

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 12th April 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), L. Stuart, J. J. Allenby, B. Ogleby, E. R. Stot G. Kirk, T. W. Bateman, H. D. Craig, Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

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

### Matters Arising

**Community Service** The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr. Harker of the Community Service. It was agreed that 50 yards of gutter, running from Johnson's field to Whitelass Beck, should be cleared out and land to be levelled up where tree trunks have been dragged.

**Street Plan** The Clerk reported that all the Street Plans had been delivered. It was agreed that they be offered to the Chamber of Trade at 5p each - the money to be paid in advance. Letter presented from Forward Publicity asking if the Council will authorise the publication of a revised edition in two years time. It was agreed that the letter be left on the table until the next meeting.

**Crossing - Norby** Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that he cannot recommend that 'Children' signs be utilised at Norby.

**Parking - Pick's Lane and Market Place** Nothing reported.

**Cemetery Charges** The Chairman reported that the Environmental Health Committee have recommended that no grant be given towards the running of the Cemetery.

**Fallen Trees - Whitelass Beck** The Chairman reported that work is now progressing. Mr. Peckitt had given a verbal quotation of £60 to fell the big tree on the corner of The Holmes and clear the site. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to accept Mr. Peckitt's quotation of £60.' Agreed.

**Queen's Jubilee** Permission granted for the erection of a temporary flag-pole provided precautions are taken to protect the public.

**Hambleton Estate** Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that he is not prepared to carry out a survey at present. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that this Council is not satisfied with the reply and wish them to look at the matter again.' Agreed.

**Haytor Mower** Mr. Deighton unable to undertake the work. Mower transferred to Bedale. A provisional estimate of £60 had been given. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Clerk has authority to accept an estimate of up to £100.' Agreed.

**Ponies** It was agreed that the Chairman find out where the liability lies regarding ponies on The Holmes and the Green.

**Flatts** The Chairman reported that the Round Table have donated £1,000 towards the Playing Field project.

**Trees - The Green** Due to a misunderstanding, the Chairman had ordered two flowering cherry trees from Mr. Cartman in addition to the oak and beech obtained by Coun. Ogleby.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** Nothing further reported.

### Correspondence

**Street Cleansing** Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Highway Authority are to contribute towards the cost of Street Cleansing.

**Barclays Bank** Letter presented stating that paid cheques will no longer be returned to customers.

**Help the Aged** Appeal for donations presented. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the letter be accepted and noted.' Agreed.

Electoral Review Copy of the Local Government Boundary Commissions Draft Proposals for the Hambleton District presented and inspected by members.

Plans No Objections were made to the following plans.

Outline Application for the construction of a Detached Bungalow at rear of 41, Station Road.

**Display of a series of Unilluminated Signboards at Dowber Lane.**

**Amended Layout for construction of 10 Detached and 8 Semi-detached Bungalows with Garages and formation of Roads and Sewers at St. Mary's Walk.**

**Change of use of Existing Building from Furniture Manufacturing to Manufacturing of Aluminium Windows at The Mitre, Norby.**

## Accounts

The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman.

### Accounts as Circulated

F. Kendall	-	Repairs to Paving Stones <sup>3</sup> Mill Gardens	-	£ 14.90
F. Brown Ltd.	-	Litter Baskets for Cemetery	-	£ 91.80
Hambleton Dist. Coun.	-	Minutes 1976/77	-	£ 7.56
Forward Publicity	-	500 Street Plans	-	£ 50.00
L. C. Hopps	-	Treatment of Seats	-	£ 105.40
Flatts Pres. Trust	-	Grant to Playing Fields	-	£1400.00
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol - Cemetery	-	£ 5.36

### Additional Accounts

Yorks. Water Authy	-	Water Rate - Cemetery & Cem. Lodge	-	£	9.33
John Bell	-	Rent of The Holmes & Wayleaves	-	£	.31
Brambleton Dist. Coun.	-	Clearing rubbish from Cemetery	-	£	5.75
Dept. of Environment	-	Motor Tax on Haytor Mower	-	£	6.65

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman expressed concern at the poor service on Footway Lighting faults. Members were asked to suggest sites for the two seats which had been in the Clinic. It was agreed that they should be sited outside the Clinic, facing the Green, and be fastened onto concrete. It was agreed that the Chairman make the necessary arrangements. A lorry had backed into and broken a seat in Ingramgate. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ogleby 'that the Chairman order a suitable replacement seat from Sam Turner and the account be sent to Daleside Nurseries, Killinghall who did the damage.' Agreed.

**Any Other Business**

Sports Council The Chairman advised members of a meeting of the Hambleton Sports Council to be held on Tuesday, 13th April.

Salem Chapel Coun. Bateman stated that this matter had been incorrectly reported in the Yorkshire Evening Press. The meeting was told that the roof of the Chapel had been repaired. A letter from Hutchinson & Buchanan was presented asking what the Council's complaints are. Reply to be sent stating that the Council note the work carried out and have nothing further to add.

Whitelass Beck To an enquiry by Coun. Wyon, the Chairman stated that the area around Whitelass Beck is to be kept as a country walk.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

*J. H. Rogers Chairman*  
17/4/76

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 17th May 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, L. Stuart, E. R. Stott, T. W. Bateman, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. Kirk, 1 Member of the Public.

All members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Election of Chairman** Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that Coun. Kirk be elected.' Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Craig 'that Coun. Megson be elected.'

Voting was in favour of Coun. Megson 7 - Coun. Kirk 3. Coun. Megson was duly elected. Coun. Megson took the Chair, thanked members for his election and welcomed the two new members to the Council.

**Election of Vice Chairman** Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'that Coun. Wyon be elected. Coun. Wyon was unanimously elected.

#### Appointment of School Managers

**County Infants School** Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that Coun. Weatherall be appointed.' Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that Mrs. Thiede be re-appointed.' Voting was in favour of Coun. Weatherall 6 - Mrs. Thiede 4.

**County Junior School** Coun. Wyon was re-appointed.

**Thirsk School** Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the Education Authorities be asked what bodies are represented on the Board of Governors.' Agreed.

**Local Councils Association** Coun. Kirk and Coun. Bateman were re-appointed.

**Civic Society** Coun. Wyon was re-appointed.

**Flatts Preservation Trust** Coun. Craig re-appointed.

**Charities** Coun. Allenby and Coun. Craig re-appointed.

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

#### Matters Arising

**Community Service** The Chairman reported on a second meeting with Mr. Harker and stated that a supervisor was required. Coun. Weatherall expressed interest in the post.

**Street Plan** It was agreed to seek the views of the Chamber of Trade before replying to Forward Publicity. Coun. Martin will report to the next meeting. It was agreed to ask if the County Council wish to sell copies of the Street Plan at the Sutton Bank Information Centre.

**Parking Pick's Lane and Market Place** A letter from the Secretary, H.D. C. stated that a survey by the County Surveyor did not suggest that a change in the present parking arrangements would be beneficial. A recommendation that a further survey be taken in the peak summer season had been turned down by the H.D.C.

**Cemetery Charges** Confirmation of the Chairman's report at the previous meeting received from the H.D.C. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk, 'to again approach the H.D.C. for a 50% grant towards the Cemetery.' Voting 9 in favour - Coun. Megson abst.

**Whitelass Beck - Trees** The Chairman reported that the large tree has not yet been felled. Coun. Wyon proposed that the new trees should be inspected annually.

**Queen's Jubilee** Coun. Wyon agreed to raise the matter of celebrations at the next meeting of the Civic Society. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the Town Council would be prepared to give financial assistance towards the Jubilee celebration. Agreed.

**Hambleton Estate** Reply awaited from the County Surveyor.

**Haytor Mower** The Clerk reported that repairs to the mower are proceeding. Coun. Bateman suggested that the mower be kept at the Cemetery.

**Ponies** The Chairman had met Mr. Whitworth who suggested a solicitor's agreement with the pony owners. It was agreed to ask the P.C.A.'s advice on the wording of a notice absolving the Council of responsibility in respect of any injury sustained.

**Footpath to Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

Footpath to Zebra Crossing Complaints had been received that the path is dangerous for the blind and for wheelchair owners. Mr. Woods to be reminded of his promise to grout the footpath.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Nothing reported.

Seat - Ingramgate The Chairman no suitable seats available. One replacement end had been obtained from the H.D.C. Mr. Kendall was fixing the seat and reducing the size from 9'6" to 8'. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to inform Daleside Nurseries in writing of their responsibility.' Agreed. Coun. Craig reported a disused seat at Sutton Road. The Chairman agreed to inspect it.

Sales Chapel Letter from H.D.C. stating that the loose tiles have been secured. Mr. Strom had agreed that if notified of loose tiles he will take steps to have the building made safe.

Thirsk District Plan The Council made observations on Housing, Employment, Shopping, Recreation and Leisure, Transportation, Community Facilities, Environment and Eyesores.

#### Correspondence

Parking of Vehicles on the Verges and Footways of Urban Roads Notice given regarding the Traffic Act, 1974, and seeking the views of local authorities as to the lengths of urban roads where they consider exemption orders might be appropriate. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

Publicity Board Letter presented from Mr. Sharphouse stating that he has refurbished the Publicity Board and suggesting that the H.D.C. be asked to take it over. H.D.C. to be asked to do this and letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Sharphouse.

North Yorks. Playing Fields Association Letter presented requesting a subscription. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman 'to give £2.' Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Stott 'to give £5.' Voting was 8 - 2 in favour of giving £2.00.

Community Land Act, 1965 - Land Acquisition and Management Scheme Copy presented to the Council

Sports Day The Clerk reported that the County Infants School is to hold it's Sports Day on the Little Green in June.

Filing Cabinet The Clerk reminded the Council of their promise to provide a filing cabinet. Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Stott 'that the Clerk order a filing cabinet to her requirements.' 9 in favour - Coun. Weatherall abst.

Plans No objections were made to the following planning applications.

Extensions to Existing Building to house Additional Livestock at Yorkshire Meat Packers, Station Road.

Substitution of House Types on Plots 1 - 24 at O.S. 107, 108 & 109 off Hambleton Place.

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

#### Accounts as circulated

Dominick McCreery	-	Servicing Typewriter	-	£ 5.40
Yorks. County Ass'n of	-	Subscription £42.00	-	£ 49.80
Local Councils	-	L. C. Review £6.00	-	
	-	Handbooks £1.80	-	
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol - Cemetery	-	£ 5.54
<u>Additional Accounts</u>				
D. G. Collinson	-	Cutting Greens & tending	-	£ 42.00
	-	Mill Gardens	-	
N.Y. Playing Fields Assn.	-	Subscription	-	£ 2.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that a sodium light is needed to replace the one outside the Scout Hut in Pick's Lane.

#### Any Other Business

Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported that the sodium lights on Hambleton Drive and Hambleton Place are coming on at 5.50 p.m. each day.  
The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

C/McCreery  
21/6/76

## Observations made on Stage 1 of Thirsk District Plan

### Housing

There is a housing shortage. More old peoples' 2 bedroomed bungalows needed, centrally situated near the town. Also a need for single person accommodation.

### Employment

Insufficient jobs for both men and women. Shortage of Light Industry for men, women and school leavers in Thirsk.

### Shopping

Facilities - good. Range - good. Some shops being forced to close because of high rates.

### Recreation and Leisure

Insufficient facilities. More consideration should be given to the public in recreational facilities at all schools in the area.  
Play areas should be provided on all housing estates.  
The rest of the land comprising what is known as 'The Flatts' should be retained as an open space.  
Urgent need for a ground floor library.

### Transportation

Facilities inadequate. Post buses needed for rural areas.  
Direct route buses from Thirsk to Northallerton needed early morning and evening.  
Travel concessions needed for the elderly.  
Improvement needed in bus services for hospital visiting and consultation.  
The completion of the Leeds/Dishforth Motorway will take traffic directly onto the by-pass.

### Community Facilities

Not adequate. New Primary School to cater for 400 pupils needed.

### Environment

Pollution - in Godbeck from pumping station at York Bridge (Finkle Street).  
Noise - inhabitants of the Hambleton Estate complain of noise from the by-pass.  
Bresores - Waterside and the old Bamlett works, Station Road.  
Derelict Land - Many derelict buildings behind the Market Place.  
More attention should be given to roadside gullies.

### Other Improvements Needed

Modern toilets on the Millgate Car Park.

The dropping of kerbstones at all footway ends to facilitate wheelchairs and prams.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 21st June 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), C. Kirk, L. Stuart, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. Martin, T. W. Bateman, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott - 1 Member of the Public.

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

### Matters Arising

**Thirsk School** A letter from the County Education Officer, listing the Governors of Thirsk School, was read to the meeting.

**Community Service** Coun. Weatherall reported that the work is progressing, and asked for suggestions for further work. It was agreed that sand from the 'Second Sands' should be taken to the play area. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the Mill Gardens be cultivated by the Community Service and any such work on the Little Green Agreed. Coun. Weatherall was given permission to take action as she deems necessary.

**Street Plan** Coun. Martin reported that the Chamber of Trade will co-operate with the Town Council on a future Street Plan. It was agreed not to authorise Forward Publicity to publish a revised edition of the Street Plan in two years time. The Clerk reported that 10 copies had been ordered for the Sutton Bank Information Centre.

**Parking - Pick's Lane** Nothing to report.

**Cemetery Charges** A letter from the Secretary H.D.C. confirmed that it is not their policy to contribute towards the maintenance of cemeteries provided by Parish Councils. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to accept the letter, no further action be taken and to review in six months.' Agreed.

**Whitelass Beck - Trees** The Chairman reported that the tree felling and clearing had been completed. He had been advised that the new willows should be attended to at the end of the year.

**Queen's Jubilee** Coun. Wyon reported that the Civic Society and the Museum Society intend to hold a big celebration.

**Hambleton Estate** Reply still awaited.

**Haytor Mower** Repairer awaiting new parts for the mower.

**Ponies** The Secretary of the P.C.A. had advised prohibiting the tethering of ponies and suggested contacting the Planning Dept. regarding putting up notices. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to act in accordance with the advice given by the Secretary P.C.A. Voting was Couns. Megson, Wyon and Allenby in favour - Coun. Stuart against - 6 abst.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** It was reported that the footpath has been repaired.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** Nothing reported.

**Seat - Ingramgate** The Chairman reported that the seat replacement has been completed. reply from Daleside Nurseries. It was agreed that the account should be forwarded to them on receipt.

**Thirsk District Plan** A letter from the Acting Headmaster regarding remarks made by Couns. Bateman and Stuart about the use of Thirsk School was read to the meeting. The Chairman's reply was read and approved.

**Parking of Vehicles on the Verges and Footways of Urban Roads** Prop. Coun. Weatherall, sec. Coun. Craig 'that an Exemption Order be applied for The Little Green and St. James' Green.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that an Exemption Order be applied for the North side of Chapel Street.' Voting 7 in favour - Couns. Weatherall, Megson and Allenby against.

**Publicity Board** Letter received from the Secretary H.D.C. requesting further details.

**Notice of Motion** Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'to discuss the adoption of a Town Badge.' It was agreed that no action be taken.

**Formation of Sub-committees** Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Sub-committees be formed.' Agreed.

**Cemetery Committee** Couns. Bateman, Kirk and Craig were appointed together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**The Holmes and Greens** Couns. Weatherall, Martin and Stuart were appointed together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

## Correspondence

St. John Ambulance Letter from the Marquis of Normanby presented inviting members to attend a special 2 hour Emergency Aid Course at Northallerton on 9th July. Couns. Megson, Wyon, Martin and Weatherall hoped to attend. Letter to be sent asking if the same course could be held at Thirsk.

Dutch Elm Disease At the request of the County Planning Officer, posters had been put up

Plans No Objections had been made to the following plans

Display of 4 non-illuminated fascia signs at Stockton Road.

Construction of a private double garage at 46, St. Mary's Walk.

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

### Accounts as circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates for Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 48.40
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	-	£ 13.26
H. Peckitt	- Felling and Clearing trees	-	£182.50
Dominick McCreery	- Filing Cabinet	-	£ 48.44
D. G. Collinson	- Salary April - June & Dividend	-	£318.50
P. Smith	- Salary April - June & Expenses	-	£96.63

### Additional Account

D. G. Collinson	- Grass Cutting and Gardening	-	£ 42.00
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## Burial Grants

Lily Metcalfe	5 B2	£ 8.00
Mary Elizabeth Walker	19 B1	£ 8.00
Doreen Hodgson	20 B1	£ 8.00
Maile Marchal	43 G4	£ 8.00
James Lindlay Hall	84 MM	£ 8.00
Doris Smith	12 B2	£ 8.00

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Gas Board had removed a tree in Ingramgate. The Clerk had sent a letter informing them of their responsibility. Seats in the bus shelter had been vandalised. Mr. Thompson had cut The Holmes. Coun. Weatherall stated that the Community Service could cut the grass if they had a scythe. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Council purchase a scythe.' Agreed.

## Any Other Business

Inventory Coun. Kirk requested that an inventory be taken of all Council equipment.

Jet Garage Coun. Weatherall reported danger to pedestrians from cars entering the garage by the 'exit'. It was agreed to ask the proprietor to put up a 'No Entry' sign at the Stammergate exit.

Notice Board Coun. Allenby was given permission to remove the Council Notice Board from outside the British Legion Club.

Toilets Coun. Wyon pointed out that payment still has to be made at the Market Place toilets. It was agreed to ask the H.D.C. to allow the public free access to the toilets.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

*G. Megson*  
*Chairman*  
*19/7/76*



**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 19th July 1976 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, L. Stuart, T. W. Bateman, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott, J. J. Allenby + 1 member of the Public.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Parking - Pick's Lane** Nothing reported.

**Queen's Jubilee** The Chairman reported that Mr. Heslop has promised to give a flagpole. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation of his offer be sent.

**Hambleton Estate** Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that any complaints made to the Council regarding traffic had been exaggerated.

**Haytor Mower** New parts still awaited.

**Ponies** Letter received from the Planning Dept. stating that permission is not needed for the erection of the notices. The Clerk reported that two notice boards have been ordered from Mr. Hopps.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** It was reported that the grouting is coming out. It was agreed to draw the N.Y.C.C.'s attention to the loose grouting.

**Diversion of Norby Footpath** Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the H.D.C.'s attention be drawn to the fact that the section of footpath has not yet been properly closed.' Agreed.

**Seat - Ingramgate** The Chairman reported that the account for the major work had been paid by Daleside Nurseries.

**Parking of Vehicles on the Verges and Footways of Urban Roads** It was agreed to request applying in Long Street be retained. that the regulations now

**Publicity Board** The H.D.C. have agreed to assume responsibility.

**St. John Ambulance** Members had attended the course.

**Inventory** The Chairman listed the Council's tools as 1 Barrow, 1 Spade, 1 Fork, 1 Hoe, 1 pr Shears, 1 Rake and 1 Scythe.

**Jet Garage** Reply on behalf of Mr. Howells stated that he had been in touch with the Highway Authority about improving the 'No Entry' signs at the end of Stammergate.

**Toilets** No reply from the H.D.C.

**Report of Cemetery Sub-committee** Report submitted and accepted. It was agreed that all painting contractors in Thirsk and Sowerby be invited to tender for the painting of Cemetery Lodge and the railings and gates of the Cemetery.

**Report of Holmes and Greens Sub-committee** Meeting did not take place. The Chairman reported that The Holmes needs cutting. Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to ask Mr. Thompson to do this' Agreed. Coun. Stuart agreed to see that the grass is taken away.

**Report on the Flatts Preservation Trust Meeting** Coun. Craig reported on the meeting and stated that financial assistance is needed towards the repair and maintenance of the play equipment. Sowerby P.C. have already promised to help. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Bateman 'to make a contribution of up to £50 for the overhaul and repair of the play equipment.' Agreed.

**Correspondence**

**Yorks. Parish Councils Association** Letter from P.C.A. presented giving notice of Revised Procedure - Resolutions for the Association's A.G.M.

New Development off Hambleton Place Letter from Technical Officer presented requesting suggestions for names for the roads on the new estate. It was agreed not to continue with Hambleton Place. Suggestions for the main access road were Dowber Way and Tranmire Way and for the Culs de sac - Tranmire Close, Elm Close, Woolmoor Close.

Bus Route Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. inviting observations on the plan to re-route the 148 Bus Service - Northallerton to Ripon. It was agreed to approve the re-routing.

#### Plans

No objections were made to the following plans.

Renewal of Consent for the Stationing of a Residential Caravan at Westgate.

Construction of a Detached Bungalow and Private Garage at the rear of 5, Front Street, Norby

Change of Use of an Existing Retail Shop to Banking Premises at 16, Market Place.

Construction of a Cow House at Whitelass House Farm.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Shop Premises at 11, Kirkgate.

Change of Use from Shop to Building Society Office at 46, Market Place.

Change of Use from Shop to Estate Agents Office at 79/81, Market Place.

Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that this Council does not object to the plan for 'Extension to Existing Workshop to form Tyre Fitting Bay at Bridge Garage, Ingramgate' Voting was 5 in favour - 4 against - Coun. Megson Abst.

It was agreed to request a site meeting between a member of the Planning Department and at least three members of the Town Council to discuss the following 2 plans:-

Construction of a Workshop for Use in the Manufacturing of Aluminium Windows at The Mitre, Norby.

Temporary Siting of Ex Railway Truck for Storage Purposes at The Mitre, Norby.

Coun. Weatherall declared an interest in the two previous plans. Coun. Allenby also declared an interest in an adjoining property.

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

Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Combined Policy £31.65 less	- £ 25.87
	£5.78 refund on Street Lighting cover.	
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes	- £ 17.28
Dominick McCreery Ltd	- Files for Filing Cabinet	- £ 11.88
F. Kendall	- Concrete Bases for seats	- £ 29.70
	The Green	
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 10.10
E. T. Harland & Co.	- Parts for Cemetery Mowers	- £ 9.67

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the flower troughs have been re-planted. Letters of appreciation to be sent to Mr. Cartman for donating plants for the Nat/Westminster trough and to the White Swan Gardening Club for re-planting the troughs near the Zebra Crossing.

#### Any Other Business

Millgate Car Park Members had received complaints regarding lorry drivers sleeping overnight in their vehicles on the Lorry Park and using the area behind as a toilet. Prop. Coun. Weatherall, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that this Council wishes the H.D.C. to take a census of all the lorries using the Millgate Car Park.' Agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

*G. H. Megson*  
16/8/76

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 16th August 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, C. Kirk, T. W. Bateman, E. R. Stott, Mrs. A. M. Wyon + 3 Members of the Public.

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Matters Arising

Parking - Pick's Lane Nothing reported.

Queen's Jubilee The Chairman reported that the flagpole has been delivered. It was agreed to write to the O/C Topcliffe Barracks asking if they would care to supply a flag.

Haytor Mower Repairs still not completed.

Ponies The Chairman reported that the notices have been put up.

Footpath - Golden Fleece Nothing reported.

Footpath to Zebra Crossing Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that the grouting will be repaired before the onset of winter.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Letter received from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that due to pressure of work the necessary procedures to close the footpath have not yet been carried out.

Jet Garage Nothing reported.

Toilets No reply to the request to allow 'free' access to the Market Place toilets. Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'that the Town Council draw the H.D.C. attention to the inadequate toilet facilities in Thirsk.' Agreed.

New Development off Hambleton Place Letter received from the Technical Officer stating that the Postmaster considers the main access road should be named Dowber Way. In reply to a request to choose a name instead of Elm Close Gornire Close and Eastfield Close were suggested.

Plans The Chairman reported that the Planning Officer had no member of staff available to attend a site meeting at The Mitre. Members expressed dis-satisfaction that the plans had been passed. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'that the Planning Officer's attention be drawn to the observations made regarding a site meeting at The Mitre.' Agreed.

Millgate Car Park Reply from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that the same matters had been brought to the attention of the H.D.C. by Mr. W. A. Clark of Transport House. A copy of the reply to Mr. Clark was read to the meeting. The Secretary stated that he will report the Town Council's letter to the next appropriate Committee meeting in September, after which he will reply again.

Tenders for the External Painting of Cemetery Lodge and the Cemetery Railings and Gates The Chairman stated that he had asked for tenders to 'burn off paint only where necessary' in addition to 'burn off all paint' because of the new woodwork at Cemetery Lodge.

The following tenders were received:-

1. As per specification £253.00 + V.A.T. To burn off paint only where necessary  
£188.00 + V.A.T.
2. As per specification £209.36 + V.A.T. To burn off paint only where necessary  
£168.84 + V.A.T.

It was agreed to accept Tender No. 2. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Bateman 'to accept the tender of L. C. Hopps as per specification.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to accept the tender of L. C. Hopps to burn off paint only where necessary.' Voting was 5 - 4 in favour of the amendment, the tender of £168.84 + V.A.T. being accepted.

Review of the Clerk's Salary - Prop. Coun. Craig. Prop. Coun. Craig and agreed by the Chairman that the Council go into Committee to protect the interests of a member of staff. It was the decision of the Council that the Clerk's salary be raised by £72.00 per year to keep up with inflation. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Stott 'that the increase take effect from 1st April 1976.' Agreed.

#### Correspondence

Thirsk Parochial Church Council Request received for a contribution to the Churchyard Fund. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to make the same contribution as last year - £150.00.' Agreed.

Parish Councils Association Notice given that the Annual Meeting will take place at 2.0 p.m. on Saturday, 25th September, at York University.

Recreational Facilities Survey A questionnaire regarding recreational facilities etc. in the town, was received from the Recreation Manager, H.D.C. and completed.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans-

Renewal of Consent for Use of Land as a Caravan and Camping Site at land adjacent to the Racecourse, Station Road.

Alterations to Ground Floor of Disused Bank Chambers to form Art Shop at Old Bank Chambers, Market Place.

Change of Use of Existing Offices to a Retail Shop at 4, Millgate.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Martin.

#### Accounts as circulated

L. C. Hopps	-	Repairs to Seats	-	£ 23.14
Hambleton District Coun.	-	Street Cleansing 1.10.75 - 31.3.76	-	£292.39
		Grass Cutting 1975/76	-	£ 97.42
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol - Cemetery	-	£ 8.74

#### Additional Accounts

E. Stott & Son	-	Scythe	-	£ 9.95
E. T. Harland & Co.	-	Repairs to Cemetery Mower	-	£ 16.92
Thirsk P.C.C.	-	Contribution to Churchyard Fund	-	£150.00

Street Cleansing Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'to request the H.D.C. for a breakdown of the work involved as far as the Town Council is concerned.' Agreed.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman drew the attention of members to the heap of salt and sand at Norby Depot which is an eyesore to residents of Norby Estate. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Woods asking if planning permission was obtained for it and Coun. Craig will bring the matter before the next H.D.C. Housing Committee meeting. The Town Clock steps need repairing. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Martin 'to ask Mr. Kendall to carry out the repairs.' Agreed. At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to send a letter to Sessay Cricket Club congratulating them on reaching the final of the Haig Village Cricket Cup.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

*E. Megson  
Chairman 20/9/76*

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 20th September 1976 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. G. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. E. Weatherall, L. Stuart, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott + 1 Member of the Public.  
**Apologies** Couns. T. W. Bateman, Mrs. A. M. Wyon.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Parking - Pick's Lane** Nothing reported. Coun. Craig requested that a letter be sent the County Surveyor asking what progress has been made.

**Queen's Jubilee** The Clerk reported that a Union Jack has been received from Topoliffe Barracks and a letter of thanks sent.

**Hayter Mower** The Clerk reported that repairs are expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** The Chairman reported that the Golden Fleece cellar doors have been repaired.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** Nothing reported.

**Diversion of Morby Footpath** Nothing reported.

**Jet Garage** Nothing reported.

**Toilets** The Chairman reported that 'Free Access' and new toilets will be given consideration when the next estimates are formed.

**Plans - The Mitre** Letter received from the Planning Officer stating that despite an adjoining owner's objection and this Council's request for a site meeting, the Planning Committee decided to grant conditional consent. It was agreed the development be kept under observation.

**Hillgate Car Park** No further reply received from the Secretary H.D.C.

**Painting - Cemetery Lodge** Painting has commenced. The Chairman reported that several joinery repairs had to be carried out before the painting commenced.

**Street Cleansing** Letter received from the Technical Officer H.D.C. listing the Street Sweeper's duties.

**Morby Depot** A reply from Mr. Woods stated that sand and salt had been stored there for 15 years. Coun. Craig reported that the Housing Committee is looking into the matter.

**Report on Audit** The Clerk reported on the Audit and put forward the recommendations of the Auditor. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the Clerk be congratulated on the satisfactory Audit.' Agreed.

**Correspondence**

**Planning Appeal** A copy of the appeal against refusal to grant outline planning permission to S. Calverly for a Dwellinghouse at Stockton Road was presented. It was agreed that no comment be made.

**Ye Olde Three Tuns** Notice received that Mrs. Margaret Beardwood is applying to the Licensing Justices for the licence of Ye Olde Three Tuns Hotel.

**Trees - Cemetery** Letter presented from Mr. Collinson regarding the state of poplar trees at the Cemetery. It was agreed that members of the Cemetery sub-committee will meet Mr. Collinson to discuss this and report to the next meeting.

**Burial Grant Book** The Clerk reported that a new Burial Grant Book is required. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'that the Clerk be given permission to order one.' Agreed.

**Pinkle Street** A petition from Pinkle Street traders was presented, requesting a Rate Rebate because of inconvenience by the closure of the street for the laying of a new Gas Main. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'to support the petition and forward it to the Hambleton District Council.' Agreed.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Shop Premises, including provision of a New Shop Front at 45, Market Place.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 45, Market Place.

Alterations to Disused Cottage, used as a garage, to form Dwellinghouse with Integral Private Garage at 15A, Chapel Street.

Details of the Construction of 11 Detached Bungalows and 12 Semi-detached Bungalows with Private Garages at St. Mary's Walk.

Construction of a Screen Chamber and Tanks for the Retention of Trade Effluent at Yorkshire Meat Packers, Station Road.

Observations were made on the following plans

Temporary siting of 2 Removable Skips for the Deposit of Domestic Refuse at Millgate Car Park - No objections if for an Experimental Period Only.

Details of the Construction of a Workshop for the Repair of Motor Vehicles at Jet Filling Station, Long Street - Approve the plan subject to 'Access Only' being allowed from Steekton Road and 'Exit Only' onto Stammergate.

Use of an Existing Building for Storage of Building Materials at Millgate - Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stott 'that attention be drawn to the fact that the proposed new

access would cross a public footpath to the Car Park. Also that the access is unsuitable for heavy vehicles as the foundation laid was intended for light traffic only.

The present access also crosses a public footpath and is unsuitable for heavy vehicles.'

Agreed. Comments regarding the above planning application in a letter from Mr. A. Palling were noted.

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

As circulated

Department of the Environment	- Audit Fee	- £ 46.44
Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Premium on Motor Mower	- £ 5.00
Codbeck Int. Drainage Bd.	- Drainage Rates	- £ 1.80
F. Kendall	- Roof Repairs - Cemetery Lodge	- £ 5.83
B. G. Collinson	- Salaries - July - Sept. & Dividend	- £319.75
P. Smith	- Salary July - Sept. £105.50 + Increase for last Qtr. & Expenses	- £136.16

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 2.00
B. G. Collinson	- Cutting The Greens	- £ 12.00

Burial Grants

Miss Campbell	84 PP	£8.00
George Edwin Pepper	22 B1	£8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Pepper	21 B1	£8.00
Lilian Mary Harn	15 B1	£8.00
John Robinson	26 G5	£8.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that tree branches are down in The Holmes and Whitelass Beck. An estimate had been received from Mr. Peckitt for £22.50. It was agreed that they should be cleared. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Weatherall 'that The Holmes sub-committee has executive powers to ask the Clerk to go ahead and accept the estimate if the work cannot be carried out by the Community Service.' Agreed.

Any Other Business

Mill Gardens Coun. Stuart reported a fallen tree in the Mill Gardens.

Millgate Car Park Letter to be sent to Mr. Woods requesting Double Yellow Lines at the Millgate Car Park entrance for approximately 30 yards to cover the Lorry Park Entrance. The Chairman stated that this has Police approval.

Ponies Coun. Craig reported that enquiries had been made about grazing rights. It was agreed that The Holmes lease be examined at the next meeting.

Litter Bins Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the H.D.C.'s attention be drawn to the need for a larger litter bin outside the Midland Bank.' Agreed.

Seat Coun. Craig reported a broken seat near the telephone kiosk at Sutton Road.

Lights Several lights were reported out of order.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

*E. H. Jackson*  
Chairman  
18/10/76

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 18th October 1976 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. G. J. Megson (Chairman), L. Stuart, H. D. Craig, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk, T. W. Bateman. 1 Member of the Public.  
**Apologies** Couns. J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. Martin.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Parking - Pick's Lane** Letter and plan received from the County Surveyor, showing new lengths of road, including Pick's Lane, where waiting restrictions would apply 'at any time' and asking for views on the new proposals. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the new proposals be accepted and no further observations be made.' Agreed.

**Mower Repairs** Repairs still not completed.

**Footpath - Golden Fleece** Nothing further reported.

**Footpath to Zebra Crossing** The footpath has now been regraded.

**Reversion of Morby Footpath** It was agreed that the matter be taken up again with the

**Jet Garage** Nothing reported.

**Toilets** No reply from H.D.C. Environmental Health Committee Minute No. 49 read, stating (1) That consideration of additional toilet facilities await the outcome of consideration of capital expenditure estimates for 1977/78. (2) That the existing policy of charging for the use of toilet facilities at Thirsk remain unchanged for the time being.' The Chairman reported that the Environmental Health Officer is to make a survey of toilet facilities in the District. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that this Council considers that Thirsk must be top of the priorities for toilets.' Agreed.

**Millgate Car Park** No further reply from the H.D.C. H.D.C. Minutes show that a resolution was passed 'that no action be taken, except that specific complaints of nuisance be investigated.'

**Painting - Cemetery Lodge** Painting completed and pronounced satisfactory.

**Morby Depot** Coun. Craig reported that the Housing Committee has not yet met.

**Trees - Cemetery** Members of the Sub-committee had inspected the trees. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to keep the matter under observation.' Agreed.

**Burial Grant Book** The Clerk reported that a provisional price of £36. + V.A.T. had been quoted and a book ordered.

**Compensation - Finkle Street** The H.D.C. had consulted the District Valuer who stated that compensation should be sought from the Gas Board.

**Plans** The application for 'Use of an Existing Building for storage of Building Material at Millgate' had been withdrawn.

**Trees - Holmes and Whitelass Beck** The Clerk had been instructed to accept Mr. Peckitt's price and also to ask him to remove the fallen tree from the Mill Gardens.

**Millgate Car Park** The length of road had been covered by the new 'No Waiting' restrictions.

**Fences** The Holmes lease states that the land is to be used as a recreation ground and not to allow anything which would be a nuisance to other people.

**Litter Bin** The H.D.C. have agreed to the request for a larger bin outside the Midland

**Christmas Lights** It was agreed to invite the same electricians as last year to tender and to approach Sowerby P.C. for a contribution. Coun. Wyon suggested that shopkeepers should be asked to illuminate their premises.

**Correspondence**

**Proposed Closure of Public Right of Way at Black Ball Hotel** Letter presented from Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. asking if

this Council has any objections to the proposal. It was agreed that there were no objections provided that the 'Right of Access' of owners and occupiers is safeguarded.

**Play Equipment** A report on the play equipment, from Chas. Wicksteed Ltd., stated that 7 new swing seats will be required during the next year. It was agreed that before the next meeting members inspect the swings and the area underneath the equipment.

**Silver Jubilee** Letter presented from Sowerby P.C. suggesting a joint effort by the 2 Parishes with other local associations being invited to give support. It was agreed to meet Sowerby P.C. to discuss this.

**Plans** No objections were made to the following plans.

Conversion of an Existing Store for Use as a Private Garage at 19, Chapel Street.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 8 - 10, Finkle Street.

Application for Listed Building Consent and Extension to Existing Building to provide Toilet Facilities at the British Legion Club, Kirkgate.

Use of land for the Stationing of Residential Caravans at land between Hambleton Avenue and Hambleton View.

Application for a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development at land rear of 8, 10, 10A and 12, Kirkgate.

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

**Accounts as circulated**

L. G. Hopps	- Painting at Cemetery Lodge as per Quotation + Extras	- £205.29
John Bell	- Half Year Wayleaves	- £ .11
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil - Cemetery	- £ 4.48

**Additional Accounts**

J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes	- £ 29.16
Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Rates - Cemetery & Lodge	- £ 6.84

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman drew members' attention to a leaflet from the N.U.R., listing Rail Services which could be substituted by subsidised Bus Services - including the Darlington/York service. It was agreed to write to John Spence M.P. asking him to draw the Minister's attention to the information contained in the leaflet and asking him to ascertain from him if there are grounds for these suggested cuts. Sir Timothy Kitson M.P. also to be approached. It was agreed that the Town Council has the strongest objection to any future cuts.

**Any Other Business**

**Dogs on Roads** To an enquiry by Coun. Craig, Paragraph 20 of the Report of the Working Party was read which stated 'Central legislation should be introduced which would require dogs to be kept on a lead on all roads where street lighting has been provided or which are subject to numerical speed limit signs.' The N.D.C. had recommended that the recommendations be supported.

**Scooter Riders** Coun. Craig reported that complaints had been received about young persons on motor scooters being a public nuisance.

**Parking - Station Road** It was agreed to ask for police observations on undue parking on the grass verge between the last bungalow and Yorkshire Meat

Packers.

**Town Clock** Coun. Stott requested that William Potts & Sons be asked to quote a price to replace the present motor with a self-starting one.

**Community Service** Coun. Weatherall reported that more work is needed for the Community Service.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

*E. H. Henson*  
Chairman  
15/11/76



Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 15th November 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, T. W. Bateman, C. Kirk, L. Stuart, E. R. Stott.  
Apologies Couns. H. D. Craig, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall.

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

### Matters Arising

Mayor Mower Mower still not repaired. It was agreed to ask Mr. Dawkins to complete the work as soon as possible.

Footpath - Golden Fleece Nothing reported.

Diversion of Morby Footpath No reply from the H.D.C.

Jet Garage Nothing reported.

Toilets A letter was read from the H.D.C. confirming the Minute read at the last meeting.

Millgate Car Park A letter was read from the H.D.C. confirming the Minute read at the last meeting and stating that specific complaints should be made to the Environmental Health Officer.

Painting - Cemetery The Chairman reported that the bier is in need of renovation and that Mr. Hopps is carrying out the work.

Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck Work not yet completed.

Christmas Lights Letter received from Sowerby Parish Council promising a contribution of £75.

Play Equipment Members had inspected the swings and play area. It was agreed to replace one swing seat with a car tyre as an experiment. - Couns. Stuart and Bateman agreed to do this. The Clerk was instructed to ask H. Garner & Sons for a price for concrete slabs approximately 3' x 2' x 2½ - 3".

Silver Jubilee Sowerby P.C. have arranged a meeting for Monday 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. A letter was presented from the Chairman of H.D.C. outlining the H.D.C.'s policy for the celebrations.

British Rail Letters received from Sir Timothy Kitson M.P. and John Spence M.P. promising to investigate the matter.

Parking - Station Road Letter received from the Inspector of Police stating that the matter has been dealt with.

Town Clock A quotation of £85 was received from Wm. Potts & Sons. It was agreed not to go ahead. Coun. Stott agreed to continue looking after the clock if he is informed when it has stopped.

Tenders for Christmas Lights The following tender from Mr. J. Whiting was the only one submitted - All work to be charged at the labour rate of £2.00 per hour exclusive of V.A.T. All materials to be charged at the going rate of the day inclusive of V.A.T. The V.A.T. rate on labour and materials will be 8%. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Martin 'that Mr. Whiting's tender be accepted under the same terms as last year to a maximum of 100 hours.' Agreed.

### Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notice received that Mrs. E. P. Hunter intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Royal Hotel, Thirsk.

Museum Society Letter presented from the Chairman of the Museum Society asking if the Council will give a grant towards the Thirsk and District Museum. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Bateman 'that a grant of £200 be given.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that the Clerk make out a cheque for this amount at this meeting.' Agreed.

Chamber of Trade A list of comments was presented from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade regarding - The proposal to change the Saturday Market to Friday. The state of the cobbles in the Market Place - Thirsk Town Hall and the need for power points for the Christmas Lighting.

Saturday Market Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Martin 'that Thirsk Town Council opposes any alteration to Thirsk's Saturday Market. The Council objects most strongly to any proposed alteration and supports the Chamber of Trade in this respect.' Voting was 7 in favour - Coun. Stott against.

Market Place Cobbles It was agreed to inform the H.D.C. that 'this Council is very disappointed with the maintenance of the Market Place cobbles and looks forward to some improvement.'

Power Points It was agreed to consider this at the March 1977 meeting.

Town Hall It was considered that this is a matter for the H.D.C.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Dwellinghouses at 8 - 10, Long Street.  
Construction of a Car Port at 75, Station Road.  
Change of Use of Disused Buildings to Sales Area at rear 65, Market Place.  
Use of Former Offices as Meeting Rooms for Bible Classes at 11, Castlegate.

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

Accounts as circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 48.40
	2nd Installment		
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	-	£ 5.76

Additional Account

Thirsk & District Museum Socy	- Grant	-	£200.00
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Precept A precept for £3,000 was signed to be served on the H.D.C.

Chairman's Report The Chairman proposed that the Council should pay the fees of members attending the W.E.A. Course for Councillors, Clerks etc. at Northallerton. It was agreed that members should claim the fee if they so wished. It was agreed to send a letter of welcome to the Royal Horse Artillery who are coming to Topcliffe Barracks. The Chairman reported an overhanging hedge on the footpath from the Church to St. James' Green - the owner's attention to be drawn to it. The Chairman paid tribute to the late Mr. Rex Thompson and it was agreed to send a letter of condolence to his widow.

Any Other Business

Lights Coun. Stuart reported lights coming on very early on the road from Long Street to Hambleton Drive.  
Coun. Bateman reported lights out on the south side of the bypass roundabout on York Road believed to be impeding traffic to Blakey Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

*J. Higgins. Chairman*  
*20/12/76*

MINUTES of a JOINT MEETING of the THIRSK TOWN CC. NCIL and SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL held in The British Legion Club Room on Monday, 22nd November 1976 at 7-30 p.m. to discuss arrangements to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in June 1977.

Present: Thirsk Town Council - Cllrs Messrs C.J.Megson (Chairman), L.Stuart, W.T.Bateman, H.Craig, Mrs M.Martin, Mrs P.Weatherall, and Dr. A.M.Wyon. Mrs P.Smith the Clerk.  
Sowerby Parish Council - Cllrs Messrs J.R.Potter (Chairman), G.Scaife J.P., J.G.Reynolds, Mrs E.E.Hall and Mrs I.J.Buck. Mr W. Abbott the Clerk.

Chairman: Cllr. C.J.Megson proposed Cllr. G.Scaife J.P. to be Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. J.R.Potter and was carried unanimously.

Secretary: As no one was prepared to act as Secretary for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations Committee it was decided to leave this appointment in abeyance. Mr Wm. Abbott undertook to take the Minutes of this Meeting.

Committee: The following Cllrs were appointed to represent the Thirsk and Sowerby Councils - Thirsk T.C. Cllrs. T.W.Bateman, H.Craig, L.Stuart. Sowerby P.C. Cllrs. Mrs I.J.Buck, J.G.Reynolds, G.Scaife J.P.  
The Chairman of each Council was to be an ex-officio member.

Cllr. Dr A.M.Wyon reported that the Civic Society had arranged a Gala for 28th May 1977 and it was agreed that the appointed Committee should meet the Civic Society for discussion with a view to amalgamating.

Cllr. Craig reported that the Hambleton Estates were having a collection and would be organising a Street Party but would also join in any carnival or joint celebration.

The following suggestions were put forward :-

Housing Estates and Streets to be decorated.  
Sports on The Flatts and then go to Street Parties.  
Senior citizens to be catered for with possibly a sit-down meal.  
Schools - a sponsored walk or swim to bring in finance.  
Other efforts to bring in finance were - Street collections, Parish Councils to contribute, approach to Tradesmen and Firms, Quoits matches. Cllr. Craig said he may be able to organise a Raffle with a substantial prize.

It was thought that it may be possible to have a children's day on 6th June 1977.

Cllr. Stuart would try to organise a Road Race and it was suggested that the members of the two Councils take part in a competitive Road Relay Race.

It was suggested that the following organisations should be invited to have a representative on the Celebrations Committee:-

Rotary Club, Round Table, W.I. Thirsk and W.I.Sowerby, Young Wives, Scouts and Guides, Chamber of Trade, Lion Club, Churches, the 3 Junior Schools, Athletic Club, Swimming Club, Flatts Preservation Committee, Falcons F.C., Sowerby Cricket Club, Thirsk and Sowerby Fishing Clubs, British Legion, the 2 Pigeon Clubs, Amateur Dramatic Society, Young Farmers Club, Over 41 Club. RSM Hamilton, R.H.A., Topcliffe Barracks.

Cllr. Merson raised the question of some form of permanent memorial such as Trees and Seats. this was to be borne in mind.

It was decided that a public meeting should be held early in January 1977 depending on what could be arranged with the Civic Society.

The Meeting closed at 8-30 p.m.

.....Date .....Chairman

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 20th December 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, L. Stuart, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, Mrs. M. P. Martin, T. W. Bateman, C. Kirk.

Apologies Couns. J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott.

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

### Matters Arising

Maytor Mower Nothing reported.

Footpath - Golden Fleece Nothing reported.

Diversions of Morby Footpath Still no reply from the H.D.C. Coun. Craig stated that he will pursue the matter.

Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck Work not yet completed. It was agreed to ask Mr. Peckitt to top the young trees when next he is working in The Holmes.

Play Equipment H. Garner & Sons do not manufacture concrete slabs. It was agreed to make enquiries of Sam Turner & Sons.

Silver Jubilee Copies of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting received. It was agreed to attend a second Joint Meeting with Sowerby P.C. on 10th January 1977.

British Rail Copy of a letter from Northallerton Town Council to the General Manager of British Rail, objecting to any proposed closure of Thirsk Station, read to the meeting. Letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, to John Spence M.P., read to the meeting, stating that the Railways Board has not made an application to withdraw the York/Darlington service and that the Department currently has no plans for major reductions of the sort implied by the N.U.R. leaflet.

Saturday Market Letter received from the H.D.C. giving reasons why they are suggesting changing the weekend Market Day. It was agreed to reiterate the representations made at the last meeting. Letter received from Easingwold Town Council supporting this Council's objections.

Market Place Cobbles Letter received from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Technical Officer will investigate the present condition of the cobbles and arrange future maintenance.

W.E.A. Course It was reported that the two members and the Clerk who attended the course do not intend to reclaim the fee. It was agreed to purchase 2 copies of 'A Practical Guide to Local Council Administration' at £3.25 each.

Lights Coun. Craig reported No. 2 light, between Hambleton Ave and Hambleton View, not working. It was agreed to send a letter to the H.D.C. expressing general disappointment in Footway Lighting in the Ward. Coun. Craig reported that a lamp stand had been removed from outside 67 Hambleton Avenue. It was agreed to request its reinstatement.

Capital and Revenue Estimates 1977/78 Letter presented from the Treasurer H.D.C. requesting details of Capital and Revenue Estimates for 1977/78. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that £5,600 will be required by way of precept for 1977/78.' Agreed. Street Sweeping estimated at £950 for 1977/78.

Flatts Preservation Trust Letter presented requesting financial assistance for the coming year. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Craig 'that we carry out our obligation as previously promised to give the product, £1,400, of a 1/2p rate' Agreed.

### Correspondence

Town & Country Planning Act Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the appeal by S. Calvert against refusal of planning permission for a Dwellinghouse at Stockton Road is refused.

Review of Electoral Arrangements Notice received of a meeting to inquire into the Future Electoral Arrangements for part of the District of Hambleton.

Byelaws Copies of Byelaws relating to 1. Private Slaughterhouses 2. Public Slaughterhouses 3. Knackers' Yards 4. Swimming Baths 5. Straw and Stubble Burning - received from the Secretary H.D.C.

Rural Transport Experiments A Questionnaire completed for the Transport and Road Research Laboratory of the Dept. of the Environment regarding bus services in the area.

Parking Area for Taxis Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding the need for an area to be reserved for taxis on the Market Place. The H.D.C. suggest that a small area next to the area reserved for public service vehicles should be designated as standing for taxis. Coun. Megson had suggested a two taxi stand next to the Delicatessen. It was agreed to accept the suggestion put by the H.D.C.

Flatts Preservation Trust A letter from Mr. B. Ogleby suggesting that the grant to the Flatts Preservation Trust be withheld was noted.

Plans Only one plan had been presented for the December Planning Meeting.

Use of Land as a Coal Yard at Swallow House, Sutton Road.

A petition against this had been sent in by Coun. Craig and supported by the Chairman. It was reported that planning permission had been refused.

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

Accounts as circulated

Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Premium for Christmas Lights Cover	- £ 10.00
R.B.L. Poppy Appeal Fund	- Wreath	- £ 4.00
F. Kendall	- Repairs to Town Clock Steps	- £ 22.89
D. G. Collinson	- Salary Oct. - Dec. £300.00	
	" B.B. Clerical Wk. £ 15.00	
	Dividend £ 3.50	- £318.50
P. Smith	- Salary Oct. - Dec. £105.50	
	Administrative Expenses £ 12.04	- £117.54

Additional Accounts

Shaw & Sons Ltd	- Burial Grant Book	- £ 38.02
Chas. Knight & Co.	- 2 Copies of a Practical Guide to Local Council Administration	- £ 6.50

Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked that Mr. Wood's observations be sought on the damage done by the Gas Board to the grass bank on the North side of Ingramgate. To an enquiry by the Chairman Coun. Craig reported that £48.00 had been distributed in the Thirsk Area from the Charities.

Any Other Business

Social Services At the suggestion of Coun. Bateman, Coun. Weatherall agreed to represent the Town Council on the Social Services Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

*J. H. Megson 17/1/77 Chairman*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk on Monday, 17th January 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), L. Stuart, H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, J. J. Allenby, C. Kirk, Mrs. A. M. Wyon.  
Apologies Couns. T. W. Bateman, E. R. Stott.

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

Matters Arising

Haytor Mower Nothing reported.

Footpath - Golden Fleece - Nothing reported.

Diversion of Morby Footpath Nothing reported.

Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck No progress.

Play Equipment Quotation received from S. Turner & Sons for slabs 2' x 2' x 2" at 70p each + V.A.T. It was agreed to check the number required before the next meeting.

Silver Jubilee The Chairman reported on the second Joint Meeting with Sowerby Parish Council where it had been agreed provisionally to give mugs to all children at school up to the age of 11 years. A Public Meeting had been arranged for 24th January. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Martin 'that this Council provides the product of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. rate, along with Sowerby P.C., towards the Jubilee Celebrations during the week commencing 6th June.' Agreed.

Saturday Market Nothing further reported.

Lights It was reported that the lamp standard has been replaced.

Parking Area for Taxis Letter received from the H.D.C. stating that the matter is being discussed at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

Ingramgate Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that the N.Y.C.C. is responsible for carrying out reinstatement at the Gas Board's expense, and the work will be done when the weather improves. It was agreed to ask Mr. Wood's' advice about the White Beam tree that was uprooted by the Gas Board.

Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Pick's Lane and The Link Road, Millgate Car Park A plan showing proposed Waiting Restrictions was presented to the meeting, with a request from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. for comments. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to accept the County Council's suggestions.' Agreed.

Correspondence

Charlie Brown's Notice received that Ian Armstrong intends to apply for the transfer of the Liquor Licence of Charlie Brown's Nightclub and for an extension of the permitted hours. It was agreed not to make objections.

York Co-operative Society Notice received that J. G. Coates intends to apply for the transfer of the licence to sell intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises at the Thirsk Branch of York Co-operative Society.

Parish Government Course Preliminary notice received of the Parish Government Course to be held at Scarborough from 29th April/1st May.

County Structure Plan Letter received from the Yorks. P.C.A. stating that all Parish Councils in the County will be invited to send a representative to an Area Forum to discuss the Draft Structure Plan. It was agreed that the Chairman should represent this Council.

Yorks Arts Association Letter presented reminding Councils that the Annual Subscription of £5.00 is due. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to renew the subscription.' Agreed.

Town Hall Letter presented stating that efforts are being made to raise funds to rent the Town Hall, on which a five year lease at £520 per year had been offered, and asking if the Town Council will assist financially. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Town Council makes a contribution equal to one half of a year's rent - £260 -.' Agreed.

Royal Horse Artillery Letter from Lt./Col J. M. Jones received in reply to the letter of welcome sent in November. "

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.

Formation of a Pedestrian Access at White Mare Corner.

Use of First Floor Former Solicitor's Offices as Dental Surgery and Ancillary Accommodation at Old Bank Chambers.

Change of Use of an Existing Public House to a Retail Shop at 11, Westgate.

Change of Use of an Existing Public House to Two Flats at 11, Westgate.

Change of Use of an Existing Public House to a Dwellinghouse at 11, Westgate.

Siting of a Petrol Pump Kiosk to replace existing one at Buist Motors Ltd., 96, Stockton Road.

Outline Application for Listed Building Consent and the redevelopment of land to include the Construction of 20 Flats at the rear of St. James' Green.

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

Accounts as circulated

Hambleton District Council	-	Emptying Cemetery Compound	-	£ 5.40
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Additional Accounts

Yorkshire Arts Association	-	Subscription	-	£ 5.00
North Yorks. C.C.	-	Hire of Court House - 1976	-	£21.75

Chairman's Report

The Chairman requested that the Cemetery Sub-committee inspect the Cemetery Footpaths and report to the next meeting, with a view to initiating repairs. The Chairman also requested an inspection of all seats with cement ends. It was agreed to ask Mr. W. Pratt to have the area adjacent to his Betting Office tidied up. The Chairman also reported that Mr. D. Sinclair had offered Silver Birch trees for planting.

Any Other Business

Flower Baskets Coun. Kirk requested that the flower baskets are put up this year and suggested that members undertake the planting of them.

Little Green Coun. Martin reported that complaints had been made regarding the state of the road to the Pumping Station. It was agreed to approach the Technical Officer H.D.C.

School Crossing Warden Coun. Craig reported that the services of the School Crossing Warden at White Mare Corner are being discontinued as from 21st Jan. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that this Council strongly objects to the withdrawal of the School Crossing Warden and asks that the Warden be retained.' Agreed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Education Authorities and a copy to the Chief Constable.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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Chairman  
21/2/72*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Westgate, Thirsk, on Monday, 21st February 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), L. Stuart, H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall, T. W. Bateman, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk.  
Apologies Couns. Mrs. A. M. Wyon, J. J. Allenby.

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

Matters Arising

Mayor Mower The Clerk reported that Mr. Dawkins hopes to have the mower ready for collection within the next two weeks.

Footpath - Golden Fleece It was agreed to ask the N.Y.C.C. the present position regarding this footpath. Complaints were made about the Market Place footways. It was agreed to ask Mr. Woods to meet Coun. Craig to carry out an inspection.

Diversions of Norby Footpath It was understood that this matter is proceeding.

Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck No progress reported.

Silver Jubilee A letter from the Chairman H.D.C. was shown to members.

Saturday Market It was reported that the Saturday Market is to remain unchanged.

Parking Area for Taxis A letter from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that the Planning Committee has decided against a taxi rank as the need was not sufficient to justify the loss of parking spaces for members of the general public.

Ingramgate Letter received from Negas accepting responsibility for the loss of the tree and asking the Council to arrange its replacement and send the account to it. It was agreed to ask Mr. Cartman to plant and stake a White Beam or a Flowering Cherry as an acceptable alternative.

County Structure Plan Letter received giving the date of the Area Forum as 11th March. It was agreed to hold a special meeting on 14th March to discuss the plan and complete the questionnaire.

Town Hall A meeting had been held to form a management committee.

Little Green - Road Letter received from the Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that the matter is being looked into but that it is not the entire responsibility of the H.D.C.

School Crossing Warden Letter received from the County Education Officer stating that the matter is being reconsidered. There is to be another traffic census in May. It was agreed to reply stating that the Council looks forward to hearing that the decision is to continue with the Crossing Warden.

The Holmes - Play Area It was decided not to use concrete slabs. It was agreed to use sand within a wooden surround for all the equipment except the Hanging Ocean Wave. The Chairman agreed to obtain details of the wood required and report back to the next meeting.

Report of the Cemetery Sub-committee The sub-committee submitted the following recommendations.

1. Whilst the access footpaths are not perfect by any means, apart from tidying up, little money should be spent on them.
2. The Poplar trees which are there as a wind break are not affecting the Grave Stones or surrounds according to our observations and should not be interfered with at the present time.
3. It is recommended that another 18" Mountfield Major Cutter should be purchased from E. T. Harland & Co. at £97.00 plus V.A.T. at 12½% less a discount of 12½%. The other cutters to be overhauled and used for at least a further year.  
Prop. Coun. Weatherall, sec. Coun. Martin 'to accept the report.' Agreed.

Inspection of Seats The Chairman reported that he had inspected the seats. 17 cement-ended seats and 3 metal seats need to be rubbed down and treated. It was agreed that the Council provide the materials and the work carried out by the Community Service. It was agreed that the broken seat in the bus shelter be taken in to Mr. Hopps for repair and replaced by a metal seat from the Cemetery.



## Correspondence

Advertisement Control Letter presented from the Planning Officer together with a copy of the H.D.C.'s draft advertisement control policy. Reply to be sent stating that this Council is in agreement with it.

West Yorkshire Road Car Co. Newsletter received stating that bus services could be cut if subsidies from the County Council are reduced. It was agreed to support the County and District Councils in not increasing the amount of subsidies paid to bus companies.

Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Purchase of land for Recreational Purposes Letter received from the Secretary H.D.C. asking for details of any land required. Coun. Craig reported that he had discussed this matter with the Recreation Manager.

Gillings Yard Notification received of a Public Inquiry regarding the compulsory purchase of land. Notification received that the Inquiry has been cancelled because objections to the order have been withdrawn.

Town Council Elections Notification received from the Treasurer H.D.C. that expenses incurred at the 1976 Elections were £179.27.

Letting of Educational Premises and Grounds A copy of the North Yorks. Education Department's scheme received.

Plans The following plans had been received.

Change of Use of Former Ground Floor Fish Shop and First Floor Dining room to a Ground Floor Antique Shop with Living Accommodation and First Floor Living Accommodation at 12, Millgate.

Use of Former Offices as Living Accommodation at 15, Castlegate.

Details of Alterations to Existing Ground Floor Shop to form Building Society Premises at 46, Market Place.

Display of Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 46, Market Place. The Chairman had made the observation that the size of the sign should be restricted.

Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction of a New Building for Manufacture of Agricultural Spares at 21, Chapel Street. The Chairman had made the observation that there should be a restriction on the hours of work because of the proximity of the Hospital and Cherry Garth.

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

## Accounts as circulated

John Whiting	-	Christmas Lighting	-	£275.15
Yorkshire Water Authority	-	Water Rate- Cemetery & Lodge	-	£ 10.39

## Burial Grants

Frederick James Croft	14 B1	£ 8.00
Ernest William Seymour	10 B1	£ 8.00
Frank Fox	1 B2	£16.00
Arthur & Alice Brown	20 C1	£16.00
William Hunter	16 B1	£ 8.00
Marion White	13 B1	£16.00
Harriet Ann Neesham	11 B1	£ 8.00
Mr. Haw	6 B1	£16.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the Town Council has been invited to be represented on the Town Hall Management Committee. Coun. Kirk agreed to be the representative. The Chairman submitted a plan to erect a signpost on the corner of the bus shelter indicating the Museum, Church, Mill Gardens and Swimming Baths. This was approved by the members present.

## Any Other Business

Notice Board Coun. Weatherall stressed the need for a Notice Board containing information about facilities in the town. Coun. Craig offered a notice board to replace the one on the Post Office wall.

Railing Coun. Stuart reported a railing missing from the fence at the side of the path from The Holmes to the church.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

*S. Megson*  
*Chairman*  
*21/3/77*

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, Monday, 14th March 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, L. Stuart, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, T. W. Bateman, C. Kirk, J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall.

County Structure Plan

Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the County Planning Authority be asked why a Public Meeting was not held in Thirsk in Connection with the County Structure Plan' Agreed.

The implications of the County Structure Plan were fully discussed and the Response Booklet completed.

*C. J. Megson  
Chairman. 21/3/77*

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 21st March 1977 at 7.35 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. Kirk, T. W. Bateman, The Clerk and Two Members of the Press.

**Apologies** Couns. L. Stuart, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall.

Before the Business of the Meeting commenced, Coun. Craig. deplored the fact that there were no Members of the Public present.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the Annual Assembly, held on 15th March 1976, were read by the Clerk, approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby.

**Accounts** The Audited Statement and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1976 were accepted.

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman listed the main achievements in Thirsk during the past year as the retention of the Saturday Market, the Town Hall becoming Community Centre, the beginning of a Sports Centre on The Flatts - giving credit to the Round Table - the opening of the Squash Courts and the welcome addition to the town of the Museum. Members were asked to keep the Council's financial commitments in mind. The well kept appearance of the Cemetery was commented upon. The Chairman also commented on the good conduct of the Members of the Council and the efficiency of the Clerk.


**Reports from School Managers**

**County Junior School** Coun. Wyon reported on the co-operation between the County Junior Thirsk School. Many out of school clubs are in operation. When the new Primary School in Thirsk is completed, alterations will have to be made to the Junior School to adjust to the influx of a proportion of Infants.

**Thirsk County Infants School** Due to the indisposition of Coun. Weatherall, no report was available.

**Charities** Coun. Craig reported that £50.00 had been distributed at Christmas.

The Meeting closed at 7.48 p.m.

 16th May 1977

Year Ended 31st March 1977

	£	<u>Burial Board</u>	£
Credit Balance 1.4.76	1359.76	Salary	1276.50
Burial Board Income	660.81	Litter Baskets	91.80
Precept	1600.00	New Mower	95.49
Refund of V.A.T.	24.99	Mower Repairs & Fuel	81.83
Dividends	16.50	Insurance	21.07
Investment at Bank	200.00	Painting Cemetery Lodge	205.29
		Burial Grant Book	38.02
		Establishment	140.34
		Balance of Investment	200.00
		Balance	1711.72
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	£	<u>Summary</u>	£
General Account	1381.92	Current Account (Bank)	2495.86
Burial Board Account	1711.72	Deposit Account	397.78
		Investments	200.00
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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 21st March 1977 at 7.50 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. Kirk, T. W. Bateman, E. R. Stott.  
Apologies Couns. L. Stuart, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Weatherall.

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

#### Matters Arising

Haytor Mower The Clerk reported that the repairs are completed but the machine has yet to be tested.

Footpath - Golden Fleece Letter received stating that the County Council have assumed responsibility for the footpath.

Footpaths Coun. Craig reported on his meeting with Mr. Woods. Repairs to the footpaths have already begun and kerbs in the Market Place are to be repaired later.

Diversions of Norby Footpath The Chairman reported that the Closure Order has been registered.

Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck It was reported that Mr. Peckitt has cleared the tree from the Mill Gardens and re-started in The Holmes.

Silver Jubilee It was reported that various celebrations have been planned.

Saturday Market Letter received from the H.D.C. confirming that the Saturday Market is remain unchanged.

Ingramgate The replacement tree has been planted.

County Structure Plan The Minutes of the special meeting were read by the Clerk, approved and then signed by the Chairman.

Town Hall Coun. Kirk reported that a meeting has been arranged with the Directors of the Town Hall.

The Holmes - Play Area The Chairman reported that there may be timber available from the Gillings Yard scheme. Coun. Craig agreed to make enquiries at the H.D.C. regarding wood for the surrounds and report to the next meeting.

Cemetery Coun. Bateman reported that a new bier was being provided for the Cemetery by an anonymous donor.

Seats The Chairman reported that the backs of the Bus Shelter seats have been blocked. It had been decided not to transfer the seat from the Cemetery.

West Yorkshire Road Car Co. A further newsletter had been received listing services which could be cut. A letter was read stating that if the level of financial support is not increased the York/Thirsk service will be affected and there will be no journeys beyond Hutton Sessay.

Notice Board No action taken yet.

Power Points It had been agreed to consider the need for power points to facilitate the erection of Christmas Lights. Coun. Bateman reported that the Chamber of Trade had suggested sharing the cost of installation. It was agreed that the Town Council welcome the idea. It was also agreed to form a sub-committee and invite a representative of both the Chamber of Trade and Sowerby Parish Council to serve with two members of the Town Council to carry out a survey and full report. Couns. Kirk and Bateman were chosen to represent the Council.

#### Correspondence

Town Twinning Copy of a letter from the United Towns Organisation received from the H.D.C. The letter was noted.

Hambleton District Guide Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding the Hambleton District Guide. Coun. Wyon reported that the Museum Society are printing leaflets containing information about Thirsk.

Plans No observations were made on the following plans.

Extension to Existing Factory to form a Despatch Chilli at Yorpac, Station Road.

Alterations to Office Entrance at 81, Market Place.

Extension to Existing Shop Premises to form Increased Sales Area and Staff Facilities at 40, Market Place.

Alterations to Existing Shop at 5, Finkle Street.

Formation of a Hardstanding for Overnight Parking of a Heavy Goods Vehicle at Part O.S. 80 Plump Bank.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Dwellinghouse in connection with a Market Garden at land adjacent to 2, Barbeck.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20/22, Market Place.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Workshop at Station Road Garage.

Observations were made on the following plans.

Change of Use of Retail Shop to Banking Premises in Conjunction with Existing Adjoining Bank at 17, Market Place. This Council is concerned at the loss of shops in Thirak and would wish for this to be retained as a retail shop in it's present trade.

Construction of a Private Double Garage at 33, Station Road. This Council would object if this is to be used for commercial purposes to the annoyance of residents.

Construction of a Building to incorporate 3 Horse Boxes at Green Acres off Byland Avenue. The development is considered too near a residential area.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Carpet Warehouse at rear of 27 - 29, Westgate. Attention is drawn to the disfigurement of Castle Garth and the encroachment onto an historic site. This could also cause a traffic hazard in Westgate.

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

Accounts as circulated

Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd.	-	Maintenance of Town Clock	-	£ 14.04
E. T. Harland & Co.	-	New Mower for Cemetery	-	£ 95.49
The Post Office	-	Licence for Haytor Mower	-	£ 6.65
Hambleton District Council	-	Estimated cost of Street Sweeping 1976/77.	-	£900.00
B. G. Collinson	-	Salary Jan. - Mar.	£300.00	
		" B.B. Clerical Wk.	£ 15.00	
		Dividend	£ 4.75	
P. Smith	-	Salary Jan. - Mar.	£105.50	£319.75
		Administrative Expenses	£ 8.02	
				£113.52

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that a metal seat on The Holmes is beyond repair. It was agreed to transfer a seat from the Cemetery and fix onto a concrete base. Grass seed is needed for The Greens. Mr. Woods' attention to be drawn to the broken fence at the side of the kissing gate at the Stockton Road end of Whitelass Beck.

Any Other Business

Publicity Board Coun. Wyon reported that the Publicity Board is in need of attention. H.D.C. to be notified.

Light - Pick's Lane Coun. Kirk reported that this light has still not been repaired.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

*6/8/77  
Bateman  
8/4/77*

Thurk County Junior School. 1977  
Mar.

The number of children on the roll at the beginning of the Spring Term was 414 & the staff seem to be coping admirably with the increase.

It is good to see that the Head Teacher lost no time in getting into direct communication with the new Headmaster of Thurk School so that dates for special events & for holidays can be co-ordinated.

During the Autumn Term the children wished to help the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

They made calendar tabs for sale & two or three of the 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils organised a "Sponsored Braille Alphabet Learning" thus raising £31.50 for the Institute & increasing their own understanding of what it means to be blind. They are to be congratulated for an unusual and successful idea.

A Fire Drill was carried out on November 4<sup>th</sup> & the whole school was evacuated in 2 mins flat.

The proposed painting of the outside of the school has been postponed as a result of the need to effect economies.

Many out of school clubs continue to be operated by willing teachers; subjects include meteorology, Country Dancing, Nature Gymnastics, Art & football.

The School holds the Briscoe Trophy for 6 a side football in the Ripon & District Knock-out Competition & no doubt will stand up to further challenging this year.

The managers were glad to hear that priority is being given to the building of the new school in Thirsk, it will mean some alterations to the Turner School to adjust to the influx of a proportion of Infants, but the managers have complete confidence that the headmaster can deal successfully with any new situation ~~which~~ <sup>as it</sup> arises.