

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council
held on Monday, 20 October 2025 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs: S Ward (Chairman), D Duffey, S Holme, A Robinson, B Smith, D Southward, A Trueman

Apologies: Cllrs: K Mountford, F Potter & K White

C1697 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C1698 Police Report

There was no police representative in attendance, but a police report had been received to which no comments were made.

**C1699 Reports on Matters Relating to Thirsk
North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Dadd informed the meeting of his concerns regarding the costs to dispose of commercial waste in the area, and it was hoped that it will be possible to limit the number of visits of a commercial vehicle to 12 times a year.

Cllr Dadd stated that he had been shown evidence of the challenges faced in respect of the roadworks on Station Road Thirsk.

Cllr Trueman enquired of Cllr Dadd regarding an update of the footpath repairs in the marketplace. Cllr Dadd stated that it was hoped the repairs would be completed by the beginning of December following a contract change.

C1700 Open Forum

Resolved: that standing orders be suspended

A member of the public raised a concern that there may be sewage in the surface water during the Station Road repairs.

Cllr Dadd informed the meeting that there were concerns regarding the costs of disposal of commercial waste at the local tip.

Cllr Trueman enquired of Cllr Dadd if there was an update regarding footpath re-surfacing in the market and Cllr Dadd stated that the management of the contract had returned to North Yorkshire Council. Cllr Dadd stated that it was hoped that the contract would be completed by the beginning of December.

Cllr Smith enquired of Cllr Dadd if there would be safety implications in respect of the Christmas lights switching on event on Friday 28 November.

Resolved: that standing orders be reinstated

C1701 Minutes

C1701(a) Town Council Meeting held on 15 September 2025

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

C1701(b) Matters arising

C1694(a) Irish Music Festival – British Championships

Cllr Duffey stated that he had contacted Mr Dominic Byrne and was informed that it had been decided that the event was going to be held in another town. Cllr Duffey expressed his disappointment at the outcome and suggested that such matters should be dealt with immediately rather than waiting until the next Town Council

meeting. However, it was noted that there had not been a deadline stated on the email from Mr Byrne.

It was discussed that an Events Committee should be set up which could decide such matters at short notice and Cllr Ward suggested that the Central Areas Committee should become the Central Areas and Events Committee. Cllr Smith requested that current membership of Town Council committees be circulated.

C1702 Committee Minutes and Reports

C1702(a) Planning Committee – Minutes of Meeting held on 15 September 2025.

The meeting received the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2025.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September be received and noted.

C1703 Burial Board Minutes, Report, Applications for Memorials

Resolved: that the memorial application for Joan Pounder be approved.

C1704 Correspondence/Items Raised

C1704(a) Hambleton Area – Prevent, Protect & Prepare Local Group Meeting

The meeting received an email dated 22 September 2025 from Mr Phil Wright, North Yorkshire Council, inviting attendance at a local group meeting to be held at 1.30 p.m. on 6 November 2025 at County Hall, Northallerton relating to updating local issues and presenting new information and guidelines from local leads.

Resolved: that the email be noted and that Cllr Southward attend the meeting.

C1704(b) Thirsk and Sowerby in Bloom

The meeting received an email dated 26 September 2025 from Mr T Jordan of the Thirsk and Sowerby in Bloom group advising that the group had been awarded 5 Golden Roses at an awards event in Tadcaster on 25 September 2025.

A report from Thirsk in Bloom was also circulated which advised of the current position and again noted the situation regarding weeds.

Resolved:

(a) that the email and report be noted.

(b) that the Council's grass cutting contractor be invited to submit a quotation for weed spraying.

C1704(c) Royal British Legion Club – Thirsk

The meeting received an email dated 5 October 2025 from the District Chair of the Royal British Legion Club relating to a possible renovation of a flat above the British Legion Club and creation of a business plan relating to hiring out the facilities.

Resolved: that the email be noted and that the British Legion be advised that the Town Council would help wherever possible.

C1704(d) North Yorkshire Parish Liaison: Seasonal Health Forum 2025 – “Preparing for Winter Together”

The meeting received an email dated 9 October 2025 from North Yorkshire Council advising of the Seasonal Health Forum to be held on 31 October 2025 at York.

Resolved: that the email be noted.

C1705 Model Standing Orders 2025 Update (England)

This subject had been discussed and considered at the Office and Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, 2 October 2025. The Committee had inserted time scales into the standing orders and had recommended that The Town Council should approve and adopt the standing orders.

Resolved: that Thirsk Town Council approve and adopt the Model Standing Orders 2025 Update (England)

C1706 Accounts for Payment

Resolved: that the accounts for payment as at 20 October 2025 be approved and cheques signed.

C1707 Reports from Members/Representatives

Cllr Duffey stated he would be having a meeting with Justin Greetham in the near future and if there was anything anyone would like Cllr Duffey to mention to Justin Greetham regarding the website to let him know as soon as possible.

Cllr Duffey stated he would make more cards for distribution.

Cllr A Robinson stated that she would visit shop owners in the area to see if they would like to be included on the website.

Cllr Ward stated that she had opened the new nursery called Giggle & Grow at Thirsk Primary School.

The meeting closed at 8:02 p.m.

Chairman