painted duck egg blue like the gas holders in Harrogate. Request to be referred to NEGAS.

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings Coun. Bickers expressed concern regarding the state of this footpath and was informed that re-instatement had been promised on completion of the new workshop at Bridge Garage.

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Coun. Bickers asked that action be taken to warn pedestrians of the dangers when crossing this area. It was agreed to request a site meeting with Mr. Dunning, Technical Officer H.D.C. to discuss this matter and other matters relating to the Market Place.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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*20/6/83*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, on Monday, 20th June 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, E. R. Stott, H. Whitton, C. J. Megson, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

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

### Matters Arising

**Accidents - Market Place** A letter, addressed to Coun. Whitton, from Mrs. D. Turner, who had fallen on an uneven pavement, was read to the meeting. Mrs. Turner to be advised where to direct any claim and her letter to be forwarded to the North Yorkshire County Council.

**Thirsk County Primary School** It was reported that a Nursery Teacher has been appointed. It was agreed to invite Coun. Turton to the next meeting to discuss the question of accommodation at the school in view of the anticipated increase in school population due to the building development taking place in the parish.

**The Greens** Letter presented from Chief Inspector Britton, stating that no offences of the parking of heavy vehicles on the Greens have come to light but that continued Police supervision will be given to the area. A quotation to grade the entrances to the Green and the area to the west side of the Green and to level the potholes with 1½" down stone at a cost of £111.75 + V.A.T. was received from F. D. Todd & Sons. Also to coat roadways with secondhand ¾ chippings, supplied and spread at a cost of £2.60 per tonne. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Brannon 'to accept the quotation.' Agreed. It was agreed to acquire large stones for the edges of the Green when available.

**Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate** Nothing reported.

**Bus Shelter** Repairs and painting completed.

**Public Conveniences** H.D.C. have agreed to leave one toilet open all night in both the Ladies' and Gents' for a trial period.

**Mill Gardens** Mr. Burns to be asked when the work will be completed.

**Signs - Hambleton Estate** Nothing reported.

**Advertising Boards** It was reported that even more boards are being placed on the Market Place. The Environmental Health Officer to be asked to take action.

**Plaque - Flower Trough** Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that he was not aware that the plaque had not been replaced but that the N.Y.C.C. had carried out the repairs and that their workman may have noticed if the plaque was there at the time of reinstatement. N.Y.C.C. to be contacted.

**Gas Holder** Letter presented from Negas stating that consideration is being given to demolition of the holder within the next financial year. If this does not take place consideration will be given to painting the holder a different colour.

**Meeting with the Technical Officer** Several members had attended a meeting with the Technical Officer on 27th May and discussed the following matters:

**Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard** Mr. Dunning had stated that consideration would be given to making the whole of the area behind the Post Office building along to the Public Conveniences an area for pedestrians only. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to request the H.D.C. to make this area a pedestrian precinct'. Voting 9 in Favour 1 Against.

**Litter Bins** H.D.C. to provide more letter box type litter bins.

**Bus Park** Mr. Dunning had suggested moving the Bus Park and the Bus Shelter to the Millgate Car Park. It was agreed to ask for members of the appropriate committee to discuss and inspect alternative sites for the Bus Park.

**Yellow Lines** Mr. Dunning had agreed to have the yellow lines on the Market Place renewed.

**Car Park Sign** It had been agreed to re-site the sign onto a post near the Nat/West Bank.

**Toilets** It had been agreed to leave one toilet open all night in both the Ladies' and Gents. H.D.C. to be asked to put a notice on the Car Park Toilets indicating that facilities are available in the Market Place all night.



Disc and Limited Parking This matter to be taken up by the representatives at the next L.C.A. Meeting.

Chairmanship of the Town Hall Committee It was reported that some members of the Town Hall Committee were not in agreement with the Vice Chairman of the Town Council being the Chairman of the Committee. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Coun. Roberts be the Town Council's nominee for the 'Chair' of the Town Hall Committee. Agreed.

Market Litter A copy of a letter to the Environmental Health Officer H.D.C. from the Chamber of Trade, regarding the litter left on the Market Place by the Market Traders on Saturdays and a reply from the Divisional Environmental Health Officer referring to Monday Markets were read to the meeting. Coun. Whitton stated that the situation has not improved and agreed to take photographs of the Saturday Market litter for the next Council meeting.

### Correspondence

Insurance Quotations had been sought from Municipal Mutual Insurance for cover on the Cemetery Grass Cutters and Biers and were as follows:

All Risks - £29.05 - Fire and Special Perils - not included in All Risks £2.19

Theft - for Theft cover only - £11.02. It was agreed to take out All Risks and Fire and Special Perils cover at an annual premium of £31.24. The insurance company offers a reduction of 10% for the long term agreement discount.

Play Equipment - The Holmes The Auditor had recommended increasing the Public Liability cover from £250,000 to £1,000,000 in view of the fact that the Council owns a Children's Playground. Municipal Mutual Insurance quoted an revised annual premium for increased Limit of Indemnity of £20.00 and stated that cover under the Public Liability Section is subject to regular maintenance being carried out on the equipment and advised that it is able to offer an Engineering Inspection Service. A report from Wicksteed Leisure on the external condition of the Playground Equipment stated that during the next twelve months new seats and chains will be required for the swings at a cost of £420.00. Before making a decision regarding this it was agreed to enquire the cost of an inspection by the insurance company's Engineering Inspection Service. Mr. Collinson to be asked if he will cut the long grass around the swing supports.

Street Trading Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding 'consent streets' with regard to street trading and showing a plan of the whole of the Market Place as being a 'consent street'. Members were in agreement with the exception of the narrow area to the west of H. Woodhead (Chemist) and Maynards.

Planning Letter presented from the Planning Officer H.D.C. apologising for the fact that the Council's comments on the 'Application for display of a non-illuminated projecting sign at 14, Kirkgate' had been misplaced and not put before the Planning Committee but stating that his recommendation upon the application would have been unaltered by the Town Council's comments. Notification had been received previously that the application had been granted.

Seats - Barclays Bank Letter presented from the Manager of Barclays Bank asking for the removal of seats from outside the bank because of the nuisance being caused by youngsters climbing onto them in order to sit on the window ledges and using disgusting language whilst sitting there. Members were disappointed that the police had been unable to deal with the problem. It was agreed to ask Major Bell if he would have any objection to the seats being located in Kirkgate, one at the end of his stable block and the other on the triangle opposite the gates of St. Mary's Church. Another site suggested was near the Garden of Rest in the Cemetery. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to quote for the cleaning and varnishing of these seats together with the seats on the Little Green and those on St. James' Green.

Suggested Lorry, Coach and Caravan Ban - A170 Sutton Bank Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that he is looking into the feasibility of introducing an appropriate traffic order on the Thirsk - Scarborough A170 Road prohibiting the use of an appropriate section of the road, including Sutton Bank, by lorries, coaches and caravans, and inviting the Town Council's comments. It was agreed to support the introduction of such a traffic order.

Local Councils' Association Preliminary notice received of the A.G.M. to be held at the Agricultural College, Askham Bryan on 17th/18th Sept.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Letter presented from Mr. N. Maitland stating that he is leaving the Yorkshire Rural Community Council. Letter of good wishes to be sent to him.

Regent Bingo and Social Club Letter presented together with a plan of the layout of the ground floor.

Millgate Car Park A letter to the Chairman (with copy to Coun. Craig) from the Chief Executive H.D.C., seeking his views on the use of part of the Car Park at Bank Holiday weekends for the purposes of a small Children's Fair and if the proposal is not favoured to advise H.D.C. as to the feelings of the Town Council on the granting of the right to stage a small Fair on the Holmes or the Little Green, was read to the meeting. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'to refuse to accept the proposals' Agreed. Coun. Craig agreed to make known the Town Council's views to H.D.C. and suggest the Racecourse Car Park as a suitable site.

Plans The following Planning Applications were presented and observations made:  
Outline Application for the Construction of a Bungalow and Domestic Garage at Station House, Station Road for Mr. J. T. Jones. No Objections.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Projecting Sign at 36a, Market Place for Lester & Hatch (Northern Rock Building Society) No Objections.

Renewal of Consent for the Use of a Chapel for the Storage of Household Goods at Old Salem Chapel, Finkle Street for Mr. J. Strom. No Objections providing that Access is agreed with the N.Y.C.C.

Construction of a Car Port at 77, Norby for Mrs. B. Cross. No Objections.

Construction of 2 Buildings for the Storage of Motorcycles and Spares in connection with a Repair Business at 'Water Coy', Norby for Dennis Teasdale Motorcycles. No Objections providing that Access for nearby residents is not Obstructed.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Bungalow to Include a Domestic Garage to Replace Existing Garage at 'Holmegarth', Felixkirk Road for Mrs. B. M. Hebdon. No Objections.

Conversion of an Existing First Floor Flat to 2 Dwellings at Westgate for Mr. A. Lightfoot. No Objections.

Installation of a Liquid Nitrogen Storage Tank at Yorkshire Meat Packers, Station Road. Would prefer to see this sited at the rear of the premises.

Display of 2 Internally Illuminated Signs at Regent Bingo and Social Club for Mr. J. Prendergast. Object to Illuminated Signs.

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

#### Accounts as Circulated

M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - May 1983	- £ 39.10
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 16.90
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - April - June	- £625.50
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June	£268.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 21.60
Hambleton D.C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	- £102.40
J. Cartman	- Plants for Flower Troughs	- £ 6.00
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee	- £ 98.90
Hambleton Sports Coun.	- Subscription	- £ 2.00

#### Burial Grants

Mr. & Mrs. Spencer	16 D4	£30.00
H. E. Wright	17 D4	£30.00
Florence Margaret Hunter	15 D4	£15.00
Frederick McNiff	13 D4	£15.00
Shirley Marriott	14 D4	£15.00

#### Members' Reports

Local Councils' Association Coun. Allenby reported on the meeting, also attended by the Chairman, where the possibility of a reduction in the

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Foxton reported that she had attended a meeting.

Any Other Business

Cemetery Coun. Megson commended the display of plants within the Cemetery which had been donated by Simpsons Nurseries.

Footpath from the Iron Bridge to The Holmes The N.Y.C.C. Footpaths Officer to be asked to inspect the path damaged by flood water.

Cycle Rack At Coun. Bickers' suggestion, it was agreed to ask H.D.C. to consider the provision of a cycle rack which could be sited near the toilets.

Footpath - White Swan Yard Coun. Bickers reported that the 'setts' in the footpath are slippery to walk on.

Whitelass Beck Coun. Bickers reported that part of the fence is broken at the Stockton Road entrance to Whitelass Beck. The attention of the Footpaths Officer to be drawn to this.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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18/7/83

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 18th July 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. Whitton, C. J. Megson, F. N. Bickers, E. R. Stott, Sergeant Overall - North Yorkshire Police.  
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. H. D. Craig.

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

Sergeant Overall attended the meeting to discuss matters of concern to the Town Council and the Police.

Seats - Barclays Bank Sgt. Overall stated that a great deal of attention is being given to the seats and the problem is diminishing.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Megson asked what action is being taken against the parking of lorries on the Car Park and was told that drivers are being issued with forms 309 to report to the Police Station for summons. The Chairman suggested that the Police liaise with the Legal Department of H.D.C. and was told that this is being done. It was agreed to write to H.D.C. asking the present position and requesting the posting of a notice at the Car Park entrance giving details of the regulation under which the parking of lorries is prohibited and the penalties.

Litter Members were concerned that in recent years there have been no prosecutions for the deliberate dropping of litter and requested action regarding this problem.

Cycling on Footpaths Coun. Brannon raised this matter and was informed that several offenders have been prosecuted.

Traffic Warden The duties of the Traffic Warden were discussed and Sgt. Overall stated that they are carried out very efficiently.

Plain Clothes Coun. Whitton suggested that police in plain clothes could possibly have more success in apprehending offenders.

Sgt. Overall stated that police cover in Thirsk is excellent, there are three new sergeants and a new inspector, all of whom frequently walk the beat.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Sgt. Overall for his attendance.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Thirsk County Primary School Letter presented from Coun. Turton stating that due to a prior engagement he is unable to attend this meeting.

Coun. Turton wrote of his concern at the possibility of overcrowding at the school but stressed that no government will sanction building extensions on anticipated increases in school population. The school was built to accommodate 284 pupils and is at present under this figure. Although figures quoted for 1984 give rise for concern the Authority would not be able to go ahead with further building work. The school has been fortunate in that it has been allocated a new nursery unit.

The Greens It was reported that work on the roads has commenced.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens Reply from Mr. Burns awaited.

Signs - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Advertising Boards Letter presented from the Divisional E.H.O. stating that a survey has been completed and the findings sent to the Council's Legal Department for any necessary action.

Plaque - Flower Trough Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the personnel concerned with the repairs have no knowledge of the plaque. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that a replacement plaque be obtained.' Agreed. Coun. Megson agreed to ascertain the wording on the original plaque. Coun. Whitton suggested that the flower trough outside the Nat/West Bank would be a more suitable site.

#### Meeting with the Technical Officer

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Reply awaited.

Litter Bins New bins have been provided.

Bus Park Reply awaited.

Yellow Lines This work not yet carried out.

Car Park Sign Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that an additional sign is to be erected in the small cobbled area in front of the Nat/West Bank.

Toilets Letter presented stating that the Technical Officer would prefer to delay erecting a notice until reasonably satisfied that the outbreaks of vandalism at the Market Place toilets have ceased.

Disc and Limited Parking Nothing reported.

Chairmanship of the Town Hall Committee It was reported that the Committee had agreed that the Vice Chairman of the Town Council should be Chairman of the Committee. Coun. Roberts, as Chairman, had agreed to try to sort out the constitution and original minutes. It had been agreed to reduce charges for local hirers for the next year.

Play Equipment - The Holmes Quotation received from Municipal Mutual Insurance for Engineering Inspections as follows:

1. Annual Inspection £18.69. 2. 2 Inspections per Annum £27.32.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Megson 'to accept 2 Inspections per Annum'. Agreed. It was agreed that the Holmes sub committee meet the inspector.

Street Trading The Chairman explained to the meeting that it is necessary for the whole of the Market Place to be classed as a 'consent street' in order that the H.D.C. can control street trading.

Seats Letter presented from Major Bell stating that if it is considered necessary to move the seats from Barclays Bank he has no objections to the sites suggested. Quotation received from Mr. Hopps to clean and varnish these seats, together with the seats on St. James' and Little Green, of £53.48 + V.A.T. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Brannon 'to accept the quotation.' Agreed. Mr. Hopps to be asked to carry out the work on the Greens seats now and to leave the Barclays Bank seats until a later date.

Footpath - The Holmes N.Y.C.C. have agreed to carry out repairs.

Cycle Rack The Technical Officer H.D.C. is giving consideration to this request.

Footpath - White Swan Yard Mr. Woods will arrange for remedial work to be carried out when the mason next visits the Market Place to carry out repairs to the flagged footpaths.

Whitelass Beck N.Y.C.C. have agreed to repair the fence and kissing gate.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Megson 'that in view of the public concern, the two seats placed near Barclays Bank be retained, or if moved, be replaced.' Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the above proposal.' Agreed.

Coun. Whitton explained that members of the public were most concerned at the proposed removal of the seats as there are no other suitable sites on the south of the Market Place. More police attention is being given to the problem and it was felt that Barclays Bank could take steps to protect their property.

The Motion was carried unanimously. It was agreed that a delegation meet the Manager of Barclays Bank to discuss the situation.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Standing Orders be retained.' Agreed.

## Correspondence

Market Place Letter presented from a Mrs. Watson regarding the state of the path across the Market Place from Wrights to the Pelican Crossing, and also mentioning access to the Post Office and litter on the clock steps. Members agreed that a grouted surface on the path does not withstand heavy traffic. Coun. Roberts suggested that 'setts' similar to the road at Riverside Mews would be more suitable. In view of the covenant on the Market Place, it was agreed to seek the opinion of Major Bell before putting the suggestion to the N.Y.C.C.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Details presented of the A.G.M., to be held in Dalton Village Hall on 3rd August.

It was agreed to ask Coun. Mrs. I. Buck if she would like to be nominated for the Executive Committee.

Trees - Long Street Letter presented regarding the condition of the trees outside 135, Long Street which were planted by the Thirsk Parish Council some years ago. Members agreed to examine the trees before the next meeting.

Subscription Letter presented from the Secretary of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society stating that the subscription has been underpaid. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to pay the balance owing and to sign a Standing Order for the increased subscription commencing 1984.' Agreed.

Planning - Midland Bank Letter presented from the Planning Officer regarding an amended application for a sign at the Midland Bank which would have yellow lettering on a black fascia and which he considers would detract from the appearance of the building and the Conservation Area as a whole., and inviting the Town Council's comments. Members agreed with the opinion of the Planning Officer.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:  
Siting of a Mobile Classroom at the Primary School, Thirsk. No objections but would prefer a permanent building.

No Objections were made to the following:

Erection of a Polytunnel at Roadworker Training Centre, Northallerton Road for N.Y.C.C.

Siting of 3 Bottle Bins at Land Adjacent to the Public Conveniences, Millgate for Hambleton District Council.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 6, Barbeck for Mr. L. G. Twiss.

Erection of 3 Flag Poles at Crossroads Commercial (Thirsk) Ltd, Long Street.

Extension to Existing Shop to form Storage Area and Use of First Floor Storage Area as Living Accommodation at 8-10, Finkle Street for Mr. K. Trenholme.

Amended Details of Alterations to Existing Dwellinghouse for Use as a Restaurant with Living Accommodation at Stoneybrough for Mr. & Mrs. T. Singh.

Siting of a Temporary Building for Use as a Showroom at Long Street for Ebor Aluminium.

Extension to Existing Building to form a Coffee Lounge at Hollin Barn, Sutton Rd, for Mr. R. I Phillips.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Premium on Combined Policy	- £111.35
" " "	- Cover for Cutters and Biers	- £ 28.88
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens - June	- £ 39.10
Codbeck Internal Drainage Bd	- Drainage Rates	- £ 3.00
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes - May & June	- £ 80.50

Additional Account

Commons, Footpaths Pres. Socy	- Increase in subscription	- £ 2.50
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Burial Grant

Elizabeth Peacock	18 D4	£ 15.00
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Any Other Business

Crossroads Commercial At the suggestion of Coun. Roberts, it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Crossroads Commercial on their new development which has greatly improved a derelict area.

Thirsk Radiators Coun. Allenby reported that acid, presumably used to wash out radiators, was running over the pavement in Long Street and causing a hazard to pedestrians. The Environmental Health Officer H.D.C. to be informed.

Seat It was agreed to ask Mr. Shipton to remove a seat from the river on The Holmes and for Mr. Hopps to inspect it.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Tribute was paid to the late Harry Barnett, a former Thirsk Parish Councillor and

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
19th September 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott,  
Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Miss J. Foxton, H. Whitton, C. J. Megson.  
Inspector Gargan, 1 Member of the Public - Mr. G. Geen.  
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. D. S. Murkett.

In the absence of Coun. Murkett, the Chair was taken by Coun. Roberts.

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

Inspector Gargan attended the meeting to answer questions of which prior notice had been given.

1. Why are there no Special Constables today? What effect would their presence have made on the outcome of the armed robbery on August Bank Holiday in the Market Place?  
Inspector Gargan replied that there are three Special Constables at Thirsk who assist the Police when requested. It was not possible to comment on the robbery as the matter is 'sub judice'.
2. The public are expressing concern about the lorries starting up their engines between the hours of 5.00 a.m. and 6.00 a.m. in the Millgate Car Park. Is it the concern of the Police or the District Council?  
Inspector Gargan replied that the Car Park is classed as 'Off Street' parking and is the responsibility of the Local Authority. Discussions had taken place with the H.D.C. and it had been suggested that the District Council employ someone to enforce the 'Off Street' parking regulations.
3. Is it illegal to park inside double yellow lines?  
Inspector Gargan's reply was that, with very few exceptions, it is an offence to park inside double yellow lines.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Millgate Car Park - Notices Letter presented from the Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that the notices already erected are standard and known to all drivers of heavy goods vehicles. Drivers are aware of the penalties involved for contravening the regulation and it is considered that to display a notice at the entrance, as suggested, would be rather large and a very expensive exercise.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that he anticipates being in a position very shortly to instruct the District Valuer on the question of the proposed acquisition of both areas of land. A letter from Wells Cundall, acting for Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd. I.V.L., stated that they are applying for a Certificate of Alternative Appropriate Development in respect of Field O.S. 3459 adjacent to Long Street, Thirsk.

Mill Gardens Letter presented from Mr. Burns stating that all the work agreed upon has been completed except the planting of low shrubs which will be carried out later in the year along with any necessary re-seeding. The shrubs at the side of the bridge had been cleaned and it seemed a shame to remove them. Members agreed that the shrubs should remain if a volunteer can be found to prune them on a regular basis. Mr. Burns to be asked to arrange the removal of a dead branch on the large tree. It was agreed that the litter bins, provided by the H.D.C. are inadequate. Mr. Geen, a resident of Riverside Mews, who had written to the Town Council and District Council regarding Mill Gardens, was invited by the Chairman to speak. Mr. Geen expressed concern at the litter and general condition of Mill Gardens and the road at the side of Riverside Mews, and asked what the future policy was regarding Mill Gardens. Mr. Geen was told that grass cutting and general tidying of the gardens will be implemented next year. Mr. Geen stated that Riverside Mews has formed a Residents Association who would like to co-operate with the Town Council.

Signs - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Advertising Boards Nothing reported.

Plaque - Flower Trough Coun. Megson had obtained the wording for the plaque.  
Coun. Allenby offered to obtain a quotation for a new plaque.

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Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the control of traffic is under the jurisdiction of the North Yorkshire County Council and that he intends to pass the Town Council's letter to them for consideration. Traffic regulation orders under Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 can only be made by the County Council as Highway Authority 'as respects roads other than trunk roads.' It was agreed to invite Coun. Turton to the next meeting to ask his assistance in this matter.

Bus Park Nothing reported.

Yellow Lines It was agreed to remind the Technical Officer that the lines need renewing.

Car Park Sign This is now in place.

Street Trading Letter presented stating that the order is operative from 1st September.

Barclays Bank Seats Couns. Whitton, Brannon and Stott had met the Bank Manager who had insisted that the seats be removed. It had been agreed that bench seats without backs would be acceptable. Price for this type of seat awaited from Mr. Hopps. It was agreed that members would carry out a survey of all the seats and report to the next meeting. It was suggested that the wooden seats should be kept under cover during the winter months.

Footpath to Pelican Crossing A letter from Major Bell stated that he would not object to 'setts' but would prefer blue ones. A request has been sent to the N.Y.C.C. for the path to be relaid with setts and a reply awaited.

Trees - 135, Long Street Coun. Roberts agreed to seek expert advice on the trees.

Thirsk Radiators It was reported that the path is still in a hazardous condition.

Seat in Cod Beck The Clerk reported that the seat had been retrieved but was beyond repair. A claim was being made to the Insurance Company.

The Holmes Play Equipment Couns. Roberts, Whitton, Craig and the Clerk had attended a site meeting with an engineer from Municipal Mutual Insurance. The engineer had suggested the use of anti-vandal paint on the upper section of the 12' set of swings to prevent persons from climbing along the top of the swing set and that a possible solution to the problems associated with vandalism may be to remove all but one swing on each set. The engineer also stated that the Hanging Ocean Wave is not considered a safe piece of equipment. This had been endorsed by the North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association. It was recommended that the area around the equipment could be made up with sand from the river bank. A written report received from the engineer showed that every item of equipment is in need of some attention. It was agreed that all but one swing on each set should be taken down and the Hanging Ocean Wave dismantled. Mr. Shipton to be asked to meet members to discuss this. A decision regarding anti-vandal paint and the replacement of the other swings which would need renewing to be made in Spring. A new Swingplay catalogue had been obtained from Wicksteed.

Waiting Restrictions Notice received from North Yorkshire County Council stating the intention to make an Order under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1967, the effect of which will be to prohibit waiting at any time on the following lengths of road: 'both sides of the Unclassified County Road known as Masonic Lane (also known as Pick's Lane), from a point 30 metres south west of the junction with the south west channel line of the Class II (B1448) County Road known as Kirkgate, south westwards for a distance of 18 metres'. Members were concerned at the loss of parking spaces for Market Day shoppers and patients visiting the Doctors' Surgery. It was agreed to request that the Waiting Restrictions be in force from Tuesdays to Fridays only and between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. only.

Public Right of Way Coun. Megson had completed a Public Rights of Way Evidence Form to claim a 'public footpath' which runs from Hambleton Drive to St. Mary's Estate, parallel to Long Street and Stockton Road, and to have it included on future definitive maps. The County Surveyor's Footpaths Officer had stated that a further six Evidence Forms would be required to try and establish a claim. Members agreed to complete forms also.



Correspondence

Bank Statements and Paid Cheques Letter presented from Barclays Bank asking if it is possible for the Council to operate the Bank Account without the necessity of the Bank to return paid cheques with the statements. The Bank is considering the introduction of a charge, not yet quantified, to customers who require the return of paid cheques. The Clerk had consulted the District Auditor who had stated that paid cheques must be produced at Audit. Members agreed to enquire whether other banks make a charge for this service.

Ryedale Bowls Club Coun. Murkett had received a letter asking if the H.D.C. would be willing to make a donation towards the proposed Indoor Bowls Centre at Norton as it was thought that bowlers from Thirsk would wish to use it. It was agreed to forward the letter to the Recreation and Leisure Committee pointing out that enquiries had ascertained that members of the Thirsk Club would not wish to travel there during the winter months.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Mr. Keith Albert Fawcett to apply for the licence of 'The Royal', Market Place, Thirsk.

Market Place Letter presented from a Mrs. Robinson regarding litter, litter bins and the need for better yellow lining on the Market Place. The surface of the path to the Pelican Crossing was also mentioned.

Course for Clerks and Councillors Notice received of a one day course to be held at Pickering on 8th October at a charge of £5.00 per person attending.

Audit Letter presented from the Audit Commission stating that it is required to consult each Local Authority before appointing the Auditor. It is the intention to re-appoint the District Auditor for the Town Council unless any objection is made. It was agreed that the District Auditor is acceptable.

New Resident A letter addressed to Coun. Murkett, regarding the carrying out of a haulage business by Todds in a residential area, was received from Mr. R. P. Stoker, a new resident of The Crescent. Mention was also made of the upriver view from Ingramgate Bridge. It was agreed, in Coun. Murkett's absence, to reply stating that the contents of the letter have been noted.

Lloyds Bank Seat A copy of a letter from the Manager of Lloyds Bank, regarding the seat and litter bin outside his premises, to the Environmental Health Officer H.D.C., and his reply directing the Bank Manager to the Town Council was read to the meeting. It was agreed to discuss this seat and the other Market Place seats at the next meeting. It was also agreed to invite the Environmental Health Officer to meet members on site to discuss the litter problem outside Lloyds Bank and Market Place litter and litter bins in general.

Market Place Litter A copy of a letter from Mr. Geen to the Technical Officer H.D.C. regarding the state of the Market Place was read to the meeting. Mr. Geen was invited to speak and he described a suction cleaner that he had seen being used for street cleaning. Members were of the opinion that such a cleaner could be of assistance to the street sweeper for cleaning the Market Place. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Stott, 'that consideration be given to asking the Hambleton District Council to provide a suction cleaner, in which the Town Council would have a 51% interest.' Agreed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain details of suction cleaners before approaching H.D.C.

Boundary Commission A Copy of Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report No. 443 was presented.

Plans

The Sub Committee had made No Objections to the August Planning Applications Change of Use of Ground Floor of Existing Dwelling to a Shop at 31, Market Place for Exors of H. Barnett.

Construction of a Postal Sorting and Delivery Office at Land between Castlegarth and Newsham Road for North Eastern Postal Board.

Use of First Floor of Disused Library as a Health Spa at 2, Castlegate for Mr. R. Seymour.

Display of 3 Flag Advertisements at Long Street for Crossroads Commercials Ltd.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Church Hall at 5, Castlegate  
(All Saints' Church) for Rev. Fr. O'Brien.

Plans (September) The following plans were presented and observations made:

Construction of a Domestic Garage at Holmgarth, Felixkirk Road for  
Mrs. B. M. Hebdon. No Objections.

Revised Details of an Extension to an Existing Hotel at Hollin Barn Farm,  
Sutton Road for Mr. R. I. Phillips. No Objections.

Revised Layout of Land and Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 34 - 39  
and amended Siting of Approved Dwellings at Plots 1, 43 & 44 at Hambleton Park,  
Thirsk for Barratt (York) Ltd. No Objections.

Use of Existing Shop as a Fish and Chip Shop at 62A, Long Street for Mr. R. Hanley.  
Object for the following reasons: 1. Unsuitable trade for a residential area.  
2. Nearby residents object to a fish and chip shop in their midst.  
3. Problems could be caused by traffic and litter. 4. A similar application  
was refused several years ago.

#### Accounts August

S. J. Farquharson	- Restoring Burial Carriage (£5.00 Discount)	- £172.50
Yorkshire Water Authy	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 1st Qtr.	- £ 27.95
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - June & July	- £ 39.97
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens - July	£39.10
	Removing Seat from Cod Beck	£10.35
		- £ 49.45

#### Accounts September

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

#### As Circulated

M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens - August	- £ 39.10
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Premium on Haytor Mower	- £ 15.00
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - July - September	£625.50
	Int. on Bank Investment	£ 7.44
	Int. on Ivy Thompson Inv.	£ 13.43
P. Smith	- Salary - July - September	£268.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 16.64
		- £285.39

#### Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - August	- £ 14.65
Coun. Allenby	- Travelling Expenses to Local Councils' Association A.G.M.	- £ 10.32

#### Any Other Business

Trees in Cod Beck Coun. Brannon reported trees in the river behind St. James' Green.  
Cod Beck Drainage Board to be notified.

Footpath from The Holmes to St. James' Green Coun. Bickers reported that the path  
and fence are in need of repair.

Footpath - Corner of St. James' Green Coun. Brannon reported a gap between the kerb  
and footpath outside No. 1 St. James' Green  
which is a hazard for pedestrians.

Footpaths - Market Place It was reported that many areas of footpath around the Market  
Place are again in a dangerous condition. It was agreed to  
draw the attention of Mr. Woods to this and the above mentioned footpaths.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

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17/10/83

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
17th October 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton,  
F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts,  
County Councillor G. Turton.  
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. J. Brannon, E. R. Stott.

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

Coun. Turton attended the meeting to discuss the problem of the danger to pedestrians  
crossing from the Post Office Alley to the former White Swan Yard.

A letter from the County Surveyor asked if the occupants of property fronting on to the  
area from the end of the rear of the Post Office building to the Public Conveniences  
had been consulted with regard to the request for it to be made a traffic free zone  
and if not, suggesting that consultation take place, after which a site meeting could  
be arranged. Coun. Turton was of the opinion that traffic could be controlled in that  
area. Discussion took place on the alternatives of having the area made a traffic free  
zone or the erecting of bollards in line with the Post Office alley, making a safe  
passage across the area. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to request the  
erection of concrete bollards at either side of the path across from the Post Office  
alley.' Voting - 7 in Favour - 1 Against. It was agreed to consult the property  
occupants, with regard to the most acceptable alternative, in writing, followed by a  
visit from Members to discuss the matter.

Coun. Craig raised the matter of juggernauts travelling through the Hambleton Estate  
and parking on the Old Sutton Road and was told that this is the direct result of the  
closure of Millgate Vehicle Park to lorries. It was suggested that a possible  
solution would be <sup>OVERNIGHT PARKING</sup> an 'Weight Limit' on traffic on the Estate. Coun. Turton agreed with  
the Chairman that parking for lorries should be provided on the new Industrial Estate.  
As Chairman of the Governors of Thirsk County Primary School, Coun. Turton presented  
a petition on behalf of the P.T.A. requesting a recreation area on the Hambleton  
Estate. Coun. Craig agreed to take the petition to Hambleton District Council.  
Coun. Turton stated that the County Council is aware that the school may have to be  
extended in the future as Thirsk expands.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate It was reported that a Certificate of Alternative  
Development, in respect of the Barker land, is to  
be issued stating that planning permission for recreational use in connection with  
education would have been granted if the District Council were not proposing to acquire  
the land. It was understood that the Kettlewell Trust are willing to sell their land.

Mill Gardens The Clerk reported that Mr. Geen had notified her that the Residents  
Association were willing to undertake responsibility for the shrubs and  
had requested selective weedkiller and gravel. Coun. Whitton and Coun. Allenby were of  
the opinion that the large shrubs near the wall should be removed by the Developer  
and the area gravelled as previously agreed. It was agreed that Members meet with  
the Residents Association to discuss the shrubs and the gardens generally.

Signs - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Plaque - Flower Trough Coun. Allenby had obtained a quotation of £16.00 for a brass  
plaque mounted on wood. This was accepted. It was agreed  
that the plaque be put on the flower trough outside the Nat/West Bank on the side  
facing the Town Clock.

Bus Park Nothing reported.

Yellow Lines Nothing reported.

Footpath to Pelican Crossing Mr. Woods to be asked if a decision has been made  
regarding the replacement of the present surface with  
'setts'.

Trees - 135, Long Street Coun. Roberts stated that advice is being sought.

Thirsk Radiators The matter had been brought to the attention of the Chief  
Environmental Health Officer.

have no objections to the Council going ahead with the replacement seat according to the estimate in the sum of £192.05 and that when a receipt is forwarded their cheque will be issued. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the seat be sited in the Garden of Rest at the cemetery. Voting - 5 in Favour - 1 Against - 2 Abst.

The Holmes - Play Equipment Couns. Roberts, Bickers, Craig and Brannon and the Clerk had met Mr. Shipton and he had been asked to remove the Hanging Ocean Wave, remove all the cradle swing seats and chains and remove all but one flat swing seat and chains, secure the middle support on the Commando Ladder and weed the area and provide more infill there and under the Parallel Bars. This work had been carried out, the Insurance Company informed and the Public Liability cover has now been increased to £1,000,000. It was agreed to discuss the future of the play area at the next meeting.

Public Right of Way Several members had completed Evidence Forms but more were required to send to the Footpaths' Officer.

Paid Cheques Coun. Allenby was requested to enquire at the L.C.A. meeting whether other Councils have to produce paid cheques at Audit and if they are subject to a charge from their bank for the return of the cheques.

Footpaths Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the fence on The Holmes will be repaired in the near future and the kerb on the corner of St. James' Green re-set. Workmen had been withdrawn from their work on the flagged areas in the Market Place when it was found that further work by the Statutory Authorities was to be carried out. When this work is completed, further repairs will be carried out.

Meeting with the Chief Environmental Health Officer Eight members and the Clerk had met Mr. Parker when the question of the state of the Market Place, litter and litter bins had been discussed. Mr. Parker agreed to supply a covered litter bin for the Lloyds Bank site and it was agreed that the seat would not be moved. Covered litter bins would be provided for the Mill Gardens, and it was hoped to replace all the open topped bins with covered ones. Mr. Parker was of the opinion that a Street Suction Cleaner could be the solution to keeping the Market Place clean. A brochure had been received from Applied Cleaning Economics Ltd with prices ranging from £2,650 to £3,465. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. asking if the H.D.C. would be willing to purchase a Street Suction Cleaner jointly with the Town Council and with the Town Council having a controlling interest. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Parker for his conclusions on the meeting.

Seats It was reported that many of the seats within the parish are in need of repair and painting. Coun. Megson agreed to supply a list of the Council owned seats. Coun. Roberts stated that it may be possible for the Community Task Force to carry out this work and to make a bench seat for outside Barclays Bank. This is a charitable organisation which works for the good of the community. Local unemployed are given work, wages are paid by the government and materials supplied by the Local Authority. Six months work must be guaranteed. A meeting for all interested parties is to be held in the Town Hall on 21st November at 7.30 p.m. Members were asked to attend.

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council Letter presented inviting the Council to submit one or more nominations for the Area Committee. A letter was presented from Coun. Brannon asking to be considered for nomination and Coun. Allenby expressed his willingness to serve another term. It was agreed that both Coun. Brannon and Coun. Allenby should be nominated.

Christmas Lights It was agreed to invite Martin S. Bingham & Co to submit a quotation for the erection and dismantling of the lights for Christmas 1983.

### Correspondence

Village Halls Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding Grants to Village Halls. This was given to Coun. Roberts as Chairman of the Toan Hall Committee.

L.C.A. National Conference 1984 Letter presented stating that resolutions for the conference must be submitted to the County Association not later than 16th December.

Larger Local Councils Notice received of the 3rd Assembly for Larger Local Councils.

Archaeology 2 leaflets received from the County Planning Officer entitled 'Aerial Photography and Archaeology' and 'Archaeology in the Countryside' and requesting information on finds of archaeological interest in the area and on potential threats to local archaeological sites.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received on Workshops and Annual Meeting to be held on 5th November at New Earswick.

Ye Olde Three Tuns Notices received of the intention of Mr. Geoffrey Lealman to apply for a protection order on 24th October and the transfer of the licence on 5th December 1983.

Plans The following Planning Applications were presented and observations made:

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 50, Dowber Way for Mr. E. T. Jobling.

No Objections.

Extension to Existing Shop at 61, Market Place for Thirsk Hardware Co. Ltd.

No Objections.

Extension to Existing Shop to form an Office at 5, Finkle Street for North Yorkshire Video Club.

No Objections.

Revised Plan for the Siting of 3 Bottle Bins at Millgate Car Park for H.D.C.

No Objections.

Change of Use of Existing Shop to a Take-Away Hot Food Shop at 1, Norby for J. T. & D. E. W. Tinkler. Unsuitable trade for residential area. Close proximity to aged persons dwellings. Problems could be caused by traffic and litter. Lack of parking facilities. Nearby residents object.

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

#### As Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £102.40
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes - August	- £ 40.25
M. T. Shipton	- Cutting The Greens - September	£39.10
	Cutting Grass - Mill Gardens	£10.35
	Dismantling Play Equipment etc.	£43.70
		- £ 93.15
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - September	- £ 12.03
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Grading entrances and levelling potholes -	
	The Greens - as per quotation	- £128.50
"	- Supplying & spreading chippings on The	
	Greens as per quotation	- £289.25

#### Additional Accounts

Peat & Son	- Receipt Books for Cemetery	- £ 25.81
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Additional Premium for Increased Public	
	Liability Cover	- £ 6.51

#### Grants for Exclusive Right of Burial

Heather Ann Swallow	14 D2	£15.00
Keith Brown	2 A5	£15.00
Joseph C. Carver	20 D4	£15.00
Dorothy Ann Beasley	12 D6	£15.00
Margaret Hodgson	19 D4	£15.00

#### Reports

L.C.A. Annual General Meeting Coun. Allenby reported on an attendance of 300 representatives when the main topic of discussion was the proposed disbanding of the Metropolitan Councils.

#### Any Other Business

Restricted Parking Coun. Whitton requested that Coun. Allenby ask for information on 'Restricted Parking' when he attends the L.C.A. meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

*Allenby*  
11/1/83

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
14th November 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, H. Whitton, C. J. Megson, F. N. Bickers, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Miss J. Foxton, E. R. Stott + Police Sergeant D. Brewer.

**Minutes** After the words 'overnight parking' were added to the reference to a Weight Limit on traffic on Hambleton Estate, the Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated and approved, were signed by the Chairman.  
Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Bickers.

**Sergeant Brewer** attended the meeting to answer questions of which prior notice had been given.

1. On what basis are public houses, within the town itself and also out of town, selected by Police for visits? Is it, again, a case of where there's a complaint the Police take action? Do Police carry out random checks in regard to under-age drinking and serving after time?  
Sergeant Brewer replied that random visits are made during licensing hours and thirty minutes after, in accordance with the Licensing Act. The regularity of visits is sometimes determined by the location of a public house or its clientele. If a complaint is received, appropriate action is taken. Under-age drinking is considered to be a serious matter but it is often difficult for a licensee to recognise the age of customers. The public are asked to assist by notifying the licensee or the Police of under-age drinkers.
2. Will the Police please take action about vehicles parking on Long Street outside the shop on the corner of Stammergeate before a very bad accident occurs?  
Sergeant Brewer replied that the area had been under review since 1970 but that no serious accidents had occurred. Members stated that several minor accidents had taken place which did not involve the Police. Sergeant Brewer also stated that action could be taken regarding parking on the pavement. The shopkeeper would be approached and requested that delivery vans park in the one-way system. It was agreed to ask for a representative of the County Surveyor's department to attend a site meeting with Councillors and a member of the Police Force to discuss the problems encountered by motorists turning right out of Stammergeate onto Long St.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard** Letters had been sent to the occupants of the properties fronting onto the area and visits had been made by the Chairman and Coun. Bickers. All agreed that some action was necessary and the majority were in favour of the rows of concrete bollards. It was agreed to notify the County Surveyor of the result of the consultations and request a site meeting.

**Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate** It was reported that negotiations are progressing.

**Mill Gardens** Coun. Whitton stated that he considered the Council had been misled by the Chairman and Vice Chairman regarding the intention of the residents of Riverside Mews to undertake some responsibility for the Mill Gardens. At a meeting attended by the Chairman together with Couns. Bickers, Craig and Whitton, the residents had said that they were unable to offer assistance. They had suggested the shrubs be removed and the area near the wall flagged. Two decorative trees had been offered for planting there. Couns. Bickers, Brannon, Allenby, Craig, Stott and Whitton and the Clerk had met Mr. Burns of the developers on 4th November where it had been decided that the six points agreed upon at the April meeting must be carried out including the removal of the shrubs and the putting down of gravel where the shrubs had been. Members were dissatisfied with the regrading of the land. Mr. Burns to be told that the work must be carried out to the Council's satisfaction. It was reported that the Street Sweeper had been told to give priority to clearing litter from the Mill Gardens.

**Plaque - Flower Trough** Members were shown the new plaque. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to fix the base onto the trough and that Coun. Megson should screw on the plaque.

**Yellow Lines** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Pelican Crossing** Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the County Surveyor has agreed to the principle of replacing the

May next year. Mr. Woods suggested a site meeting with members to discuss the type of paving that can be used to replace the cobbles.

Tree - 135, Long Street Coun. Roberts reported that the tree had been examined by Mr. Duckworth, a tree specialist, who said that the tree may have suffered a fungal infection but there was no cause for concern.

Replacement Seat The seat had been delivered to the Cemetery. It was agreed that the Cemetery Sub Committee visit the Cemetery to agree on a suitable site.

Public Right of Way The Clerk reported that eleven Evidence Forms had been completed and were being forwarded to the County Surveyor.

Paid Cheques It was reported that other banks besides Barclays charge for the return of paid cheques.

Meeting with the Environmental Health Officer Letter presented from Mr. Parker listing the points agreed upon at the meeting.

Letter received from the Manager of Lloyds Bank stating that although he feels that the seat outside his premises could be better placed he thinks that a covered litter bin will assist the situation.

Street Cleaning Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Town Council's letter regarding a Street Suction Cleaner had been forwarded to the Technical Officer.

Seats Coun. Megson supplied a list of Concrete Ended Seats as follows:

- 2 - outside the Mind Shop, Castlegate. 1 - outside Peat Printers - Finkle Street.
- 1 - East side of Long Street - near Zebra Crossing. 1 - Plump Bank.
- 1 - Hambleton Drive - rear of Ebor Windows. 4 - Holmes footpath.
- 1 - Bank of Norby service road. 1 - near Cemetery entrance.
- 1 - outside 2nd bungalow facing The Holmes. 1 - Holmes head (broken).
- 1 - west side of Stockton Road. 1 - Cemetery - Garden of Rest.

Christmas Lights Letter presented from Martin S. Bingham & Co., stating that their rates would be £9.50 per hour for two men inclusive of incidental fixing, and pointing out that owing to the condition of some of the strings they should be replaced. It was agreed to accept the quotation with the stipulation that no more than £200.00 + V.A.T. can be spent. It was also agreed that the available lights should be put up and a written report requested for next year. Members decided that 'flashers' should not be used this year.

Restricted Parking This is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Local Councils' Association.

The Holmes Play Equipment It was agreed to ask the Insurance Company what types of play equipment are acceptable to them for insurance purposes before making a decision on replacements.

Proposed Scheme for Improved Lighting A plan showing a scheme for improved lighting in the parish was received from the Technical Officer. Coun. Stott recommended that 2 lamps in Chapel Street (1 in Thirsk & 1 in Sowerby) should be set at an angle and that a lamp be requested in Cemetery Road, midway between the junction with Newsham Road and Cemetery Lodge to illuminate a very dark area. It was agreed to make these recommendations to the Technical Officer. Coun. Stott stated that these should be an alteration in the lighting at the junction of Hambleton Estate Road with Sutton Road and Coun. Craig stated that additional lighting is required on the Hambleton Estate. It was agreed to ask the Lighting Officer to attend a site meeting.

Thirsk Ambulance Station Coun. Megson, whilst stating that he had no fault to find with the staff, expressed concern that the ambulance station is unmanned at times and that patients taken from Thirsk to the Friarage Hospital were kept waiting in a draughty corridor. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'this Council deplores the Health cuts and trusts that the Ambulance service remains intact to the benefit of the unfortunate, free.' Voting - 5 in Favour - 3 Against - 2 Abstentions. It was agreed to notify Leon Britton, M.P., of the resolution with a copy to the Secretary of the Northallerton Area Health Authority.

Correspondence

Charities Bills Letter presented from the National Association of Local Councils regarding proposed legislation on Charities Bills.

County Structure Plan Letter presented regarding the Proposed First Alterations to the North Yorkshire County Structure Plan - the full document being available at a cost of £1.25. It was agreed to request a complimentary copy.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Bickers requested that H.D.C. be asked to erect a step below the kerb in front of the Ladies' Toilets to reduce the drop to the pavement, and for the continuation of the tarmacadam from the lamp-post outside the Ladies' Toilets along to the street sweeper's hut. Request to be made to the Technical Officer.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and onservations made:

Outline Application for the Construction of a Dwelling at the Rear of 76, Long Street for Mr. J. Knowlson. Approve.

Amended Layout of Land in Connection with Residential Development (Construction of footpaths) at Stockton Road for P.L.C. Homes. No Objections.

The Clerk reported that complaints had been received regarding the absence of street lighting on the P.L.C. Estate. As the planning conditions state that street lighting shall be provided and brought into use before the dwellings are first occupied and as some of the dwellings have been occupied for at least a year, the matter had been drawn to the attention of the Planning Department H.D.C. A letter from the Planning Officer stated that the provision of Street Lighting is the subject of a legal agreement with the County Surveyor. An enquiry to the County Surveyor's department received a promise of prompt action.

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

As Circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	-	Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 2nd Quarter	-	£ 27.57
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol - October	-	£ 9.12
M. T. Shipton	-	Cutting The Greens - October	-	£ 39.10
Municipal Mutual Ins.	-	Engineering Inspection - Play Equipment	-	£ 27.37
Peat & Son	-	Meeting Notices	-	£ 31.74
Royal British Legion	-	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	-	£ 7.20

Additional Accounts

Astolat	-	Seat	-	£192.05
Dancraft	-	Plaque for Flower Trough	-	£ 18.40

Reports

The Chairman reported that he and Coun. Allenby had attended the L.C.A. meeting at Easingwold where Coun. Allenby had been re-elected to the Executive Committee. One of the subjects discussed was that of the problems of heavy lorries in and around Thirsk, especially at South Kilvington. It was hoped to establish an agreed lorry route in and around Thirsk.

Any Other Business

Litter - Thirsk Market Place At the suggestion of Coun. Craig and Coun. Whitton, it was agreed to write to the Headmaster of Thirsk School asking for the co-operation of his pupils in placing their fish and chip and 'take-away' containers in the litter bins provided.

Bus Shelter H.D.C. to be notified about broken windows.

Tree - Ingramgate A broken bough on a cherry tree was reported. It was agreed to consider purchasing two new cherry trees for Ingramgate.

Nuclear Waste Coun. Megson expressed concern at the proposed dumping of nuclear waste at Billingham.

Codbeck It was agreed to request the River Board to clear out the river between the metal bridge near St. James' Green and Millgate Bridge.



Whitelass Coun. Foxton reported that the state of Whitelass Beck had been discussed by the Civic Society and suggested that the Community Task Force could be asked to clear it.

Town Hall Coun. Stott asked the reason for the banning of bars at discos in the Town Hall and stated that the staff of Cherry Garth, having held one disco with a bar, had booked the Town Hall for a second disco with a bar. The tickets had already been printed when they had been notified that bars were no longer being allowed. Coun. Roberts, as Chairman of the Town Hall Committee, stated that the conditions under which a bar is allowed had not been observed at the previous disco and the Committee had decided that for a period of six months bars would not be allowed. Coun. Murkett stated that the Committee, who run the Town Hall on a voluntary basis, should be supported.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

*(RMurkett)*  
12/12/83

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday 12th December 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Brannon, H. Whitton, F. N. Bickers, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, C. J. Megson + 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. E. R. Stott & J. J. Allenby.

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

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Parking - Stammergegate/Long Street** It was reported that the Police are taking action to deter parking on the corner. Reply regarding a meeting, awaited from the County Surveyor.

**Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard** The Clerk reported that a meeting, on site, has been arranged for 15th December and all available members were asked to attend.

**Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate** Nothing reported.

**Mill Gardens** No reply received from Mr. Burns. Members were concerned that the work has not yet commenced. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Craig 'that Mr. Burns be told that the work must start within 28 days and be completed as and when the ground is suitable.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

**Plaque - Flower Trough** Coun. Megson had declined to screw on the plaque and the work had been carried out by Mr. Hopps.

**Footpath to Pelican Crossing** Coun. Bickers reported that at the meeting with Mr. Woods it had been agreed that the path be laid with 'setts' to match the cobbles.

**Public Right of Way** Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that from the evidence forms received it appeared that there may be some doubt in certain peoples minds as to the extent of the claim and enclosing a map showing his interpretation of it. Members agreed that the interpretation is correct.

**Seats** The Clerk reported that a cheque for the cost of the replacement seat, less V.A.T., had been received from the Insurance Company. The Chairman stated that the Cemetery sub-committee had decided that the seat should be situated in the Cemetery opposite Cemetery Lodge. Coun. Roberts reported that it would not be possible for the Community Task Force to undertake the maintenance of the seats as there was no money available. Mr. Hopps to be asked to carry out a survey on all the seats within the parish and submit a quotation for repair and treatment. A separate quotation to be obtained for a vandalised seat outside the White Horse Cafe in order to make an insurance claim. It was agreed to purchase a backless seat for siting outside Barclays Bank.

**Street Cleaning** It was agreed to forward the brochures of Pedestrian Operated Suction Cleaners to the Technical Officer H.D.C.

**Christmas Lights** The contractor had promised a report on the lights for next month's meeting.

**The Holmes - Play Equipment** Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that the Public Liability section of the Policy would operate in respect of 'Do it Yourself Playground Equipment', subject to normal policy terms, exceptions and conditions. There is an over-riding policy condition that the Council take all reasonable steps to prevent losses and if the equipment was not maintained and there were a lot of claims falling on the Council because the equipment was in a dangerous state, policy cover could not be guaranteed.

**Improved Lighting Scheme** It was reported that lighting on the Hambleton Estate and Sutton Road is the responsibility of the County and not the District Council. Coun. Craig and Coun. Stott are carrying out a survey and report to be sent to the County Council.

**Ambulance Station and Service** Letter received from Leon Brittan M.P., stating that he is carefully considering the Town Council's resolution.

County Structure Plan Complimentary copy of the plan received.

Millgate Car Park Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that the matter of the high kerb is being investigated and that it may be possible to tarmac the surface between the high kerb and the public highway in the next financial year.

Members were concerned that lorries are still being parked on the Car Park. Coun. Brannon stated that H.D.C. are considering erecting a notice displaying the penalties for parking. Coun. Brannon also stated that he has an appointment with Leon Brittan M.P. to discuss this matter. The need for a park for local lorries was stressed. A suggestion was made that the racecourse car park could be a suitable site.

Lighting - P.L.C. Estate The Clerk reported that it was anticipated that the lighting scheme would be implemented in the near future.

Litter - Market Place Letter presented from the Headmaster of Thirsk School promising co-operation.

Bus Shelter Notification received from the Technical Officer that an order has been given for the broken windows to be replaced.

Town Hall A letter from the organisers of the disco, held in aid of Cherry Garth on 5th November, refuted the allegation that the conditions under which a bar is allowed had not been observed. Further letters were read regarding the disco and complaining about the attitude of the caretaker of the Town Hall. Mr. D. Bendelow, one of the disco organisers, was invited by the Chairman to speak and stated that the complaints had been brought to the Town Council as part owners of the Town Hall. He requested that the letters be forwarded to Sowerby Parish Council for the same reason. Mr. T. Collinson, licensee of the bar at the disco, stated that bars are not mentioned in the 'Conditions of Hiring the Town Hall' and he had not been notified verbally of any rules regarding bars.

Coun. Roberts stated that members of the public are welcome to attend Town Hall Committee meetings and could make their complaints there.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that discos with bars be continued forthwith, providing that adequate care and control is taken.' Voting - 4 in Favour - 1 Against - 3 Abstentions. The Town Hall Committee to be advised of this resolution.

Proposal by the H.D.C. to Privatisise Local Markets Coun. Megson expressed concern at the proposal by the H.D.C. to privatise local markets and stressed that consultation should be taking place with all organisations concerned. The Chairman stated that the markets could be put out to tender. It had been agreed at a Policy and Resources meeting to carry on negotiations with the company making the offer for the markets but that no decision would be made before consultations had taken place. It was the intention of the H.D.C. to hold meetings in Thirsk, Northallerton and Bedale to explain the situation and ascertain the views of all concerned. If the markets were put out to tender, H.D.C. would maintain overall control. Coun. Craig stated that he would vote against the markets being run by a private company.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Whitton 'To request the H.D.C. to hold a meeting in Thirsk to discuss the proposal to privatise local markets and that the Town Council, District Market Traders' Association, Chamber of Trade, Ratepayers and other interested Organisations be invited to attend.' Recorded vote- taken at Coun. Megson's request.  
In Favour of the resolution - Couns. Megson, Whitton, Craig, Bickers, Brannon, Foxton, Roberts. Against - Coun. Murkett.

Thirsk Railway Station Coun. Craig had received complaints regarding the lack of a 'Thirsk' direction sign at the railway station. It was agreed to request British Rail to erect signs indicating Thirsk and Carlton Miniott at the top of the steps leading from both platforms.

Prohibition of Caravans Letter received from the Solicitor to the North Yorkshire Council stating that under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967, it is the intention to prohibit caravans on the section of the Thirsk/Scarborough road A170 from its junction with the Unclassified County Road leading to Osgodby Hall to its junction with the Sutton Bank/Rievaulx Class III County Road C.189 and inviting comment on the proposal. Members were in total agreement with the proposal.

**Precept** Letter received from the Treasurer H.D.C. requiring notification, by 17th January, of the amount required for revenue expenditure in the financial year 1984/85. The estimated product of a 1p rate for Thirsk is £3,390. The costs chargeable for the 1983 Local Elections are £286.95. Members were asked to have any proposals for expenditure, and costs, ready for the January meeting.

### Correspondence

**Byelaws** Copy of the H.D.C.'s new byelaw in respect of straw and stubble burning and repeal of byelaws relating to public slaughterhouses, received.

**Grass Verges** Letter presented from Mr. Boot of St. Mary's Walk stating that he had requested the N.Y.C.C. to tarmac the grass verge near his house because of continued fouling by dogs. The N.Y.C.C. had replied that this was not possible. Mr. Boot stated that he will no longer continue to cut the grass during the growing period and the area will become an eyesore as the number of cuts by the N.Y.C.C. is not sufficient to keep it tidy.

**Carol Service** Notification received of a Carol Service to be held in the Town Hall on 19th December, the proceeds of the collection to go to C.C.A. funds.

**Skipton Bridge** The Chairman had received a letter inviting the members of the Town Council to attend a service in May 1984 in memory of Canadian airmen and civilians who lost their lives in World War II.

**Plans** The following planning applications were received and observations made:

Alteration and Extensions to 2 Existing Dwellinghouses at 44 & 46 Long Street for Mr. L. Preston. No Observations.

Change of Use of Existing Agricultural Building to a Function Room/Ballroom and a Public Bar at Hollin Barn Restaurant for Mr. R. I. Phillips.

No Objections but enquire if planning permission has been obtained for the green lights on the end of the building and the proliferation of advertising boards.

Outline Application for Residential Development at Part O.S. 9370, 8564 and 9454 off Stockton Road for Property Land Securities Ltd.

The proposed new access (at Shire House) should be rejected. Would prefer a bungalow development to preserve the view from Stockton Road and Norby.

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

### Accounts as Circulated

City of Wakefield M.D.C.	- Stationery	-	£ 14.07
Thirsk Power Tools	- Cord for Brush Cutter	-	£ 15.66
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Cover for Christmas Lights	£12.50	
	- Less Ret. Prem. Play Equip.	£ 5.14	- £ 7.36
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - October - December		- £625.50
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£268.75	
	Administrative Expenses	£ 22.97	- £291.72

### Additional Account

L. C. Hopps	- Repairing Notice Board	£22.92	
	Fixing Plaque to Flower Trough	£ 6.09	- £ 29.01

### Burial Grants (For Exclusive Right of Burial)

Martin Calvert	22 D4	£15.00
Thomas & May Campbell	4 D5	£15.00
Robert & Margaret Tickle	6 D5	£15.00
Mr. L. & Mrs. D. Frost	5 D5	£30.00
George Smith	27 G6	£30.00
Sidney Calvert (Walled Grave)	23 D5	£33.00

### Any Other Business

**Trees - Ingramgate** It was agreed to order two trees for Ingramgate.

**Time of Meetings** All the members present agreed that, because of the duration of recent meeting, future meetings should commence at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

10.10.84

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th January 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Parking - Stammergegate/Long Street** At the meeting in the Market Place, on 15th December, it had been stated that various means of alleviating the problem were being considered.

**Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard** Mr. Barker and Mr. Appleton of the County Surveyor's Department, accompanied by Police Inspector Myers, attended the meeting on 15th December at which the Council was represented by Couns. Craig, Whitton, Bickers and the Clerk. It had been stated that neither the N.Y.C.C. nor the Police would consider the erection of bollards across the area but were in favour of making a traffic free zone where it would be possible to make certain concessions for deliveries. The path across the area could be laid with flagstones. A plan of the area and the N.Y.C.C.'s proposals would be sent to the Town Council for comment. It was anticipated that further consultation would take place with the occupants of the properties fronting onto the area.

**Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate** Nothing reported.

**Mill Gardens** Letter presented from Mr. Burns stating that it was obvious that the work carried out by their contractor was not of the highest standard and that they are awaiting quotations from local firms to finish off the work to a better standard. The Council will be advised as soon as a contractor has been selected.

**Seats** Quotations to repair and treat the seats received from Mr. Hopps - to be considered with the Precept. A bench seat had been ordered for siting outside Barclays Bank. The seats in the bus shelter had been damaged. Coun. Allenby reported that he had remonstrated with youths who were breaking the bus shelter windows and had been subjected to verbal abuse and threatening behaviour. It was agreed to ask the Police Inspector to attend the February meeting to discuss policing in Thirsk.

**Street Cleaning** Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that he is carrying out investigations into alternative methods of street sweeping within the District as a whole and suggesting that if the Town Council wish to purchase a pedestrian operated suction cleaner they do so along with the other interested parties in the Thirsk area. A second letter stated that a demonstration of a self-propelled suction sweeper has been arranged to take place in the Market Place on 18th January and that members are invited to attend.

**Christmas Lights** Letter presented from Martin S. Bingham & Co. stating that they estimate that £300.00 + V.A.T. would buy a string of lights containing 250 lamp holders of the festoon type which could be attached to display piece boards in which case although the initial outlay appears to be large, after the first year the time taken to erect the display would be 4/5 hours as against the 14 hours taken last Christmas. A string of lights had been destroyed by the bad weather over the Christmas period. It was agreed to consider this with the Precept.

**Millgate Car Park** Coun. Craig was requested to press for a lorry park to be provided on the Industrial Estate when he attends the Environmental Health Committee meeting.

**Lighting - P.L.C. Estate** It was reported that a tender has been accepted and the work should commence by the beginning of February.

**Proposal to Privatised Local Markets** Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that consultations are to be undertaken with all interested parties with a view to increasing substantially the profitability of the markets, before any final decision is made. A special Committee has been formed and the Town Council will no doubt be invited to participate in due course.

Thirsk Railway Station Letter received from the Area Manager, British Rail, at York, stating that directional signs at Thirsk Station and signs to the Station, within Thirsk Town, are currently under consideration.

Times of Meetings Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that this Council retain the 7.30 p.m. commencement of meetings.' Coun. Megson stated that the meeting have commenced at 7.30 p.m. for the past thirty years. The Minute Book showed that the time of meetings changed from 7.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in May 1970. Coun. Megson requested a recorded vote. In Favour - Couns. Megson & Allenby. Against - Couns. Foxton, Craig, Brannon, Roberts, Murkett. Coun. Bickers Abstained. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Bickers, 'that meetings from October to March commence at 7.00 p.m. and April to September commence at 7.30 p.m.' Voting - 5 in Favour - 3 Abst.

Thirsk Mortuary Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that this Council appeal to the H.D.C. to retain and control the Mortuary Facilities at Thirsk' Coun. Megson stated that the H.D.C. intend to dispose of the mortuary at Thirsk and he considered that such facilities are essential. It had been suggested that the mortuary at the Friarage Hospital could be used but that would entail the extra expense of transport. There are the old people's homes and small dwellings in Thirsk which would not have facilities when death occurs. Voting - In Favour 3 - Abstentions 5.

Precept The Clerk circulated a financial report showing an estimated expenditure of £9,100 and an estimated income, including a balance from the financial year 1982/83, of ~~£14,000~~ £2,000.

On considering expenditure for 1984/85 - Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to accept the quotation of £518.00 for the repair and treatment of the seats in the parish' Agreed. The Cemetery Superintendent and Clerk had not received an increase in salary since 1981. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the Cemetery Superintendent's salary be raised to £2,750 and that of the Clerk to £1,150.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that £750 be allowed for Christmas Lights and £500.00 for Play Equipment in The Holmes.' Agreed.

The question of a 51% share on a Pedestrian operated suction sweeper was discussed but the Technical Officer had stated that if it was decided to acquire one, it was unlikely to be before the financial year 1985/86.

It was estimated that expenditure for 1984/85 would be £11,600, including the balance owing to the H.D.C. for the Town Council's share of the cost of the Town Hall roof. The Clerk pointed out that the amount of income from the Burial Board could not be guaranteed. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Brannon 'that the Precept be for £8,500 plus the £1,600 owing to H.D.C. which would impose a 3p rate.' Agreed.

Town Hall Coun. Roberts reported that the next meeting of the Town Hall Committee is due to take place on 6th February. In answer to a query from Coun. Allenby, Coun. Roberts stated that the Town Council would not be asked for financial assistance. A recent show in aid of the Town Hall funds had raised £800.00.

### Correspondence

Court House Letter presented from the Clerk to the Magistrates' Courts Committee stating that the rate for the use of No. 1 Court has been increased to £9.50 per session and No. 2 Court to £6.00 per session.

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council Notification received that Coun. Allenby has been elected to the Committee for a period of two years but that Coun. Brannon was unsuccessful.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notification received of the 27th Scarborough Course for members and officers of Parish Councils to be held from 23rd to 25th March.

National Association of Local Councils Notification received of the Biennial National Conference of Local Councillors at Plymouth from 13th to 15th April.

Yorkshire Village Halls Committee It was agreed to nominate Coun. Allenby for the Committee. It was also agreed to pay a £4.00 fee for Coun. Allenby to attend the conference on 31st March.

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Northallerton District Community Health Council Copies of the Ninth Annual Report received and issued to members.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Mr. Christopher George Williams to apply for the licence of The Black Bull, Market Place, Thirsk.

Ceremony at Skipton on Swale The letter, addressed to the Chairman, was read to the meeting, giving the time and date of the ceremony as 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 19th May.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Construction of a Weighbridge Office at 70, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons.  
No Objections.

Revised Details of Alterations to Existing Meeting House at Friends Meeting House, Kirkgate for Society of Friends. No Objections.

Layout of Land, including Details of Roads and Sewers, and of the Construction of 6 Dwellinghouses and 17 Bungalows with Domestic Garages at Barbeck Farm, York Road for D. Garner & Son Ltd. No Objections but request that no access is allowed through the wall into Ingramgate.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Coun. Bickers	- Reimbursement of cost of plants and bulbs for flower troughs	- £ 4.20
Hambleton Dist. Coun.-	Overpayment of Precept	- £500.00
H. Whitton	- Coloured lamps for Christmas Lights	- £164.25

Additional Accounts

Coun. Stott	- Cost of Telephone calls	- £ 1.30
North Yorkshire C.C.	- Hire of Court House for Meetings	- £ 60.00
Martin S. Bingham	- Erecting & Dismantling Christmas Lights	- £229.43
Yorkshire Rural C.C.	- Conference Fee - Coun. Allenby	- £ 4.00

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Emily Isobel and James William Butcher	2 B1	£15.00
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Any Other Business

Footpaths It was agreed to draw Mr. Woods attention to the state of the footpath on the south side of the Market Place and on Station Road, especially the area from the car park gateway to the entrance to the main racecourse building.

Blocked Gullies It was agreed to report to Mr. Woods, blocked gullies on Station Road, Chapel Street, Finkle Street and Sutton Road.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

*W. C. A. T.*  
13-2-84

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 13th February 1984 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, M. D. Craig, F. M. Bickers, J. Brannon, E. Whitton, Miss J. Foxton, C. J. Megson, Mrs. F. M. Roberts & Police Inspector G. Whittaker.

**Apologies for Absence** received from Coun. E. R. Stott

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

**Attendance by Police Inspector Whittaker** Inspector Whittaker was welcomed by the Chairman and in replying stated that he lives in the area, has local connections and is very interested in the town. He told members that in recent weeks, 23 people have been interviewed in connection with vandalism in Thirsk and the surrounding area. Police Officers are becoming involved in the formation of a Youth Club in the old Pandora's Club premises in Castlegate. This scheme was welcomed by members who pledged their support. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the Town Council make a donation of £200.00 to the Youth Club. Agreed. A cheque was handed to Inspector Whittaker as Chairman of the Youth Club Committee.

Coun. Brannon raised the question of lorries parking on the Millgate Car Park and was told by the Inspector that he understands barriers are to be erected to prevent access by lorries. Inspector Whittaker was in favour of Coun. Craig's suggestion of a 2 hour waiting limit on the Market Place to prevent all day parking. The meeting was told that when the present Traffic Warden retires, he will not be replaced but that the Northallerton Traffic Warden may be on duty in Thirsk on certain days. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Brannon, 'that this Council shows some concern at the withdrawal of a Traffic Warden at Thirsk. Voting - 4 in Favour - 1 Against - 4 Abstentions.

Inspector Whittaker stated that with major roads, railways and air traffic in close proximity to the town, there is always the possibility of a major disaster, and mentioned the Community Involvement Voluntary Service for which recruits are needed. Forms and leaflets are available at the Police Station. Members were told that the need for the Police Station to be open all night is being monitored.

#### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Parking - Stammergegate/Long Street** The County Council's views on this matter have been promised for the March meeting.

**Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard** The County Council hope to be able to send their proposals to the Town Council for comment in time for the March meeting.

**Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate** Coun. Craig reported that money is available for the purchase of the land.

**Mill Gardens** The Clerk had been informed by Mr. Burns that a gardener has been employed to carry out the work. Mr. Burns to be asked who will be felling the tree.

**Seats** The Clerk reported that a claim for damage to the seat outside the White Horse Cafe had been sent to the insurance company. The bench seat for sitting outside Barclays Bank had been delivered. Members agreed that the seat at present outside the manager's window should be placed in Kirkgate, outside Thirsk Hall and opposite St. Mary's Church gates. The Clerk reported that the police have interviewed persons in connection with damage to seats and other Council property.

**Street Cleaning** Members who had attended the demonstration of a pedestrian operated suction cleaner had considered it unsatisfactory. Coun. Craig reported that other models will be tried.

**Christmas Lights** Letter received from Martin S. Bingham & Co. suggested an early meeting. A sub committee of Couns. Craig, Bickers and Stott was formed to meet with Mr. Olney. The Clerk to arrange the meeting.

**Lighting P.L.C. Estate** Nothing reported.

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Millgate Car Park Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding the contravention of the Thirsk (Off Street Parking Places) Order 1982 by heavy goods vehicles continuing to be parked on the Millgate Car Park. H.D.C.'s Leisure and Amenities Committee has decided to examine the possibility of erecting lockable and demountable height barriers which would permit parking of touring coaches during the day but exclude heavy goods vehicles at night. Overnight parking of coaches used by local businesses to transport staff to places of work would continue to be permitted. The Town Council's observations on this scheme were requested. Members agreed in principle but would like to receive full details of how the scheme would operate.

Privatisation of Markets Nothing reported.

Thirsk Mortuary Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that whilst the Environmental Health and Control Committee has taken a decision in principle to dispose of the mortuary, there are certain aspects still to be considered by the Chief Environmental Health Officer who will then report back to the Committee. It was agreed to reply requesting that a meeting be arranged with the three local funeral directors who use the mortuary and that representatives of the Town Council be invited to attend.

Court House Coun. Megson expressed concern at the cost of using the Court House for meetings and suggested that the Town Hall should be used. It was agreed to ascertain the cost of using the Town Hall although it was pointed out that there is not a suitable room there and the use of a room by the Town Council could lead to the loss of bookings by organisations wishing to use the whole of the building. It was also pointed out that noise from other rooms could be distracting for members.

Footpaths Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that it is the intention to carry out repairs to the footway in Station Road and resurface the footway in Finkle Street as soon as footpath works now in Sowerby have been completed. Repairs and reinstatement work to the flagged footpaths around the Market Place it is hoped will be carried out within the next few weeks.

Blocked Gullies Letter from Mr. Woods stated that the gullies will be inspected and any necessary action taken.

Report on Town Hall Meeting Coun. Roberts reported on the Town Hall Committee meeting, held on 6th February. The meeting had been attended by a member of the Rotary Club who had told the committee that to commemorate the Club's Golden Jubilee they would like to undertake a long term scheme for the inside and outside of the Town Hall. The fund raising committee are holding events to make money to pay for the cost of interior decoration. Because the Community Care Association now needs to provide lunch for their visitors on Mondays, they are no longer using the Annexe due to lack of cooking facilities. The letter from the Town Council regarding the banning of bars at discos had been read at the meeting and noted. Coun. Brannon had suggested an investigation into the circumstances leading to the ban on bars but had received no support.

Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Thirsk Town Council does not give any financial assistance to the Town Hall until all restrictions are withdrawn.' Coun. Megson stated that over the years a copy of the Constitution of the Town Hall had been requested on several occasions without success.

On an amendment Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the Town Council request a copy of the Constitution and of the Deeds of the Town Hall.'

Voting for the amendment 6 in Favour - 3 Against.

For the resolution 3 in Favour - 2 Against - 4 Abstentions. Amendment carried.

Substantive motion 'That this Council requests a copy of the Constitution and of the Deeds of the Town Hall.' All in Favour.

## Correspondence

Britain in Bloom Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. together with an entry form for the Britain in Bloom competition. It was agreed not to take any action regarding this.

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Public Lighting - Sowerby Copy of a letter to Sowerby Parish Council received from the Technical Officer H.D.C. regarding a request for an additional lighting unit to be mounted on the wall of the 'Old Coach House', Chapel Street.

Footpath at Plot 1, Dowber Way Copy of a letter to the occupier of 35, Fairfield, from the Planning Officer regarding a request to remove the existing thorn hedge and replacing it with a beech hedge planted closer to the footpath. The Planning Officer had no objections subject to certain conditions.

Salvation Army Band Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. requesting observations on the request from a Salvation Army Band to conduct an open air service in the Market Place on Saturday, 23rd June. Members welcomed the proposed visit of the band and trusted that a collection will be allowed.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:  
Use of Existing Shop as a Fish and Chip Shop at 62A, Long Street for Mr. R. Hanley. Object for the same reasons as on previous application.

Revised Siting of 2 Approved Forecourt Canopies and Construction of a Sales Kiosk and Covered Car Wash at 89, Long Street for Mr. B. Swales.

No Objections.

Construction of a Commercial Vehicle Garage to Replace Existing Garage at Land adjoining The Hollies, York Road for Mr. A. Dale. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Restaurant and Kitchen to Include a Public Bar and Boiler Room at Hollin Barn Restaurant for Mr. R. I. Phillips.

No Objections.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Detached Dwelling House and Domestic Garage adjacent to 176, Hambleton Place for M.Y.C.C. Police Committee. (To be determined by the County Planning Committee).

Insufficient Detail to make Observations.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 3rd Qtr. £ 25.31	
L. C. Hopps	- Cleaning & Treating Seats - Harclays Bank & Greens as Quoted + Extra Repairs	- £ 77.37

Additional Accounts

Holton Builders	- Bench Seat	- £ 77.05
Castlegate Youth Centre	- Donation to new Youth Club	- £200.00

Grass Cutting

It was agreed to invite quotations for grass cutting from the contractors who tendered in 1983.

Any Other Business

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council Coun. Allenby had been assured at a recent meeting that Thirsk Gas Showroom is not going to be closed.

Whitelass Beck It was agreed to seek a quotation to clean out the cross ditch that empties into Whitelass Beck.

Lighting - Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig to raise the need of an improved lighting scheme at the Recreation and Leisure Committee meeting.

Waterfall The Cod Beck Drainage Board to be notified that the coping stones from the top of the waterfall at The Holmes are in the river.

Lights Lights permanently out were reported at Old Sutton Road and Hambleton Place and a light permanently on at St. Mary's Way.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

REPORT ON ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL, GREEN LANE EAST, SOWERBY, THIRSK.

The School situated on the same campus as Sowerby Primary School and Thirsk Secondary School, serves Roman Catholic children from Thirsk, Northallerton and country districts around Thirsk.

Governors:

Acting Chairman - Rev. D. Nunan

Mrs. K. Greensit  
Mr. J. Gormley  
Mr. M. Brogan  
Mr. E. Marchal  
Mr. P. Burke.

Physical - A single storey building with four teaching spaces surrounding a Hall, 3 cloakrooms, Staff Room and Office. Kitchen and other services comprise the rest of the building.

Establishment- Teaching Staff

Head - Mrs. B. I. Rushton

Dep. Head - Mrs. A. J. Elders

Assistant- Mrs. S. Pulleyn

Part-time assistance (9 hours per week)

\* ~~NON-TEACHING~~ ~~ASS.~~ ~~MRS. S. COWIE~~  
Secretary - Mrs. C. M. Henry

Caretaker - Mrs. E. M. Gabutt

Kitchen Staff - Cook Mrs. E. Bateson

Assistant Mrs. L. Taylor

Dinner Supervisors - Mrs. E. Garbutt

Mrs. P. Wedgewood

Perepatetic Music Teachers - Mrs. L. Wright (Violin)

Mrs. Banks (Cello)

No. on Roll 83 - More than half bused from  
Northallerton-a small number  
of non-catholics attend.

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

About 10 children have lessons for violin, viola or cello from Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Banks-we make a classroom available for this and also for a group from Sowerby Primary School who come weekly for their lessons from Mrs. Wright.

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

To develop the potential of each child, spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially.

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

All Juniors go swimming at Thirsk baths.

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April 15th - Display of car paintings - Massingberd Competition  
L. Marchal won a prize.

" 26th - Teaching practice - Student Miss Fozzard  
School outing to Munnington Hall and Malton Museum

May 5th - Computer Course commenced - Head attended

" 13th - 10 children visited Thirsk County Primary-  
Strings recital

" 22nd - First Holy Communions

" 23rd - May Procession

June 14th - Puppet Theatre performed from York

" 15th - Magic Circle Players from Harrogate

" 20th - Vision and Hearing tests

July 6th - Visit to Thirsk Secondary of children due to leave  
 " 12th - Coffee Evening - proceeds computer (School Fund)  
 " 14th - Sports Day  
 " 19th - Governors Meeting  
 " 22nd - Sponsored Spell for School Funds - £450 approx.  
 183 Sept. 6th - Re-open 83 still on roll.  
 Mrs. S. Cole appointed as non-teaching assistant.  
 Oct. 7th - Family Fast collection - £19.10p  
 " 10th - Visit by Dr. Gough (School M.O.)  
 " 11th - Head Teacher's meeting at Thirsk Secondary School (Liaison)  
 " 20th - Harvest Thanksgiving Mass - Fruit delivered to  
 recipients of Meals-on-Wheels  
 Nov. 3rd - Head Teacher's meeting - Thirsk school  
 " 7th - Visit by Dr. Gough  
 " 8th - Open Evening  
 " 18th - Road Safety Competition - 3rd prize presented by  
 Mr. Peacock  
 Dec. 5th - Dental inspection  
 " 12th - School play - Baboushka - 83 children took part  
 " 13th - School play - evening performance.  
 " 14th - Christmas dinner and party  
 15 Jan 16th - Liaison meeting Head Teacher's  
 " 18th - Hygiene inspection  
 " 30th - Head Teacher's meeting - Thirsk School  
 Feb. 17th - Visit by Dr. Gough  
 " 28th - Meeting Easingwold C.P. Head Teachers - Change in  
 admission to school policy  
 Mar. 9th - Football/Netball match played at Dishforth C.P.

THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF THE GOVERNORS MEETING ON THE 18th MAY 1983

PRESENT

Mr Turton, Chairman  
Mrs Harbourn, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Snowden, Head Teacher  
Mrs Bickerton  
Mrs Kenworthy

Mrs Welford  
Mr Craig  
Mrs Todd  
Miss Turrhull  
Mr Margett

APOLOGIES: None

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Concern was expressed regarding the number of pupils in the reception class. Mrs Snowden said she would be giving details of a scheme she had submitted to County later in the meeting. As the total number of pupils throughout the school had dropped, one teacher had been taken away, and county will not allow a further teacher until the numbers rise again.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from County regarding, Miss Atkinsons transfer from Silton & Kepwick on a temporary post for one year beginning 1.9.83.

Letter from County regarding the intention to have a Nursery Unit at the school, with request that an advertisement be placed for a Nursery Assistant, and interviews to be held, the appointment to begin 1.9.83.

The correspondent reported that an advertisement had been placed and approximately 27 replies received. Mrs Snowden had liaised with County and 4 candidates had been chosen to attend an interview. Two Governors were to be present at these interviews. The appointment of a Nursery Teacher is being arranged by County.

HEAD TEACHERS REPORT

Mrs Snowden reported that the Nursery Unit will be for 50 places. 25 children in the mornings and 25 children in the afternoons. To date she had had 50 applicants. Difficult children to attend a full day. A prefabricated building was to be erected and a site had been chosen. County will be providing all large equipment and Mrs Snowden had been allocated £400 for the small equipment.

The liaison meetings with Thirsk School were proving to be most helpful. This year pupils from the Primary School had spent a longer time on their visit to the senior school. Having lunch and watching a slide show of each departments activities.

Mrs Snowden said Miss Brook would be leaving for a new appointment.

The Governors expressed their congratulations upon her appointment as Deputy Head of Morside County Junior School.

Mrs Snowden had attended a course on computers, and Mr Titchmarsh is to attend a course in York. The school will pay £320 towards a computer with the County paying the remainder. Money had been raised by the children for the Save the Children Fund and two children would be presenting the money personally to Princess Anne at Castle Howard in July. An outing was being arranged for this event.

Forthcoming events include Swimming Gala; Summer Fayre; Sports Day and class outings. £475 was raised by a sponsored spell to cover the cost of these outings.

Any other business.

Any other business

Mrs Snowden explained the scheme devised to reduce the numbers in the Reception class, which at present numbers 36 pupils. This figure rises further at Christmas and Easter next year. A Family Group for the rising 5's to 5 and half between 3 teachers is to be implemented.

The meeting then closed with date for the next meeting being arranged for Tuesday 18th October at 6.30 pm.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Headmistress:  
Mrs. N. A. SNOWDEN  
Telephone:  
THIRSK 24349

THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HAMBLETON PLACE  
THIRSK  
NORTH YORKSHIRE  
YO7 1SL

Number on roll as at 19th March, 1984 - 248

Admissions to Reception class Easter - 19

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Nursery Unit - Opened January 1984 - 50 place unit.

25 - morning  
26 - afternoon.

## Sowerby County Primary School. March 1984.

In the past 12 months the Governors of the School have met 3 times, once per term. In addition I have visited the school on various occasions for concerts + assemblies.

There are at present 240 children in the school, this number is likely to increase by about 15-20 in the summer term. It has been suggested by the authorities that schools might like to admit children in to the school at the beginning of the school year in which they would be five, however as this would mean a reception class of 40 children it was felt that it would be impracticable at Sowerby Primary school, so the governors agreed that it was more sensible to continue admitting children in the usual way - at the beginning of the term in which they were 5.

During the year the lighting in the school has been changed. The new style lighting is expected to be cheaper as regards running costs than the original.

~~Arranged~~ Several concerts + special events such as Carol services + harvest festivals have been done by the school recently. I am always very impressed by the way in which the teachers manage to include almost all of the children, even the very youngest.

A lot of work is put in by the teachers after school + during dinner hours to help the children with things like music, Sport, Natural History + so forth. Some of the children recently helped to put on a concert in aid of NSPCC in the Town Hall. The children also play Netball + Football against other Primary schools in the area.

This ~~at~~ last autumn the school won the Woodward + Grey Trophy for Road Safety which is competed for by



A meeting was held recently in Northampton when members of staff, P.T.A.s & Governors of many Primary schools in the county met County Educational Ctee representatives to discuss staffing levels. In 1974 when N.Y.C.C. was formed it inherited different staffing ratios from 3 different L.E.A.s. This was fairly common at that time but all other counties have now resolved it. However N.Y.C.C. has not done so, & while it has drawn up a scheme of staffing to which it aspires nothing has been done to achieve this & the different scales still apply. The position of N.R. schools are in a worse position than the old W.R. or York City schools. The C.C. is being urged to do something about this now & a great amount of public concern was shown at this meeting. Further meetings are to take place.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th March 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, H. Whitton, C. J. Megson, F. N. Bickers, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, The Clerk and 1 Member of the Press.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. E. R. Stott.

Minutes The Clerk read the Minutes of the 1983 Annual Assembly to the meeting.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Greens Coun. Megson stated that the Greens have a shabby appearance. The Chairman was of the opinion that the Greens are greatly improved since the roads have been re-gravelled. It was reported that a car has been abandoned on St. James' Green. Coun. Brannon agreed to approach the owner regarding the removal of the car. If this is unsuccessful the matter will be reported to the Environmental Health Department and the police. It was agreed to draw Mr. Woods' attention to the state of the path from St. James' Green to the Iron Bridge.

Chairman's Report The Chairman expressed concern at 9.1% unemployed in Thirsk as against 8.2% last year. Interest is being shown in the new Industrial Estate and two firms are soon to exchange contracts. The completion of Riverside Mews has improved the area and with the need for more sheltered accommodation the Chairman considered Waterside to be a suitable site for a development like Gillings Court. The Youth Training Scheme organised by Austin Reed and the Rotary Club has been very successful, and is being extended for another year. Hambleton District Council are carrying out improvements on their housing stock. The Holmes play area is in need of improvement.

#### Reports from School Governors

All Saints' R. C. School Mrs. Greensit submitted a written report mentioning a roll of 83 pupils, half of which travel from Northallerton, and with several non-catholics. The aims of the school are to develop the potential of each child, spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially.

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Craig's report mentioned that because of the drop in numbers one teacher had been taken away and would not be replaced until the numbers rise again. A Nursery Unit has opened with 50 places - 25 in the mornings and 25 in the afternoons. Events during the year had been a Swimming Gala, Summer Fayre and Sports Day. Money had been raised by the children for the Save the Children Fund and this had been presented by two children to Princess Anne at Castle Howard last July.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Robert's report mentioned the suggestion that Schools might like to admit children at the beginning of the school year in which they would be five but this had been considered impracticable at Sowerby where children would continue to be admitted at the beginning of the term in which they were five years old. The school had won the Woodhead and Bray Trophy for Road Safety. A meeting at Northallerton had been attended by members of staff, P.T.A.'s and Governors of many Primary Schools in the county to meet the County Education representatives to discuss staffing levels. There are three staffing levels in North Yorkshire where the old North Riding Schools are in a worse position than the former West Riding and York City schools. Further meetings are to take place.

Charities Coun. Craig reported that £96.00 had been distributed at Christmas, this consisted of the normal £48.00 plus an additional £48.00 and each person had been given £2.00. Mr. Pitts had retired as Treasurer of Parochial Charities and it was agreed to write to him thanking him for his services to charities.

The meeting closed at 7.34 p.m.

*D. W. H. W.*  
16/4/84

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 19th March 1984 at 7.35 p.m.

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

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

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Traffic Warden Letter received from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that all the Service Committees had to reduce their budgets and the Police Committee is no exception. All possibilities had been considered and although the Committee was aware that by reducing the number of Traffic Wardens it would have some detrimental effect on the Authority's ability to enforce Traffic Regulations throughout the County, there was no alternative. Though the problems at Thirsk are appreciated, it is difficult to see, in the present financial climate, how the Committee can arrange to employ a Traffic Warden. Members were concerned at traffic congestion on the Market Place, caused by indiscriminate parking at the exits and entrances. It was agreed to ask H.D.C. to re-line all the exits and entrances on the Market Place.

Parking - Stammergegate/Long Street Letter still awaited from the County Council.

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard The County Council's proposals still awaited.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens It was agreed to write to Mr. Burns stating that the work must be implemented within the next thirty days.

Seats Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that they will meet the cost of repairs to the seat outside the White Horse Cafe less the £25.00 excess. Mr. Hopps to carry out the repairs. The Clerk reported that two youths who had defaced a seat in the bus shelter had apologised and paid the sum of £25.00, being the cost of repairs less V.A.T. With the Chairman's agreement, the Clerk had signed a wayleave for the N.Y.C.C. in respect of the siting of a seat on County Council land in Kirkgate. This action was approved. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to fix down the seat.

Christmas Lights It was agreed to defer discussion on this until Mr. Olney's proposals are to hand.

Lighting - P.L.C. Estate It was reported that the scheme has been implemented.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Craig reported that various types of barrier are under consideration.

Privatisation of Markets Nothing reported.

Thirsk Mortuary It was reported that it had been H.D.C.'s intention to offer the building for sale at public auction. Coun. Craig had proposed, at a meeting of the Environmental Health Committee, that the mortuary should be offered for sale in the first instance to the Thirsk funeral directors, and the proposition had been carried. The District Valuer was being asked to value the building. Coun. Craig was congratulated on his achievement.

Court House - Meetings Members had considered the suitability of the Town Hall for Council meetings. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Whitton  
'that Town Council meetings continue to be held in the Court House'.

Voting - 8 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

Lighting - Hambleton Estate Copy of a letter from the Technical Officer H.D.C. to the Road Lighting Unit of N.Y.C.C. was presented by Coun. Craig. It referred to a request by Coun. Craig for the provision of additional street lighting in the Old Sutton Road between the junction with Hambleton View and Dowber Lane and in particular in the area at the rear of Bungalows Nos. 31 - 39, Sutton Road. Coun. Craig had indicated that he would be willing to attend a site meeting to discuss the problem but had not yet been contacted.

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Town Hall A copy of the Conveyance and a list of the Voting Members of the Town Hall Committee was presented. Part 1 of the Schedule states that 'The property shall be held upon trust as a Community Centre for the use of a Community Association formed to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Thirsk and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by the advancement of education and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for the recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.' Members discussed this in connection with the banning of bars at discos.

Coun. Roberts reported that at the March meeting of the Town Hall Committee, it had been decided to ask for a meeting with Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council to discuss the powers of the Town Hall Committee and the running of the Town Hall. Members agreed to attend the meeting which had been arranged for Monday, 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman stated that he would be unable to be present.

The Holmes Play Area A report from the Insurance Company's engineer presented, in which it mentioned the need for end caps to be replaced on the Parallel Bars and the condition of the remaining swing to be kept under observation. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that the swings should be refurbished and the end caps replaced.' Agreed. The necessary equipment to be ordered from Wicksteed Leisure.

Tenders for Grass Cutting The following tenders were submitted.

No. 1	The Holmes	-	£42.00 per cut.	
	The Greens	-	£55.00 per cut.	
	Mill Gardens	-	£20.00 per cut.	
No. 2	The Holmes	-	£58.00 per cut.	+ V.A.T.
	The Greens	-	£38.00 per cut.	+ V.A.T.
	Mill Gardens	-	£14.00 per cut.	+ V.A.T.
No. 3	The Holmes	-	£37.50 per cut.	+ V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Tender No. 3 for The Holmes (J. Thompson) and Tender No. 2 for The Greens and Mill Gardens (M. T. Shipton) be accepted. Agreed.'

Whitelass Beck - Cross Ditch A quotation of £80.00 + V.A.T. to clean out the ditch was received from J. Thompson. It was agreed to defer making a decision regarding this until the next meeting and to ask P.L.C. Homes developers if they will make a contribution towards the cost.

### Correspondence

Local Councils' Association Letter presented regarding increased subscriptions for the coming year. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the Town Council remains a member of the L.C.A.' Voting 6 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England Copy of the Review of County Electoral Arrangements for North Yorkshire presented.

Rainbow Rover Playbus Letter presented from Mrs. J. M. Hoyland asking permission for the Playbus to be parked at the Little Green as it did in 1982. Members were in agreement with this and also agreed to make a donation of £5.00, towards the cost of the Playbus, at the appropriate time.

Maintenance of Town Clock Letter presented from William Potts & Sons Ltd stating that it has been necessary to increase the cost of maintenance to £38.00 for the coming year. This was accepted.

Hollin Barn Copy of a Application for a Public House Licence, by Mr. R. I. Phillips, in respect of Hollin Barn, Sutton Road, Thirsk presented. Members agreed to object to the granting of a licence for the reasons - 1. There is already a Residential and Restaurant Licence in respect of these premises. 2. There are sufficient public houses in the vicinity of Hollin Barn, namely at Thirsk, Sutton and Bagby.

Hambleton Social Evening Letter presented giving notification of a Social Evening being arranged for Hambleton District Councillors and staff and it is hoped it will be attended by members of Parish Councils. The cost is £2.50 per ticket.

Waiting Restrictions - Pick's Lane Letter received from the Solicitor to the N.Y.C.C. stating that the No.1 Area Highway Sub-Committee have considered the Town Council's comments but have made the Order as originally proposed.

Plans The following Planning Applications were presented and Observations made:

Construction of 4 Domestic Garages at Bridge Street for Mr. J. Strom.  
Object to piecemeal re-development. Would wish houses to be built there.

Construction of 4 Semi-detached Dwellinghouses at Plots 65,66,67,82 Stockton Road for P.L.C. Homes. Planning regulations for detached houses, as already agreed, should be enforced.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 'Leandref', Stoneybrough Lane, for Mr. L. Roberts. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Factory at Sutton Road for Mr. A. B. Rose.  
No Observations but concerned about the problem of fumes from present factory.

Construction of 92 Dwellings at Part O.S. 5968 Thirsk for Barratts (York) Ltd.  
Concerned about the disposal of surface water from 92 extra dwellings. Will additional town centre parking be provided for the cars of the occupants of these dwellings when shopping in Thirsk?

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

#### Accounts as Circulated

Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd	- Maintenance of Town Clock to 29.2.84.	- £ 38.53
" " " "	- Synchronising Dials on Town Clock	- £ 17.25
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - January - March	£625.50
	Int. on Barclays Bank Inv.	£ 5.98
	Int. on Ivy Thompson Inv.	£ 13.43
		- £644.91
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£268.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 19.32
		- £288.07

#### Addmtional Account

Hambleton District Coun. Estimated Cost of Street Sweeping to 31.3.84 - £1550.00

#### Burial Grants

Mr. & Mrs. R. Newcombe	14 D5	£30.00
Evelyn Linda Forth	3 D5	£15.00
William Littlefair	11 D5	£15.00

#### Any Other Business

Pigeons It was agreed to request the Environmental Health Officer to take action regarding the nuisance caused by pigeons in and around the town.

Footpath It was agreed to draw Mr. Woods attention to a hole in the footpath outside Stoneybrough Restaurant where re-instatement has not been properly made.

Trees - Ingramgate Coun. Roberts stated that she is taking delivery of the trees. It was agreed to plant them on Saturday next. It was agreed to consider dedicating one of the trees on the 40th Anniversary of D Day.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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Abstract of Audited Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1984

General

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.83	955.71	Salary	1075.00
Precept - including £500 overcredited	4000.00	Administration	316.09
Refund of V.A.T.	119.33	Insurances	107.91
Deposit Account Interest	220.94	Subscriptions & Donations	368.10
Refund of Mill Gardens		Audit Fee	98.90
Advertisement	59.00	Grass Cutting	404.80
Reimbursement of cost of seat repairs	25.00	Open Spaces	86.07
Refund of cost of seat (Insurance)	167.05	Christmas Lights	393.68
Balance	216.69	Repayment of Precept	500.00
		Members' Travel Exps.	13.46
		Estimated cost of Street Sweeping	1550.00
		New Seats	269.10
		Seat Repairs	162.86
		Greens	417.75
	5763.72		5763.72

Burial Board

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.83	1416.18	Salary, Dividends & Int.	2542.28
Precept	3000.00	Insurance	88.56
Refund of V.A.T.	185.07	New Mowers	370.20
Dividends & Interest	40.28	Fuel for Mowers	116.55
War Graves Commission	10.35	Mower Repairs	15.66
Burial Board Income	1216.20	Removal of Rubbish	41.40
		Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial Books	184.00
		Receipt Books	25.81
		Garden of Rest	287.50
		Restoration of Bier	172.50
		Rates & Water Charges	310.93
		Balance	1712.69
	5868.08		5868.08

Summary

	£		£
Burial Board Account Cr.	1712.69	Current Account	185.86
General Account Dr.	216.69	Deposit Account	1103.14
		Investment Account	207.00
	1496.00		1496.00