

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 22 APRIL 1996

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 18 March 1996
3. To receive Police reports
4. To receive County Council Reports
5. To receive District Council Reports
6. To consider proposals put forward from the Communications Committee
 - a) Short Story Competition
 - b) Newsletter - draft form
7. To consider implementing proposals put forward via Yorkshire Rural Community Council
 - a) Youth Parish Councils
 - b) Rural Transport Initiatives
 - c) Advice Facilities
 - d) Development Worker Funding
 - e) Welfare Benefit
8. To consider future enhancement of Ingramgate
9. To consider Planning Applications received by the Town Council
10. To approve Accounts for Payment
11. To consider Correspondence received
12. To receive Sub Committee's reports
13. To receive Chairman's & Members Reports
14. To advise of Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - a) N.Y.C.C. - Library Opening Hours - *ref. 851.p5*
 - b) N.Y.C.C. - Fire provision - *855 p3*
 - c) N.Y.C.C. - relocation of Northallerton sign - *ref.857.p3*
 - d) N.Y.C.C. - Proposed new entrance Crescent - *ref 856*
 - e) N.Y.C.C. - 30/40 mph speed limits - *ref 855 p3*
 - f) N.Y.C.C. - prohibition of Waiting Norby - *ref. 855.p3*
15. Any other Matters affecting the Parish for including in next agenda


Clerk of the Council

15 April 1996

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 22 April 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Adamson, J. Watson, Sgt Harris, Pc Stokes two members of the public

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Murkett, R. Hall, A. Robinson, G. Murray, G. Turton. Also for lateness due to prior commitments of Councillors Marshall, Morton and Watson.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. D. Adamson and seconded Cllr. F. Roberts.

Police Matters: Councillors were advised that Inspector Villiers had retired. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks, proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr Salmon. Inspector Garry Clarke will be assuming these duties in June/July and meantime Sgt Harris will be in charge.

A meeting is to be held on 5 June to consider action to combat crime on Thirsk Industrial Estate to which Councillors are invited. It was proposed that the leader of Hambleton District Council be invited to take part in the discussion. Agreed. Cllr. Marshall inquired re the spate of vandalism - Sgt Harris replied that an arrest had been made. Noted. Cllr. Watson enquired on the high level of police activity on Good Friday evening - Sgt Harris advised that there had been outbreaks of disorder.

County Council Matters: Cllr. Marshall proposed that the Clerk write to the County Archaeologist requesting that the remains found during the recent Castlegarth dig should be returned for display to Thirsk Museum. Agreed.

District Councillors Report: Cllr. Marshall reported that Hambleton District Council had completed the compulsory purchase of land in East Thirsk which is to be developed as a pilot project of the Millennium Greens. The work to be funded by the Countryside Commission to go forward for Millennium funding.

Communications: Councillor Salmon proposed that a Short Story Competition be launched to promote the town. A decision on this was deferred until the May meeting when more Councillors would be present.

A draft of Town Talk was presented to the meeting - some amendments were recommended prior to distribution early May.

Community Proposals: These proposals were deferred for discussion to the May meeting

Ingramgate: Councillors reiterated their wish to see this area improved. After some discussion of the problems relating to Ingramgate, Councillors agreed to refer for further discussion to the Amenities Committee.

Planning Matters: Planning Results:

D. Askew	Granted
S. R. Breeds	Granted
E G E Hall	Granted

Planning Applications:

2/96/152/0487E - *Proposal:* Revised details of the construction of a detached dwellinghouse with domestic garage double garage at Plot 9

Location: Old Dairy Buildings, Cemetery Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J. Bell

Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/046A - *Proposal:* To resite the approved garage 1 metre to the north of the approved position

Location: 21C Millbank Court, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Readman

Council wish to see the application approved.

2.96/152/0519 - *Proposal:* Construction of workshop and store

Location: Junction Works, Carlton Miniott, Thirsk

Applicant: L. Calvert & Sons

Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/0179C - *Proposal:* Change of use of existing veterinary surgery & 3 existing flats to a visitor centre

Location: 23 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Hambleton District Council

Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/0485 - *Proposal:* Layout of land & formation of an all-weather sports pitch with associated, fencing & floodlighting & construction of a building to office, storage & changing facilities

Location: Thirsk Comprehensive School, Topcliffe Rd, Sowerby

Applicant: Hambleton District Council

2/96/152/0158 - *Proposal:* Layout of land & construction of a building for use as an engineering workshop with office accommodation

Location: Thirsk park Industrial Estate, Thirsk

Applicant: B A Smiths (Thirsk) Ltd

The Town Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/126Y - *Proposal:* Application for listed Building Consent for the display of a non-illuminated sign as amended by plans & letters received by Hambleton District Council on 22 February 1996

Applicant: E G E Hall

Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/0517 - *Proposal:* Use of existing building as a screen printing studio with associated facilities

Location: 25 Westgate, Thirsk

Applicant: D Askew

Council wish to see the application But consider that this may need a conditions of hours of work, if any noise is involved. Also consider that adequate provision for the storage of rubbish

Accounts:

The following accounts paid since last meeting were approved proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Roberts:

Thirsk Tourist Information Centre - donation Section 137	£ 750.00
Thirsk Royal British Legion - donation Section 137	£ 500.00
Anne Finney - 70 miles @ 30p	£ 21.00
Railfare to Conference	£ 91.00

Councillors were requested to consider the provision of lunch to visitors to the town as guest of the Town Council a promotional exercise - agreed.

The following Accounts were approved for Payment proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Morton. Agreed

Post Office Counters - transfer to Gratuity Fund	£ 350.00
Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- April d.d.	£ 353.67
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 5 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 10.50
P. Dunning salary - o/s 1995/96 £370.00 - 1996/97 April £610.00	
reimbursement petrol York/Thirsk return 48 x 20p	£ 989.60
Yorkshire LCA - subscription	£ 306.00
Eccles, Heddon & Co professional fees	£ 445.45
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group - subscription	£ 25.00
Thirsk Hall estate - Rent & wayleaves	£ 5.00
Sam Turners - rails & posts	£ 214.32
Thirsk Motors - fuel Cemetery	£ 33.63
Power Point - Cemetery	£ 28.46
Colour Centre - black gloss	£ 7.99
J. Bell - rent for office 4 x £10 (to end of May)	£ 40.00
P. Dunning - postage reimbursement film	£ 108.78
N.Y.C.C. - rent for Court House	£ 90.00
Golden Fleece Hotel - promotion	£ 44.50
J. M. Salmon - mayor's allowance	£ 200.00

Cinema Accounts paid since last meeting:

Ayton Fire Protection - fire extinguishers	£ 62.50
Ayton Fire Protection - service of equipment	£ 25.35
Troy Film Agency - Seven, Babe, French Kiss, American President	
Bridges of Madison County , Swan Princess	£ 640.38
Thirsk Copy centre -	£ 26.75
R. Mezzo - 5 weeks @ £16	£ 80.00

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Grave Space 42 Section G6
Grave Space 19 Section D6
Grave Space 1 Section F2

Mrs Emma Brough
Mrs Annie Myrtle Chapman
P. Ruecroft

Correspondence:

Environmental Reporting Network: Direct line telephone numbers for reporting problems were noted.

Correspondence recommending promotion of Thirsk Cemetery and adopting a single charge was discussed. Councillors were advised that the double fee for non residents was normal practise as residents of the parish already contributed via their Precept. North Yorkshire Health Authority's continuing care policy was tabled - comments welcome prior to September.

Compulsory Purchase of land at Little Green, Thirsk - confirmation of the Order received from Hambleton District Council. Noted.

Appeals for donations from Royal British Legion and the Marie Curie Cancer Care were referred to Finance & General Purpose Committee - meeting Wednesday 1 May. A request for nominations for District Commissioner for the Vale of Mowbray Scouts was noted.

Sub Committee Reports:

Amenity: Cllr. Marshall reported that members of the sub committee had walked the various play areas and amenity areas and noted maintenance requirements.

Greens: Cllr. Morton reported that the Improvement Scheme was progressing. Concern was expressed about damage to the garden area on the Little Green and the sign. Agreed to consider replanting the area which had become overgrown.

Footpaths: Cllr. Salmon reported that concern had been raised about the public footpath through the Golden Fleece yard being closed. This had been reported to the NYCC footpaths officer.

Chairman's & Members Reports:

Cllr. J. Salmon reported that he had hosted a visit by Seaham Town Clerk and two German visitors to the town - he had invited the chairman of Thirsk Chamber of Trade to join with councillors.

He reported on a drama production on 19 April and reminded Councillors on future productions on 18 May.

Cllr. Marshall reported a traffic accident that had occurred at the Felixkirk junction in which two local people had been injured. Councillors renewed their calls for improvements at this junction.

Cllr. Jackson reported on incidents at Stammergegate junction when vehicles were turning right from the left hand lane into the path of vehicles turning from the right. Agreed to again express our concern.

Matters Arising:

Notification from NYCC re the new library opening hours was discussed. Councillors were disappointed that only one evening opening to 7 p.m. was included - they also expressed concern about the long bank holiday closures.

Fire Provision - Assurances from the chief fire officer that turntables were available from other areas still left councillors concerned about the response time involved.

Further correspondence re the re-location of the Northallerton sign was considered. It was agreed to recommend a finger post sign adjacent to the entrance to Millgate car park.

Matters Arising cont

A public notice re the introduction of 30/40 mph speed restrictions on the A170 was noted.

A public notice re the prohibition of waiting Norby Thirsk was noted.

A public notice of the temporary closure of Cemetery Road was noted.

Carrs Field - Cllr. Watson advised the meeting that the Round Table had volunteered to run a sports day on Friday 28 June

Any other Business:

Councillor Morton proposed that the owners of the Golden Fleece Hotel be congratulated on the appearance of the hotel following recent refurbishment. Agreed.

The Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL TO BE
HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE
AT 7.15 P.M. ON MONDAY 20 MAY 1996**

AGENDA

1. To receive any apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 22 May 1995
3. Election of Chairman
4. Election of Vice Chairman
5. To hear Committee Reports from 1995/96
6. To appoint Committees & Representatives for 1996/97

Clerk of the Council
14 May 1996

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Footpaths: Councillor Marshall reported that footpaths had improved thanks to work by the BTCV. Some river erosion of the footpath had occurred this to be repaired.

Thanks expressed to the NYCC for the help of the P3 scheme.

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

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

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 20 May 1996 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), F. Roberts, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Adamson, J. Watson, J. Salmon, Sgt Harris, Pc Stokes two members of the public
D. MURKETT

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. Murray, who was on holiday.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 April were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. F. Roberts and seconded Cllr. D. Murkett.

Police Matters: Sgt Harris reported that 3 persons were to be taken to Court re disturbances in Nick's Gate Alley - Noted.

Re the recent Race Day - Sgt Harris reported that despite attendances in excess of 7,700, disturbances were few and of a minor nature. Re disturbances at East Thirsk Primary School - incidences of vandalism continued to occur - a request that parents be more vigilant was made.

County Councillors Report: Councillor Turton advised that should the Town Council's request be granted for the remains from Castlegate dig to be housed at the local museum, money would need to be spent on the property. Re the CCTV proposals he advised that the decision to provide the same in the town centre or at the Thirsk Industrial Park should be made. This to be referred to the General Purposes Committee. The Police meeting is to be held on 5 June. Noted.

District Councillors Report: Councillor Robinson reported that at the Leisure & Amenity Committee when the RANY project was discussed it was decided not to contribute towards the feasibility study. He reported on visits to Bronte Country and to Scarborough and a decision to purchase 25 Kirkgate, pointing out that buildings to the rear of 23 Kirkgate were not to be relinquished to the Herriot Centre

Short Story Competition: Councillor Salmon presented a proposal to initiate a short story competition as a memorial to James Herriott. After discussion this proposal was put to the vote and carried with 6 in favour and 2 against.

Youth Parish Council: Councillor Salmon put forward a motion that the Council agree in principal to set up a Youth Parish Council. Carried.

Rural Transport Initiative: Councillor Salmon put forward a proposal that the Council consider if a rural transport initiative be set up - after discussion it was agreed to defer for more information.

Burial Board: The following grants of exclusive Right of Burials were approved;

Barry Alderson	Grave Space 6	Section E5
Jessie Newton	Grave Space 9	Section E5
Marjorie Blunden	Grave Space 4	Section E5

Donation to St Mary's Church - After discussion it was agreed that the Town Council contribute £250 towards the cost of cutting the Churchyard. Agreed. It was noted that donations towards the fabric of the Church are not an annual contribution, but are to be judged as separate issues. Noted.

Planning Matters: Correspondence advising that the housing development on the site of the Old Dairy Yard is to be named Church View. Noted.

Information from Hambleton District Council advised that the Red Bear Public House is to be renamed Darrowby Inne, councillors expressed their dislike of the name change. When subsequently advised that Councillor Marshall, as newly elected mayor had been invited to the official opening ceremony - Councillor Hall proposed that the mayor should be instructed *not to go if the public house is to be named Darrowby Inne*, seconded Councillor Salmon - carried 7 in favour 1 against.

Planning Results:

Kwik Save	Refused
Old Dairy Buildings	Granted
1 Allerdale	Granted
Broadacres	Granted
78 St James Green	Granted
Darrowby Close	Granted
Mr Herron	Granted
Old Post Office	Granted

Planning Applications:

Application 2/96/152/337A & B

Proposal: Display of non illuminated projecting sign - Listed Building Consent

Location 48 Market Place, Thirsk Applicant: Johnson Cleaners UK Ltd

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

Application 2/96/152/0396A

Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling Location: 37 Darrowby Close, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Turner

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/0160

Proposal: Altns & extensions to existing dwelling Location: Applegarth, York Road,

Applicant: I D McGowan

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/035F

Proposal: Installation of a satellite dish Location: Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Lloyds TSB group

This Council wish to see the application REFUSED. The dish will be too visible in the front of a fine building in the Conservation Area.

Application 2/96/152/0523 Proposal: Layout of land, alterations & extensions to existing disused furniture factory, to form 8 dwelling units & construction of 2 buildings to comprise 19 dwelling units

Location: Old Workhouse Applicant: Sun Dawn Developments

This Council wish to see the application REFUSED. Councillors expressed serious concern about proposed demolition, Concerned about the lack of a play area. Concerned about the parking facilities and consider this an overdevelopment.

Accounts:

The following accounts for payment were approved proposed Cllr. Morton seconded Cllr. Murkett:

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- May d.d.	£ 353.63
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 5 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 10.50
P. Dunning salary - May	£ 505.85
Playing Fields Assoc. - subscription	£ 25.00
Yorkshire Rural Community Council	£ 15.00
Power Point Northern ltd. - oil	£ 3.53
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol	£ 34.45
F. Kendall & Son - repairs to cemetery wall	£ 4071.37
Messrs C.E. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting	£ 329.00
Northern Electric - office	£ 223.58
Northern Electric - Christmas Lights	£ 341.34
F D Todd & Sons - skip hire/gravel for paths	£ 105.92
The Colour Centre - turps & cloths	£ 2.97
J. Bell - rent for office 4 x £10 (to end of June)	£ 40.00
Foden Construction - St James Green	£19634.57
Inland Revenue	£ 1110.00

Correspondence: Mr J Bell advised of proposals to abstract large amounts of water from the Sandhutton borehole. Councillors were concerned about problems re subsidence of properties in Sandhutton, and that excessive amounts to drawn from this area could cause environmental problems.

Notice of Audit on 8 July was noted by Councillors.

Waterpipe supply to Spa Farm across land recently purchased by the Town Council was discussed - to enquire why the owner prefers this route.

Suspension of Standing Orders - proposed Councillor Salmon seconded Councillor Robinson.

Sub Committee Reports: Councillors Marshall & Watson reported from the Amenity Committee. The following were noted, cowslips have been stolen, seats in need of repair, complaint re dog fouling.

Any Other Business: Concern was noted re the Felixkirk junction, this to be referred to Cllr. Turton.

Correspondence from Thirsk Museum, and the NYCC re the proposal to house the archaeological remains from the Castlegarth in Thirsk were noted.

The Council went into Closed session to discuss staff issues.

Meeting Closed 10.45pm

Confidential Minute: Only Councillors present.

Staff Tax and National Insurance contributions.

Councillor Salmon presented a paper on the National Insurance and Tax position of the Clerk and Cemetery Superintendant.

It was agreed:-

1. To ratify action taken by Councillor Salmon in ;
 - a) Writing to Mr Stead setting out Council position
 - b) Setting up a PAYE scheme for 1996/97.

Proposed Councillor Roberts seconded Councillor Hall. Agreed

2. A return to be submitted to the Inland revenue by the 24 May (amount to be calculated by Councillor Adamson, and Councillor Salmon)
proposed Councillor Jackson, seconded Councillor Roberts. Agreed

3. To pay the 1995/96 liability for both staff immediately up to an estimated amount of £1,200.00

Proposed Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Robinson.

Councillor Salmon advised fellow Councillors that future budget decisions will be affected by the above expenditure.

Meeting Closed at 10.45 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING held 11 June 1996

Present; Cllr J Marshall (Chair) Clls D Adamson, J Jackson, G Murray, A Robinson, J M Salmon, A Morton, J Watson

Apologies; Cllrs D Murkett, F M Roberts

AGENDA: To set up Committees
To appoint Councillors to Committees
To consider scheme of delegation
To select representatives
A O B

Committees and members were discussed and representation agreed upon by members present; details attached;

Each Committee is to propose and elect their own Chairman

ALL Councillors to be members of the Amenity Committee

Scheme of Delegation;

Proposed that an Amenity Meeting be held the first Thursday of each month, except August, to which all sub-committees who have had a meeting that month report with their recommendations, for final discussion before presentation to full Council meeting, in minute form, for final ratification without further discussion.

All Town Councillors to be on Amenity Committee and the meeting will be open to the public.

This scheme is to run for a trial period and will be reviewed in 6 months time.

All Councillors present agreed to this proposal.

A O B

A meeting is to be held with Dave Goodwin on the 25th JUNE to discuss the Millenium Green Project; Cllr Marshall to advise of time and venue

Cllr Salmon updated us as to PAYE situation; payment to Inland Revenue to be ratified at Council Meeting

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 1996

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 20 May 1996
3. To consider any Matters Arising from the last Meeting
4. To receive Police reports
5. To receive correspondence
6. To receive County Council Reports
7. To receive District Council Reports
8. To accept the lease of Millenium Green land.
9. To consider the lease of town office from Mr J Bell
10. To consider Mr J Bell's request to install a water pipe on Town Council land.
11. To receive update on the Yorkshire Water Authority extraction of water.
12. To receive update on St James Green Enhancement Scheme and other issues.
13. To consider Planning Applications received by the Town Council
14. To approve Accounts for Payment
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Power Point Northern ltd. - parts & labour	£ 212.70
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol	£ 38.77
C Amy - removal of tree - St James Green	£ 25.00
Rowleys - - wreath - Skipton on Swale	£ 20.00
Cornhill Insurance - renewal	£ 1177.17 -
Inland Revenue - revised figure	£ 1893.75
Inland Revenue	£ 415.70
"Quicker 5" - software (re Cllr Salmon's request)	£ 46.36
Sharpe Brothers	£ 329.00
Yorkshire Water	£ 38.00
Ian Atkinson - litter bins - St James Green/telephone rental	£ 30.49
Fox's Copy Shop - photocopies/stationary	£ 65.20

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 17 June 1996 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), J. Watson, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Adamson, R. Hall, J. Salmon, G. Murray, A. Robinson, Cllr G. Turton, ~~SGP~~ P.C. HAW. members of the public

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F. Roberts- on leave and Councillor Murkett on N.A.L.C. business.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 May were amended to show the attendance of Cllr Murkett, approved and signed, proposed Cllr. A. Robinson and seconded Cllr. J. Watson.

Matters Arising: Correspondence from the curator of the Yorkshire Museum advised that the Middleham Jewel was housed safely and was available for the public to view. Correspondence from our local museum indicated a willingness to house the various artefacts, found in the Castlegarth dig, if additional funded could be provided to ensure their safety. Noted.

Darrowby Inne: Correspondence from Vaux Breweries re the change of name was noted. A letter of support re the renaming of the public house was noted. It was decided not to pursue the matter further to save any distress to Mr Wight's family.

Police Matters: P.c. Haw advised the Council that Inspector Gary Clarke was now in charge of C Division. He reported that there had been no real problems following the recent race meeting. Noted. Youths involved in public order offences re motorbikes were being dealt with. Noted. Further incidents re Thirsk School were noted. A serious incident occurred at the weekend resulting on a local man being remanded in custody, the victim in intensive care. Noted. Discussion followed on the number of incidents in which army personnel were involved. Councillors requested information on the number of incidents over the last three months. Information was also requested on the CCTV camera sharing project. Councillor Marshall reported that at the recent police meeting the proposal that a security guard be employed at Thirsk Industrial park was put forward. Councillor Adamson raised concern about double parking on the yellow lines adjacent to the Stammerge junction, also problems regarding vehicles turning right from the left hand lane.

Correspondence: A request from Hambleton District Council asking for comments re the housing strategy was discussed. Agreed that there is a need to upgrade the sewage system prior to more building taking place. Also agreed to reiterate vies re affordable housing. Councillor Murray raised awareness of care in the Community and requested that Hambleton District Council include some homes with granny flats to serve this need.

Carrs Field: Correspondence from Eccles & Heddons on Carrs Field was referred to the Amenity Committee.

Correspondence from Royal Mail indicating a need to change the town centre post box for a larger one was approved.

Correspondence from Yorkshire Rural Community Council requested that the Council enrol as a member agreed to pay £5 for the privilege.

Citizens Advice Bureau - Cllr Roberts nominated to attend.

Correspondence advising of details of the BTCV weekend scheme was noted - the scheme took place last weekend.

South Kilvington wrote to bring to our attention the state of the Calvis Hall lay-by currently occupied by the gypsies. Fears were raised about environmental health and the education for the travellers children.

The District Surveyor advised of action taken to have the grass cut in Ingramgate - Councillors were concerned that organisations would be deterred from planting daffodils if they proved to have been cut too soon.

A meeting of the National Playing Fields Assoc. - 25 July Noted.

Court House: Information received re the proposed closure of Thirsk Court House, was discussed and referred to full Amenity Committee on 4 July for further discussion. Councillor G. Turton asked Councillors to bear in mind the lack of private facilities for consultation with clients, within the present Court House.

County Councillors Report: Councillor G. Turton reported that the proposed weight restriction is to go to Highways Committee in October. He was unable to report on the timetable for the speed limit on Long Street. Discussion again took place on problems re the Stammergeate junction - Councillor Turton advised that the NYCC wished to see the effects of the speed limits prior to taking further action. Councillor Hall requested that the Town Council received copy of the traffic management report on the Stammergeate junction - based on the various alternatives to improve same.

District Councillor's Report: Councillor Robinson reported on a request for better signage for the Town Council office. he reported that a curfew of 9 p.m. had been recommended for the artificial hockey pitch - so lights caused a minimum of disturbance to residence - Councillors considered that the curfew should be put back half an hour to allow for competing teams to travel to the venue. Councillor Robinson reported that the RANY project had won support of the Leisure & Amenity Committee but have yet to go to the Policy & Resources Committee - noted. The proposal to construct an indoor bowls venue has been put on a lower priority - noted. Councillor Robinson reported that £10,000 is to be spent improving facilities at Thirsk Swimming Pool. He was saddened to report the sudden death of our Traffic Warden, Mr Daniels.

Millennium Green: Councillors were asked to consider if they were prepared to accept the lease of the Millennium Green land. proposed Councillor Marshall, seconded Councillor Murray that we accept the lease. Agreed unanimously.

Lease on Town Office: Councillors agreed to accept a further temporary lease on the Town Office- details to be discussed at General Purposes Committee. Proposed Councillor Salmon, seconded Councillor Morton that the lease be accepted. Carried.

Installation of Water Pipe: Councillors discussed Mr J. Bell's request to cross OS 6389, land formerly owned by Mr Bell. Proposed Councillor Morton seconded Councillor Salmon that the Town Council give their permission for this crossing. Agreed. Consideration to given to given to requesting a token charge for this wayleave.

Abstraction of Water: Discussion took place of the proposal from Yorkshire Water to abstract 290 million gallons per year from Sandhutton borehole. Councillors were concerned to hear that the Environmental Statement, about which we had not been consulted, but which had been briefly on deposit in the library had been withdrawn. Agreed to complain about this unseemly haste and write to our M.P. and our M. E. P. and also to Hambleton District Council.

Committee Reports:

Greens: Councillor Morton reported that work on the Improvement Scheme was almost complete and that the scheme had come been completed at a cost of £48,500. Noted. He thanked residents for their co-operation. Councillors were well pleased with the Improvements. Correspondence re an exclusive Right of Way had been received and referred to our solicitor - the Town Council agreed that the resident had a right of way but did not consider it to be exclusive. Correspondence from a resident of St James Green, that the grasscrete was not safe to walk on in high heels, was noted.

Accounts approved for Payment: Proposed Councillor Murray seconded Councillor Morton that the following accounts be passed for payment.

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- June d.d.	£ 339.33
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 4 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 8.50
P. Dunning salary - June	£ 505.85
British telecom - office telephone	£ 111.60
J. Marshall -Woollons & Harwood - new lock office	£ 17.25
C E & C M Walker - grasscutting	£ 407.72
Power Point Northern ltd. - parts & labour	£ 212.70
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol	£ 38.77
C Amy - removal of tree - St James Green	£ 25.00
Rowleys - - wreath - Skipton on Swale	£ 20.00
Cornhill Insurance - renewal	£ 1177.17
Inland Revenue - revised figure	£ 1893.75
Inland Revenue	£ 415.70
Sharpe Brothers - wood chippings	£ 329.00
Yorkshire Water	£ 38.00
Ian Atkinson - litter bins - St James Green/telephone rental	£ 30.49
Fox's Copy Shop - photocopies/stationary	£ 65.20
Payments received;	
Hambleton District Council - grant payment	£ 8786.00
Mrs Lill - donation towards Carrs Field	£ 35.35

Planning Matters: Application 2/96/152/0523

Proposal: Layout of land, alterations and extensions to existing disused furniture factory to form 8 dwelling units and construction of two buildings to comprise 19 dwelling units.

Location: The Warehouse, Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Sun Dawn Developments

This council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: We appreciate that there is a need for affordable houses and like the conversion of the workhouse ,but the Town Council have serious concerns about the demolition of the rear building, Bellingham House.

We also consider this to be over development of the site, with *rabbit hutch houses* and *supermarket* parking.

No play area has been provided - against the District Wide Plan as this development is more than 5 minutes walk from an existing play area.

We are also concerned about overlooking neighbouring properties.

Application 2/96/152/014H

Proposal: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the part-demolition of existing outbuilding

Location: Rear of 71 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr D Saddington

This council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: This application ensures the safety of a dangerous building and an eyesore. We look forward to its redevelopment as a useful building.

Application 2/96/152/0523

Proposal: Installation of a satellite dishes amended by letter and plans as received by Hambleton District Council on 16 May 1996

Location: Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Lloyds TSB Group

This council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments: Approved the amended plans - although the rear of these properties are still important and we hope that the dish will not be obvious.

Application ref: 2/96/152/0487F

Proposal: Revised application for the construction of a detached dwellinghouse with 2 car ports.

Location: Old Dairy Buildings, Cemetery Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J Bell

This Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments:

1. Too many ensuite bathroom/showerrooms to the number of bedrooms (5 to 3)
Is the property going to be other than a residential house.
2. Do not like what were garages being part of the house. Addition of car ports make the property look much too big - particularly the north/south elevation
3. West elevation - veranda/lean to appears to be a preparation for a conservatory which would be another room and increase the size.
4. This property is directly opposite the cemetery and therefore needs to be in keeping with its surroundings. it needs to be in proportion with the cemetery lodge.

Application ref: 2/96/152/076P/Q

Proposal: Display of an externally illuminated projecting sign as amended by plans as received by Hambleton District Council on 2 May & 20 May 1996

Location: 46 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Abbey National

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Comments:

1. OK for fascia sign
2. OK for externally illuminated
3. Internal lit light boxes - generally not in favour of

Application 2/96/152/032L

Proposal: Layout of land and construction of 16 flats & 2 dwellings

Location: Land to rear of 70-78 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: Hambleton District Council & Broadacres Housing Assoc

This council wish to see the application APPROVE - *However the Town Council wish to make the following points*

Comments:

1. Can the over 55's requirement be legislated for & ensured?
2. Will the development overpower neighbouring property? - Are the flats to be raised due their nearness to the river and therefore be overpowering?
3. Are there too many dwellings on the site, i.e. too close together.
4. There appears to be only one drying area for all the flats - is this appropriate?
5. The flats downstairs should take advantage of the view over the river and not be too high for residents to see out easily. (Privacy is one thing, but being too closed in is another).

Councillors were concerned that the District Council were recommending approval for the Old Workhouse development - without a play area and against their own policies in the District Wide Plan.

Planning Results: the following results were noted:

Lloyds TSB Group	Granted
Hollins Barn	Granted
Mr S J Dresser	Granted
Mrs H L. Taylor	Granted
Mr & Mrs M Turner	Granted
Abbey National	Granted
Johnson Cleaners UK	Granted

Suspension of Standing Orders: Councillor Robinson proposed a suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes. Agreed.

Amenity Committee: Councillor Marshall reported on a meeting with Christ Tyler and Sue Hilder re work to be completed by the BTCV group on the weekend of 28 June. She advised that three people had been interviewed for the position of Amenity Worker, and recommended that Mr Chris Amy be appointed. This was approved and ratified by Full Council. Councillor Marshall reported from the full Council meeting on the 11 June and advised of an Amenity Meeting on 4 July and of a meeting with Mr D. Goodwin to discuss in more detail the Millennium Greens project. Councillor Watson advised on the rounders match to take place on Friday 28 June in Carrs Field

Chairman's Report: Councillor Marshall reported that she had attended the Skipton on Swale Memorial Service representing the Town Council, also the A.G.M. on the Red Cross Ambulance Service. Noted.

Grants of exclusive Rights of Burial:

The following were approved;

Sydney & Margaret Barron	E5	Grave Space 5
Mr & Mrs Colin Almack	E5	Grave Space 21
Marion Brown	E5	Grave Space 8

Any other Business: Councillor Jackson requested that a representative from the N. Y. Ambulance attend our meeting. Agreed.

Councillor Morton requested that all Councillors walk round St James Green to note the improvements.

A request that the seat on Marage Road and the Millgate gardens sign be replaced was noted.

A request that the work of the Cemetery Superintendent be looked at to check that a second person is in attendance while a grave is being dug, and that to check the work load of the Cemetery Superintendent, was noted.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the Council Offices on Thursday, 4th July 1996

Present; Councillors J Marshall, F M Roberts, J Watson, D Adamson, D Murkett, J Jackson, A Morton, A Robinson

Apologies: Cllr G Murray

Election of Chairman; Proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Roberts that Cllr Watson be elected Chairman of Amenity Committee; all in favour

However, as the Clerk was absent from the meeting due to sickness it was agreed that Cllr Watson would take the Minutes in this instance, and that the meeting would be jointly chaired by Cllrs Watson and Marshall

Election of Sub Committee Chairman;

General Purposes. Cllr J Marshall, proposed by Cllr Morton, Seconded by Cllr F Roberts - all in favour

Finance; Cllr D Adamson - proposed by Cllr Salmon, seconded by Cllr Roberts - all in favour

Communications; Cllr J M Salmon; proposed by Cllr Adamson, seconded by Cllr Jackson - all in favour

Planning; Cllr F M Roberts; proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr J Jackson - all in favour

Carrs Fields/Holmes; Cllr Watson; Proposed Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Roberts - all in favour

Greens/Ingramgate; Cllr Morton - proposed Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr Salmon - all in favour

Footpaths; Cllr Roberts - proposed Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr Watson - all in favour

Market Place; Chairman Cllr Robinson - agreed at Market Place meeting

Playgrounds/Millennium; Cllr Marshall - proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Watson - all in favour

Christmas Lights; Cllr Jackson; proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Adamson - all in favour

Burial Board; Cllr R Hall - proposed Cllr Salmon, seconded Cllr Morton - all in favour

Reports from Sub Committees;

Greens; Interim payment approx £29k to Fodens, awaiting reply from Hambleton District Council re final inspection of The Greens Proposed No Parking on the Greens by order of Thirsk Town Council signs be erected. Local residents to be advised of the implications; Cllr Morton to seek advice from Hambleton and take any necessary action;

Holmes/Carrs Fields; Reported that Rounders Match arranged by Thirsk Round Table for Friday 28th June had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Round Table are holding a meeting on Monday 8th July and Cllr Watson has asked that they contact her regarding any future plans they have regarding a re-arranged Rounders Match/ The trophy is ready for presentation! However a letter has been sent to Mr Walker expressing our displeasure at his failure to remove grass cuttings from Carrs Fields and also for not undertaking the requested second cut.

A letter was received from Eccles Heddon re designation of Trustees for Carrs Fields. A reply has been received by Eccles Heddon from the Charity Commission regarding appointment of Trustees/Management Committee. A general discussion followed which decided that at present we would make an application for a scheme by The Trustees of an unincorporated Charities Act 1993 be completed. The two Trustees for the Town Council to be Cllr D Murkett and Cllr F Roberts. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Eccles Heddon for an explanation of the advantages of appointing an Official Custodian for Carrs Fields

Footpaths; BTCV have undertaken footpath work on Whitelass/Stockton Road footpath using wood chippings. Also work has been done on clearing the footpath between Dowber Lane /South Dowber Lane and footpath in Millenium Green - Parish Paths Ptnrship

Market Place; request for a sign Mill Gardens - Cllrs Robinson & Morton to liaise. Also Tree Guards to be removed from Trees in Market Place (Cllr Robinson). An estimate has been received from Potts re repairs to Town Clock of approx £9,000. A friend of Cllr Jacksons who is knowledgeable about clocks has offered to provide the Town Council with an informal estimate when he is next visiting Thirsk - accepted. As there is damage to the South side face of Town Clock Cllr Adamson is to check Insurance Policy to see if we are able to claim for repair work. To look at cleaning Town Clock next year upon its 100 anniversary - also Chamber would like to undertake joint venture with Council to celebrate this occasion

Playgrounds/Millenium; Wicksteed have been asked to undertake various repairs on East Thirsk Play Area. Only objection on plan for Millenium Green was to the Pond - the plan is to be re-drawn - as this venture has to be discussed at an Open Meeting it was decided that manned exhibition be held in

East Thirsk Hall and Town Hall on separate dates according to availability. Information will also be displayed in The Library and various Notice Boards around Thirsk. Press Release when the dates for the manned exhibitions have been arranged which is to be followed by the public meeting in East Thirsk Hall. Cost of a display to be investigated and reported to next Council Meeting

Seats re Mill Gardens;

Agreed to purchase a bench £142 and seat £172 for Mill Gardens, Cllr Robinson to attend to and check re expenses of fitting. Cllrs Marshall and Watson to see about a replacement seat on The Marage and investigate the whereabouts of the previous seat. In the past the families of Cllr Megson and J Strom offered to provide seats - this correspondence to be identified.

Macleans Equipment; delegated to Cllrs Marshall & Watson to decide which quotation to accept from Playdale after identifying equipment presently with the Clerk

Amenity Worker ; Work programme has already been advised to Chris Amey but if other Committees can identify work they would like undertaken please advise the Clerk - proposed general tidy up of the Market Place in particular the area surrounding the Clock and behind the flower tubs, also small garden near Pinfold Place (Little Green). possible listing of seats etc.

7 Proposed Court House closure; Strong letter of objection to be forwarded

8 Office Furniture; Offer from Cllr Adamson that Govt surplus chairs are available at £5.00 each. Agreed to purchase 10 - Council to arrange collection of the chairs, Cllrs Adamson & Morton. Estimate to be obtained for 1x 4 drawer lockable Filing Cabinet

9 A O B ; At the start of the Meeting the Clerk presented a sick note covering a 2 week period from the 3rd July. A general discussion followed regarding the manning of the Office, Agenda for Council Meeting, general correspondence etc;

As Cllr Adamson is on holiday for a fortnight he has offered to man the Council Offcies and together with Cllr Marshall agree the Agenda for the forthcoming Council Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting are to be obtained from The Clerk and typed, if necessary.

Cllr Watson offered to take the Minutes at the meeting. Generally agreed every one helps whenever able and to place some form of plan of action.

Thirsk Town Council

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A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF
ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF
THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15pm on MONDAY 15 JULY 1996

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 17th June 1996
3. To consider any matters Arising from the last Meeting
4. To receive Police Report - Insp. Gary Clarke.
5. To receive County Council report *absent*
6. To receive correspondence
7. To receive District Council reports
8. To receive Amenities Committee report
9. Carrs Field - *check insurance*
10. Ambulance Service - Letter
11. Health and Safety Issues re Cemetery
12. Council response to HDC permission for Workhouse development
13. To consider planning applications received by the Council
14. To approve accounts for payment
15. To receive Sub-committee's reports
16. To receive Chairman's & Members reports
17. Any other matters affecting the Parish for inclusion in next agenda

D E Adamson
pp P Dunning

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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P Dunning salary - July	£501.87
Power Point - Equipment Hire etc	£150.78
Thirsk Motors - petrol	£41.52
Colour Centre - paint & brushes	£19.47
Rowley's - Flowers	£17.50
Walker's - Grasscutting	£650.95
Annual Refreshments - 1st	£20.00
G. Pearson - Local Office	£12.00
I. Revenue - chairs	50.00
HDC	24161.08
Canal's weath	25.00 x 1/2

Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday 15 July 1996 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Councillors J Marshall (in the Chair), D. Adamson, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett, G. Murray, F. Roberts, A. Robinson, J. Salmon, J. Watson.

ALSO ATTENDED : Inspector Gary Clarke, 9 members of the public

Cllr Marshall thanked Cllr Adamson for going into the office and dealing with the post in the Clerk's absence.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were received from Cllr R. Hall

MINUTES: Subject to a minor amendment on page 872, it was proposed by Cllr Adamson and seconded by Cllr Robinson that these be approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Courthouse: It was reported that although an objection to the proposed closure of the Courthouse had been lodged, the Magistrates Court Committee have decided that this should close along with the Court Office. NYCC are appealing to the Lord Chancellor and it was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Murray that a letter be sent from the Town Council to the Lord Chancellor supporting NYCC's appeal. It was also proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Jackson that a letter be sent to Hambleton requesting they support the objection to the closure of the Courthouse, copies to be sent to Cllr G. Turton. Cllr Roberts pointed out that the arguments used to support the closure of the Courthouse, i.e. that it is not used sufficiently and that the premises are too small are at variance with one another.

Installation of water pipe: It was pointed out that work on laying the new pipeline has already begun although permission has not yet been granted. Letters had been received from William Hague and David Bowe advising that they are taking up the matter with the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water.

Whiteless Beck: BTCV have carried out the work of putting chippings down, strimming and clearing footpaths etc. - a letter to be sent to BTCV thanking them.

POLICE REPORT

Cllr Marshall welcomed Inspector Clarke to the meeting. Ins. Clarke said that following plans to close the Courthouse, some fears had been expressed concerning the future of Thirsk Police Station. He advised that there are no plans to close this, saying that it is in fact the hub of the policing area of Thirsk and the surrounding villages. He referred to some restructuring saying that there are plans to bring Easingwold into the Thirsk area, possibly in October, but there will be no

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reduction in the number of officers as a result of this. He advised that in the three months from 1st April there were 71 reported incidents relating to general disorder, 6 of which had some sort of army involvement and Ins Clarke said he is soon to have a meeting with the Major at the Barracks. Cllr Murkett said it was important to put this into perspective as he felt the service personnel did a very good job and the amount of incidents involving them was very small. Cllr Watson raised the subject of under age drinking and asked whether the police monitored the public houses. Ins Clarke confirmed that regular checks on pubs are carried out and there was a campaign against under age drinking some time ago. Ins Clarke said the police were very grateful for the response from members of the public following the recent tragic accident in Thirsk.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of the County Councillor, it was agreed to write to him requesting an update on the proposed road modifications on Stammergeate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bow House Publishing: It was agreed that the same insertion as previously be placed at a cost of £235.

Letter from Hambleton advising that Tourist Information Points will be installed in Millgate car park, Gillings Court car park, Sutton Road layby and the public toilets in Millgate in early July. Work will start on producing Tourist Information Boards shortly and they will contact the Town Council to agree a location for this.

Letter from Hambleton re Calvis Hall Layby: Following the Town Council's letter, Hambleton confirm that because of EC caselaw, they are instructed by Central Government to adopt a policy of non-harassment of unauthorised gypsy encampments. They have written to two MPs expressing concern at this. It was proposed by Cllr Adamson and seconded by Cllr Roberts that a letter be sent to William Hague expressing concern that the EC ruling makes the law against unauthorised gypsy encampments unenforceable. An acknowledgement had been received from the Education Department following the Town Council's letter to the Education Officer at NYCC regarding the education of travellers' children.

Letter from NYCC regarding amendments to local bus services - noted.

Letter from Wicksteed Leisure advertising play equipment - noted.

Agenda for East Thirsk Community Association meeting - noted.

Leaflet from Countryside Commission re village design for information.

Letter from Todmorden Town Council re Yorkshire Day on 1st August. Cllr and Mrs. Salmon to attend, space permitting,

Letter from Hambleton re July meeting of Thirsk/Sowerby Conservation Area Advisory Group - noted.

Leaflet from YLCA re Annual Conference on 7/8 September. Cllrs

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Adamson, ~~Murkett~~, Salmon and the ~~Clerk~~ to attend on the Saturday together with Cllr Roberts if she is available.
Leaflet from YLCA re Accounts and Audit Seminars - Cllr Adamson and the ~~Clerk~~ to attend on 20th September.
Leaflet from NYCC giving details of County Councillors - noted.
Parish Council Newsletter from NYCC - noted.
Letter from Hambleton enclosing the Annual Report of the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity - noted.
Two letters from William Hague regarding the abstraction of water from the Sandhutton borehole, together with a copy of a letter from the Environment Agency. Cllr Watson referred to a newspaper article on this subject which referred to a new borehole at Sandhutton.
Letter from Hambleton regarding the 9.00 p.m. restriction on the hockey pitch at Thirsk School. A further letter to be sent requesting that this be extended to 9.30 p.m., or the end of a match.
Letter from Hambleton acknowledging receipt of the communication regarding the planning application at The Workhouse, Sutton Road.
Letter from David Bowe re the Sandhutton borehole advising that he is taking up the matter with Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency.
Letter from J.W. Mitchell Dodds and Co regarding the transfer of the Licence at the Regent Bingo Hall - no objections.
Letter from St. Mary's PCC enclosing a cheque for £35.35 from the funeral of Mrs. J. Lill to go towards the upkeep of Carrs Field.
Letter from Hambleton re Grants Roadshows - Cllrs Roberts and Watson to attend East Thirsk Community Hall on 24th July.
Letter from FWAG together with stewardship application form which has been completed and returned.
Letter from Hambleton enclosing the Interim Valuation No. 2 re the St. James Green Enhancement Scheme - noted.
Letter from Kirby-in-Cleveland Parish Council re misdirected planning application. Cllr Adamson has complained to Hambleton and has written to thank Kirby Parish Council.
Letter from Weightmans re transfer of licence at Threshers - no objections.
Letter from C. Dale re monument at the cemetery.
Agenda from NY Playing Fields Association re meeting on 25 July - Cllr Roberts to attend.
Letter from Thirsk School noting the Town Council's support of the Castlegate Youth Club and requesting financial help towards the East Thirsk Youth Centre. Cllr Murkett proposed that consideration be given to supporting East Thirsk in the same amount as Castlegate, seconded by Cllr Morton. It was agreed that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
Letter from NYCC re stiles - to be passed to the Amenities Committee. Cllr Murkett referred to some stiles he had seen in another county which were suitable for the disabled and Cllr Morton suggested this be looked into.
Letter from Thirsk Museum enclosing a copy of a letter from a

USA visitor who shares the Town Council's view regarding the change of name of the "Red Bear".

Letter from Hambleton requiring an update on the Millennium land - to be investigated.

Letter from NYCC requesting details of the areas of grass which are cut by the Town Council.

Letter from Hambleton agreeing to the Town Council's suggestion of the name "Church View" for the development at Cemetary Lane.

Letter from Hambleton re off street parking proposing to increase the parking fines from £15 to £20. Cllr Murkett felt there should be no increase and Cllr Robinson said that better signage was required, that notices should be displayed showing the amount of the fine and that this information should also be shown on the disc. It was proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Morton that we object to the proposed increase, also making the point concerning the displaying of this information.

Order acknowledgement from Wicksteed Leisure for replacement equipment required for East Thirsk Play Area - noted.

Letter from Mrs. C. Kinder to John Bell regarding weeds near the Broadacres Housing Association development. As there appeared to be some dispute as to where responsibility for this lies, Cllr Roberts felt the Council should contact Broadacres and John Bell in an attempt to sort out the problem.

Letter from Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Fund requesting financial assistance - no action to be taken.

TO RECEIVE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Morton that these be accepted - all in favour.

CARRS FIELD

Cllr Watson reported on this saying that a legal problem exists in that in Miss Johnson's will Carrs Field was bequeathed to Trustees to be appointed by the Town Council, but instead of this Carrs Field was passed to the Town Council. This has been queried by the Charities Commissioners who are now constructing a scheme - Cllrs Roberts and Murkett are the representatives of the Town Council for this purpose. Cllr Marshall felt it would be necessary to hold a public meeting with the Charities Commissioners to produce a scheme. It was pointed out that no monies were provided for the upkeep of the field. Cllr Morton queried the position regarding insurance and Cllr Murkett suggested that Cornhill be contacted to ascertain whether the present public liability cover would include Carrs Field - Cllr Adamson agreed to speak to Cornhill regarding this. It was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Salmon that part of the field be cut in order that it can be used without delay (provided there is no problem with the insurance) - the motion was carried with one abstention (Cllr Robinson). A contractor had been employed to cut one field, but he did not have the

equipment to remove the grass - the Amenities Committee to sort this out. A letter had been received from Paul Pinder requesting permission to construct a BMX track in one corner of Carrs Field. It was agreed that a letter be sent to him advising that because of legal complications we cannot agree with this at the present time.

AMBULANCE SERVICE LETTER

A letter had been sent to the NY Ambulance Service inviting one of their representatives to address the Town Council Meeting. A reply had been received declining, but inviting Councillors to visit the new Headquarters. Cllr Jackson said it was very disappointing that a senior person from the Ambulance Service could not attend the meeting and felt that, whilst a visit to the HQ might be interesting, it was rather insensitive. It was pointed out that the other services have addressed the Town Council meetings and it was agreed that a letter expressing the Council's disappointment be sent to the Ambulance Service.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES RE CEMETARY

It was reported that Cllr Hall had been in touch with the Health and Safety Executive who will be meeting him to discuss the matter.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO HDC PERMISSION FOR WORKHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Roberts reported that she and Cllr Marshall had met with Mr. Ballard and expressed concern at this. They made particular reference to the fact that the building at the rear had not been listed, to the type of dwellings, the provision of parking areas and the lack of play space. Hambleton had pointed out that there was a play area nearby and a police report is awaited on the footpath linking this play area with the development. It was felt that Hambleton had not followed their own guidelines on the provision of play areas within developments and it was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Marshall that a letter be sent to Hambleton making this point - all in favour.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Adamson that the following accounts be passed for payment - all in favour:

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Hambleton DC - Interim payment 2	£25.00
re St. James Green	
	£29,161.08

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Watson that there be a suspension of standing orders for 15 minutes - agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following decision notices had been received from Hambleton:

Conservation Area Consent for part-demolition of existing outbuilding at rear of 71 Market Place - approved.

Construction of Workshop and Store at Junction Works, Carlton Miniott - approved.

Listed building consent for a fascia sign, an externally illuminated projectingsign and 2 internal window displays at 46 Market Place - approved.

Listed Building Consent to 8 dwellings and demolition of disused ancillary building at The Workhouse, Sutton Road - approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0525 - Alterations and extension to Maythorne, Long Street. The Council recommend that this be APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0526 - Construction of a building for use as a centre for the fitting of tyres, exhausts and car components at Long Street. It was felt this was a poorly presented application with no street number provided. The Council recommend that this be REFUSED on the grounds of increased traffic, danger to children crossing the road to and from school, inadequate parking and visually unacceptable building.

Application No. 2/96/152/0014J - Internally illuminated fascia sign and projecting sign at William Hill, 71 Market Place. The Council recommend that this be REFUSED. There appears to be a contradiction in the application as to whether it is internally or externally illuminated. The colours are felt to be garish and out of keeping.

Cllr Roberts advised that Steve Quartermain of the Planning Department had expressed his willingness to speak to the Planning Committee in September.

Letter received from Mr. Cann giving details of the numbers of planning applications where the Town Council and District Council's views coincided.

SUB COMMITTEES' REPORTS

Cllr Salmon advised that the Newsletter should be out shortly.

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Roberts reported that Cllr Watson is now Vice Chairman of the Town Hall Committee.

Cllr Marshall reported that she had attended the High Sherrifs and spoken on the Town Council's behalf. She will be speaking at the District Wide Local Plan Enquiry. On behalf of the Council, Cllr Morton expressed appreciation to Cllr Marshall for the way in which she spoke on television following the recent fatal accident. On this subject, Cllr Roberts asked that a letter be sent to the Coop thanking them for their help during the accident and also for sorting out the flowers etc., and Cllr Robinson requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the jewellers.

Cllr Morton said that lorries were parking outside the Volvo garage leaving their engines running and the layby was also being used for parking. A letter to be sent to Highways.

Cllr Salmon referred to the parking in the market place in the area where the disabled parking takes place. A letter to be sent to Hambleton requesting they look at the parking layout on the market place.

Cllr Murkett thanked Cllr Adamson for the work he had carried out during the Clerk's absence.

It was proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Roberts that flowers be sent to the Clerk - motion carried.

The meeting closed at 10.12 p.m.

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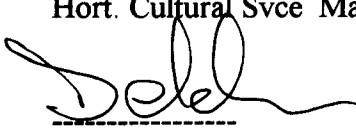
A meeting of the Town Council for the transaction of annexed business will be held in the Main Courtroom of Thirsk Court House at 7.15PM on Monday 19th August 1996.

Agenda

- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 To approve Minutes of the previous meeting on 15th July 1996
- 3 To consider any matters arising from the last meeting
- 4 To receive Police report
- 5 To receive county Council report
- 6 To receive District Council report
- 7 To receive correspondence
- 8 Carrs Field update
- 9 Clock Tower 100yrs centenary
- 10 Millenium Green consultation
- 11 Change of Bank Mandate
- 12 East Thirsk Youth Centre (from last meeting)
- 13 To approve accounts for payment
- 14 To receive sub-committee reports
- 15 To receive Chairman's & Members reports
- 16 Any other matters affecting the Parish for inclusion in the next Agenda

Accounts for payment

Ian Atkinson Cemetary Superintendent dd August	£340.44
P Dunning - salary August	£543.45 ✓
N Electric office	£75.50 ✓
Thirsk Motors - Burial Board	£34.00 ✓
J Bell - rent office 9 weeks @ £10pw to August	£90.00 ✓
BTCV - Whitelass Beck	£458.25 ✓
Hort. Cultural Svce Market Place	£155.10 ✓



D E Adamson
pp P Dunning Clerk of the council
9th August 1996.

Thirsk Town Council

Accounts for payment on 19th August 1996. Please disregard the entries on your Agenda

X Ian Atkinson d.d salary for August 96	£340.44
X P Dunning salary August 96	£517.47
X Northern Electric	£75.50
X Thirsk Motors petrol B/Board	£34.00
X Bell rent for office to end August 96 8 weeks @ £10pw	£80.00
X BTCV- Whitelass Beck work-amenities	£458.25
X Hort Cult Service market place tubs	£155.10
X Power Point equip. hire B/Board	£117.81
X Walker grasscutting	£64.63
X J Taylor Carrs Field work	£338.40
YLCA AGM/Conf agreed July sent 17/8/96	£84.60
X Foden Const St James' Green Urgent sent 17/8/96	£7986.22
X C Amy amenities work	£150.00
X D. E. ADAMSON - POSTAGE	£20.57
X Bell office rent to 3/8/96 signed 4/7/96! not prev minuted	£40.00
YLCA course at Ripon - this is countered by receipt below	£82.26
X WALKER GRASS CUTTING	329.00
X CCD BEN DRAINAGE	19.25
X F ROBERTS - FILING CABINET	70.44
Receipts	59.95
Hambleton DC St James' Green contribution	£13,049.00
YLCA refund as above	£82.26
Sowerby PC contribution to wreath 1/2 of £25	£12.50
X T O D H O R D E R T C	35.00

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in
the Courthouse on Monday 19th August 1996 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), D. Adamson,
J. Jackson, A. Morton, G. Murray, F. Roberts,
A. Robinson, J. Watson

County Councillor G. Turton

ALSO ATTENDED : Sgt Franks and 3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors R. Hall,
D. Murkett and J. Salmon who were all away on holiday.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th July 1996, had been circulated. Subject to three minor amendments, it was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Watson that these be approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman explained the way in which correspondence would be dealt with at the meeting.

Lorries parking in the lay-by on Long Street/Stockton Road: reply received from NYCC advising that the problem of vehicles leaving their engines running is not a matter for the County Council and should be referred to Hambleton. NYCC are not aware of any problems with parking in the lay-by and do not consider any action to be necessary. It was the feeling of the meeting that a problem does exist and County Cllr Turton was asked to look into the matter.

NY Ambulance Service NHS Trust: reply received from the Chief Executive advising that he is not refusing to attend a Council Meeting, but he had felt the Council might wish to visit their HQ to see their new communications system. Cllr Murray expressed the view that there is a problem with ambulance cover and it was agreed that the Chief Executive be asked to attend the September meeting.

All Weather Pitch: reply received from Hambleton advising that when the pitch is operational they will re-examine the issue of the switch-off time for the lights and, if necessary, will request the Planning Committee amends that condition.

Weeds at Waterside Development: reply received from Broadacres advising that this is their responsibility and they will be addressing the problem.

Unauthorised Gypsy Encampments: acknowledgement received from William Hague, followed by a letter from his secretary enclosing a copy of a letter from the Minister of State for Planning Construction and Energy Efficiency advising that there

are no plans to amend the relevant sections of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and setting out the reasons for this decision. County Cllr Turton was asked to look into this matter.

Travellers' Education: reply received from NYCC Education and Library Services enclosing a copy of their policy statement and guidelines on this matter.

Off-Street Parking Places: holding letter received from Hambleton.

Parking in the Market Place: reply received from Hambleton requesting specific details of the problem. Cllr Murray pointed out that two spaces had been lost outside the Golden Fleece and there are incidences of goods encroaching onto parking spaces. Cllr Marshall said she understood that some disabled drivers have difficulty manoeuvring in and out of the parking spaces in their present layout.

Closure of Thirsk Courthouse: reply received from Hambleton advising that they are supporting the appeal by NYCC against the closure of the Courthouse and enclosing copies of their letters to the Justices' Chief Executive and the Lord Chancellor.

Seat on The Marage: letter from Hambleton enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. J. Butterworth of Doncaster regarding the damaged seat - a new seat is on order.

Damaged Play Equipment: letter from Cornhill Insurance confirming that the claim is being dealt with and giving advice on having regular inspections of play equipment carried out.

Country Stewardship Scheme: reply from MAFF advising that our application is being assessed and a decision will be sent by 1st October.

Abstraction of Water from Sandhutton Borehole: letter from David Bowe MEP enclosing a copy of a letter from Yorkshire Water.

YLCA Annual Conference and AGM: the application for places for three Councillors has been submitted.

Damage to Town Clock: letter from Cornhill enclosing a claim form and requesting a quote - Cllr Robinson to obtain this.

Letter from Bow House Publishing enclosing a proof: Cllr Jackson to check this.

YLCA Accounts and Audit Seminars: one place booked in Ripon. Only one was available and therefore a place has not been booked for the Clerk.

Castlegate Youth Club: Cllr Murray referred to the dilapidated state of this, particularly noting the damaged door.

Workhouse Development: Cllr Marshall advised that Hambleton have accepted the Town Council's recommendation that there should be a small play area within the development and this will be going ahead.

Visit by Steven Quartermain: Cllr Roberts advised that a date is to be arranged.

Newsletter: no further indication as to when this will be issued.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt Franks circulated copies of the NYPA Newsletter. He referred to the number of incidents of disorderly behaviour in the town particularly on Friday nights and said that additional resources had been brought in on the previous Friday to deal with this. Cllr Watson mentioned the large numbers of drinkers who congregate outside the pubs and pass from one pub to another and felt that some of these were under age. Sgt Franks said attention was being paid to under-age drinking and drug taking. Sgt Franks said there has been a drop in the number of burglaries in the area. Cllr Roberts referred to the children who have been attacking the trees on The Holmes during the school holidays. Cllr Watson referred to the item in the Newsletter concerning the sale of police houses. Cllr Morton asked whether there were any plans to increase the establishment in this area, but Sgt Franks said that "C" Division is 100% established. Cllr Jackson said he felt the people assessing the levels of staff were looking at Thirsk simply as a small town with a population of around 4,000 rather than as a much larger area with some 15,000/16,000 inhabitants and it was mentioned that there are 42 villages in the area. It was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Roberts that a letter be sent to NYPA on those lines, that a letter should also be sent to William Hague and that a letter be sent to Hambleton regarding CCTV. Cllr Marshall said a resident of Dowber Way had queried whether there could be a Neighbourhood Watch scheme there and Sgt Franks advised that these are normally run by Special Constables and Thirsk does not have any such Special Constables.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Referring to the closure of Thirsk Courthouse, Cllr Turton confirmed that NYCC are aware of our views - he referred to a report from the Home Office which referred to the Courthouse as being cramped and inadequate. Cllr Turton referred to the bollards which were put in Stammergeate in December 1995 and said that since then there have been no accidents. Signs advising of the reduction in the speed limit to 30 mph on Long Street and York Road are awaited, but these should be in place by the end of October. Thought is also being given to speed reducing measures in Long Street. Cllr Turton advised the meeting of his intention to set up a meeting with a panel consisting of members of the police force and other people dealing with law and order - a date is to be arranged, possibly late October/early November. Cllr Jackson referred to the junction at Stammergeate and asked that serious consideration be given to installing a mini roundabout - Cllr Turton said this is being looked at. Cllr

Roberts suggested that a temporary mini roundabout be put in to see if it is successful. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Council expressing the worries of the Town Council re this junction and asking about the possibility of having a mini roundabout.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Jackson referred to the seating in the market place which is dirty and in need of attention - this has been reported to the Environmental Health Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from NYCC advising that a bus timetable display case is to be installed - the key and timetables were passed to Cllr Murray who will deal with this.

Letter from Middlesbrough Borough Council re a memorial on a grave in Acklam Cemetary for Doreen and William Adams requesting a reference from the burial authority - Cllr Adamson has dealt with this.

Letter from Cornhill Insurance requesting a copy of the inspection report on the play area. Cllr Marshall advised that we do not have a professional who inspects annually, but an inspection has been carried out by Wicksteed.

Questionnaire contained in NYPA Newsletter - Cllr Watson to draft a reply.

Letter from Jenny Lill requesting permission to plant a tree on St. James Green in memory of her mother - the Greens Committee to consider this.

Letter from NYCC advising that the Traffic Management Department is moving from Bedale to County Hall - noted.

Details from SMP Playgrounds of a Seminar on 28th August - Cllr Roberts to attend if she is available.

CARRS FIELD UPDATE

Cllr Watson reported that the grass has been cut - concern was expressed at the cost of this, but it was pointed out that the original contractor did not have the equipment to remove the grass. Cllr Murray suggested that in future we contact a local farmer re this. The Amenity Worker is to cut back the undergrowth and look at some trees which have died. Cllr Watson is still waiting to hear from the Charity Commissioners and the solicitors. Cllr Adamson confirmed that the insurance covers the use of Carrs Field.

CLOCK TOWER 100 YEARS CENTENARY

Cllr Marshall explained that there had been an approach from the Chamber of Trade suggesting we might like to mark the 100 year centenary. The Market Place Sub-Committee have been looking at the possibility of having some restoration works carried out and Cllr Robinson suggested that estimates be

obtained for cleaning and re-pointing the clock tower where necessary and he agreed to do this. He expressed his willingness to discuss the possibility of celebrations with the Chamber of Trade.

MILLENIUM GREEN CONSULTATION

Cllr Marshall had obtained a draft of a letter together with a plan which Hambleton suggest could be sent out regarding this and she explained that a public meeting and/or exhibition could be held. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Murray that such a letter should not be sent out but that an exhibition be held in East Thirsk Community Hall, together with one in the library if possible at a date to be arranged, that posters advertising this be displayed and that it be advertised in the Public Notices section of the "Darlington and Stockton Times" and the free newspaper - all in favour. Cllr Marshall requested that Councillors make themselves available to man the exhibition.

CHANGE OF BANK MANDATE

It was noted that the present mandate provides for two Councillors and the Clerk to sign cheques and it was proposed by Cllr Adamson and seconded by Cllr Murray that this be amended to any three Councillors - all in favour.

EAST THIRSK YOUTH CENTRE

Cllr Robinson reported that this will be re-opening in September with a new Youth Leader. He referred to the possibility of a donation and it was noted that a donations policy had been formulated and this will be looked into. It was agreed that the possibility of making a contribution be deferred until the next meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts had been received and it was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Morton that these be paid - all in favour:

* Ian Atkinson, Cemetary Superintendent dd August	£340.44
* P. Dunning - salary August	£543.45
* N. Electric Office	£75.59
* Thirsk Motors - Burial board	£34.00
* J. Bell - rent office 9 weeks to August @ £10 p.w.	£90.00
* BCTV - Whitelass Beck	£458.25
* Hort. Cultural Svce Market Place	£155.10
* Walkers - grass cutting	£329.00
* Work re Cod Beck	£19.25
* F. Roberts - purchase of filing cabinet	£70.44
Power Point - egyp hse - B/B	(inc VAT)
WALUCH - Grass Cutting	117.81
T.J. TAYLOR - CHAIRS ROAD	64.67
ADDER CONSTRUCTION	338.40
C. AMEL - Auctioneers WH	7986.22
D. ADAMSON - POSTAGE	150.00
	20.51

Cllr Marshall requested that the invoices relating to the BCTV work be passed to her in order that she can claim this back from the Parish Paths Partnership grant.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Watson reported on a meeting she had attended with Chris Amy regarding the inspection of play areas. Mr. Cartman has carried out some work to the seat round the tree on the Green and has provided a key for the shed - it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent.

On behalf of the Market Place Committee, Cllr Robinson expressed his thanks to the volunteers who have been watering the plants. No further action has been taken regarding the seats, but information is being obtained.

Cllr Roberts reported on behalf of the Planning Committee, as follows:

Application No. 2/96/152/0094H: Cash dispenser at the NatWest Bank. The Council have no objections to the dispenser, but note that the plans for the new signage show conflicting information, i.e. type of materials to be used and whether internally or externally illuminated. Therefore, until this is clarified the application for the signage is not acceptable. The Committee feel there is no need for an additional "pod" sign to be installed advertising the cash dispenser.

Application No. 2/96/152/0332B: Millenium Green. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/ : Roof on Saddington building in Market Place. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0487: Amendment re Old Dairy Buildings. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0528: Illuminated projecting sign for Tavea together with listed building consent. It is noted that this is not for Tavea, but for a supplier. The Council wish to see this application REFUSED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0527: Extension to dwelling house in Darrowby Close. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0525: Alterations to bungalow in Long Street. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0076R: Installation of satellite dish at N and P. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0014J: Internally illuminated signs for Wm Hill, Market Place. There had been some conflict as to whether this sign was to be internally illuminated, but it has now been clarified that this is not the case and therefore the application is not required. Note was made that the colours are rather garish for its position in the market place.

Application No. 2/96/152/0526: Building for Kwik Fit. The Council wish to see this application REFUSED. This part of

of Long Street is designated as residential and the new building will be considerably larger than the one at present in existence; the site is next to a conservation area and is adjacent to a zebra crossing on what is already a busy part of Long Street; very small parking area with no provision for delivery vehicles or staff parking; no indication of the type of signage - this was felt to be a very poorly presented application.

Application No. 2/96/152/0162: Layout of land and construction of a vehicle parts workshop with associated office accommodation on Thirsk Industrial Park. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

The following decision notices had been received from Hambleton:

Application No. 2/96/152/0525 - Alterations and extension to Maythorne, Long Street - granted.

Application No. 2/96/152/0527 - Extension to form a domestic garage at 32 Darrowby Close - granted.

Application No. 2/96/152/0487F - Detached dwelling with two car ports at Old Dairy Buildings, Cemetary Road - granted.

Letter from Hambleton re the application for listed building consent for 8 dwellings and the demolition of disused ancillary building at The Workhouse, Sutton Road advising that they anticipate a doorstep play area will be required.

Cllr Murray referred to the shop premises on the corner of Ingramgate which now have office accommodation - planning permission not required for change of use, but no application has been received for the signage.

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Roberts requested that a letter be sent to Broadacres Housing Association regarding an area near the Waterside which requires tidying up.

Cllr Murray requested that a letter be sent to Hambleton regarding rubbish in the market place. He felt the street cleaner was doing an admirable job, but could not cope with the amount of rubbish being generated bearing the mind the number of tourists visiting Thirsk at this time of year. He also asked that we query whether this was taken into account when the new street cleaning contracts were planned.

Cllr Marshall reported that the East Thirsk Community Association have agreed to donate £500 to the Millennium Green Play Equipment.

Cllr Marshall reported that she had opened a new Children in Distress charity shop in Thirsk.

It was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Murray that the carol singing should take place on 18th December - Cllr Marshall to contact John Worley.

Cllr Morton referred to the junction with Chapel Street which he felt was extremely dangerous.

There being no further agenda items, the Chairman proposed that the meeting be closed to the public and press.

CONFIDENTIAL

The Chairman explained that the reason for continuing as a closed session was in order to discuss some confidential items.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Cllr Marshall reported that she had been called to Hambleton by the Auditors who advised that the books had been submitted to them unbalanced. Cllr Marshall explained that in such cases the auditors balance the books themselves which incurs additional audit fees. Cllr Morton suggested that in future it would simplify the year-end work if the books were to be balanced monthly. Cllr Marshall is passing the auditors' report on this and a number of other points to the Finance Sub-Committee to look into as a matter of urgency.

A problem also exists with the cinema books and Cllr Roberts has agreed to look into this. It was pointed out that the Town Council had some time ago handed over responsibility for the cinema to the Cinema Committee and this therefore no longer falls under the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the auditor advising that the report is being considered in depth and a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be called to consider this when the former Chairman returns from holiday. Following that meeting a reply will be sent to the auditor on the points raised.

TOWN CLERK'S CONTRACT

Cllr Marshall reported that when the Clerk was put onto a more regular part-time basis the contract was not changed and the question of sick leave is not covered by the existing contract. The YLCA advise that this matter should be covered in the Clerk's contract and they are to send a copy of their new contract which is in accordance with the "Purple Book" requirements. It was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Murray that an amended contract be drawn up which incorporates the sick leave provisions as per the "Purple Book" - all in favour.

GRASS CUTTING IN CARRS FIELD

Cllr Marshall referred to this and reported that the Clerk had authorised this cutting and concern was expressed at this and at the cost which was felt to be rather high. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Clerk confirming that she should not engage in Council business whilst she is on sick leave.

RELIEF CLERK

Cllr Marshall queried whether a need exists to appoint a relief Clerk and it was felt that this should be passed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Morton felt it was necessary for the Clerk to have a formula to work to and this

will also be looked at by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Marshall suggested that the Finance Committee convene urgently to consider these matters.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

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AMENITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 1996

AT 7.30 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Carrs Fields' Update
3. The Holmes
4. ROSPA Inspection
5. Millennium Green Exhibition
6. Any Other Business

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For P. Dunning
Clerk to the Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Thirsk Town Council
Amenity Committee held on Thursday 5th September 1996
at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Office

PRESENT : Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), D. Adamson,
J. Jackson, J. Marshall, A. Morton, D. Murkett,
F. Roberts, A. Robinson, J. Salmon

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Murray

CARRS FIELD UPDATE

Cllr Watson reported that the Racecourse have offered to cut the grass on a fortnightly basis and Cllr Murkett asked that a letter of thanks be sent to them. Concern was expressed that an article had appeared in the "Darlington and Stockton Times" without the knowledge of the Town Council advising that Carrs Fields are now available for children. Cllr Murkett advised that he had been approached by Mrs. Sue Dodds asking permission for a goal post to be erected and it was agreed that a single goal post would be acceptable in the second (top) field. It was agreed that Mrs. Dodds should attend to its installation.

THE HOLMES

Cllr Watson reported that a slide is to be put on the Holmes. Cllr Morton referred to the willow tree which has been damaged and it was noted that this is a District Council tree. Cllr Watson said thought had been given to putting fencing, similar to that on the Greens, between the Holmes and the footpath alongside the Northallerton Road and Cllr Roberts felt such fencing was necessary to prevent children running off the Holmes onto the road. It was agreed to consult with Highways and the Police regarding this and to request the District Council Engineers to estimate the cost of such fencing.

ROSPA INSPECTION

Cllr Watson advised that there is to be an inspection of all the play areas in Thirsk during September at a cost of £45 per play area less a discount of 10%. On 17th September there is to be a visit by the Kompan representative re play equipment.

MILLENNIUM GREEN EXHIBITION

Cllr Marshall advised that advertisements re this had been placed in the Public Notices section of the "Darlington and Stockton Times" and also in the "North Yorkshire News"- approximate cost £110. There is also to be a press release to both newspapers, but they are unable to print the plan. The Exhibition is to take place in East Thirsk Hall on 13th September from 3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. and 14th September from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Councillors will man the exhibition and a timetable of cover was drawn up. Cllr Marshall advised that Chris Marshall of the Countryside Commission is to bring

some display boards and it is hoped he will help at the start of the exhibition. There will also be some displays of play equipment and, if possible, photographs. Comments will be invited from the public and these will be fed into the scheme.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Watson reported that following the further letter from the Town Council a reply had been received from the NY Ambulance Service advising that the Chief Executive and some Senior Officers will be attending the Town Council meeting on 16th September. The Ambulance Service wish to give a presentation and it was agreed that a letter be sent advising that 30 minutes would be allocated for this, including questions. It was noted that the questions to be covered included the concern at the response times and the level of ambulance cover in Thirsk; why the Thirsk ambulance is on occasions standing elsewhere other than in Thirsk; the importance of patient transport for the elderly and the fact that if the vehicle does not turn up then the patient has difficulty getting back into the system and getting another appointment; whether the new radio system has a problem recognising where ambulances are located.

Cllr Watson referred to a notice about the Scouts and Beaver Day on 28th September and names of those wishing to attend were noted.

The Herriott consultation is to take place on 2nd October at 7.30 p.m. in the Golden Fleece.

Cllr Marshall advised that because of pressure of work she will be unable to attend the YLCA Meeting on 7th September - no other Councillor was available to take her place.

Cllr Marshall referred to a meeting some members of the Council had attended with Mr. Seeger who is proposing to apply for planning permission for the conversion of buildings in Picks Lane to houses and the demolition of the scouts hut to build new houses. It had been pointed out that it would be essential for an archaeological survey to be carried out.

Cllr Robinson agreed to complete the insurance claim form in respect of the damage to the clock.

The result of the audit was referred to and concern was expressed at the fact that the books had been submitted unbalanced and containing some queries. A further sick note had been received from the Clerk and reference was made to the fact that her present Contract does not cover sick pay. However, it was pointed out that since the last Town Council meeting a new Contract had been drawn up in accordance with the "Purple Book" conditions. It was suggested that advice be sought from the District Council's Personnel Officer re Occupational Health and it was agreed that this matter should

be dealt with in closed session at the Town Council meeting on 16th September.

The painting of the exterior of the Council Office was discussed. Various estimates had been obtained some time ago and it was felt that Mr. Hall's was the most acceptable. Cllr Murkett agreed to obtain up to date estimates and it was proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Roberts that provided Mr. Hall's current estimate is within 4% of his original one then he should be instructed to proceed. Cllr Robinson to obtain estimates for painting the bus shelter.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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A MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 1996

AT 7.15 P.M. IN THE THIRSK COURTHOUSE

AGENDA

- 1.✓ Apologies for Absence
- 2.✓ Presentation by North Yorkshire Ambulance Service
- 3.✓ To receive Police Report
- 4.✓ Minutes of the last meeting
- 5.✓ Matters Arising
- ✓6. To receive Report by County Councillor
- ✓7. To receive Report by District Councillor
- ✓8. To receive Report by Amenities Committee
- ✓9. Millennium Green Consultation
- ✓10. Correspondence
- ✓11. Planning Applications
- ✓12. Accounts for Payment
13. To receive Sub-Committees' Reports
14. To receive Members' Reports
15. Other items of interest and information
16. Date of next meeting

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Elaine Coulson
For P. Dunning
Clerk to the Town Council

Correspondence for consideration on 16th September 1996

1.	Catalogue/ Kompan	F
2.	Mitchell Dodds, Solicitors, re Licence Regent Bingo	T
3.	Plans - Todds Yard	F
4.	Hambleton DC Weekly Planning List	F
5.	Northern Electric Reminder re Bill	A
6.	Hambleton DC re St James Green	A/T Derek
7.	Kompan, Confirmation of order	T
8.	Todds, Credit Note	A
9.	Hambleton DC Weekly Planning List	F
10.	Avenue Print/Newsletter Bill	A
11.	N A L C - Various	T
12.	Hambleton DC - Plans	Freda Roberts
13.	Letter, Mrs Darling	C
14.	Hambleton DC - Notice of decision	F
15.	Hambleton DC - Notice of decision	F
16.	Y L C A Confirmation re AGM	T
17.	Copy of correspondence & plans re Workhouse Play area (J Marshall's copy, donated)	T
18.	Copy of letter to Jan Marshall from McNeil & Beechey wanting to meet us re options for re-development Picks Lane, phone after meeting	F
19.	Invitation to County Beaver Scout Day, all Councillors invited	T
20.	Comment from resident re St Mary's Walk	T
21.	Y L C A Confirmation AGM Papers	T
22.	Hambleton DC - objections to Millennium Green	F
23.	Hambleton DC - Planning Market Place	F
24.	Y L C A - Audit Seminar Report	T
25.	Hambleton DC - St James Green Contribution £3165 - paid in DA	A
26.	C Polley - letter re Millennium Fd	T
27.	Power Point - Invoice	A
28.	Hambleton DC - Workhouse Play Area	F
29.	Irvine Martin Catalogue Christmas Displays	T (Andrew)
30.	Hambleton DC - Planning St James Green	F
31.	C Kinder - letter & return slip re disabled provision	C
32.	Copy Letter - Action Data Systems	F
33.	Hambleton DC re street naming & numbering - Gillings Court/Abbeyfield	C
34.	Plan Decision - 79/86 St James Green	F
35.	Hambleton DC Planning App Reg 15/8 & 22/8	F
36.	Hambleton DC - District Wide Plan	F
37.	Hambleton DC - Planning decision	F
38.	Zurich Municipal re Health & Safety review - do we wish to subscribe to it	T

Continued;

39	Soc'y of Local Clekrs Training Day (sent to Pam direct? opened, not filled in) Contact Pam re whether she wished to go	(Given to Pam)
40	Bill - Sam Turner re playground & other places	A
41	Hambleton DC Decision Notice 71 Market Place	P
42	Record Play Equipment Catalogue	Filed
43	Sutcliffe Play Equipment Catalogue	Filed
44	Letter from Customs * Excise re Cinema Vat (OK but warning)	C
45	Sutcliffe Play equipment order acknowledgement	T
46	Royal British Legion re Remembrance Sunday	C
47	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Minutes	T
48	Hambleton DC -acknowledgement Litter Market Place	T
49	Hambleton DC -Planning Notice 78 St James Green	P
50	Hambleton DC - CCTV	C
51	Glasdon re replacement seat Marage	A
52	Walker Bill (August)	A
52a	North Yorks Ambulance Service re attendance	MA
53	BT - telephone bill	A
54	Police Authority - Annual Report	T
55	Hambleton DC - weekly planning list	T
56	Audit Commission =Info letter	Derek (T)
57	NYCC - Parish Paths Partnership	T
58	Sutcliffe Play Equip order acknowledgement	T
59	Young Smokers in Thirsk Invitation to Seminar	C
60	Thirsk Motors - Cemetery Petrol	A
61	Power Point - Cemetery (what for?)	A
62	Hambleton DC - The Mayor	C
63	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Minutes	T
64	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Bill re pointing	A
65	ROSPA _ acknowledgement of inspection	T
66	Sam Turner-Bill & statement (Address rubbish)	A
67	W Hague - letter acknowledging receipt of our letter re policy	MA
68	Hambleton DC - letter re street cleaning	MA
69	Broadacres Housing Assoc re area nr Waterside	MA
70	Hambleton DC -update re lease Millennium Green	T
71	Hambleton DC - letter re Home Energy Conservation	T
72	Sports Council - Invoice for 1996/1997 £3.00	A
73	Pam Dunning - letter re cycling.cemetery, and drugs on Norby Play Area	C
74	District Wide Local Plan response to Council objection on Site 123F O/S Workhouse	P
75	Y P O - Invoice computer equipment	A
76	Hambleton DC - ack re parking letter	MA
77	N Y C C - Letter re Stammergate Junction + 2 other letters to Colburn PC & east Harlsey PC (rtd to NYCC)	MA
78	Staples Direct - Catalogue direct to D Adamson	

79 & 80	P & C -	
81	Wickstead - Invoice re Play equipment	A
82	N E Newspapers - Advert Bill	A
83	J Reay - letter re Millennium Green	C
84	Sutcliffe Play Equipment - Invoice	A
85	NYCC - P3 Grant Cheque	A
86	Hambleton DC - Planning App 0529	taken F Robert
87	Playdale - letter ack order	T
88	Hambleton DC - Planning App Spa Farm	P
89	Hambleton DC - weekly planning list	P
90	Cornhill Insce - Letter Play equipment	C
91	Cartwrights, Solicitors - Tesco Liquer Lic	T
92	SMP - Price List	T
93	Sam Turner- Invoice	- A
94	Y L C A -Agenda for Meeting 6.11.1996	T
95	Hambleton Dc - response District Wide Plan	P
96	Hambleton DC - Planning Application	P

T - Tabled
 F - Filed in Office
 MA- Matters Arising
 B - Burial Board
 P - Planning
 A - Accounts
 C - Correspondence

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held in the Courthouse on Monday 16th September 1996
at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), D. Adamson,
R. Hall, J. Jackson, D. Murkett, G. Murray,
A. Robinson, J. Watson

ALSO ATTENDED : From NY Ambulance NHS Trust - M. King,
Mrs. C. Mearne, M. Naylor, G. Vale,
N. Metcalfe (Press Officer)
Sgt. Franks and 4 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors A. Morton
and F. Roberts who were on holiday and Cllr Salmon who was away
attending a funeral.

PRESENTATION BY THE NY AMBULANCE NHS TRUST

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Ambulance Service to the meeting. Mr. King opened the presentation by showing slides giving salient details of the ambulance service. He explained that they have an income of £9m, 344 staff and 130 vehicles. Last year they responded to 50,000 emergency calls and made 238,000 non-emergency journeys. In Thirsk there were 974 urgent calls and 988 non-urgent ones last year and 149 in June 1996. Regarding response times, Mr. King said that these are being looked into at present and he explained that the People's Charter requires 50% of calls to be responded to within 8 minutes and 95% within 19 minutes and they had dealt with 61.7% in 8 minutes and 98.7% in 19 minutes. They have a relatively new fleet, and last year their capital expenditure amounted to £1.3m. Their aims are to increase value for money, extend business and maintain high clinical standards. He explained the new computerised control system which tracks the whereabouts of ambulances and extended an invitation to Councillors to visit their Headquarters to see it in action.

Cllr Murray felt that the method of coverage should be looked at bearing in mind the number of villages around Thirsk and the size of the area being covered. Mr. King responded by saying that the new control system tracks the movement of every vehicle and he was confident that the resources they have are capable of dealing with the demands placed upon them.

Cllr Jackson referred to a particular incident when he felt the system did not work as the response time was considerable and the person contacted at the ambulance service did not know the area. Mr. King was surprised at this and explained that calls from Thirsk would go to York who would be acquainted with the area, and he explained that the call times are recorded by BT and are audited.

Cllr Hall queried whether it would not be better to have more ambulances rather than having paramedics in cars. Mr. King explained that the cars were manned by managers who had been trained as paramedics. They were therefore performing a dual role rather than simply carrying out an administrative one based in an office.

Cllr Murkett expressed concern at the fact that sometimes the drivers could not find addresses and Mr. King referred again to the computerised tracking system which tells ambulances where to go. Referring to passenger transport, Cllr Murkett said that in some cases these did not turn up or were late and Mr. King said that this transport is not covered by the tracking system, but has maps and relies to a large extent on good information from the hospitals. He said that the drivers are extremely vigilant and would not go away if they had difficulty finding an address.

It was agreed that any Councillors interested should take up the invitation to visit the Ambulance Headquarters.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Ambulance Service for attending the meeting and for their informative presentation.

In view of the time and the number of agenda items to be covered, it was proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Murkett that the confidential items which were to have been dealt with at the end of this meeting be dealt with at a separate meeting in the near future - all in favour.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19th August 1996, had been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Watson that these be signed, subject to the following amendments:

Page 889 - Change of bank mandate - the word "Councillors" in the third line be changed to "signatories".

Page 889 - Accounts for Payment - the following to be added:

Power Point	- B/Board	£117.81
Walker	- Grass cutting	£64.63
T.J. Taylor	- Carrs Field	£338.40
Foden Construction	- Green	£7986.22
C. Amy	- Amenities	£150.00
D. Adamson	- Postage	£20.57

MATTERS ARISING

CCTV: Letter from Hambleton advising that it is their intention to extend CCTV to other market towns subject to an assessment of its effectiveness in Northallerton after twelve months of operation. Cllr Marshall said that Hambleton are considering entering the competition for funds from the Government and Cllr

Murkett said he hoped the implementation of CCTV in Thirsk would not be dependent upon that as Hambleton had given a firm pledge to introduce it in Thirsk. It was proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Adamson that a letter be sent urging Hambleton to enter the competition, but also saying that we are anxious to have CCTV installed in Thirsk whether or not their entry for the competition is successful.

Junction of Stammergate with Long Street : Letter from NYCC advising that it is hoped to introduce the 30 mph speed limit on part of Long Street in early October. Mr. Hayward is looking into traffic calming measures and this will include the junction. It was agreed that a letter be sent to NYCC reiterating the Town Council's view that a mini roundabout and/or traffic lights should be installed.

Parking in the Market Place : Holding letter received from Hambleton.

Land near Waterside : Letter from Broadacres advising that this has been tidied up. Cllr Roberts had looked at it and agreed it has been cut. However, in a note to the meeting she pointed out that the planning required that detailed landscaping be carried out and she has spoken to the Enforcement Officer about this.

Street Cleansing in Thirsk : Reply received from Hambleton advising that the number of visitors to Thirsk in the summer was taken into account when drawing up the specifications for the street cleaning contract. They point out that Thirsk has the highest street cleansing specification and they are looking into whether the specification is being met.

Policing in Thirsk and surrounding villages : Reply from William Hague advising that he is writing to the Chief Constable regarding the points made by the Town Council.

Seat on the Marage : It was reported that we are waiting for the vandalised seat to be replaced. Cllr Watson referred to the seat on the path near the Centenary Field which has been covered in graffiti and badly vandalised. She proposed that it be removed and this was agreed. Council to investigate different types of seats, e.g. metal, log, and will also look into the question of insurance.

Repairs to Town Clock : the insurance claim has been submitted.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Cllr Turton has sent his apologies. He advised that the complaint regarding the parking in the layby near the Volvo garage has been passed to Highways. The question of the access from Ingramgate was mentioned and this will be referred to the Greens Committee.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Robinson advised that Hambleton now has a new Chief

Executive, and a newly formed Arts Council is being launched. There are to be changes to the housing benefit scheme, and new guidelines concerning the laws on dog fouling.

Cllr Marshall reported that the Herriott Visitors Centre working party had met and have employed consultants to draw up a scheme. She referred to an invitation to a public meeting on 2nd October in the Golden Fleece. Referring to the Hambleton Arts Council, she advised that the launch of this will take place on 3rd October.

MINUTES OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Amenity Committee Meeting held on 5th September had been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Adamson that these be accepted as a correct record - all in favour.

Referring to Carrs Fields, Cllr Murkett reported that he had spoken to Mrs. Dodds who had requested that, because of the undulations in the top field, the goalpost be situated in the other field. Cllr Marshall advised that there is a high voltage electricity cable over the field and the Electricity Board would not advise that it be used for sport or play. Cllr Murray queried whether it would be possible for the top field to be levelled, but it was pointed out that this covers a large area and consequently would be very costly. Cllr Marshall proposed that a site meeting be arranged in order that Councillors can acquaint themselves with the condition of the fields - this will be arranged. Cllr Marshall referred to an item which had been put in the local newspaper without the knowledge of the Town Council referring to the fact that the Racecourse were to cut Carrs Fields. She expressed concern at this as at it was prior to the Town Council's acceptance of the offer from the Racecourse.

POLICE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Franks to the meeting. Sgt Franks referred to the letter from the Town Council to the Police Committee regarding the number of police in Thirsk and advised that they will be responding to this. He referred to recent disturbances in the town and said that it had been necessary to call in extra police. Following the first incident a number of people had been interviewed and bailed and after the second they were re-arrested and bailed as the police feel there are wider implications. Cllr Marshall expressed appreciation to the police and extended sympathy to those injured. Cllr Murkett referred to the use of police dogs and Sgt Franks said there is a police handler in Thirsk - he explained that it is not possible to release the dogs into groups of people. Cllr Murray suggested that those arrested be charged with causing an

affray and Sgt Franks reiterated that they are looking at the wider issues. Cllr Jackson asked for ways in which the Town Council could support the police and Sgt Franks said they are supporting them with their requests for more police, for CCTV etc. He said he would like to see licensees working together to discourage under-age drinking etc. Cllr Murkett referred to the fact that licencees have to apply for renewal of their licences and suggested the police could object. Cllr Marshall suggested that a letter be sent to the Magistrates expressing our concern at the fact that these disturbances are drink related and request they take this into account when reaching their decisions. Sgt Franks said CS Gas is not yet available, but officers will be trained in its use shortly. It was suggested by Cllr Hall that the Town Council invite all the licencees in the town to a meeting to discuss the problems.

Cllr Watson referred to joy riders in the car park and Sgt Franks said a number of cars have been stolen and have turned up in Thirsk later - it is hoped to make some arrests soon.

It was proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Watson that a letter be sent to the Magistrates, that we write to the police station expressing our support and appreciation of our local officers (with a copy to the press) and that a letter be sent to all landlords of public houses arranging a meeting with the Magistrates and police. The motion was put to the vote and was carried with 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

Cllr Marshall referred to a recent incident at Carlton Miniott School and Sgt Franks said the police are aware of the concerns and the girls have been spoken to by an expert. It is thought that nothing untoward happened or was suggested. There was concern regarding security at this and other schools around Thirsk and Carlton Miniott School have been in contact with the Crime Prevention Department who advise schools on security.

MILLENNIUM GREEN CONSULTATION

Cllr Marshall advised that this had taken place over the previous weekend. Cllr Marshall read out various suggestions which had been received and said these will be fed into the scheme. It was proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Murkett that we go ahead with this, subject to any changes to the plans which might be required during its progress - all in favour. The comments received will go to the Amenities Committee and the Project Group at Hambleton. Cllr Marshall pointed out that this has to be completed by March and the planting season is imminent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mrs. Kinder of Waterside requesting that children

be given an area to skate and skate board on. She also refers to the difficulties experienced by people in wheelchairs gaining access to shops in Thirsk; to difficulties in crossing the road from Waterside and to the busy junction of Stammergate with Long Street. She requests that a street nameplate be provided for Waterside. It was agreed the nameplate be taken up with Broadacres, and that we advise Mrs. Kinder that we are urging NYCC to install traffic lights at the junction. It was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Hall that a letter be sent to NYCC requesting that they provide some form of crossing from Waterside as a matter of urgency - all in favour.

Letter from Cornhill Insurance requesting a copy of the Inspection Report - Cllr Marshall advised that ROSPA are to carry out an inspection shortly.

Letter from NY Specialist Health Promotion Service re a meeting and discussion on Young Smokers in Thirsk on 7th October.

Letter from the Royal British Legion regarding a meeting on 25th September to discuss the Remembrance Sunday Church Parade and Service - Cllr Marshall to attend.

Letter from HM Customs and Excise VAT Policy Directorate re the Ritz Cinema advising that because the Council derived an income from the cinema during the period April 1995 to March 1996 they should have registered and accounted for VAT. However, they advise that as the Council are no longer responsible for the running of the cinema they are prepared to waive this requirement. The letter will be passed to the Cinema Committee.

Letter from Hambleton advising that, at the request of Cllr Murkett, they are prepared to include the Abbeyfield premises on the street nameplate of Gillings Court situated on The Marage. They enclosed a proposed plan and it was agreed to request this be amended to read "Gillings Court leading to Gillings Court Mews, Batemans Yard and Abbeyfield".

Invitation from the Chairman of Hambleton to the Mayor and Consort to a Civic Service at St. Peter's Church, Osmotherley on 6th October and afterwards at Solberge Hall. Cllr Marshall is unable to attend - Cllr Murkett to attend.

Letter from Mrs. D.J. Darling requesting details of sheltered accommodation in Thirsk - it was suggested she should contact Broadacres and Abbeyfield.

Note from Pam Dunning who had received complaints regarding cycling on the footpaths and also about teenagers using drugs on

Norby play area. The complaints re cycling to be passed to the Greens Committee and the police to be informed regarding the drug taking. Cllr Watson said she understood from the amenity work that there was evidence of solvent abuse at Norby, but not drug-taking.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In Cllr Roberts' absence, Cllr Watson reported on the planning applications:

Application No. 2/96/152/0529 - Extension to 23 White Rose Way. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/152/0460C - Conversion of existing disused agricultural building to a dwelling (amended plans). The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Application No. 2/96/009/0077B - Revised application for the siting and details of the construction of a building for storage and distribution at Thirsk Industrial Park. Cllr Watson declared an interest. The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.

Cllr Watson said the Enforcement Officer had looked at the signs on Action Data Systems in Ingramgate and informed them that planning consent is required. Cllr Hall referred to the wheel clamping signs there and it was agreed to write to Highways about this.

The following decision notice had been received from Hambleton: Application No. 2/96/152/0014L - Installation of a satellite dish at 71 Market Place - granted temporarily.

Development at the Workhouse, Sutton Road - confirmation had been received from Hambleton that they agree with the Town Council's recommendations.

At this point in the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Standing Orders be suspended by five minutes - all in favour.

Cllr Roberts had tentatively agreed 14th or 15th October with Steven Quartermain - the Planning Committee to consider these.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Watson that the following accounts be paid - all in favour:

P. Dunning	- Salary - September 1996	£518.32
I. Atkinson	- Salary - September 1996	£339.81
British Telecom	- Office telephone	£58.77
Power Point	- B/Board	£119.19
Glasdon	- Seat	£323.47

Walker	- Grass cutting	£393.62
Thirsk Motors	- B/Board	£23.81
Town Hall	- Repairs	£328.00
Sam Turner	- Fencing - Amenities	£45.96
Sam Turner	- Catch - Amenities	£1.23
Todds	- Skip Hire	£111.63
Yorkshire P.O.	- Office stationery	£104.58
D. Adamson	- Postage	£8.29
J. Marshall	- Postage, dusters etc.	£19.96
J. Bell	- Office rent to end Oct 96	£90.00
L. Mitchell	- Bus shelter windows - 3 mths	£26.50
N. England News	- Advert - Millennium Green	£62.11
Ackrill Newspapers	- Advert	£45.12
Chris Amy		£150.00

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was reported that it is intended to hold a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee shortly.

Cllr Jackson reported that a meeting of the Christmas Tree Lights Committee will be arranged shortly.

Cllr Marshall mentioned that the Talkabout magazine was not delivered to all areas of the town - this is being dealt with.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Murkett referred to Stoneybrough which has been allowed to deteriorate badly. The meeting was informed that a planning application for this site is expected and Cllr Murkett expressed concern that the house may be demolished to make way for new building.

Cllr Hall expressed his wish to call a Cemetary Meeting.

Cllr Marshall advised that Radio York will be in town interviewing people on 21st October.

Cllr Marshall referred to the fact that it had been agreed to buy a slide for Norby. Three estimates will be obtained for this and for the surfacing.

Cllr Murkett had obtained new estimates for painting the Council Offices and the bus shelter and he proposed that the estimate from Steven Brown be accepted, seconded by Cllr Robinson - all in favour.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

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Clerk To The Council,
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Thirsk,
N. Yorkshire.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 1996
AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES

AGENDA

1. Administrative Arrangements - Appointment of a Relief Clerk
2. Personnel Matters

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Please note this is a closed meeting to which the public and press are not invited.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Confidential Town Council Meeting held 25th
September 1996 at 7. 30pm

Present; Cllrs Adamson, Murkett, Hall, Watson, Murray, Jackson,
Salmon, Marshall & Robinson

Apologies; Cllrs Roberts & Morton (Holidays)

1. Relief Clerk;

It was decided that the present situation with 4 Councillors
covering for the Clerk could not continue any longer. It was
decided that, even if the Clerk returned soon, it was likely that
some support would be necessary.

Agreed:.

a) Possible minimum 12 hours per week plus attendance at Council
Meetings for a minimum 3 months contract. Admin. and Financial
experience required. Salary to be negotiated.

b) Adverts to be placed in D&S and Star/North Yorkshire
News, Northern Echo, possible YEP

c) Ask Hambleton Council and County Council if they could second
someone

d) possibly Job Centre also

e) Society of Local Clerks and YLCA

f) Closing to be in a fortnights time

g) Apply in writing

2. Mrs P Dunning's Sick Leave;

If at the end of the present Sick Note another one is presented
(i.e. in 16th week);

a) Ask the Medical Officer of Health to review the Clerk's
position and ask for their instructions

b) Derek to notify the Clerk re her Sick Pay position (inform
her re 5 month position to half pay)

3. New Contract

Derek producing and will be discussed by Town Council in the near
future

4. Disciplinary Position

Much discussion took place

Discussion re:

1. NI/Tax - No action

2. Accounts (Audit position)

Decided that disciplinary position would be that the Clerk should be given a verbal warning re not balancing the accounts and not telling us.

It was decided that a note should be made on the appropriate records.

5. Payment to be made to Elaine Coulson, with many thanks, at £50 per meeting attended (unanimous)

6. Agreed that Derek should send a copy of proposed Contract to YLCA for comment

7. Cemetery Committee;

Meeting to be arranged, particularly to look at Ian Atkinson's Contract (Meeting 6th October 12.15pm)

8. All Councillors should have access to Town Council office for meetings. Spare key may be obtained and left with Cllr Andrew Robinson and collected so that Councillors can have meetings in the Office.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

Thirsk Town Council

A meeting of the Amenities Committee of Thirsk Town Council will take place in the Town Council office on Thursday 10th October 1996 at 7.30pm

Agenda

1. Matters arising from the last Committee meeting.
2. Carrs Field.
3. Millennium Green - update.
4. Slide for Norby.
5. Seats.
6. Reports from sub-committees

Greens

Market Place

Footpaths

Christmas Lights

7. Any other business.



D E Adamson

pp P Dunning

Clerk to the Council.

MINUTES OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE
OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 1996
AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT : Councillors J. Watson (in the Chair), D. Adamson,
J. Jackson, J. Marshall, A. Morton, D. Murkett,
G. Murray, F. Roberts, A. Robinson, J. Salmon,

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

Fencing on The Holmes - Cllr Watson reported that Highways have no objections to this as it is not part of the public highway, but have said such fencing must be 1 metre back from the highway and must be discussed with the planners. The police advise that they have not witnessed any problems there, but can appreciate the Council's concern. They felt such fencing would not prevent accidents although it might help, but pointed out that adequate access for emergency vehicles would have to be provided. Following discussion it was felt that such fencing would probably not prevent accidents and might indeed make matters worse and it was agreed not to pursue this.

Request for speed ramps at Norby - Letter received from Highways requesting a copy of the petition.

CARRS FIELD

Councillors agreed to visit Carrs Field before the Town Council Meeting. Cllr Marshall said the Amenity Worker had raised the point that the bottom field has been cut as has the headland. She had spoken to Mr. Barker at the Racecourse and understood from him that the Council's contractor had done this.

MILLENNIUM GREEN UPDATE

Cllr Marshall advised that on 17th September she, together with Cllrs Jackson and Watson, had witnessed the execution of the Deed of Covenant for the land. A letter had been received from Eccles Heddon advising that the Lease was concluded on 27th September and has gone to the Land Registry for registration. The Town Council was asked to pay the fees of the solicitors acting for the original owners in the amount of £60 and this was agreed.

Cllr Marshall expressed concern at the fact that it appears the sewerage pumping station in Dowber Way had failed and sewerage had seeped into the ditch on the Millennium Green. Cllr Roberts had spoken to Hambleton and the ditch has now been cleared. Cllr Marshall had reported it to the Environment Agency who will monitor it. Hambleton are drawing up a specification for the Millennium scheme - the costs involved are thought to be in the region of £60K, but as only £40/£45K is available they are looking at ways to cut back, such as using different types of pathway surfacing. £2K had been included for seats and litter bins and Cllr Marshall suggested the Town Council supply these. Councillors to visit Carrs Field before the Town Council Meeting and Cllr Murray to look

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Mell Green

at the gates at the maintenance entrance as there have been complaints.

SLIDE FOR NORBY

Cllr Watson had obtained prices from Kompan, Sutcliffes and Record Play Equipment and Cllr Marshall pointed out that it is hoped to obtain a 50% grant. It was felt that a bigger slide was required and it was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Adamson that a 7'6" slide be purchased from Sutcliffes Play Practice subject to the price being £1,680 plus £300 for installation - Cllr Roberts to check the price with Sutcliffes - all in favour.

+ safety surface

SEATS

Cllr Marshall said the Town Council has a number of seats, but does not know where they are all situated nor how they are maintained. Several Councillors agreed to each cover part of the town and note where all the seats are and the condition they are in. Cllr Robinson is still looking for suitable seats and is getting prices for metal ones. The Amenity Worker has removed the seat on the road to Whiteless which was badly vandalised and will use parts of it to repair the one on Carrs Field. Cllr Marshall had spoken to Mr. Seeger regarding a seat on Cemetary Lane which was removed by the builders and he will replace this. Chris Amy is looking at suitable trees to suggest to Mrs. Lill's family. *re - St James Green*

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

Greens

Cllr Morton reported that they are concentrating on Ingramgate and part of it has been tidied up by NYCC. Cllr Murkett said he had been contacted by Mr. Woods who has not taken this further than he should. Mr. Woods is working on a scheme which will be put before the Town Council and he will be contacting residents of The Crescent to ascertain whether they would be prepared to contribute. It was noted that there are 19 bollards at the White Mare roundabout and the Clerk will write to Mr. Woods advising that the Town Council feels this is over-kill and is out of keeping on a cobbled area. The Greens Committee will be looking round The Green and the little green.

Market Place

Cllr Robinson reported that he is hoping to have a meeting this week and to have a walk round Mill Gardens and the Market Place. The clock has been repaired and estimates for its cleaning will be obtained. A further clockmaker ^{will} ~~has~~ provided a report on the clock and enquiries are being made as to whether grant aid would be available. The plants in the tubs require replacing and Cllr Robinson will contact the nursery

Footpaths

A meeting is to be arranged shortly.

Christmas Lights

Cllr Jackson reported that a meeting had been held and the dates for the lights had been arranged in line with last year. It had been felt a better quality tree is required and Mr. Harry Woodhead is looking at this - the Town Council to pay something towards it if necessary. Cllr Jackson suggested that any surplus funds could be put towards providing a power supply for the Christmas Fair rather than using the generator. Cllr Robinson expressed concern at this as it would be necessary to have an electricity meter installed.

The Chamber of Trade are planning to switch on their lights on 20th November - this was felt to be too early and the Christmas Lights Committee will liaise with Roger Bedford.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Adamson reported that a Clerk's Contract has been drawn up and sent to John Jukes who said it was satisfactory and Cllr Adamson will circulate it at the next meeting.

Cllr Adamson requested permission to purchase a new financial computer package which would include the new audit requirements at a cost of £190 plus £280 for installation and training of two people. One year's support would be £49 or £132 for three years. It was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Robinson that this financial computer package be purchased - all in favour.

Cllr Adamson had discovered that the VAT had not been reclaimed for last year.

Cllr Robinson said Bobbie Blundell had enquired about wood left on The Holmes and Cllr Marshall said she had given him permission to take this away.

Cllr Murkett had attended a YRCC meeting and asked whether it would be possible for the 1997 Village Halls Conference to be held in East Thirsk and whether the Town Council would pay for lunch for approximately 150 delegates. The Town Council support this in principle - Cllr Marshall will look into it and report to the next meeting.

Cllr Morton expressed concern at the resident in the flat over Mr. Ballard's shop in Kirkgate who had been moved in by the DHSS. It was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Morton that a letter be sent to Adrian Johnson asking him to be more selective about his tenants - this was put to the vote with five in favour and five against - the motion was defeated by the Chairman's casting vote.

Cllr Jackson requested that Councillors look at the one face of the clock which has been cleaned and he will be making a suggestion regarding this.

Cllr Marshall mentioned the Police and Community Group meeting which is to be held at Thirsk School on 23rd October.

Cllr Marshall had received a letter from BTCV asking if there are any specific projects on conservation work.

Cllr Marshall reminded Councillors that Radio York are to be in Thirsk all day on 21st October - it was agreed that she should give an interview about the Millennium Green.

Cllr Marshall reported that she understood from the Northern Echo and Darlington and Stockton Times that NYCC are proposing to close 12 Registry Offices of which Thirsk is one as it would cost £8K to make it accessible for disabled people. It was agreed that a letter be sent to NYCC requesting details of what is happening with this.

Cllr Marshall reported that the new fencing between the East Thirsk play area and the school has been taken apart and the gate has been nailed open. Chris Amy has suggested that another form of fencing be looked at.

Cllr Watson had attended a Town Hall Meeting. Sheila Fawcett does not have access to a word processor and has asked whether she could use the Town Council's machine - it was felt this would not be possible.

Cllr Watson referred to a conversation with a policewoman who had informed her that Thirsk is to get CCTV with cameras at the entrances into Thirsk and four in the town. Cllr Marshall felt this was simply the suggestion made by the police to Hambleton.

Cllr Marshall reported that Mr. Peter Barden would be available for minute taking etc should this be required.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

P. Dunning,
Clerk to the Council,
15A Castlegate,
Thirsk.

Tel: 01845 528445

A MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD
ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 1996 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN THE COURTHOUSE

1. ✓ Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ Minutes of the last meeting
3. ✓ Matters Arising
4. ✓ To receive Police Report
5. ✓ To receive County Councillor's Report
6. ✓ To receive District Council Report
7. ✓ To receive and approve Minutes of the Amenity Committee Meeting
8. ✓ Matters Arising from above : ✓ Ambulance
: ✓ Seats
9. ✓ Correspondence
10. ✓ Millennium Green Update
11. ✓ Carrs Field Update
12. ✓ Herriott Visitors Centre
13. ✓ Car Parking / Nursery Site
14. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports
14 CHAMBERS SIDORS
15. ✓ To receive Sub-Committee Reports
16. ✓ To approve Accounts for Payment
17. ✓ To receive Members' Reports
18. ✓ Other items of interest and information

For P. Dunning

Accounts for payment October 1996

D E Adamson - Stamps	13.00
C Amy - Amenities work	145.00
Farmway - Weedkiller - B/Board	20.56
Ackrill News - Job advert	150.99
Wilgro Nurseries - Market Place	12.69
Rowleys - Bunch of flowers	12.50
Sutcliffe Play - Seat	116.21
NYCC - Rent Courthouse to 16/9/96	180.00
Thirsk Motors - Fuel - B/Board	25.72
G Penson - elec socket - office	20.80
S Dodds - Materials for M/Place	7.50
I Atkinson - Line rental B/Board	21.86
Potts - Town Clock repair (insurance reclaim)	430.05
Power Point - B/Board	624.45
N E News - Job Advert	153.18
J Marshall - duplicate office key	4.69
Foden Constr - St James Green	536.58
Harland & Co - M/Green solicitors fees	60.00
P Dunning - a/c course fee SLCC	10.00
E Thirsk Comm Hall - Hire (M/Green)	50.00
Ritz Cinema - Advert paid by them by mistake	90.08
J Bell - Office rent to end November 96	40.00
L Mitchell - B/shelter windows £2x9weeks + 50p	18.50
C Walker - Grascutting subject to confirmation	475.88
Salaries are not included as these have already been approved by the Council.	
MILLER + timber	5.75
F.M. ROBERTS - OFFICIAL MILEAGE	31.20

Correspondence for consideration on 21 October 1996

1. Yorkshire Water - To Cinema Committee
2. Hambleton DC - Statement to Inspector re DWLP, St James' Green and Little Green P
3. Hambleton DC - Statement re DWLP, Town End, Sowerby P
4. Hambleton DC - Statement re DWLP, Masonic Lane P
5. Hambleton DC - Statement re DWLP, Carlton Miniott by Pass P
6. Hambleton DC - Tree Planting Scheme, copied & handed to Amenity Contractor for comments C
7. Woodland Trust, Millennium Community Woods TC
8. P & D Neath, Comments Slip per Town Talk leaflet C
9. M Bournier, Comments Slip per Town Talk leaflet C
10. Eccles Heddon, re Millennium Green, completion of legal documents (Agenda Item) MA
11. NYCC, Fencing at The Holmes TC
12. Clerks Sick Note Personnel
13. Rowleys, Bill for payment A
14. Hambleton DC - Planning decision, William Hill Organ. P
15. Hambleton DC - Planning decision, Millennium Green P
16. Hambleton DC - Planning decision, National Westminster P
17. Mrs Kilvington - letter re tree C
18. Hambleton DC - weekly Planning List P
19. Ackrill Newspapers - Bill re Mill Green Consultation A
20. NYCC - Traffic Speed Order TC
21. NYCC - Prohibition of Waiting Norby TC
22. Hambleton DC - Letter planning re Play Eqpt Workhouse- Freda
23. YPD - Statement of account A
24. Cornhill Insce - Letter re remedial work & Play equip. Inspection - Replied to by Cllr Adamson TC
25. Thorpe Underwood Catalogue - Trees Freda
26. Hambleton DC - All weather pitch minor alterations P
27. Potts - Confirmation of Order (Town Clock) TC
28. Hambleton DC - Decision Notice, 3 Lynbrook Close P
29. Hambleton DC - Decision Notice, National Westminster P
30. Hambleton DC - Plan re externally Illuminated Sign ?
31. Hambleton DC - Street Naming & Numbering, Diagmed TC
32. Power Point - Invoice, Burial Board A
33. Hambleton DC - Precept Chq £24,500 - Cheque banked
34. Glasdon Catalogue TC
35. NYCC - Copy of Notice, Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles TC
36. Norby Residents - Complaints of Speeding Norby C
37. Planning Application ? P
38. S Dodds - Account Market Place Tubs A
39. Hambleton DC - Street Cleansing, Thirsk MA
40. Todd & Son - Scale of Charges (Burial Bd) Cllr Hall
41. North Yorkshire Police - response re The Holmes C
42. North Yorkshire Police - Policing of Thirsk MA
43. Hambleton DC - response re Market Place parking MA

44	Hambleton DC - Weekly Planning List	P
45	North Yorkshire Health - Draft Commissioning Plan	C
46	Thirsk District Police & Community Group - Notice of Meeting 23 October 1996	C
47	B T C V - Price List	TC
48	B T C V - Countryside Weekends	C
49	Broadacres Housing Assoc - re Waterside	MA
50	Hambleton DC - Planning Comm. Site Visits notification	P
51	Duplicate of Item 48 - BTCV	
52	Hambleton DC - re Parking Fines	MA
53	Kompan - Slide Quotation	Freda
54	Society Local Clerks - Training Day for Clerks	A
55	Lapset UK - Play equipment Catalogue -	Freda
56	MAFF - Countryside Stewardship Scheme	MA
57	Hambleton DC - Appeal against Planning Refusal, Take away - Kirkgate	P
58	Hambleton DC - Planning Decision - Millennium Green	P
59	NYCC - Cheque £3625, re St James Green	A
60	Hambleton DC - weekly Planning List	P
61	Thirsk Motors - Statement of account	A
62	NYCC - Letter re Norby traffic calming	C
63	NYCC - Signs	MA
64	Hambleton DC - Letter re CCTV	MA
65	NYCC - Court Room Hire , bill	A
66	Inland Revenue - Refund SSP	A
67	G Penson - Bill re replacement socket Council Office	A
68	BT - Phonr Bill, Cemetary Lodge	A
69	Royal Mail - new Post boxes	C
70	Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Group - Agenda	TC
71	FWAG - Notification of AGM 29th October	C
72	YLCA - re Responsible Financial Officer	C
73	Hambleton DC - Amended Plan, Hollin Barn	?
74	Hambleton DC - Letter re Planning 10 Market Place	P
75	Hambleton DC - Letter re Planning 10 Market Place	P
76	Hambleton DC - Planning decision 10 Market Place	P
77	Potts - Account re Thirsk Town Clock	A
78	Power Point - Account Burial Board	A
79	Royal British Legion - Time Table re Service 10 Nov	C
80	Kilvington Baptist School - Letter seeking information re Girls School	C
81	Planning Application - B Russell, Thirsk Ind Park	?
82	Weightmans, Threshers, transfer of licence	C
83	NYCC - letter of reply re Norby residents petition	C
84	Walker - Grass Cutting Bill	A
85	Magistrates Courts - reply re Licensing	MA
86	Hambleton DC - Planning permission, Millennium Green	P
87	Hambleton DC - Planning decision - National Westminster	P
88	NYCC - Parish Council News- Guide to Services	TC
89	Hambleton DC - weekly Planning list	P
90	JUNK MAIL - filed	
91	Hambleton DC - acknowledgement re Play equipment Old Workhouse	TC
92	Hambleton DC - Foden Bill No 4	A

93	Eccles Heddon - Fees to pay re Millennium Green	A
94	Ackrill Newspapers - Bill re Job Advert	A
95	S Pearson - letter re tracing of family grave	B/Board
96	Hambleton DC - Street naming	C
97	Wickstead - Bill re East Thirsk Play eqpt	A
98	North Yorkshire Police - Letters re Norby residents letter	C
99	Lord Hire Centres - Adverts	TC
100	Playdale - Invoice re Play eqpt.	A
101	Barclays Bank - statement	A
102	Hambleton DC - Planning App	P
103	Customs * Excise - VAT regulation	TC
104	K R Heslop - Job Application	C
105	Farmway - statement of account	A
106	Hambleton DC - Dog litter bin damage, The Holmes	C
107	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - Minutes re Meeting	TC
108	Hambleton DC - Planning app - Black Lion	P
109	Hambleton DC - Planning app - Lord Nelson	P
110	Hambleton DC - Planning app - Barclays Bank	P
111	The Clerk - re return to work	Personnel
112	The Play Practice (Sutcliffe) - Quote 7'6''slide	MA
113	Hambleton DC - Thirsk & Sowerby Group Conservation Minutes of October meeting	TC
114	Wilgro - Bill re pansies for Market Place	A
115	Lyke Wake Club - Information re seats	TC
116	North England Newspapers - Bill re Job adverts	A
117	Notice of Transfer of Licence - Tesco	C
118	Playdale - proposed development Millennium Green	C
119	North Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust - letters to Mayor re Ambulances	
120	Carwright, Solicitors - Amended Justices Licence, Tesco	C
121	C Rogers-Jones - Job Application	C
122	Hambleton DC - weekly Planning list	P
123	C Dale - Trade Magazine cutting for information and comment to Burial Board for action	BB
124	Planning Application ?	
125		
126	YLCA - White Rose update etc	TC
127	Hambleton DC - Letter re Vested Interest, Todds Yard/Green	C
128	Golfchalks, Solicitors - Letter re Black Lion	C
129	Duncan Saunders - Job Application	C

A	Accounts
C	Correspondence
P	Planning
BB	Burial Board
MA	Matter Arising
TC	Tables correspondence

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held in the Courthouse on Monday 21st October 1996
at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), D. Adamson,
R. Hall, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett,
G. Murray, F. Roberts, A. Robinson, J. Salmon,
J. Watson

ALSO ATTENDED : Sgt. Franks, P.C. Colin Musgrove and 3 members
of the public

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16th September 1996, had been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Murray that these be signed as a true record - all in favour.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt Franks reported that there had been far less disturbances in Thirsk recently and although back-up police were on standby these had not been required. He referred to the Pub-Watch Scheme and to CCTV saying that Ins Clarke had met with Hambleton and the consultancy firm who install this and have identified around ten sites in and around the town. He said this is still in the early stages of discussion and will need to be a joint bid between the police, the community and businesses. The Chairman read a letter from Hambleton regarding CCTV. Sgt Franks reported that they have now taken on Easingwold, but stressed there would be no reduction in the numbers of police in Thirsk as a result of this, and Thirsk is no longer joined with Stokesley. Thirsk is to have a probationary police constable for the first time for 6/7 years.

Cllr Murray asked whether the people causing the disturbances had yet been charged and the nature of the charge and Sgt Franks said a decision from the CPS is awaited.

Cllr Morton enquired how many extra police officers there would be including Easingwold and Sgt Harris said there will actually be less because of losing Stokesley, but he felt the closer proximity of Easingwold would be advantageous.

Cllr Hall expressed concern at the fact that the list of key holders is kept at Northallerton rather than Thirsk, but Sgt Franks said this is because Thirsk is not manned full-time. He assured Cllr Hall that there is direct radio contact with Northallerton and therefore delays would not occur.

Cllr Salmon referred to cycling without lights and Sgt Franks will pass on this concern.

Cllr Marshall draw the attention of the meeting to the Law and Order Meeting on 23rd October.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Franks and invited PC Musgrove to address the meeting. He referred to training courses which are being run for new licencees and to a talk to be given to licencees in November regarding disorder, under-age drinking etc. PC Musgrove explained the role of the Detached Youth Worker and said this type of "pavement work" is showing good results in Northallerton. It is now being looked at for Thirsk.

Cllr Hall enquired whether it could be a condition of granting a transfer of a licence that the prospective licensee attends the training courses. PC Musgrave said this is not possible, but magistrates can recommend it. It was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Salmon that a letter be sent to the YLCA asking that they write to the Home Secretary requesting that this be made a condition of granting a licence initially. Cllr Roberts felt the Town Council should be supplied with information regarding the applicant's background, but Cllr Marshall explained the Council are consulted merely in order to input local knowledge.

Cllr Watson suggested that the Youth Worker be invited to address the Town Council and Cllr Salmon felt this should be extended to local Parish Councils.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Robinson advised that the Leisure and Amenities Committee have raised the parking charges to £20. They have taken on board the Council's comments regarding signage. The Order regarding the weight restriction on some roads into Thirsk is progressing. He expressed disappointment at the fact that the Rural Transport Sub-Committee are taking no further action on concessionary bus fares. Cllr Murray queried this and Cllr Murkett explained that there is already a lack of buses in this area and it was felt better to provide these rather than reduce the number and offer concessionary fares.

Cllr Marshall said the District Council are requesting our comments and support re the installation of CCTV and a meeting will be held with them regarding this.

MINUTES OF THE AMENITY COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Amenity Committee Meeting held on 10th October 1996 had been circulated and, subject to three amendments, it was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Watson that these be accepted as a correct record - all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AMENITY COMMITTEE MINUTESSeats

Cllr Marshall advised that copies of plans are available for Councillors to mark the position of seats. Cllr Murray said that of those he had examined some were in need of repair and most in need of repainting. He also said the gate into Carrs Field needs attention. Cllr Murkett said the only seats which are withstanding damage are the metal ones made by John Deakin and asked that we look at these should seats be required in the future. The new seat was installed on The Marage today.

Ambulance *MAFF*

Cllr ~~Watson~~ asked Councillors to indicate if they wished to visit the HQ and dates will be organised. She read letters from Mr. King of the Ambulance Service referring to Cllr Jackson's complaint, giving a transcript of the conversations and the times as recorded by BT. Cllr Jackson ~~will be replying~~ personally. *HA*

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman referred to some additional items of correspondence, viz 6 job applications - these will be dealt with as a confidential item; a statement from YPO showing a nil balance and a VAT form which has been passed to Cllr Adamson.

Letter from NYCC in reply to the letter re clamping signs at Action Data Systems advising that this is private property and therefore the County Council can take no action.

Letter from MAFF acknowledging the application to join the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and advising that this is considered to be a high priority case.

Letter from Hambleton advising that the parking fines are to be increased to £20. They confirm these will be advertised on all new signs erected at car parks and on newly printed parking discs.

Letter from Broadacres advising that the land to which the Town Council referred is not in their ownership. It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Watson that a reply be sent to Broadacres advising that it is their residents who have complained and therefore it would be sensible for them to take on the clearing up and maintenance of the land. A counter proposal was made by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Salmon that the Town Council take over this area, and a further proposal was made by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Robinson that if this were the case the Town Council should only take on the maintenance and grass cutting and not any riparian rights. It was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Murkett that we first act on Cllr Roberts recommendation and if this fails then take up Cllr Robinson's proposal. The motion was put to the vote and was carried with 10 in favour and 1 against.

Letter from Hambleton in reply to the Town Council's letter re

car parking in the Market Place. Cllr Salmon felt it was necessary for Hambleton to look at the whole car parking scheme on the east side of the Town Clock.

Letter from Hambleton re street cleansing advising that following the Town Council's comments they carried out an investigation and have instigated a number of changes to the sweeper's schedule. Cllr Roberts is awaiting information re a firm which specialises in grafitti removal. The amount of bird droppings in Millgate was mentioned and it was proposed by Cllr Adamson and seconded by Cllr Morton that a letter be sent to the Environmental Health Officer - all in favour.

Copy of Application for Transfer of Justices' Licence to two named employees of Tesco. It was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Murkett that we recommend they attend the licencees' course. The motion was carried with 9 in favour and two against (Cllrs Adamson and Morton).

Copy of Application for Transfer of Justices' Licence to Janet Breeds and Joyce Barnard of Threshers. It was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Murkett that we recommend they attend the licencees' course. The motion was carried with 9 in favour and two against (Cllrs Adamson and Morton).

Letter from Hambleton regarding the damage to dog/litter bins on The Holmes and the costs involved. It was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Robinson that a letter be sent to the press informing them of the costs of replacing damaged litter/dog bins and advising that if there is no improvement it will be made a dog prohibition area - all in favour.

Copy of letter from Hambleton to Mr. J. Foxall of Foxall and Richardson regarding the postal address.

Letter from Mrs. P.F. Brady enquiring whether Kilvington Hall was ever a school - Cllr Morton has drafted a reply.

Letter from the Royal British Legion giving details of the Remembrance Day Service and Parade. The memorial service was mentioned and the fact that two wreaths will be required.

Notice from FWAG re their AGM on 29th October.

Letter from Royal Mail regarding their intention to install a postbox for metered mail outside the Delivery Office. It was agreed that a letter be sent advising that the Council welcomes the idea but requests that, to avoid traffic congestion, a pull-in be provided for cars to stop to post mail.

Acknowledgements from NYCC and North Yorkshire Police regarding the request for traffic calming on the Norby Estate.

Letter from BTCV requesting details of any conservation work - it was noted that they could be approached at a future date regarding the Millennium Green.

Report from North Yorkshire Health Authority - Cllr Murray agreed to look at this and report to the next meeting.

Letter from Mrs. Kilvington re children climbing trees. It was agreed to suggest she contact NYCC.

Suggestion from M. Bourner that a "No Entry" sign be installed near the Little Green - this has been done. Also a suggestion

that a litter/dog bin be provided on the Little Green - this was passed to the Greens Committee.

Suggestion from P and D Neath regarding the volume and size of heavy traffic through Thirsk - refer them to the proposed Traffic Order regarding the Weight Restriction.

Letter from Hambleton re Tree Planting Scheme - to be passed to Amenities Committee. Cllr ~~Morton~~ pointed out that the tree on Castlegarth has gone. - *MORTON SAID TREE NEEDS CUTTING*

Letter re proposed alterations to the Black Lion - Cllr Murkett referred to the comments concerning the electricity downstairs which was felt to be dangerous and queried whether this would not be the case upstairs also.

Notes re role of "Responsible Financial Officer" under the new Accounting and Audit Regulations.

Slide for Norby - an updated estimate for a 7' 6" side had been obtained - £1,680 plus installation £336 = £2,016. The bark surfacing would be £1,240 or £2,898 for rubber tiles. Cllr Watson felt that with the approach of winter this would only be used at weekends. She referred to other types of play equipment and felt a piece could be inserted in the local paper asking children to notify the Council of their preference.

Cllr Salmon suggested that Cllr Watson deposit details of the play equipment at the school and ask for comments.

Village Halls Conference - Cllr Marshall reported that she had spoken to Eddie Benson who felt that if East Thirsk were to provide lunch this could cause problems at future venues. Cllr Murkett suggested that the cost of the hall be subsidised by the Town Council and Cllr Robinson felt it was first necessary for them to decide whether East Thirsk would be suitable for the Conference.

MILLENNIUM GREEN UPDATE

Cllr Marshall advised that two quotations for play equipment had been received. Agreement has been reached with the Countryside Commission regarding what can be claimed. It is hoped the project will be completed before next autumn apart possibly from some tree and shrub planting. Cllr Marshall has spoken to Dave Goodwin of Hambleton and he will arrange to talk to the Town Council shortly before it goes to the Countryside Commission.

CARRS FIELD UPDATE

Cllr Murkett referred to the overhead electric cable and said he understands where such cables run over recreational areas it is the responsibility of the Electricity Board to ensure they are safe. He also referred to two very flimsy bridges which appear to have been made over the beck and Cllr Marshall said the Amenity Worker will remove these. Cllr Marshall referred to an estimate she had obtained and a letter from Dave Goodwin of Hambleton advising that he would not recommend that a

children's playground be located on Carrs Field because of the dense shrubbery and lack of supervision. He feels a football pitch would not be practical because of the poor drainage and if used as a kick-about area he would have reservations about drainage and the electricity cables. Cllr Murkett felt we should ask the Electricity Board to ensure this is made safe. It was noted that a letter regarding these cables had been sent to them some time ago and a copy of this with a follow-up letter will be sent. Cllr Marshall also referred to a letter from the Deputy Archaeological Officer at NYCC who advises that the fields, particularly the northern one, contain traces of ridge and furrow, but in a very degraded state. The DAO suggests the Town Council proceeds with its plans and sends details of the scheme once it is agreed as significant ground disturbance at the southern end may require the presence of an Archaeologist during excavations.

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Jackson that there be a suspension of standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for as long as necessary. The motion was put to the vote and was defeated with 4 in favour and 5 against. It was proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Salmon that there be a suspension of standing orders until 10.30 pm. The motion was carried with 5 in favour and 4 against.

Cllr Murkett referred to having a poop scoop byelaw for Carrs Field - the Clerk will write to Hambleton.

Cllr Roberts pointed out that at present there are no *rules* ~~regulations~~ governing the use of Carrs Fields.

HERRIOT VISITORS CENTRE

Cllr Marshall read a letter from Mr. Whitaker of Hambleton advising that approximately 400 people visited the exhibition and 110 attended the evening meeting. A number of issues had been raised including car parking. Hambleton are requesting that the plans for the Visitors Centre be formally considered by the Town Council and it was proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Salmon that a letter be sent advising Hambleton that we welcome their proposal but are concerned about car parking - all in favour.

CAR PARKING / NURSERY SITE

(Cllr Hall declared an interest)

Cllr Jackson expressed his concern at the state of the town and referred to the Nursery site which he felt had great potential and could inject new life into the town. He suggested that a working party or sub-committee be set up to encourage the correct use of the site. Cllr Marshall suggested the Planning Committee look into this and Cllr Roberts felt this could be

discussed at the meeting with Steve Quartermain - it was agreed this should be open to all Council members.

CHARITY SHOPS

Because of the shortage of time, it was agreed that this be deferred until the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Application No. 2/96/152/0511B - Conversion of existing disused building to a dwelling at land to rear of 78 St. James Green - the Council wish to see this APPROVED, subject to the access being satisfactory.

Application No. 2/96/152/0477C - Advertisement consent for display of one externally illuminated sign and one externally illuminated projecting sign at 33/35 Ingramgate - the Council wish to see this REFUSED as it is too high on the building.

The following decision notices had been received from Hambleton:

Application No. 2/96/152/0094K: Ventilation grilles at National Westminster Bank: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0094J: Externally illuminated projecting sign at National Westminster Bank: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0094H - Cash dispenser at National Westminster Bank: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0332B: Layout of land and provision of facilities for use as a recreation area at west of Dowber Way: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0528: Externally illuminated projecting sign at 10 Market Place: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0302B: Extension to 3 Lynbrook Close: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0014J: Externally illuminated fascia sign and projecting sign at 71 Market Place: approved.

Application No. 2/96/152/0526: Construction of a building for use as a centre for fitting tyres, exhausts and car components on Long Street: approved.

Cllr Roberts referred to the question of play equipment for the old workhouse site - to be discussed with the Amenity Committee.

It was noted that there are a number of A boards in Ingramgate - this will be taken up with Mr. Woods.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christmas Lights - Cllr Jackson reported that the lights will be switched on at the same time as those of the Chamber of Trade - date still to be agreed.

Cemetery - Cllr Hall reported that a cemetery sub-committee meeting had been held and the Cemetery Superintendent's contract of employment had been discussed with him - one or two safety issues had also been raised. He advised that a waggon

has hit the gates and done a considerable amount of damage - two estimates have been obtained. Cllr Murkett enquired about skip charges and Cllr Hall said it is now £7 per tonne.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cllr Murkett and seconded by Cllr Morton that the following accounts be passed for payment - all in favour:

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C. Amy - Amenities work	£145.00
Farmway - Weedkiller - B/Board	£20.56
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G. Penson - Electric socket in office	£20.80
S. Dodds - Materials for M/Place	£7.50
I. Atkinson - Line rental B/Board	£21.86
Potts - Town Clock repair (insurance reclaim)	£430.05
Power Point - B/Board	£624.45
N.E. News - Job advert	£153.18
J. Marshall - duplicate office key	£4.69
Foden Construction - St. James' Green	£536.58
Harland and Co - M/Green solicitors' fees	£60.00
P. Dunning - SLCC Course Fee	£10.00
E. Thirsk Comm Hall - Hire (M/Green)	£50.00
Ritz Cinema - advert paid by them by mistake	£90.08
J. Bell - Rent of office to end November 1996	£40.00
L. Mitchell - B/shelter windows £2 x 9 weeks + 50p	£18.50
C. Walker - grasscutting subject to confirmation	£475.88
Mrs. Reynard	£5.75
F.M. Roberts - mileage	£31.20

Cllr Adamson had produced and circulated a budget report for information.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Murkett had represented the Mayor at the recent Hambleton Civic Service.

Cllr Roberts reported on a meeting she had attended of the Thirsk and Sowerby Conservation Group. Matters discussed had included the town scheme, the Herriot Centre, Front Street and future projects. The Museum Society are hoping to work with the Conservation Group to produce a leaflet on Thirsk. Concern was expressed at how long the boarding is to remain outside Calvert's shop. Cllr Roberts had also attended a meeting of the Management Committee of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Cllr Salmon had attended a very interesting open meeting of the Community Care Association to which approximately 180 people had been invited and around 30 had attended.

Cllr Marshall mentioned that Radio York had been in Thirsk today.

WATSON

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

It was proposed by Cllr ~~Marshall~~ and seconded by Cllr Roberts that a letter be sent to the "Darlington and Stockton Times" expressing the Town Council's concern at the lack of cover of their meetings.

It was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Murray that because of the confidential nature of items to be discussed the public be excluded from the meeting at this stage - all in favour. The meeting was closed to the public at 10.20 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 1996

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had returned to work today and on the advice of her doctor had asked to work two days rather than three for the first two weeks. Following some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Morton that the Town Council welcome the Clerk back, but insist that she takes the extra day as holiday in order to allow her to ease herself back into the job as advised by her doctor. The motion was put to the vote and was carried with 10 in favour and one abstention (Cllr Adamson).

Cllr Marshall suggested that in view of the number of personnel matters, a Personnel Sub-Committee be set up.

Because of the lateness of the hour, it was agreed that a special meeting be held to deal with the remaining confidential items and this was arranged for Tuesday 29th October.

Thirsk Town Council

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

Telephone 01845 528445.

A MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 1996

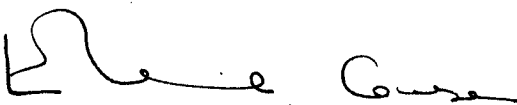
AT 7.15 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES

(Please note the change of time)

AGENDA

Presentation by Hambleton District Council Officers on the subject of CCTV followed by discussion.

Following this, at approximately 8.00 p.m., the meeting will be closed to the public in order to discuss some confidential personnel matters.


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Elaine Coulson
For P. Dunning
Clerk to the Town Council

24.10.96.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Tuesday 29th October 1996 at 7.15 p.m.
in the Council Office

PRESENT : Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), D. Adamson,
R. Hall, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett,
G. Murray, F. Roberts, J. Salmon, J. Watson

ALSO ATTENDED : Mike Rennolf and David McGloin from Hambleton
District Council

CCTV

Cllr Marshall welcomed Mike Rennolf and David McGloin who gave a presentation on CCTV. Mr. Rennolf said Hambleton had put significant funds into the capital programme for two years. However, a Capital Challenge competition was introduced by the Home Office in August - a feasibility study is being carried out which has to be submitted by mid November. The police would like cameras on all the arterial roads into town, but Hambleton's system would not take enough cameras for this and they are therefore concentrating on town centres. Mr. Rennolf circulated a plan showing the proposed positions of the cameras. The matrix system can take 86 cameras and they are looking at five each for the five remaining market towns, but it may be possible to increase the number in Thirsk. The criteria required for the scheme are: it must have the support of the police; there must be a recognised crime problem; it must be capable of delivering results and providing value for money; there must be integration with other crime prevention measures and local support. No award can exceed £150K (£300K for scheme in total) and 10 cameras would cost in the region of £200/£250K. The provision of cameras on the industrial estate was mentioned, but Mr. Rennolf said this would have to come from private funding. Cllr Morton mentioned security at schools and felt it was necessary to have a camera at schools particularly at Thirsk County Primary which is adjacent to the community hall. Mr. McGloin advised that he had raised this issue, but had not met with a very favourable response. The Home Office will make a decision in March 1997 and funding will then be immediate. However, Mr. Rennolf advised that they are going ahead with it in any event - they will be speaking to the Chamber of Trade next week. It is anticipated that the installation of CCTV in Thirsk will be completed by the end of 1997. Mr. Rennolf mentioned public consultation and it was felt there should be a display during the day followed by a public meeting in the evening. It was proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Jackson that the Town Council supports the scheme put forward by the District Council - all in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Morton that the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in order to discuss confidential items.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSED AT A
MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
29th OCTOBER 1996

CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT

Clerk's Contract

Cllr Adamson had circulated Councillors with a copy of the proposed Contract and this was discussed. Cllr Marshall felt it was necessary to give the Clerk some guidance as to when she is expected to be in the office and it was noted that time spent attending meetings must be included in the specified hours. The supervisory role must also be clearly defined. It was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Salmon that the model contract as per the Purple Book be adopted with the salary at Spinal Column Point 15 (20/37ths) plus supervision, noting the spelling out of holidays and hours required to be spent in the office - all in favour.

Cemetery Superintendent's Contract

Copies of the proposed Contract were circulated and in order to give Councillors time to consider this, it was agreed it should be dealt with as a confidential item at the next Town Council meeting. It was noted that the Council Tax on the house is £65 per month and it was felt an appeal should be lodged against the banding.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

It was pointed out that it had been agreed to issue a verbal warning to the Clerk because of the fact that the books had not been balanced before they went to audit. Cllr Marshall requested that another Councillor accompany her when she does this and it was agreed that this should be someone from the Personnel Committee when it has been formed.

FORMATION OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND APPEALS PANEL

It was agreed that a Personnel Committee and an Appeals Panel were required and it was resolved that the Personnel Committee should consist of the Mayor (Cllr Marshall), the Chairman of the Finance Committee (Cllr Adamson), Cllr Murray and Cllr Watson.

The Appeals Panel to consist of Cllrs Hall, Morton, Murkett and Roberts.

Cllr Murkett agreed to obtain guidance regarding appeals procedures from the Yorkshire and Humberside Provincial Council.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR TEMPORARY CLERK FOR THREE MONTHS

Cllr Marshall went through the six applications which had been

received and acknowledged. The question of whether it was still necessary to appoint someone was discussed, together with the financial implications of this. Cllr Murkett felt it was necessary in order to ensure there is a Clerk available for 52 weeks in the year and Cllr Roberts felt that in view of the holidays specified in the Contract this was essential. It was proposed by Cllr Salmon and seconded by Cllr Jackson that the Town Council implements its decision to appoint a part time Assistant Clerk for three months and the Personnel Committee interviews candidates for this. The motion was put to the vote and was defeated with four in favour and five against. It was then proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Murkett that a letter be sent to the applicants advising them that the job has been redesignated to Assistant Town Clerk to provide absence cover and request that if they are still interested then they should make contact - all in favour. It was felt that a period of training would be required.

Cllr Murkett advised that he had been contacted by Mike Cresswell asking whether the Town Council would be interested in a proposition that he attend meetings and circulates a report to the local and free papers at a cost of £40 per month. The Communications Committee to consider this and report back.


It was agreed that an Amenities Committee Meeting was not required this month.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1996

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 21 October 1996
3. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising
4. ✓ To receive Police reports *KEVIN BROOKS*
5. To receive Reports from;
a) County Councillor *not present* b) District Councillors ✓
6. ✓ Correspondence
7. ✓ C.C.T.V. Scheme - To consider giving financial support.
8. ✓ Charity Shops
9. ✓ Review of Registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths Service
10. ✓ To appoint a Financial Officer
11. ✓ To appoint a representative for the Trustees of Thirsk Infants School Charity
12. ✓ To consider a donation towards Thirsk Medieval Fayre *8th Dec*
13. ✓ To approve Accounts for Payment
14. ✓ To receive Planning Committee reports.
15. ✓ To receive reports from;
a) Sub Committee's b) Members Reports
16. Other items of interest & information


Clerk of the Council

Accounts for Payment:

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- November d.d.	£ 339.33
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 4 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 8.50
P. Dunning salary - November	£ 505.85 518.32
Northern Electric - office	£ 58.77
Thirsk Motors Ltd - Burial Board	£ 15.00
C. E. & C. M. Walker - grasscutting	£ 475.88
C. E. & C. M. Walker - grasscutting	£ 243.22
Power Point - drill & generator (C. Amy)	£ 32.32
Horticultural Services - replanting of flower tubs	£ 141.00
Yorkshire Water - office	£ 19.50
Playground Management Services - Inspection of playgrounds	£ 188.24
Playdale (£20 discount)	£ 86.93
John Bell - rent for office - 5 weeks	£ 50.00

CORRESPONDENCE LIST - NOVEMBER 1996

1. Questionnaire - Environmental Health Reporting Network	Clerk
2. National Statistics - Annual Employment Survey -	Clerk
3. Planning result - 2/96/152/460C	Pl Com
4. NYCC - review of Births, marriages & deaths Service	Agenda
5. NYCC - post Gormire Close	M. Ar.
6. NYCC - Bollards Whitemare Roundabout	M. Ar.
7. HDC - Stoneybrough	M. Ar
8. Planning List	Tabled
9. Local Council Review	Tabled
10. NEEB	Account
11. Chris Amy quote re planting scheme	Am Com
12. Bank receipt -	Fi Comm
13 Thornton's printers - mailshot	File
14 N of England newspapers - cancellation of invoice	File
15. Darlington & Stockton Times - attendance meetings	M. Ar.
16 HDC - Treasurers - Council Tax <i>- Budget Meeting -</i>	Corr
17. Cartwrights - Tesco Application for licence	Corr
18. Leisure Services - - Grant Play Area	Am Com
19. Cartwrights - Tesco Application for Licence	Corr
20. NYCC - Review of registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths	Ag.
21. NYCC - Audit Review	Corr.
23 Y R CC- Annual report	Tabled
24. Planning Application	Pl Com
25. Playground Management Services	Am Com

26. Northallerton & District Com Health Council	Tabled
27 Invoice - Thirsk Motors	Acc
28. YLCC - Courses for Licensees	Corr
29. Carlton Miniott - surface Water	Corr
34. C Amy Planting Scheme	Amen Com
35. Advert	
36. NYCC - Pedestrian Crossing waterside	M. A.
37. Broadacres - Waterside area	M. A.
38. Inland Revenue	
39. HDC - Economical Development Survey	Tabled
40. Herriott Visitor Guide 1997	Tabled
41. TCOT - CCTV Scheme	Ag.
42. P. Fixter - Medieval Fayre - donation	Ag
43. Tustees if Thirsk Infant School Charity	Ag
44. NYCC - S. Hilder - P3	Am Com
45. Richmond partnership - information	Corr
46. HDC - Planning Appeal - A Bashizadeh	Pl. Com
47. RAOB - Seat Mariage Road	Corr
48. Wicksteed's - acknowledgement of complaint	Amen Com
49. Play Scheme - Mellenium Green	Amen Com
50. Playdale Newsletter	Am. Com
51. Planning Application List	Tabled
52. FWAG - Evening event - 4 December	Corr
53. Invoice - Sowerby Parish Council	Acc
54. Dic Surveyor - Flooding Station Road	Mat Ar.
55. Planning result - Action Data	Pl Com

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 18 November 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

Apology: Councillor Murkett apologised for lateness.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 October 1995 were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. J. Watson and seconded Cllr. G. Murray. Confidential Minutes of 25 September and 21 October were approved proposed Cllr A. Morton, seconded Councillor. F. Roberts.

Police Report: P.c. K. Brookes advised that the police had ^(INVESTIGATE) supported the bid for the CCTV scheme. A detached Youth Worker Scheme is to be ~~appointed~~ for Thirsk. He advised that charges of affray had been brought against the culprits when local police officers were injured. Four persons had been apprehended following a break-in in Kirkgate, Thirsk, goods having been recovered. P.c. Brookes advised that officers have now been issued with CS sprays. Councillors asked if the police are to enforce the new speed limit along Long St, as many vehicles do not noticeably slow down. Noted. A complaint was made about the poor lighting on the zebra crossing - Noted. Complaint was also made about the many vehicles that take the left hand lane out of Stammergeat and then turn right - also if the recent accident in which a child was injured was caused by the junction - Sgt Brookes not aware of this.

Matters Arising: *Carrs Field:* Correspondence from Northern Utilities advised that a wayleave had been in existence with the late Miss Johnson - the attached wayleave document to be sent to our solicitor for his advice. Further comments re the usage of the field were noted. *Stoneybrough:* Planning application for this area to be submitted shortly. *Gormire Close:* The post in this area has been replaced. *White Mare Roundabout* Correspondence from the NYCC advised that the large number of bollards had placed there to prevent indiscriminate parking. *Press:* The editor of the Darlington & Stockton Times advised that during Miss Robinson's leave, his other reporters were committed to attend another Council Meeting. *N.Y.C.C.* A pedestrian crossing not considered necessary adjacent to Waterside. *Waterside:* Since the housing association refused to take any responsibility for the maintenance of the riverside area, it was proposed Councillor Morton, seconded Councillor Roberts that the Town Council offer to take over the maintenance of this area, but not any riparian rights. Agreed. *North Yorkshire Health Report:* Councillor Murray reported on his findings after studying same. He proposed that the Town council should welcome this report but should oppose any reduction of services at the Friarage, seconded Councillor Morton, Agreed. *North Yorkshire Ambulance NHS Trust:* Councillor Jackson referred to problems highlighted by the recent T.V. program, Dispatches.

Councillors were greatly concerned and supported the motion proposed by Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Jackson that we write to the Secretary of State, our local MP and Mr Murray Naylor asking that an independent inquiry be set up to reassure the public about the service. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposed visit - to be arranged for the 10 December, if possible. *Royal Mail:* Councillor Roberts reported on a site visit with representatives from Royal Mail about the installation of a meter mail box near the Sorting Office. The Clerk was asked to reiterate that we still consider a lay-by to be the best option. *Nursery Site:* It was proposed Councillor Jackson, seconded Councillor Salmon that a meeting of the planning committee be convened to discuss the ~~planning application for the Nursery Site~~. The motion was lost with 4 voting in favour and 5 voting against. *Cemetery gates* Councillor Hall queried if any further development re the repair of the Cemetery gates - not as yet. YLCC - Courses for Licensees - this needs to be brought up under branch business at Branch Meeting. Noted.

County Council Matters: In the absence of Councillor G. Turton, the Clerk was asked to write asking for an update on the traffic calming measures proposed for St Mary's, to express concern about the poor lighting on the zebra crossing in Long Street, the proposed additional posting box at the Sorting Office and the dangerous actions of motorists turning right from the left hand lane, when driving out of Stammerge junction.

District Council Matters: *Pigeons:* Councillor Robinson reported on the problem re the pigeon droppings on Millgate footpath. The environmental health officer, advised that the problem was really for the property owners, but had agreed to have the matter investigated. *Public Toilets:* Councillor Robinson referred to recent toilet inspections, and that the signage should be improved and that the approach was congested with fruit boxes. The Millgate Toilets are also lacking in washing facilities. *Tourism:* The local Tourist Information office was praised for the number of visitors (22,000) who had benefited from the service during the year. A letter of thanks to be sent to Thirsk T.I.C. *Grants:* Grants were now available for churches and places of worship. *All Weather Hockey Pitch:* Councillor Marshall reported that tenders were now being invited for this project. *Millenium Green:* Councillor Marshall reported that work is to be started in March.

Correspondence: *Hambleton District Council* - Precept to be set at the December meeting. *St James Green:* Miss Lill has requested that an ornamental crab be planted in memory of her mother. Agreed. Y.L.C.C. - reviews arrived late. Noted. *Economic Development Review:* Report to be made at next meeting. N.Y.C.C. - Role of audit & review Committee - Further Education Funding to be review on 13 January, 1997 Environment Agency to be reviewed on 21 April 1997. Noted. Tabled Information re Woodland Schemes, & Hambleton Visitor Guide to be referred to Amenity Committee. Tabled: Yorkshire Rural Community Council Annual report. Noted. Northallerton District Community Health Council Annual report. Noted. 1997 Hambleton Visitor Guide. Noted. Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group - talk & slide show. Noted.

Proposed CCTV Scheme: After discussion it was proposed Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Roberts that the Town Council donate £1,000 towards the proposed scheme. A further proposal by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Marshall that the Town council donate £5,000 towards the proposed scheme. This was put to the vote with 8 in favour and 2 against and 1 abstention. The Motion was carried.

Charity Shops: Councillor Murkett raised concern about the increasing number of charity shops in the town. In view of the rate relief granted it was considered that they have a distinct advantage. proposed Councillor Murkett seconded Councillor Watson to write voicing our concern and ask ~~that~~ the Finance Committee ~~what~~ what effect this has on the town.

Review of Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths Service: Discussion took place on the proposal to close the Thirsk office. It was noted that Thirsk office was used far more than Easingwold which it is proposed to keep open. The main reason for the proposed closure appears to be the accessibility. Councillors considered that the high costs quoted for improving accessibility were excessive.

Councillors strongly opposed the closure

Financial officer: It was proposed Councillor Roberts, seconded Councillor Morton that Councillor D. Alderson be appointed as financial officer for the Town Council. Agreed.

A. Responable

Thirsk Infants School Charity: It was proposed Councillor Robert's, seconded Councillor Murray that Councillor Marshall be the representative of the Town Council on the Thirsk Infants School Charity Trustees.

Accounts for Payment: The following accounts were approved for payment proposed Councillor Murkett, seconded Councillor Morton;

L. Mitchell	£ 8.50✓
Northern Electric - office	£ 58.77✓
Thirsk Motors - Burial Board	£ 15.00✓
C E & C M Walker - grasscutting	£ 719.10✓
Power Point - amenities	£ 32.32✓
Horticulture Services - flower tubs	£ 141.00✓
Yorkshire Water	£ 143.40✓
Bow House Publishing	£ 276.13
Playground Management Services	£ 188.24✓
Playdale	£ 86.93✓
J. Bell	£ 50.00✓
Sowerby Parish Council	£ 233.33✓
East Thirsk Community Hall	£ 4.08✓
Petty Cash	£ 50.00✓
C Amy	£ 236.00✓
E Coulson	£ 30.65✓
J. Marshall	£ 15.00✓

Planning Matters: The following planning decisions were received;

Spa Farm

Approved

Action Data

Refused in part

Planning Applications: The following planning applications were considered;

2/96/152/122D Proposal: Display of 2 externally illuminated projecting sign & a non illuminated sign

Location: Lord Nelson Inn, St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: lord Nelson Inn

The Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/150B Proposal: Use of existing Class A3 for A1 purposes

Location: 29 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Goode Things

The Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/366C Proposal: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the re-roofing of existing outbuildings

Location: Thirsk Telephone Exchange

Applicant: B.T. Building Construction

The Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/526B Proposal: Variation of a condition to permit Sunday opening hours of an approved centre for the fitting of tyres exhausts and car components

Location: Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Kwik Fit Properties

The Council wish to see the application refused.

2/96/152/532 Proposal: Display of 2 non-illuminated signs

Location: End of Courtyard, Court Arcade

Applicant: J Turner & K Easton

The Council wish to see the application approved.

2/96/152/533 Proposal: Outline application for the construction of 32 dwellings and 3 flats

Location: Former Nursery, Finkle Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Mrs J Hall & M Boyles

After discussion it was proposed Councillor Murkett seconded Councillor Watson that the above planning application be refused.

Committee Reports: The following reports were received;

Market Place Committee: Councillor Robinson reported that restrictive tree guards were to be removed, that the flower tub display was to be increased next year. Town Clock - old bracket to be removed. Mill gardens: Seats need to be varnished and the old lamp post is to be removed. Quotes have been requested to have the gravelled area cobbled. Refuse bins on the south side of the Market Place to be replaced. A request that the amenity worker be invited to meet with Council members was noted. Agenda item for next month - celebrations re the Clock Tower. Christmas Lights - Mr Woodhead has kindly donated a Christmas to the town - to be erected by Councillor Hall - lights to be switched on 22 November 1996

Amenity Committee: Bulb Planting: Councillor Marshall reported that spring bulbs were to be planted this weekend. Reports on seats still being awaited.

Finance: Councillor Adamson requested that Committee's work their budget requirements prior to the Finance meeting.

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Members reports: Councillor Robinson reported that the East Thirsk Youth Club was going well.

Medieval Fayre: It was proposed Councillor Morton, seconded Councillor Roberts that the Town Council sponsor the provision of the Fairground organ, at a cost of £60. Agreed.

Burial Board: The following grant of exclusive Right of Burials was approved;
William Arnold Grave Space 4 Section G6

Other items of Interest & Concern: Councillor Murkett expressed concern about the large number of street lights not working. Councillor Murray expressed concern about graffiti in the town. He also advised of the Old People's party in East Thirsk on the 7 December 1996

Remembrance Sunday: Councillor Marshall thanked members for their support at the remembrance service. She advised of the Medieval Fayre to be on 8 December. Councillor Marshall advised that she had been invited to open cash dispenser at Nat. West Bank.

Councillor Salmon proposed that complaint should be made about the poor heating in the Court House. Agreed to write and complain.

Meeting Closed at 10.45 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

**A FINANCE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE
AT 7.15 PM ON THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 1996**

AGENDA

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1997/98



Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council Finance Committee held in the
Town office on Thursday 5 December 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

Apology: Apologies received from Councillors Roberts and Salmon.

Exclusion: It was proposed Cllr. Murray, seconded Cllr Marshall that the press and public be excluded. Agreed.

Finance: Cllr. Adamson produced budget proposals for the 96/97 financial year and invited discussion.

Amenities: Councillors were advised that the bulk of the expenditure in this budget was for the Millennium Scheme, the balance for the rolling program of general improvement.

Greens: Cllr. Morton advised that he had budgeted monies for improvement on the Little Green and Ingramgate areas.

Market Place: Cllr. Robinson requested more funding for his budget - after discussion it was agreed to raise his budget by £2,300 as requested.

After consideration Cllr. Morton volunteered to reduce his budget by £2,000 to meet this extra expenditure.

Vote of Thanks: A vote of thanks was moved by Cllr. Murray, seconded Cllr. Morton. Agreed. *to Cllr ADAMSON for his work*

Proposal: It was proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Cllr. Murkett that the budget proposals put forward be accepted as amended. Carried - 8 in favour, 1 against.

Precept: To meet the requirements of the proposed budget a Precept of £50,548 will be needed.

Meeting Closed at 8.20 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 1996

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 18 November 1996
3. ✓ To receive Police Reports
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising
5. To receive Reports from
 - ✓ a) County Councillor
 - ✓ b) District Councillor
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence
7. ✓ To discuss H.D.C. Draft Economic Development Strategy
8. ✓ To set the Precept and agree Budgets
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment
10. ✓ To consider Celebrations re the Town Clock
11. ✓ To appoint a representative for Thirsk & Sowerby Relief in Need Charity
12. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports
13. ✓ To receive Reports from;
 - ✓ a) Sub Committee's
 - ✓ b) Members reports
14. ✓ Other items of interest and information



Clerk of the Council

Accounts paid since last meeting on 18 November 1996

K. Reynard - 31 weeks @ £6	£ 186.00
Hambleton District Sports Council - subscription	£ 3.00

Accounts for Payment - submitted to Town Council Meeting 9th December

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£ 339.81
P. Dunning	£ 518.32
E. Coulson	£ 266.00
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks & £2 + 50p	£ 10.50
Inland Revenue - Tax & National Insurance	£ 329.82
Edge Designs Ltd. - Modules & training	£ 707.35
J. Bell - rent 4 @ £10	£ 40.00
Thirsk Medieval Fayre - donation	£ 60.00
Royal British Legion - wreaths	£ 30.00
British Telecom - office	£ 57.44
C. Amy - P3 Work	£ 135.00
Colour Centre	£ 33.55

CORRESPONDENCE LIST December 1996

1.	YLCA- White Rose Update-CIPFA Guidance Notes	T
2.	D of E - Rural England 1996	T
3.	Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Minutes 4 November	C
4.	Leisure Services - Grants Play Area	Am
5.	EHO - HDC - Pigeon Droppings	Mk
6.	Plan withdrawn - Spa House Farm	Pl
7.	C. Dale - memorial - T. Bumby	Cm
8.	ETCH - receipt	
9.	HDC - Accounts & Audit regulations	F
10.	Plan - decision - Barclays Bank	Pl
11.	C. Dale - memorial - W A Dalton	Cm
12.	NY Ambulance Ser NHS Trust-News release	MA
13.	National Statistics -	Rt
14.	HDC - Planning List	T
15.	NYPolice Auth - Newsletter	T
16.	BTCV - catalogue - Trees & Shurbs	Am
17.	Europlay - Play surfaces	Am
18.	HDC - Sports Council fees £3 paid 27/11/96	
19.	Miss Lill - Replacement tree - StJames Green	Gr
20.	NYCC - Review of Reg Serv - receipt letter	MA
21.	NYHA - reminder - letters crossed	MA
22.	HDC - Nursery Site - receipt of comments	Pl
23.	Wm Hague - NY Amb Ser Trust	MA
24.	NALC - Local Council review - Nov 1966	T
25 - 26	- Plans - circulated	
27.	Christmas card Chairman	
28.	K. Reynard - receipt of cheque	
29.	Inland Revenue - IC Atkinson	F
30.	EHO - Christmas markets	T
31.	Trustees Thirsk Infants School Charity	MA
32.	Edge designs - Discs	F
33.	Cons Area Advisory Groups - dates	T
34.	Planning list	T
35.	Colour Centre - account	
36.	NYCC - Traffic Matters	MA
37.	Glasdon - dog waste bins - catalogue	T
38.	HDC - proposed CCTV Scheme	T
39.	Hags Play - Brochure	T
40.	Edge designs - Account	
41.	Thirsk/Sowerby Relief in Need Charity	Ag
42.	BT - Account	
43.	Com Union - Acc 18 October	Cm
44.	HDC - Charity Shops	MA
45.	Planning decision - Goode Things	
46.	Royal Mail - Relocation Post Box/meter box	MA
47.	D Bowe - Cleveland & Richmond Euro news	T
48.	Planning List	T
49.	Camerons - transfer of Licence	Cr
50.	NYCC-PC mtg-Thurs30 January-Comm Centre N'ton	Cr
51.	Planning Application - 536 - 17 Kirkgate	
52.	Planning Application - 532 - Court Arcade	
53/6	A/cs - Electro Wld,Thirsk Motors,FD Todd,Power Pt	Pt

Accounts paid since last meeting on 21 November 1996

K reynard - 31 weeks @ £6	£ 186.00
HDC - Sports Council - subscription	£ 3.00
Thirsk Medieval Fayre - donation	£ 60.00

Accounts for payment

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£ 339.81
P. Dunning	£ 518.32
E. Coulson	£ 266.00
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J. Bell - rent 4 @ £10	£ 40.00
Thirsk Medieval Fayre - donation	£ 60.00
Royal British Legion - wreaths	£ 30.00
British Telecom - office	£ 57.44
C. Amy - P3 Work	£ 135.00
Colour Centre	£ 33.55
CIPFA - Accounting Guidance Notes	£ 9.99
Electro World - heater for office	£ 26.99
Thirsk Motors - fuel	£ 13.84
F D Todd & Sons - Cem skip/landfill tax(£7)	£ 91.63
Power Pt - drill/cable/trans - Xmas Lights	£ 11.75
D. E. ADAMSON - POSTSCALES/STAT	£ 32.67
C AMY	£ 120.00
THIRSK CHAMBER OF TRADE	250.00

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 9 December 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), F. Roberts, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, J. Watson, G. Murray, R. Hall, County Councillor G. Turton, Pc Brookes & Pc Thackray, one member of the press and one member of the public

Apology: Apology for absence received from Councillor Salmon.

County Council Matters: Councillor Turton advised the Council that a scheme for St Mary's Walk, Thirsk had been submitted for DoE funding, one of nineteen awaiting assessment. He also advised that it was hoped to upgrade the present zebra crossing to a pelican crossing. He requested that local police monitor instances of bad driving practices. Cllr. Turton reported that he had made representation against the proposal to close the local registry office. He advised that a Police Liaison Meeting is to be held in spring and invited items for agenda. Details of the proposed CCTV scheme were tabled. Discussion on the above items followed with Councillors voicing concern about the anticipated increase of traffic with the recently approved Kwik Fit Tyre Centre, adjacent to the zebra crossing. Cllr Turton also stated that there was insufficient room to allow for a roundabout at the Stammergate junction.

Police Report: Pc Brookes advised that a report had gone in from Sgt Harris about the crossing. He stated that the recent accident in which a boy was injured did not appear to have been caused directly by the Stammergate junction. An invitation to the CCTV control room at Racecourse Lane, Northallerton was extended. Consideration to be given as to how to attract new special constables. Charges of affray, and obstructing officers in the course of their duty to be brought against the offenders who injured Thirsk Police Officers. Noted.

Amenity Worker: Councillor J. Marshall introduced Chris Amy to the Councillors. He gave a brief resume of his qualifications and experience. He then advised of schemes under consideration for the town.

Matters Arising: *NYCC.* After discussion Councillors agreed that a safe green light crossing could be provided with the installation of traffic lights at Stammergate junction. It was agreed to write to Wm Hague, M.P. also the prospective candidates for this constituency for support in this matter.

Royal Mail: Correspondence advising of the siting of post box and meter mail boxes were considered. Agreed to write to state strongly that we still consider there is a need for a layby to be created. *Thirsk Infants School Trustees:* Advice that Dr B. Thiede, Messrs W. Rukin, J. Lazenby, J. Potter and Mrs C. Clements and Cllr. J. Marshall are currently trustees. Noted. *Charity Shops:* information from Mr Morton, treasurer Hambleton District Council advised that registered charities can claim 80% reduction of their rates, with another 20% at the discretion of the Rating Authority.

N. Yorkshire Ambulance NHS Trust: Inquiry to go ahead as a result of the Dispatches program. Visit to headquarters to go ahead tomorrow as planned.

Nurse Site: A request to consider in more detail the development of this area resulted in the following proposal. It was proposed Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr. Roberts that a meeting be held ~~some time~~ in the new year to consider the economical development and planning of likely ~~to~~ affect the future of the town. Agreed unanimously.

District Council: Councillor Robinson expressed disappointed that Hambleton District Council had not made representation against the proposed closure of Thirsk registry office. Councillors considered that this should have been discussed at full Council not decided under Part A

Correspondence: *Town Hall:* Minutes of the previous meeting on were tabled. *Grants - Play Areas:* Information noted. *Pigeons:* Correspondence from Environmental Health advised that investigations into the feasibility of introducing some form of control of numbers, is to be done. Consideration also to be given to additional pavement washing. *Audit regulations:* Information on a seminar into audit regulations noted. Application for transfer of licence The Black Bull, tabled. *NYCC - Parish Council Meetings* - with Environmental Services dept - two representatives invited to attend Thursday 30 January -Cllrs Murkett and Robinson to attend.

Accounts for Payment: Accounts paid since last meeting were approved;

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C Amy - 4 wks @ £30	£ 120.00
D. Adamson - office equipment	£ 32.67
Thirsk Chamber of Trade - donation	£ 250.00

Draft Economic Development Strategy: Councillor Hall reported on his findings from the aforementioned document. His specific concerns were that no more industrial land is earmarked for development, also that no statistics on the retail sector were included. He was also concerned that no statistics on the envisaged impact of the Herriott Centre on the town had been included. Councillors agreed to write re the above.

Precept: Cllr Adamson reported from the Finance Committee meeting. He proposed that a precept of £50,500 was required to meet proposals put forward, seconded Councillor Robinson. Carried with one ~~abstention~~ *objection* - C. Hall

Town Clock Celebrations: Cllr. Robinson proposed that a working party be set up to look into suitable arrangements to celebrate to the centenary of the Town Clock, seconded Cllr. Roberts. It was further proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr Hall that the Town Clock be renovated. Five in favour, four against. This then became the substantive motion with five in favour and four against.

Representative: Thirsk & Sowerby Relief in Need Charity. It was proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr. Murray that Cllr F. Roberts be renominated for the vacancy. Agreed Unanimously.

Planning Matters: The following planning decisions were received;

Spa House Farm	Withdrawn
Barclays Bank	Granted
Goode Things	Granted

Planning Applications: The following planning applications were considered;
2/96/152/526B Proposal: Variation of a condition to permit an increase in Saturday opening hours of an approved centre for the fitting of tyres and car components

Location: Long St, Thirsk

Applicant: Kwik Fit Properties Ltd.

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

2/96/152/0535 Proposal: Construction of an agricultural grain storing building

Location: Woodhill Grange, Newsham Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr Bell

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/0177G Proposal: Outline application for the construction of a steelwork fabrication storage building and an office building

Location: Hambleton Steelworks, York Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Thircon Ltd

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/352A Proposal: Display of 4 externally illuminated signs, 1 externally illuminated projecting sign and 4 non-illuminated signs as amended.

Location: Black Lion Public House, Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Phoenix Inns Ltd

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

Council Meetings: It was proposed Councillor J. Marshall, seconded Copuncillor Murkett that the Town Council meetings be held in the Town Hall from May 1997. Carried.

Committee Reports: The following reports were received;

Christmas Lights: Cllr. Jackson gave sincere thanks to Councillor Hall and his staff for their assistance in erecting the Christmas tree.

Cemetery : Councillor Hall reported that work was almost complete on the cemetery gates. He reported that the work had been well done.

Members reports:

Market Place: Councillor Murkett reported that the gate to the rear of the Three Tuns yard has been locked. Agreed to investigate rights of way in relation to this. He also complained about the excessive amount of water overflowing the gutters and grates of Woodhead & Bray's workshop in Chapel Street and blocking the footpath. Agreed to write and complain.

Medieval Fayre: Concern was expressed that the organ, sponsored by the Town Council had not appeared at the Medieval Fayre. Agreed to ask for the return of our contribution, unless sonsorship is needed for other entertainment.

Burial Board: The following grant of exclusive Right of Burials was approved;
 William A. Dalton G6 - 4
 Thomas Bumby

Other items of Interest and Concern: Councillor Hall requested that the large green sign on the Sutton road be moved to the town side of the layby.

VAT Returns: Cllr. Adamson reported that £12,500 had been reclaimed.

Councillor Marshall advised the Council that she had presented medals at Thirsk Swimming Club and opened the Medieval Fayre. Cllr. Marshall advised that the pensioners Christmas Party was on Saturday last and that she had also formerly opened the new cash point at the Nat West Bank.

Councillor Roberts expressed concern about the steel roof recently erected at Kwik Fit, Hambleton District Council enforcement officer to be informed.

Carol singing to take place around the Christmas tree on Wednesday 18 December at 7 p.m.

Exclusion: It was proposed Councillor Robinson and seconded Councillor Watson that press and public be excluded. Agreed.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 9th December 1996

Present: Cllrs Marshall, Roberts, Watson, Adamson, Hall, Morton, Murkett, Murray, Robinson

Apologies; Cllr Salmon

Deputy Clerk

It was advised to Council that Mrs Gill Cappell from Thirby had been appointed Deputy Clerk following the recent interviews conducted by Cllrs Marshall, Adamson & Watson.

The work format to be undertaken was proposed as follows;

Mrs Cappell to attend the January, February & March Council meetings.

January - as an on-looker to see how Meetings were conducted
February - taking notes and comparing them with notes taken by the Clerk
March - taking notes and preparing the Minutes

This course of action was proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Murray - Vote taken - Decision unanimous

The Clerk;

The Clerk advised that she could not attend the Evening Meeting suggested to her at such short notice. Cllr Murkett had an informal meeting with Mrs Dunning stating that we wished this proposed meeting to be as informal as possible i.e. 'slap on the wrist'. Mrs Dunning became very agitated i.e. she felt that every one was against her, Councillors having keys to the Office etc, also that she had not seen sight of Minutes following confidential meetings - as they concerned the Clerk no way could she see them. Cllr Murkett expressed concern about the state of her health.

Cllr Adamson had met with the Clerk upon her return to work and had mentioned that there would be a 'slap on the wrist' nothing more at a mutually convenient appointment with 3 Councillors - this been the Meeting which the Clerk could not attend.

Mrs Dunning stated that she had made cries for help which had been ignored. It was mentioned however, that when she received a hefty increase in salary partly for increased responsibility she could have appealed for help and not just accepted the salary without comment.

Cllrs Marshall, Watson & Adamson did attend the Meeting arranged for the 2nd December but the Clerk did not arrive. We have instigated formal disciplinary procedures with a letter to the Clerk - any hearing will now be heard in a full closed Council Meeting at a mutually convenient appointment.

It was felt that this situation should be resolved as quickly as possible i.e. before January 1997 Council Meeting

We have been advised that the Clerk is quite happy to meet with us together with a representative of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Various discussions took part as regards action to be taken and statement as to Disciplinary Action as follows;

Among the matters which were included in the Auditors Report on the 1995/96 Accounts are as detailed below;

The Council's account books were submitted to the District Auditor unbalanced

The Council were notified formally by the District Auditor that the account books had been submitted unbalanced.

The Council had to spend significant amounts of time trying to balance the books and have submitted them again for approval and signing off by the District Auditor.

The time taken by the Auditor in trying to balance the books will cost the Council Tax payer extra in Audit Fees.

It is a minuted decision of this Council to proceed with disciplinary action against Mrs Dunning on the above grounds only.

Notification has been posted to the Clerk.

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Thirsk Town Council

A confidential meeting of Thirsk Town Council will ^{be} held on Thursday 9th January 1997 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall Annex, Thirsk Town Hall.

Agenda:- 1, Apologies

2, Minutes of confidential meeting
9th December 1996

3, Discussion

at 7.30pm 4, Clerk to attend with advisor

5, Disciplinary hearing

6, Council to determine action and notification
of result to Clerk

7, A.O.B.

Jan Marshall

Chairman

Thirsk Town Council

Any apologies must be notified to myself.

Mrs. P. A, Dunning
29 Kirkgate,
THIRSK

Councillor J. Marshall
12 Woolmoor close,
THIRSK.
10 December 1996.

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Dear Mrs. Dunning,

Further to my letter of 2nd December 1996, and following a closed meeting of Thirsk Town Council on 9th December 1996 the Council have confirmed the following reasons for disciplinary action and this letter is official notice as required by clause 16 of your contract of employment.

"Among the matters which were included in the Auditors report on the 1995/6 accounts is the following.

The Councils' accounts books were submitted to the district Auditor unbalanced.

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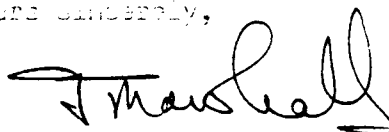
The time taken by the Auditors in trying to balance the books will cost the Council Taxpayer extra in Audit fees." In Contravention of L.G.F.A 1982-Sect. 12(1)

The Council will bring the above matter to be discussed at a meeting of the full Council at a mutually agreed date but we wish this meeting to take place before the next normal Town Council meeting (10th January 1997).

You are allowed per your contract to bring along an adviser to this meeting.

This meeting is to give you an opportunity to answer the complaints made against you.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor J. Marshall,

Chairman, Thirsk Town Council

signed for and on behalf of the Town Council.

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Confidential Meeting Held on 9th January 1997, commencing at 7.00pm, in the Annexe of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

Present; Cllrs Marshall, Roberts. Watson. Adamson, Hall, Morton Murray & Robinson

Apologies: Cllrs Jackson, Murkett & Salmon.

The Minutes of the confidential meeting held on the 9th December 1996 were approved; Proposed Cllr Murray, Seconded Cllr Morton - all in favour

A general discussion re the format the Disciplinary hearing was to take was held. It was agreed that the matters as raised in our letter to the Clerk of the 10th December 1996 would stand and we would advise the Clerk and her Advisor that we wished to issue a Verbal warning - all in favour.

At 7.30pm the Clerk, Mrs Dunning, together with her advisor, Mr A Shreeve, Area Secretary of the Society of Local Clerks attended the meeting.

We advised The Clerk and Mr Shreeve of the earlier decision which had been taken by the Council i.e. the issue of a verbal warning as per our letter to Mrs Dunning of 10th December 1996. We stated that if they were prepared to accept that, then the meeting would be terminated.

Mr Shreeve, speaking on behalf of the Clerk, said that there were various points he wished to raise with ourselves and was not prepared for the verbal warning to be issued without the Clerk's views been heard;

He advised that the books had not wantonly been presented unbalanced and presented the following;

Mr Shreeve referred to the appointment of the Clerk in April 1992 and the copy Contract (based on the Model contract) which he said was very difficult to define the Clerks duties from.

Also that Mrs Dunning had successfully completed and balanced the books for 3 years following her appointment. It was only the year 1995/96, due to a number of matters to be raised later, that Mrs Dunning was unable to complete the books for Audit.

Matters for consideration;

Mrs Dunning had been off ill 14 weeks after Audit and during this period the financial matters were looked after by the Mayor and other Councillors.

Extra duties undertaken by the Clerk included;

3 further playareas during 1994/95

Town Centre Management involvement

13 sub - committees which created extra work - Minutes etc preparing Agendas

Clerk required to attend Site Meetings etc coupled with extra workload. During this time Mrs Dunning's father had been very ill and had passed away during early 1996, having to sort out her late parent's estate, also having a fire at her own home - distractions and traumas of this nature placed the Clerk under extreme pressure and helped lead to the present position.

Mr Shreeve then mentioned the following;

He was pleased to note that while the Clerk's salary had started low it was now paid in accordance with suggested guidelines but does not probably cover present hours worked i.e. 20 although he did appreciate the hours were probably on a swings and roundabout basis and may on balance be 20 hours per week. Although he felt that with the Clerk's extra workload as a result of the Council taking over The Ritz, an added burden, for 12 months, this would have possibly made the weekly hours worked an average of 28. Mrs Dunning did not seek additional remuneration for this additional work. (It was pointed out to Mr Shreeve later that the clerk was paid extra for the cinema duties, and had not declined those duties.

Mr Shreeve expressed Mrs Dunning's concern at the necessity to present the books unaudited at the required date. He then mentioned the Clerk's previous service to the Council and raised again the question of what went wrong during 1995/96 - additional work load, domestic circumstances etc. He was pleased to note that the increasing workload has been recognised by the Council in the proposed appointment of a Relief Clerk.

Re Audit he felt that the difficulties may have been compounded by the fact that the Auditors lacked experience in auditing local Council books e.g. question raised as to why Burial Board receipts were down. Mr Shreeve suggested that we look at any fees charged by Auditors as an in-experienced Auditor will take longer in balancing books. However it was agreed that it was not the Auditors job to balance the accounts. He was pleased to note that the Cinema had now left the Council's control.

He felt that we should take into account all the points he has raised together with the fact that the Clerk was willing to undertake any tasks asked of her by the Council, private individuals, local business etc when we were to make our decision.

The Chairman raised the point that we had not been notified of the books being unbalanced and had therefore been unable to take action. The Clerk stated that she had verbally mentioned this to the Chairman the weekend before the Audit. The Chairman replied that she did not want to get into a dispute re this fact but that she had no recollection of such a conversation taking place. If she had then she would have taken action as for the 1994/95 accounts when she balanced the books after being informed by the Clerk that the books were not balanced. These books had also included the Cinema.

Cllr Marshall advised that to her certain knowledge the Auditors appointed were fully trained in Audit matters, and explained why such questions re burial receipts etc were raised.

Cllr Roberts; advised that she had found out the errors within the cinema accounts - some of the queries may have been caused by mistakes possibly by the Bank. Mr Shreeve again mentioned that the Clerk had worked hours over and above the ones she had been paid for but was advised that Mrs Dunning had in fact been paid extra for the cinema work.

Cllr Morton; Raised that we, the Council, were responsible for the monies of the ratepayers and would be open to criticism if we had not taken any action as regards the un-audited books and possible additional costs incurred,

Mrs Dunning became agitated over the Relief Clerk position as it appears that Mrs Cappell had 'bounced' into the Council Office to introduce herself. The Town Council had been unaware that this had happened.

However, the Clerk had been previously been advised that we were looking to appoint a Relief Clerk to cover for holidays, sickness etc as during Mrs Dunning's 14 week sick leave the work had been undertaken by 4 Councillors (3 of whom work full time and 1 part time) and this obviously was an un-satisfactory position.

Mr Shreeve appreciated our concern over the work load.

The Clerk was informed that once formalities were completed re the relief clerk she would be advised.

The Employment Contract was referred to as regards holiday cover and Mrs Dunning and her Advisor were informed that we have been drawing up a new Contract of Employment for the Clerk to look at, for her agreement, as regards duties, holidays, sick pay etc; also any holidays to be agreed between the Clerk and the Council - Mr Shreeve was pleased to hear of our concern in this matter.

At this point MR. Shreeve and Mrs Dunning were thanked for their attendance at this meeting and left the office.

There was a general discussion re points raised by Mr Shreeve, including that some were in-accurate, and a decision was made that a letter would be forwarded to the Clerk confirming our decision to issue a verbal warning on the following grounds;

On the matter of presenting un-balanced accounts to the Auditor and thereby incurring un-necessary expense to the rate payer.

All Councillors in favour.

At this point Cllr Roberts temporarily left this meeting to attend Sowerby Parish Council meeting.

A O B

The amended Contract of Employment was presented and discussed and decisions made as follows;

Points 7 & 8.1 accepted Proposed Cllr Murray, Seconded Cllr Morton - all in favour

Point 10 - last sentence be amended to the effect that the word additional be replaced by supervisory - Proposed Cllr Murray, seconded Cllr Morton - decision unanimous

Vote of thanks proposed to Cllr Adamson in production of Contract of Employment.

Cllr Roberts re-joined the meeting

Cllr Murray raised the question of references for Mrs Cappell - one reference has been received. Verbal reference only has been received from the second referee, written reference still awaited. Until this has been received no action to be taken. Cllr Adamson has drawn up a form of contract for the Relief Clerk to complete once formalities have been completed.

Cllr Morton re-confirmed at Town Council re representative on Thirsk TIC Management Committee.

Meeting formally closed 8.50pm.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 1997

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 9 December 1996
3. ✓ To receive Police Reports
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising
5. ✓ To receive Reports from
 - a) County Councillor *not present*
 - b) District Councillor
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence
7. ✓ To consider the proposed closure of Thirsk Registry Office
8. ✓ To consider proposed cut backs in the Library Service
9. To approve accounts for payment
10. To receive Planning Committee Reports
11. To receive Reports from;
 - a) Sub Committee's
 - b) Members reports
12. Other items of interest and information



Clerk of the Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 20 January 1997 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Apology for absence received from County Councillor Turton and for lateness Councillor D. Murkett.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: After minor amendments, it was proposed Councillor Watson, seconded Councillor Murray that the Minutes be approved. Agreed.

Police Report: Inspector Clarke advised the meeting that the current campaign to recruit more special constables was proving successful, with at least three volunteers. He advised that an extension of the neighbourhood watch scheme is to be launched next month. Local police shared the Council's concern about the recent spate of broken windows in the town. Inspector Clarke wished to set up a joint meeting with local licensees, he requested that the Town Council host this meeting. Agreed. Councillors again voiced concern about cyclists riding without lights, Noted. The Chairman reminded Inspector Clarke of the wish of Councillors to visit the CCTV control room at Northallerton.

Matters Arising: *Police:* Correspondence from North Yorkshire Police requested a joint meeting with Councillors, Police and Licensees. Agreed. *Amenity Land:* The Clerk reported receipt of Lease, Deed of Covenant and Land Certificate for 3.7 acres Hambleton Place, Thirsk. These to be referred to the Amenity Committee.

Cemetery Wall: Correspondence from the Offenders Insurance Assessors claimed that the Town Council had achieved a gain - this was referred to the Cemetery Committee for consideration and response. *N.Y.C.C. -* Correspondence from the Area Traffic Manager gave little possibility to relocating the Crossing when upgrading to a Pelican Crossing. It was proposed Councillor Marshall, seconded Councillor Morton to request a site meeting to discuss further both the re-location of the crossing and the Stammerge Junction. Carried with one abstention.

Ingramgate: Quotations received for enhancement work were referred to the Greens Committee for further consideration. *Town Clock:* Quotation received for cleaning was referred to the Market Place Committee. *Play Area:* Correspondence advising that there was confusion about the ownership of the boundary fence, was not considered helpful. The developers to be consulted re ownership and liability *Arts for Everyone:* A recent meeting was well attended in the town. *Footpath:* Councillors agreed to adopt a watching brief about this footpath leading from the Market Place.

Carrs Field: Councillors were advised of the receipt of information from the Charity Commissioners on the setting up of a Charitable Trust. It was agreed that the wayleave be left in abeyance until the Charity is set up. These items were referred to the ~~Amenity~~ Committee.

Carrs Field

Correspondence: Waterside Area: The Clerk reported that the landowner Mr John Bell had agreed to the Town Council to carry out grasscutting on the riverside in front of Waterside to alleviate complaints about the appearance of the area.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall: Minutes of meeting 2 December. Noted.

Hambleton District Council: Annual Report 1995/96 tabled.

District Council: Councillor Marshall advised the meeting that comments had gone forward to the Economic Development Strategy. Noted. The talked about Sustrans cycle ~~rack~~ did not affect Thirsk. Noted.

RATE

Library Service: Councillors were concerned to hear of further cut backs possibly affecting Thirsk Library. It was agreed that the library plays an important part in the Town and that any change should be resisted. Agreed to write to Councillor Turton, the leader of the NYCC Education Committee and Head of Libraries.

Proposed Closure of Registry Office: Councillors discussed the proposed closure of Thirsk Registry office. Concern was expressed about the lack of consultation, agreed to write to the Registrar General and to the local Government Ombudsman to state our complaint.

Accounts for Payment:

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M/s Sam Turner	£ .53
C Amy	£ 279.00
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Power Point	£ 21.74
Fox's Copy Centre	£ 125.69

Suspension of Standing Orders: Councillors agreed that the meeting be extended 15 minutes.

Planning Matters: The following planning decisions were received;

Lord Nelson Inn	Granted
B Russel	Granted subject to Conditions
Sun Dawn Developments	Granted subject to Conditions
Phoenix Inns Ltd	Granted subject to Conditions
Mr M Bournier	Granted subject to Conditions
Kwik Fit Properties	Refused
BT Building Constructions	Granted subject to Conditions
Abbey National	Granted subject to Conditions
J. Turner & K Easton	Granted subject to Conditions
Thirsk & Northallerton Golf Club	Granted subject to Conditions
J Bell	Granted subject to Conditions
J Bell	Granted subject to Conditions

Planning Applications: The following planning applications were considered;

2/96/152/536 Proposal: Alterations to existing ground floor offices & first floor office & stores for use as a dwelling.

Location: 17 Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Peart

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/96/152/0538 Proposal: Extension to existing dwellinghouse.

Location: 9 Favenfield Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Allen

The Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Comments: this development will virtually double the existing accommodation, but no extra toilet facilities are included. We feel that this application in its present form should not be approved.

2/96/152/245N Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of 3 floodlights.

Location: The Darrowby Inn, Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Vaux Breweries

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Burial Board: The following grant of exclusive Right of Burials was approved;

Thomas Bumby G.S. 10 Sect. E5

An additional inscription was approved for;

Edward Henry Watson

Other items of Interest and Concern:

Councillor Murkett voiced some concern about the ducks in Millgate Garden area.

Noted.

Winter Maintenance: Councillors discussed the NYCC winter maintenance program re footpaths in the town, many footpaths being treacherous during the recent frosty spell.

Thirsk Town Council

Correspondence List for 20 January 1997

1. HDC - Arts for Everyone - meeting 11 January 1997
2. NYCC - 20 MPH Zones M.A.
3. Magistrates Courts - Heating - - meeting venue M.A.
4. HDC - Boundary Long St. Play area Am C
5. Home Office - Guidance for Employees File
6. Wicksteed Leisure - new range of equipment AmC
7. Sowerby Parish Council - petition Registry Office Ag.
8. Planning Pl
9. Thirsk Hall Estate - riverbank Am C
10. Eccle Heddon - Carrs Field - Wayleave Carrs
11. HDC - Riverbank Waterside Am C
12. Police - Licensed premises - prop Meeting Ag
13. a/c
14. CIPFA - Training program Fi
15. Wm Hague - Stammergeate junction MA
16. NY Ambulance Service - Annual Report Table
17. NYCC - Registry Office Ag
18. Planning Pl
19. NYCC - Zebra crossing Long St MA
20. NYCC - Signage Sutton Road MA
21. HDC- Draft Economic Development Strat - Comments noted
22. McLarens Toplis - Damage Cemetery Wall Cem

23	NYCC - Enhancement Work Millgate Gardens - quote	Mk Pl
24	NYCC - Footpath Three Tuns Hotel	Am Com
25	HDC - Chipping Scheme - Christmas tree	M Pl
26	MHP Industrial Cleaning Service - quote cleaning clock tower	M Pl £1800 + VAT
27	Eccles Heddon - Lease, Deeds Cert 3.7 acres	Cor
28	HDC - Events in 1997 - return by 3 Feb	
29	Inland Revenue - employees Hotline	Fi
30	Eccles Heddon - draft scheme Carrs field	Carrs
31	HDC - Boundary Play Area	Am C
32	T & S Town Hall - Minutes 2 Dec	Table
33	HDC - CAPS Scheme	Table
34	JB Cordingley - Transfer Licence Black Lion	Table
35	NY Legal Services - Masonic Lane	Table
36	Sowerby PC - Play Equipment - questionnaire	Am C
37	BTCV - Countryside Weekends May - August (by 30 Jan)	Am C
38	T & S Conservation Area Advisory Group - agenda	Table
39	Vale of York Cons. - Stammerge Junction	MA
40	HDC - Diversion of Footpath	Am C
41	Planning List and Planning Results	Table
42	McLarens Toplis - Insurance Claim Cemetery Wall	Cem C
43	D.G Collinson - Invoice re damaged wall Cemetery	Cem C
44	Royal Mail Post - Layby Thirsk Delivery Office	Mat Ar
45	HDC - Planning Appeal	Pl
46	D G Collinson - Memorial	Cem
47	NYCC - Access Ingramgate	MkPl

Accounts for Payment - submitted to Town Council Meeting 20 January 1997

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£ 331.81
P. Dunning	£ 518.32
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks & £2 + 50p	£ 10.50
Inland Revenue - Tax & National Insurance	£
J. Bell - rent 5 @ £10	£ 50.00
Power Point	£ 35.07
Thirsk Motors ltd	£ 6.04 ✓
D & A Walker (repairs to boiler Cemetery House)	£ 114.70 -
I Atkinson - telephone rental	£ 21.86 -
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall (1/2 Insurance)	£ 407.56 -
Sam Turner & Sons	£ .53 ✓
C. Amy & Assoc	£ 279.00 -
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£ 968.20 ✗
D Adamson - ink refills	£ 13.49 ✓
Rltz Cinema (as approved Dec 1995)	£ 1800.00
G Johnston - Christmas Lights	£ 455.43 ✓
Power Point - wheelbarrow	£ 21.74 ✓
FOXIS	125.69 ✓

**Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the
Town Office on Tuesday 28 January 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), F. Roberts, A. Morton, J. Watson, D. Adamson, J. Salmon, Mr D. Goodwin of H.D.C., and the Clerk.

Apology: Received from Councillor Hall.

Millennium Green: Mr Goodwin gave a presentation advising Councillors of the present position.

He outlined proposals put forward in the draft plan - including a proposed boundary fence of bird's mouth fencing - he advised that the ownership of the beck was in dispute, so although not in the ownership of HDC would be thoroughly cleaned to allow the scheme to progress.

He advised that arrangements had been successfully completed with Yorkshire Water to allow entrance for maintenance into the area - a gate has already been purchased to secure this entrance.

It is hoped to acquire an entrance from the Primary School Play Area, and, since the lease on that land has only 2 years to run, it is intended to purchase this land, if agreement can be reached with North Yorkshire County Council. Hambleton District Leisure & Amenities Committee have agreed that, subject to successful negotiation, the Chairman has delegated authority to act.

He advised of a firm offering environmental friendly seating at only the cost of materials - this to be looked into.

<i>Costs:</i>	Area 1	2,258
	Area 2	3,042
	Area 3	2,419
	Area 4	608
	Area 5	1,739
	Area 6	1,582
	Area 7	720
	Area 8	3,480
	Area 9	NIL
	Area 10	1,339
	Area 11	2,700
	Beck Clearance	1,238
	Fencing	4,347
	Seats/Bins	2,000
	Millennium Arts Feature	3,000
	Play Equipment	10,000
	Additional Works to Sewage Plant	1,000
	Sub Total	50,045
	NYCC	8,000

Local sources - 50% of costs.

Legal Issues: Several legal issues have yet to be completed

- a) NYCC land not likely to be finalised before end of March
- b) Countryside Commission have stated that they need a 999 year lease
- c) Countryside Commission have produced a Model Trust Deed - this to be studied how we can conform with their requirements.

Implementation: It is hoped to get the legal issues in place by April. After reaching agreement with the Countryside Commission on matters relating to the scheme and funding it is proposed to install an information signboard for the public. Preparation on the site will probably commence August/September 1997.

Action: Mr Goodwin requested that the Town Council look carefully at the Trust deed and that the Town Council and East Thirsk Community Association have discussions re procedure. In the meantime approval for inclusion of the play are in the development of the scheme to be sought. He stressed that figures for costs given could be subject to amendment, and that much of this would be off-set against Grant.

Meeting Closed 9.25p.m.

Thirsk Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE AMENITY
COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
AT 7 PM ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 1997**

FINANCE AGENDA

1. Standing Financial Regulations
2. Cinema Grant
3. Fax/Ansa Machine/Telephone
4. Churchyard Grasscutting

AMENITIES AGENDA

1. Carrs Field - Trustee Scheme
2. Play Equipment - Norby
3. Millennium Green meeting - minutes and any update
4. Millennium Green - legal document
5. Seat Survey
6. Countryside Stewardship - acceptance
7. Carrs Field - Agreement with racecourse
8. YLCA Conference



Clerk of the Council

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held at the Town office on Wednesday 5 February 1997

Present: Councillors G. Murray, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, J. Watson, F. Roberts, A. Morton, J. Jackson, J. Salmon, J. Marshall and Councillor D. Adamson in the chair.

Cinema Grant: Discussion took place about the proposed grant to the Ritz Cinema. Cllr. Murkett considered that this should have been minuted as Section 137. Cllr J. Salmon spoke in defence of the proposed grant, agreed at Finance meeting when he was chairman. Cllr F. Roberts stated that the public meeting held when the cinema was re-opened showed the strength of support in the town. Cllr Roberts was asked for financial details about the cinema, these she answered, adding that the proposal to re-vamp the cinema this month had been taken in the light of the anticipated grant from the Town Council. It was proposed Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Morton that the grant be made to the cinema as originally intended in the finance meeting of December 1995, and approved in Minute 843. A named vote was proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr Robinson. Agreed.

For - Councillors Murray, Marshall, Roberts, Morton, Salmon, Jackson, Watson.

Against - Councillor Murkett with two abstentions.

It was proposed Councillor Marshall, seconded Councillor Watson that This Council has no further responsibility for the cinema. Any request for donations will be treated as for any other organisation in the town. Agreed unanimously.

It was further proposed by Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr Watson that it be recorded that the Councillors on the Cinema Committee are not there as representatives of the Town Council. Agreed unanimously.

Financial Regulations: Cllr Adamson went through proposals to bring the Council's Financial Standing Order's up to date; these included that Standing Orders should be authorised in the same way as cheque payments i.e. Three signatories. The new financial standing orders were proposed and seconded and accepted unanimously. Cllr Watson proposed that the Council get a new bank mandate completed with the signing instructions to be the Clerk and the two Councillors. This would apply to all standing orders and direct debits as well as cheques. This was agreed.

Cllr Watson requested that an up to date list be made of all legal documents and then these should be deposited with the bank, or solicitors, copies only to be left in office. The list to be copied to all Councillors. A list was to be obtained of all documents held by the bank and it ensued that the Council had copies of these documents.

Churchyard Grasscutting: The cost of cutting Thirsk churchyard in the current year was discussed. It was proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr Salmon that Thirsk Town Council pay all the costs of this season's grasscutting and not request a contribution towards the cost from St Mary's Church Thirsk. Carried.

Fax/Answerphone: Cllr Marshall referred to the condition of the Town Council telephone ansa machine and the need for a fax machine, with the proposal that consideration be given to purchasing a fax/answerphone, seconded Cllr Murkett. Agreed.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Town Office on Wednesday 5th February 1997

Present: Councillors G. Murray, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, J. Marshall, F. Roberts, A. Morton, J. Jackson, J. Salmon, D. Adamson and Councillor J. Watson in the chair.

Carrs Field: Councillor J. Watson advised the meeting that following guidelines from the Charity Commissioners the following were proposed;

- 1) Trustee Scheme - That a trustee scheme be set up to be called Carrs Field, Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust
- 2) Object of the Trust - To provide an area for recreation

After further discussion Councillor Watson recommended that the Trustees turn over the management of the Trust to the Town Council who are able to raise the necessary monies to enable the Trust to proceed.

To this end she put forward the names of Councillors Marshall, Roberts, and Watson as trustees. Put forward for co-opting were a local gentleman and a lady who has shown interest in the area.

There was opposition to this proposal and it was agreed that everyone would receive a copy of the proposed charity commission document prior to further discussion at the next Town Council meeting.

Grasscutting: Consideration was voiced about the Racecourse authorising work to be done on Carrs Field without consultation. After discussion it was proposed Councillor Salmon seconded Councillor Murkett that an informal letter be sent re this. Agreed.

Norby Play Area: Councillor Watson advised the meeting of the result of consultation with local schools as to their preference for play equipment;

It was proposed Councillor Murkett, seconded Councillor Morton that the following be purchased. Agreed.

Burmah Bridge
Wobble Board
Balance Walk
Chain Walk
Log Walk

Price £1897 + V.A.T.

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Millennium Green: Councillor Marshall updated Councillors on the present position regarding the Millennium Green proposal. She advised of the possibility that the East Thirsk Community Association take over the trusteeship, to conform with conditions set down by the Countryside Commission. Agreed that the Town Council await the decision from East Thirsk Community Association as to their willingness to act on our behalf.

It was proposed Councillor Salmon, seconded Councillor Adamson that the following proposals be carried out.

- 1) Await the decision of ETCA
- 2) Write to the Countryside Commission if the ETCA are unable, or unwilling to help.
- 3) If the ETCA are prepared to accept the conditions from the Countryside Commission that the Town Council go along with that, with the proviso that the trusteeship can be referred back to us.

Both the above were agreed unanimously.

Countryside Stewardship: Councillor Watson advised the meeting that an offer had come forward from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food that the Town Council's proposals for Countryside Stewardship be accepted. This would enable grant to be claimed towards maintaining the area of the Holmes, Carrs Field, Centenary Field whilst enhancing and conserving the area.

It was proposed Councillor Salmon, seconded Councillor Adamson that the Town Council go ahead with the Countryside Stewardship Scheme subject to confirmation of details with FWAG.

Thirsk Town Council

A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7.15 PM ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1997

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous meeting 20 January 1997
3. To receive Police Reports
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising
 - a) Thirsk Registry Office
 - b) Licencees Meeting
5. ✓ To receive Reports from
 - a) County Councillor ✓
 - b) District Councillor ✓
6. ✓ To receive Correspondence
7. ✓ To consider Grasscutting Tenders
8. ✓ Carrs Field
9. To approve accounts for payment
10. Revision of Standing Orders
11. To receive Planning Committee Reports
12. To receive Reports from;
 - a) Sub Committee's
 - b) Members Reports
13. Other items of interest and information



Clerk of the Council

CORRESPONDENCE February 1997

Matters Arising:

- Police/Licencees - Meeting Town Hall- 18 March 8 pm
- Cemetery Wall - McLarens Toplis
- Thirsk Library - NYCC Ray de Graff
- Winter Maintenance - NYCC - Mr M Woods
Information re Maintenance
- Thirsk Registry Office - Mr G S Gresty
- Sorting Office - ownership of land
- A61 Long St - Stammergate Junction - dates please
- Matt Carter
- Sandhutton Borehole - Environment Agency

Planning:

- Planning Lists - 9 January - 5 February
- Kwik Fit - Public Local Inquiry - Tuesday 14 October
- Diversion of Public Footpath - Little Green
- Appeal - A Bashizadeh - 3A Kirkgate - Dismissed
- Application - 9 Favenfield - Granted subj/conditions
- Application - 17 Kirkgate - Granted subj/conditions
- Application - Darrowby Inn - Granted subj/conditions
- Application - Nursery Site - Withdrawn

Burial Board:

- O/standing A/c - Insurance Claim
- Additional Inscription - Joyce Stephenson
- Additional Inscription - Charlotte Palliser

Grasscutting Tenders:

One received late also unmarked/therefore not considered.
Tenders received were opened by Coun J. Marshall in the presence of Coun D. Adamson and Coun F. Roberts. Tenders were announced by number only. Decision was made that No 3 should be accepted. This was revealed as Messrs C Walker.

Town Clock:

Two estimates received.

Correspondence received:

- HDC - Precept - band D £1539.76
- P. Bardon - re Trustee of Carrs Field
- Transfer of Licence - George Hotel, Sowerby
- S Kirkby & Moorthorpe T.C. - Local Agenda 21
- District Audit - Financial Control
- HDC - Ac & Audit Regs - Seminar 17 March 7 p.m.
- YLCA - HDC/parish Liaison Comm - Tues. 25 March 1990
- NYCC - Temp Closure Sutton Bank - Wed 12 March
- HDC - Doggs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 - View
- TSCAAG - meeting 13 January 1997
- HDC - Energy Conservation

Accounts for payment

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£	331.81
Council Tax - Cemetery lodge - DDR	£	65.00
Council Tax - Office - DDR	£	65.00
P. Dunning Salary	£	518.32
L. Mitchell - 4 weeks & £2 + 50p	£	8.50
J. Bell - rent 5 @ £10	£	50.00
N. Electric - office	£	175.38
C. Amy - less cheque from Miss Lill	£	121.00
Thirsk Motors - fuel	£	6.00
Soc of Local Council Clerks - subscription	£	50.00
E. Thirsk Com Hall - photocopies	£	3.36
Wicksteed Leisure ltd -	£	968.20
Priory Publications - advert	£	209.15
Y.R.C.C. - 2 to Conference (Sat only £39.95)	£	79.90
Petty Cash	£	50.00
R172 —		1800.00
C. Amy		120.00
C. Dale & Son - repair Cemetery Gates	£	1551.00

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on
Monday 17 February 1997 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

Apology: An Apology for ansence received from Councillor G. Turton.

Bereavement: Councillor J. Marshall requested that condolences be sent to 3 RHA on the recent loss of L. Bdr. Stephen Restorick, killed in Northern Ireland. Agreed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Minutes of the full Council Meeting on 20 January, after amendment on page 921 "referred to Carrs Field Committee to confer and report to the Amenity Committee" proposed Cllr Murray seconded Cllr. Murkett. Agreed. the Finance Meeting on 5 February, and the Confidential Meeting on 9 January were agreed, proposed Cllr. Watson, seconded Cllr. Adamson. Minutes of the Carrs Field Working Party on 29 January were noted.

Police: Not in attendance.

Matters Arising: Councillors agreed to host a meeting with neighbouring parishes on 26 February to ask questions on the proposed closure of Thirsk Register's Office.

The meeting with police and local licensees to be held on 18 March 1997.

Mandate - Cllr. Adamson proposed that existing mandate stay in place, seconded Cllr. Roberts, Carried.

Amenity Committee: It was confirmed that additional play equipment for the Norby Play Area is on order. Councillors stated that there is still a hope for a football area.

Cemetery Wall: Insurance re damage to the Cemetery Wall, amount offered short of repair total. Proposed Cllr. Hall seconded Cllr. Murkett that this be accepted. Agreed.

Winter Maintenance: General discussion took place re the lack of footpath maintenance, noted that insurance claims can follow, if maintenance poor.

Post Box: Information re the re-location of the post box adjacent to the sorting office, entrance, noted.

Millennium Green: Cllr Marshall advised that the East Thirsk Community Association were not prepared to take over the trusteeship of the Millenium Green. Councillors considered that the Town Council is the correct body to take on this reponsibility.

Proposed Closure of Thirsk Registry Office: It was agreed that questions relating to the proposed domiciliary service should be put to Mr Gresty, also any additional charge to residents.

N.Y.C.C. - The site meeting to discuss further problems relating to Long Street and Stammergate junction to be arranged in March.

Sandhutton Borehole: Details of monitoring proceedures received from the Environment Agency were noted, but concern was expressed that no indication of prohibitive proceedure was included.

Burial Board: The following applications for additional inscriptions were approved;
CHARLOTTE PALLISER JOYCE STEPHENSON

District Council Report: Cllr Robinson reported that boundary signs in Hambleton District were to be replaced. He reported that a decision on CCTV was expected in March.

Herriott Centre: Although Hambleton District Council were not successful in their bid for lottery funding, other possibilities are being looked into. Hambleton District Council is to fix their rate at £20 for the 1997/98 financial year. Noted.

Correspondence: Details of precept payments received from Hambleton District Council.

Trustee: Letter from Mr P. Bardon indicated an interest to become a trustee of Carrs Fields Trust. Noted.

Transfer of Licence in respect of the George Hotel, Sowerby, Noted.

Invitation to attend S. Kirkby & Moorthorpe seminar re Local Agenda 21 noted.

Information re district Audit noted. - copies requested for all Councillors.

Seminar at Hambleton District Council 17 March - no representative able to attend, notes requested.

YLCA Liaison meeting at Hambleton District Council on Tuesday 25 March. Noted.

NYCC - Notice of proposed closure of Sutton Bank on 12 March noted.

Dog Fouling of Land - proposals from Hambleton District Council to extend the poop scope scheme were noted and approved. Councillors agreed with proposals too issue fixed penalties, and considered that the HDC should strengthen their own enforcement force.

Energy Conservation - details available from Hambleton District Council Noted.

Thirsk & District Minibus - The annual duck race to be held on Easter Monday 31st March 1997. Noted.

Grasscutting 1997 Season: Tenders had been received from four Contractors, by the deadline, and one Contractor after the deadline. Tenders received were opened by Cllr. J. Marshall in the presence of Cllr. D. Adamson & Cllr. F. Roberts. Tenders were announced by number only. Decision was made that No 3 should be accepted. This was revealed as Messrs C. Walker. This decision was ratified by full Council.

Carrs Field: Cllr. Watson reported that the working party had decided the name for the proposed trust should be the Carrs Field Ethel Johnson Bequest Trust. Agreed. Discussion took place on the wording in the draft, various proposals were put forward. It was proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr. Murray that the Carrs Field be described as "an area for recreation". Carried.

Cllr. Watson advised the meeting that five trustees, three nominated and two co-opted, were being sought for the Trust. It was agreed to advertise for interested persons to write in to the Clerk. Members of the Town Council may be nominated.

Countryside Stewardship: Discussion took place on the offer of Countryside Stewardship on offer for the Holmes and Carrs Field area. It was agreed that the scheme was not viable without the inclusion of Carrs Fields, and it was agreed that the Town Council have not got the right to place any obligations on the trustees. Councillors agreed to reject the offer of Countryside Stewardship at this present time.

Suspension of Standing Orders: It was proposed Cllr Adamson, seconded Cllr. Watson that standing orders be suspended. Agreed.

Finance: The following accounts for payment were approved proposed Cllr. Morton seconded Cllr. Murkett.

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C. Amy	£ 120.00

Revision of Standing Orders: Councillors agreed to form a sub committee, Cllr. Adamson, Cllr. Watson and Cllr. Morton to consider the proposals in details.

Planning: The following were noted:

Appeal by Kwik Fit Props to increase Sunday opening hrs to go to public local inquiry.
Appeal by A. Bashizadeh dismissed by planning inspectorate.

Mr & Mrs S. Allen - planning application	Granted
Mr & Mrs C. Peart - planning application	Granted
Vaux Breweries - Listed building consent	Granted
Mrs J. Hall & Mrs M. Boyles - planning application	Withdrawn
HDC & Broadacres Housing Assoc	Granted
Mr & Mrs D. Harland planning application	Granted
N Yks E. Fed of Womens Institutes	Granted

The following planning applications were submitted for comment;

Application 2/96/152/0460D - Proposals: Alterations & extension to existing disused former agricultural building to form a domestic garage

Location: Spa House Fm, Northallerton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Scratchards Builders

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/0526C Proposals: Display of an internally illuminated free-standing sign

Location: Long St, Thirsk

Applicant: Kwik Fit Properties Ltd

This Council wish to see the application REFUSED

Application 2/97/152/0350C Proposals: Alterations to existing shop front and additional use of existing ground floor shop for Class A3 purposes

Location: 38/40 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: greenhalls Cellars Ltd

This Council wish to see the application REFUSED.

Application 2/96/152/0526 Proposal: Kwik Fit Landscaping

Location: Long Street, Thirsk

Applicant: Kwik Fit

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/09/-162 Proposal: Vehicle Manufacturing Development Centre

Location: Thirsk Industrial Park, Thirsk

Applicant: D.J.B. Brown

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/0394C Proposal: layout of land and construction of 8 flats, 11 dwellinghouses & domestic garages

Location: Barleys Yard, Kirkgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr J. Bell

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/032L Proposal: Layout of land & construction of 16 flats & 2 dwellings as amended

Location: Land to rear of 70-78 St James Green, Thirsk

Applicant: HDC & Broadacres Housing Assoc

Application 2/96/152/0118B Proposal: Change of use of existing joinery workshop to a motorsport component & development workshop

Location: 2 Sutton Road, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr M. Robson

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

Application Z2/97/152/0282H Proposal: Construction of a building for the framing & storage of paintings

Location: rear of 18 Kirkgate. Thirsk

Applicant: Mr R. Bennett

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

The Little Green: Correspondence received about the proposed footpath diversion adjacent to the drive in entrance to the Crescent was approved. Proposed Cllr Morton, seconded Cllr. Murray.

Ingramgate: Proposals from NYCC to improve Ingramgate, were approved, Proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Cllr. Murkett, subject to further detailed information proving satisfactory.

Town Clock: Estimates received for cleansing of the Town Clock were considered, proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Murkett that the lower of the two tenders be accepted.

Meeting finished at 10.27 p.m.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE
HELD IN THE MAIN COURTROOM OF
THIRSK COURT HOUSE AT 7 PM ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 1997**

AGENDA

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Annual Assembly 18 March 1996
3. ✓ Welcome by Chairman
4. ✓ Presentation by David Goodwin, Hambleton District Council Leisure Officer
5. ✓ Parishioners Questions/ Comments

**AGENDA FOR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE
TRANSACTION OF ANNEXED BUSINESS**

1. ✓ To receive Apologies for Absence
2. ✓ To approve Minutes of the previous Meeting 17 February 1997
3. ✓ To receive Police Reports
4. ✓ To consider any Matters Arising
5. ✓ To receive Reports from; a) County Councillor b) District Councillor
6. ✓ To consider appointment of Carrs Fields Trustees
7. ✓ To amend Standing Orders
8. ✓ To receive Correspondence
9. ✓ To approve accounts for payment
10. ✓ To receive Planning Committee Reports
11. To receive Reports from; a) Sub Committee's b) Members reports
12. Other items of interest and information



Clerk of the Council

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court
House on Monday 18 March 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

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

Minutes: Minutes of the previous Annual Assembly held on 20 March 1995 were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. A. Morton and seconded Cllr. J. Watson.

Committee Reports: Reports were heard from the following Committee Chairmen.

Burial Board: Cllr. Hall reported that the Cemetery was functioning well.

Planning: Cllr. F. Roberts reported on the number of planning applications received during the year.

Play Areas: Cllr. Marshall reported that the Town Council had installed another play area, bring the total to four.

Market Place: Cllr. Murkett reported that the provision of flower tubs had been a great success and had brightened up the town, he advised that District Council are to be asked to do more cleaning. Noted.

Christmas lights: Cllr. Robinson reported that the Christmas Tree had been a great success, with very little vandalism. Thanks were again due to Mr Woodhead.

Greens: Cllr. Morton advised that the long awaited Improvement Scheme is shortly to go ahead.

Holmes/Carrs Field: Cllr. Watson reported that as a result of meetings with Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, we had applied for Countryside Stewardship but had not been successful this year, but would try again. The Town Council have sought advice from the Charity Commissioners re Carrs Field. Thanks were especially due to our local BTCV group.

Chairman's Report: Cllr. Salmon praised the tremendous effort that had gone into projects this year. He was disappointed that Norby play area was not yet guaranteed. Cllr. Salmon was particularly pleased about the success with the Ritz Cinema which is shortly to be handed over to the Ritz Volunteer Group.

Ingramgate: A resident of the Crescent voiced concern about the need to improve access to the rear of their properties. Councillors agreed that the Ingramgate area was in need of some improvement.

CORRESPONDENCE March 1997

Matters Arising:

Mrs P. Fixter - Thirsk Christmas Fayre
St Mary's Parochial Church Council - Grasscutting
H.D.C. - Boundary Play Area - Long St
NYCC - Mr Gresty - Review of Registration Service Meeting
National Statistics - Thirsk Registry Office
Police - Form MG19 - St James Green
MAFF - Ac.withdrawal from Countryside Stewardship Scheme
NYCC - A61 Long St/Stammergate - Meeting 10 am - 18 March
A. McIntosh - G. Gresty - Stammergate Junction etc
Thirsk C.P. School - Site meeting 18th March
NYCC - request for traffic calming NORBY
Police/Licensee meeting - 8 pm - Tuesday 18 March 1997
Countryside Commission - E. Thirsk Millennium Green

Planning:

Parish/Town Consultation

2/96/152/534 - 4 Porters Vault - No objections
2/97/152/0539 - 39 Darrowby Close - No objections
2/96/152/0394C - Dev. Barleys Yard, Kirkgate - Approved
2/97/152/0540 - 12 Allerdale Close, Thirsk - Approved
2/96/152/0282J - rear of 18 Kirkgate
2/97/152/097F - The Hollies Yard Road
Dev. at Barleys Yard, Kirkgate - Play Area/Contribution
HDC - Mr Norfolk - Crossroads Commercial

Planning results

Application - J Bell - Woodhouse Fld Farmhouse - granted
Application - J. Bell - Listed Building Consent - granted
Application - M. Robson - 2 Sutton Road - granted

Town Clock:

P.D. Watkinson - report/quotation to overhaul

Carrs Field:

Cllr. D.E. Adamson

Mrs S. Dodds

Mrs Caroline Meehan

Mr R. Ballard

Mr C. Amy

+ Peter Bardon

Correspondence:

Hambleton & Richmondshire Drug & Alcohol ref Group
H.D.C. - Herriott Visitor Centre
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee
NYCC - Highway & Footpath/Grounds Maintenance Services
T. Pelton - Vale of York pros. parliamentary candidate - SP
NYCC POLICE - newsletter
Mrs Haynes - Skipton on Swale Memorial Association
NY Magistrates Courts - Hire of Courthouse
NYCC - Access at Ingramgate
The Samaritans - AGM - Wednesday 26th March 1997 - 7.30pm
Barclays Bank - transfer of account
C. Amy - planting scheme - Amenity Area - S. Dowber Lane
Seaham TC - German group (50) Tour/Hospitality - 1 May

Accounts for Payment - submitted to Town Council Meeting 17 March

Ian Atkinson - DDR	£ 331.81
P. Dunning	£ 518.32
D.E. Adamson - stationery items	£ 24.22
L. Mitchell - 4 weeks & £2 + 50p + 24	£ 8.50 12.50
Inland Revenue - Tax & National Insurance	£ 534.60
N of England Newspapers	£ 97.81
J. Bell - rent 4 @ £10	£ 40.00
British Telecom	£ 70.17
I. Atkinson - telephone rental	£ 21.86
Thirsk Motors ltd - fuel	£ 6.00
J. Watson - travel expenses 92x14.5p	£ 13.34
Petty Cash -	£ 25.00
A. Robinson - bulbs Town Clock	£ 38.00
Audit Commission - Audit Fee	£ 789.60
Wm Potts & Sons - Town Clock	£ 102.23
F.D. Todd & Sons - Emptying Skip	£ 98.37
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Thirsk Court House on Monday 17 March 1997 at 7 p.m.

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), F. Roberts, A. Morton, J. Watson, D. Adamson, R. Hall, D. Murkett, J. Jackson, G. Murray, J. Salmon, Mr D. Goodwin (Leisure Services H.D.C.), the Clerk and 7 members of the public.

Minutes of the Previous Parish Meeting: The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting held on 18 March 1996 were proposed Cllr. Roberts, seconded Cllr. Marshall

Chairman's Welcome: Councillor Jan Marshall welcomed residents to their meeting, stating that this was their meeting when they invited to express their opinions and concerns. Only residents of the parish were allowed to speak. The Town Council have had another busy year, starting with the improvement and fencing on St. James Green and culminating with the cleaning of the Town Clock. We have continued to develop play areas in the town and enhance the areas we are responsible on the Holmes and Whitelass, utilising the resources of B.T.C.V. As well we give our views on planning applications and have been fighting against the closure of the Register Office. The most significant development has been the realisation of 20 years of campaigning with the acquiring of 3.5 acres in East Thirsk, part of the 7 acres. Mr D. Goodwin, Leisure Services Officer is now going to speak about it.

Millennium Green: Mr Goodwin advised residents that Thirsk was chosen as one of twenty three pilot schemes throughout the country. A habitat survey has been completed and woodland tree and shrub planting is to commence later in the year. Several footpaths are to be included, essentially rural and informal. There are some legal problems yet to be resolved, and a Trust is to be set up in accordance with the Charity Commissioners advice. It is anticipated that all legalities will be sorted by May, with funding sorted by June and that planting will commence in the autumn. It is hoped to include a Millennium Feature on the site, with the hope that local people will be involved with the design and construction. Rural Arts North Yorkshire are advising on this.

Residents were then given the opportunity to raise questions, with queries raised about noise buffer zones, possible vandalism, the stream and possible formal play area.

General Questions: Dr B. Thiede requested that residents of Ingramgate are consulted prior to any enhancement plans being drawn up. Agreed

Mrs S. Dodds asked that the reporter make it clear that this meeting is open to all residents of Thirsk. Agreed *CARRS FILED*

Mrs S. Dodds queried that Trustees were only to be chosen from residents of the area, the Chairman advised that the hope was that *some* would live in the area. Noted.

Mrs K. Reynard expressed a view that the market stalls would be better transferred to the south facing side of the Market Place, also that the street cleaning is poor. Noted.

Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held in the Courthouse on
Monday 17th March 1997**

Present: Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), F. Roberts, A. Morton, J. Watson, D. Adamson, R. Hall, D. Murkett, J. Jackson, G. Murray, J. Salmon, the Clerk and 7 members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. Turton and Councillor A. Robinson.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th February 1997 had been circulated. It was proposed Cllr D. Murkett, seconded Cllr. G. Murray that they be approved. Agreed.

Police Matters: Pc Hibbell reported that Act. Insp. J. Richardson was thankful for the support of the Town Council re the Licensees Meeting to be held the following day. Councillors again raised concern about cyclists without lights, Pc Hibbell advised that a campaign is to be mounted. Noted. Councillors brought the problem of under age drinking to the police attention - this to raised at the meeting with Licensees. Councillors requested that the reduced speed limit be enforced along the A61.

Matters Arising: *Christmas Fayre* - Councillors acknowledged the return of donation. *Proposed Closure of Thirsk Registrar's Office* - Councillors noted comments but still objected to the proposals.

A61 Long St/Stammergate Junction: Correspondence relayed from the prospective Conservative candidate gave additional information that had not previously been given to Thirsk Town Council - this to be brought to the attention of the Chief Executive of N.Y.C.C., also to the Chairman of Area 1. Confirmation of a site meeting to take place on Tuesday 18th March Noted.

Norby Estate Traffic Calming - Correspondence indicating that some contribution was noted. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of Broadacres Housing Association.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council - Thanks for the grass cutting service were noted.

Millenium Green: Information re the appointment of Trustees was referred to the Amenity Committee.

Water Abstraction - Sandhutton: Councillors requested that replies from the Yorkshire Water Authority be filed with the Minutes for future reference.

District Councillors Report: *Herriott Centre* - Cllr ~~Robinson~~ ^{Robinson} reported that despite not achieving Lottery Funding, meetings to be held to consider further developments.

Budgets: District Council Committee seeking savings on their budgets.

Thirsk Hockey Pitch: A decision is expected soon.

Standing Orders: Councillor D. Adamson having circulated amended Standing Orders, it was proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr. Murray that all the proposed amendments be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

Ethel Johnson - Carrs Fields Trust: Six residents expressed a wish to be considered as a Trustee. Votes were taken and the following three Trustees duly appointed; Mr R. Ballard, Mrs S. Dodds and Councillor D. Adamson. It was proposed Cllr Marshall seconded Cllr Murkett that all six interested people should receive full copies of the Trust Scheme and the relevant leaflets. Details of the remaining three residents to be forwarded so that they may be considered when a further two Trustees are co-opted. Cllr Roberts & Watson ABSTAINED

Correspondence: Correspondence from Harcas was noted.

Minutes of the Town Hall meetings in February & March were noted.

NYCC - Correspondence advising of services were noted.

Court House: Letter advising of the proposed closure of the Courthouse was noted. It was agreed that we write to enquire about the future of the furniture and proposed Cllr. Murray, seconded Cllr. Morton that the Town Council would like to be considered re purchase of same. Agreed. It was further proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr. Morton that we ask the NYCC their intentions re the Court House and indicate that the Town Council is interested in future development and possible purchase.

Bank details: Proposed Cllr Murkett, seconded Cllr. Salmon that Cllr. Adamson investigate. W & L SAVINGS A/C

German Visitors: An approach to host the visit of 50 German Visitors on the 1st May was noted. As this coincides with Parliamentary Elections it was agreed to refer them to the Tourist Information Centre, proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson.

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

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FWAG	£ 117.50
J. Marshall	£ 4.00

Planning Applications:

Application 2/96/152/0282J - Listed Building Consent for the demolition of existing outbuilding & construction of a building for the framing & storage of paintings

Location: Rear of 18 Kirkgate

Applicant: Mr R. Bennett

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/97/009/097F - Alteration & extensions to part of existing dwelling and to existing domestic double garage to form an additional dwelling

Location: The Hollies, York Road

Applicant Mr A. Dale

This Council wish to see the application APPROVED

Application 2/96/152/394C The Council agreed that they would be prepared to take over the pocket play area instead of a contribution to the nearby Holmes play area.

Planning Decisions: J. Bell

Granted

J. Bell

Granted

M. Robson

Granted

Burial Board: The following exclusive Right of Burial was granted;

Ms Martha Hodson

G.S. 14

Section E5

Members Reports: Cllr. Watson reported on attending the YLCA Conference together with Councillor Marshall. Agenda included advice on Insurance, Footpaths and Millennium Celebrations.

Councillor Roberts reported on meeting with the North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association.

Councillor Marshall reported that she had helped launch a new bus fleet. Also that she is to greet a group of walkers with donkeys on route from Scarborough to Blackpool in aid of Special Needs Children and Donkey Rescue.

Items of Interest: Councillor Salmon reported that some vehicles were parking for more than the two hour legal limit. Noted.

Councillor Morton commented on the improved appearance of the Town Clock.

Thirsk Town Council Meeting 17th March 1997

POLICE RESPONSE

I have considered the points raised at the above meeting, which were forwarded to me by Pc UNGLEY, and reply as follows:

1. CYCLISTS ON PAVEMENTS/WITHOUT LIGHTS:

This matter has been circulated to Officers for their attention during their normal patrols. As we are returning to light nights I do not intend to make this a target for a local operation. However, I hope this problem will be better targetted later in the year, when we will have our newly appointed Special Constables available to assist us in such matters.

2. UNDER AGE DRINKING

I hope the Police have demonstrated their commitment to dealing with this problem through the recent Licensees Liaison Meeting, which was kindly hosted and supported by yourselves. We will continue to visit the Pubs, and educate the Licensees and Off-Licence outlets towards improved measures to deal with under age drinkers. This together with new legislation, due shortly, which will empower the Police to deal with under age drinkers in Public places, will hopefully improve the situation.

3. EMPTY HOUSES - ROULSTON AND STONEYBROUGH

We have been aware of the ongoing problems relating to Stoneybrough, to which we will continue to respond, and pay attention during normal patrols. It is our understanding the property is due to be demolished. If the Town Council are in a position to make representations to progress the demolition, we would fully support you.

Whilst there have been problems at Roulston, I have been informed that the property was checked during the search for the missing boy a few weeks ago, and it was found to be boarded up and secure. There have been no reported incidents to my knowledge since it was checked, and assume the situation remains the same. If that is not the case, we will respond to any changes in circumstances.

4. SPEEDING - LONG STREET.

I have forwarded your request to the Divisional Traffic Manager, Sgt John OUTHWAITE at Richmond. As you will appreciate we have a very large number of such requests throughout the Division. The last information I received was an ongoing commitment to approximately 130 sites (with new ones coming to notice all the time). Assuming an Officer and equipment was always available, this would allow less than 1 visit per 4 months!!

New automatic speed camera equipment is being purchased, but this in turn causes a problem with the processing of the increased number of fixed penalty tickets. New Staff are being appointed to the Force to assist, but these things always take time.

However, once in progress, this will increase the rate we can target the problem locations.

5. SITE MEETING STAMMERGATE JUNCTION

Due to other commitments we were unable to attend the site meeting, given the short notice. However, I am sure this issue will remain on your agenda, and we will have the opportunity to discuss any proposals.

6. OTHER MATTERS

I understand the Council are interested in a visit to the Force Information Room at Northallerton, with a particular interest in the workings of the CCTV. I would like to progress this on a date after 23rd April (when I return from Leave). Perhaps the Council could forward some optional dates, to assist me in this arrangement.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Richardson', with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

J. RICHARDSON
(ACTING INSPECTOR)

**Minutes of the Meeting of Police & Licensees hosted by Thirsk Town Council
held in the Upper Room of the Town Hall on Tuesday 18 March 1997 at 8 p.m.**

Present: Councillor J. Marshall, Act Insp. J. Richardson, Sgt B. Franks, R. Seymour (HALT), M. Hudson (Northallerton Court Clerk), Mrs M. Blythman (Licensing Committee) Mr & Mrs D. Moore(The Lord Nelson Inn), J. Foster & A. Collie (Black Swan Norby), S. Hubbard (Thirsk Chamber of Trade), J. Breeds (Threshers), D. Beckwith (Tickle Toby, Northallerton), D. Bailey (HALT secretary), Cllr. J. Watson, Cllr. G. Murray, Cllr. F. Roberts, M. Butcher (Tesco Stores), M. Pleace (Blacksmiths Arms), N. Babington (The Darrowby Inn), R.M. Robinson (Three Tuns Hotel), Cllr. R. Hall, Cllr. J. Jackson, Cllr. A. Robinson, Cllr. D. Adamson, Cllr. D. Murkett, and Mrs P. Dunning (Clerk of Thirsk Town Council)

Apologies: Received from Mr D. Mortimer (Victoria Wine), Mr(The Old Red House), and Councillor J. Salmon.

Welcome: Councillor J. Marshall welcomed everyone, advising that the Town Council had agreed to call this meeting to assist with liaison between the police and licensees in the hope that a decision may be formed to set up a Licensees group in Thirsk.

Police: Act Inspector J. Richardson advised those present that he had lived in Thirsk and worked in the Northallerton/Thirsk area and was well aware of the existing problems setting out the aims and objectives of the police as follows;

- a) Reduction in Public Order offences
- b) Reduction in misuse of alcohol particularly amongst juveniles
- c) Improve Public reassurance and tranquillity in Thirsk
- d) Reduce misuse of drugs
- e) Reduce the incidents of drink-driving
- f) Maintain adherence to Licensing laws

Act Insp. J. Richardson informed the meeting that the Local Police will continue to maintain high visibility patrols, on Friday & Saturday nights, using backup, if needed, from other areas. Special Constables are to be enlisted, following a successful recruitment campaign. Also, of the introduction of a Town Centre Liaison Officer. The funding for CCTV, to come on line within 12 months, should lead to a faster response to incidents and prevent further escalation.

Intelligence led operations will be used to combat drugs misuse. Drug and alcohol misuse will be targeted in Education programmes. Drinking and driving will continue to be a specific target in its own right through local operations, again supported by Education programmes.

One final point, the Licensing Legislation will be maintained through close links with, the Licensing Trade, and regular visits to Pubs and Clubs. Act. Inspector Richardson stressed that support is needed from other Agencies. Licensees are frequently at the "sharp end" and will undoubtedly have suffered from the consequences of those people who react badly to excessive use of alcohol. To maintain a pleasant environment within the licensed premises makes good business sense.