

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 1977

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MARCH 1978

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 18th April 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Haytor Mower The Clerk reported that the mower is now ready for collection.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Nothing further reported.

Footpaths Due to a misunderstanding, it had been reported that concrete flags in Chapel Street were to be replaced with bituminous macadam. Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that he did not intend to carry out the work without the approval of the Town Council. It was agreed that the concrete flags should remain at the present time. Coun. Craig requested that Mr. Woods be reminded of his promise to repair kerbs in the Market Place. Appreciation of footway repairs to be sent to Mr. Woods.

Trees - The Holmes and Whitelass Beck The Chairman reported work almost completed. Coun. Stuart agreed to ask the Scouts to clear the brash.

Silver Jubilee The Clerk was given permission to have the Union Jack cleaned.

Ingramgate Coun. Craig expressed concern about the trees.

Town Hall Meeting not yet taken place.

The Holmes - Play Area Wood not available from the H.D.C.

Cemetery It was reported that the new bier is now at the Cemetery.

Notice Board No progress reported. The Clerk reported that the Council notice board is in need of repair.

Power Points Replies not yet received from the Chamber of Trade and Sowerby Parish Council.

Publicity Board The H.D.C. agreed to 'make good' the Publicity Board if the Town Council will supply new prints. Coun. Wyon agreed to provide the prints.

Correspondence

United Automobile Services Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. together with a timetable showing slight alterations to Service 128.

Taxi Rank Letter presented from Mr. C. Gomersall asking for the Town Council's backing to his petition for a taxi rank at Thirsk. It was agreed that nothing could be done at the present time.

R.A.F. Leeming Letter presented inviting up to 2 members to attend an 'Open Evening' at R.A.F. Leeming on Thursday, 12th May. Couns. Stott and Allenby to attend.

Resignation Letter presented from Coun. Weatherall resigning from the Council as she is leaving the district. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation of her services to the Council.

Community Council Coun. Wyon agreed to replace Coun. Weatherall on the Community Council.

Casual Vacancy A Casual Vacancy was declared which will be filled by co-option if no bye-election is claimed.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.

Construction of 2 Agricultural Buildings adjoining an Existing Dutch Barn for Storage of Hay, Straw and Machinery at Abel Grange Farm, Thirsk.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 39/41, Market Place.

Alterations to Existing Bank and Adjoining Retail Shop for form Improved Banking and Staff Facilities at 14.16, Market Place, Thirsk.

Alterations to Disused Fish Restaurant/Store for use as a Retail Shop for the Sale of Furniture at 27, Westgate, Thirsk.

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

Accounts as circulated

Chairman's Report The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the 20% Industrial Grant on plant and machinery is being withdrawn. Letter to be sent to John Spence, M.P., stating that the Town Council object most strongly to the withdrawal of the Industrial Grant from the area. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. N. Axon for his services to the town.

Any Other Business

Whitelass Beck Coun. Stuart reported the need for Whitelass Beck to be cleaned out. The attention of the River Board to be drawn to it.

Drop-In Centre Coun. Stuart requested a direction sign to the 'Drop-In Centre'. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter.

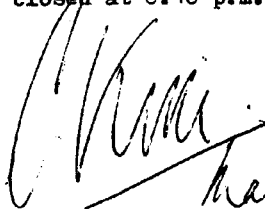
The Green Coun. Allenby reported cars parked on the Green on Easter Monday.

Right of Way Coun. Allenby reported locked gates in the Red Bear Yard.

Waste Paper At Coun. Wyon's suggestion, it was agreed to investigate the possibility of finding suitable storage space for waste paper.

Information Leaflets It was agreed to adopt in principle the updated Thirsk Information leaflet.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1977

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th May 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Election of Chairman Coun. Megson stated that he was not seeking re-election. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Coun. Kirk be elected Chairman.' Voting was unanimously in favour. Coun. Kirk took the chair, thanked members for his election and paid tribute to the retiring Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that Coun. Bateman be elected.' Voting was unanimously in favour.

Appointment of School Managers

County Junior School Coun. Wyon was re-appointed.

County Infants School Coun. Martin Appointed.

All Saints' R.C. School It was agreed to ask the Education Authorities if the Council is still eligible for representation as the school is in Sowerby.

Local Councils Association Couns. Stuart and Allenby appointed.

Civic Society Coun. Megson Appointed.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Craig re-appointed.

Charities It was agreed that this remain on the Agenda.

Sub-Committees

Cemetery and The Holmes and Greens It was agreed that these remain as before with the power to co-opt on to The Holmes and Greens to replace Mrs. Weatherall.

Plans It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should comment on plans at such times when the Planning Meeting takes place too soon for observation at a Council Meeting.

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

Matters Arising

Haytor Mower Coun. Megson reported that the clutch is faulty. Mr. Dawkins to be asked to come and repair.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Nothing further reported.

Footpaths Letter from Mr. Woods stating that kerbs will be repaired in the near future.

Town Hall Meeting to take place on 17th May.

The Holmes Play Area Nothing reported.

Notice Board H.D.C. to be asked to repair the Council Notice board. Nothing reported regarding the new board.

Power Points Coun. Scaife nominated to represent Sowerby Parish Council.

Whitlass Beck Letter from the Clerk to the River Board stating that cleaning out is now in progress.

Drop-In Centre It was reported that a Notice Board is being erected.

Red Bear Yard - Right of Way Coun. Megson reported that this is being looked into by the County Surveyor's Department.

Waste Paper Coun. Bateman offered storage accommodation at Waterside. It was agreed to purchase the necessary string for tying bundles.

Planning Applications Coun. Craig registered his complaint that he is against more buildings being taken over by banks, building society offices etc.

Information Leaflets Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Stott 'that 5,000 Information Leaflets be purchased to be distributed free of charge - the printing to be undertaken by Peat and Son.' Agreed.

Co-option of New Member Only 1 application received. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that Mr. E. Atkinson be co-opted.' Agreed.

### Correspondence

Change of Licensee Notice received that Laurence Ernest Galloway intends to apply for the Full Transfer of the licence of the Black Lion, Thirsk.

Racecourse Car Park Letter presented from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade stating that the Racecourse Car Park has been offered for public parking on 6th June with either the Town Council or the Chamber of Trade being responsible for it. It was agreed that the Town Council be responsible. Couns. Stott and Craig agreed to act as Car Park attendants.

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Letter presented from Mrs. S. Waby complaining about the N.Y.C.C. salt heap at the Norby Depot. It was agreed to forward the letter to the Housing Manager of the H.D.C.

Thirsk Parochial Church Council Letter presented from Thirsk P.C.C. requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Prop. Coun. Wyon sec. Coun. Martin 'to grant £150.00 as last year.' Agreed.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.  
Alterations to an existing shop and shop front in the amalgamation of 2 shops at 6, Millgate, Thirsk.

Display of an internally illuminated flush fitted box sign at 26A, Long Street.

Extension to existing storage building for use as a furniture store at rear of 27, Westgate.

Substitution of house and bungalow types on Plots 1-14, 23 & 23, 37-62 and 71-74, off Hambleton Place.

The following plan was approved subject to its being to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Department.

Extension to existing factory to form a chill and gut room at Yorkshire Meat Packers.

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

### Accounts as circulated

Yorks. County Assn. of Local Councils	- Subscription	£42.00	
	L. C. Review	£ 7.00	
	Stationery	£ .62	- £ 49.62
Hambleton District Council	- Supply of Minutes 1977/78		- £ 7.56
Thirsk Hall Estate	- 1 year's Rent-Holmes	20p	
	1/2 year's Wayleaves	11p	- £ .31
Hambleton District Council	- 1/2 year's Rates - Cem. Lodge		- £ 54.88
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery		- £ 3.26
Additional Account			
Thirsk Churchyard Fund	- Grant towards upkeep		- £150.00

Precept A Precept for £3,000 was signed on the Hambleton District Council.

Chairman's Report The Chairman requested that the flower baskets be planted and hung in the Market Place. It was agreed to ask Mr. Cartman to do the work.

### Any Other Business

Regent Bingo Hall Coun. Craig complained of the posters on the walls. The Chairman agreed to bring this to the attention of the manager.

Hall Engineering Coun. Stuart drew members attention to the refusal of planning consent for Hall Engineering. It was understood that the plans are being modified and re-submitted. It was agreed that the new application should be supported.

Gillings Court Coun. Bateman expressed concern that the Town Council is not directly represented on the Gillings Court and Waterside project. Secretary of the H.D.C.'s attention to be drawn to this.

Sports Day The Clerk reported that the County Infants School are holding their Sports Day on the Little Green on 6th July.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

*C. V. King*  
20/6/77.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 20th June 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), Mrs. M. P. Martin, L. Stuart, E. Atkinson, T. W. Bateman, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott.

Apologies Couns. J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig.

Coun. Atkinson, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was welcomed by the Chairman.

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

Matters Arising

Mower The Chairman reported that the clutch had been repaired locally free of charge.

Diversion of Norby Footpath Nothing further reported.

The Holmes - Play Area Coun. Megson reported that the area needs to be sanded.

Notice Board H.D.C. not responsible for repairing notice boards. Mr. Hopps carried out the repairs. Nothing reported regarding the new notice board.

Power Points Survey arranged for next week.

Whitelass Beck Coun. Stuart reported that the river has not yet been cleaned out.

Information Leaflets Coun. Bateman reported leaflets almost ready for printing.

Racecourse Car Park Reported not a success due to bad weather. Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to re-imburse Coun. Stott for the Car Park notices printed at a cost of £3.00'. Agreed.

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Coun. Megson reported that the H.D.C. will take up the matter with N.Y.C.C.

Regent Bingo Hall The Chairman reported that the manager had agreed to co-operate.

Gillings Court No reply from the H.D.C.

Charities It was agreed to ask the Midland Bank for sight of the Wrightson Charity Trust Deed.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stott 'that this Council consider a weight restriction being enforced on heavy commercial vehicles passing through the Town Centre.'

On an amendment Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Bateman 'to leave the matter in abeyance until such time as the Topcliffe/Asenby by-pass is completed.'

Voting was 4 - 3 in favour of the amendment.

Town Hall Letter presented from the Management Committee requesting assistance in the purchasing of the Town Hall. It was agreed on a Joint Meeting with Sowerby Parish Council to discuss the matter.

Future Maintenance of the Flower Boxes - Market Place Coun. Megson reported that offence had been caused to the White Swan

Gardening Club because the flower boxes had been planted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Jubilee. It was agreed that this work was done in good faith and that a letter of apology be sent to the White Swan Gardening Club.

Correspondence

N.Y. Playing Fields Association Letter presented stating that subscriptions are now due. Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Atkinson 'to renew the subscription of £2.00'. Agreed.

Library Service Letter presented from the County Librarian stating that cutbacks are being made in the mobile library service.

Public Liability Letter presented from the Insurance Company recommending that the limit of indemnity of £100,000 should be increased to £250,000. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to accept the recommendation.' Agreed.

Insurance Claim The Clerk reported that a lady had stained garments caused by sitting on the seat at the corner of Felixkirk Road. Enquiries had been made to the Insurance Company as to whether the Council is covered under Public Liability. Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that the Council is covered and enclosing a Report Form for completion.

School Management Letter presented from the County Education Officer stating the condition to be fulfilled when appointing School Managers and enclosing a copy of the new Instruments of Management.

Thirsk District Plan Letter and Response Sheet presented from the Planning Officer H.D.C. It was agreed that all members should visit the exhibition and the Response Sheet completed at the next meeting.

Hambleton Sports Council It was agreed to pay a subscription of £1.00 to the H.S.C. Coun. Stuart was appointed representative.

Plans No objections were made to the following planning applications:

Display of 2 Internally Illuminated Show Cases at 19, Market Place.

Alterations to Existing Public House, including Change of Use of Part of Building from Domestic to Licensed Premises at the Black Bull.

Extension to Existing Garage Workshop at Station Road Garage.

The following planning application was supported:

Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction of a New Building for the Manufacture of Agricultural Spares at 21, Chapel Street.

The following accounts were presented and approved: Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Stuart  
Accounts as circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Tipping Facilities at Thirsk Tip	- £ 4.32
	During April 1977	
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	- £ 15.04
D. G. Collinson	- Salary April - June	£300.00
	" B.B. Clerical Wk.	£ 15.00
	Dividend	£ 3.50
		- £318.50
P. Smith	- Salary April - June	£105.50
	Administrative Exps.	£ 11.75
		- £117.25

#### Additional Accounts

E. T. Harland & Co.	- Repairs to Cemetery Mowers	- £ 14.57
D. G. Collinson	- Cutting The Greens	£ 28.00
	Tending Mill Gardens	£ 22.00
		- £ 50.00
L. G. Hopps	- Repairing Seats & Notice Board	- £121.40
H. Peckitt	- Clearing trees - The Holmes and Mill Gardens	- £ 40.00
E. R. Stott	- Re-imbursement of cost of Car Park Notices	- £ 3.00
N.Y. Playing Fields Ass.	- Subscription	- £ 2.00
Hambleton Sports Council	- " "	- £ 1.00

#### Burial Grants

✓ John Alfred Barnett	13 A6	£16.00
✓ Annie Elizabeth Liddle	2 B2	£ 8.00
✓ Rose Watson	17 C6	£ 8.00
✓ Thomas Watson	16 C6	£ 8.00
✓ James Turberville	5 B1	£16.00
✓ John Henry Brown	8 B3	£ 8.00
✓ Mr. Haw	7 B1	£16.00
✓ Herbert Adamson Coatsworth	6 B2	£ 8.00
✓ Florence Jane Ward	19 A6	£16.00
✓ Mr. Ward	20 A6	£16.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman asked members to consider the purchase of a Knapsack Spray for watering the hanging baskets etc. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Atkinson 'that a Knapsack Spray be purchased.' Agreed. The Chairman publicly thanked everyone who had helped with the Jubilee Celebrations. The Chairman told members that at the next meeting he would ask that a rise in the salaries of the Cemetery Superintendent and Clerk be considered.

#### Any Other Business

Footpath - Waterfall Coun. Stuart reported that the footpath beyond the waterfall is overgrown. The Chairman stated that this work could be done by the Community Service.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

*[Signature]* 18/7/77

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 4th July 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

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Present

Thirsk Town Council Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), T. W. Bateman, L. Stuart, E. Atkinson, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. Martin, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott.

Sowerby Parish Council Couns. J. R. Potter (Chairman), G. Snowden, W. Greensit, Mrs. I. J. Buck, Mrs. E. Hall, G. Scaife.

Community Centre - Formerly Thirsk Town Hall

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the possibility of the two Councils jointly purchasing the former Town Hall as a Community Centre.

The building had been offered to the Management Committee on a five year option to purchase - the present purchase price of £13,600 to stand for one year and thereafter rising in line with the rate of inflation.

The Hambleton District Council had been asked what assistance would be available in the way of grants and/or loans.

The Hambleton District Council had requested details of the purchase price etc. to present to a meeting on 18th July 1977.

Prop. Coun. Buck (Sowerby P. C.), sec. Coun. Craig (Thirsk T. C.), 'that each Council provide £5,000 and the Hambleton District Council be approached for a grant of £3,6000.' Voting was unanimously in favour.

The meeting closed at 8.0 p.m.

*[Signature]* July 10<sup>th</sup> 1977



Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 18th July 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

#### Matters Arising

Diversion of Norby Footpath Nothing reported.

The Holmes - Play Area The Chairman stated that the sanding could be carried out by the Community Service.

Notice Board Coun. Craig reported that the notice board is not available.

Power Points The Chairman reported that a meeting with a representative of the N.E.E.B. has been arranged for 26th July.

Whitelass Beck It was reported that the beck is now clean.

Information Leaflets Leaflets printed and ready for distribution.

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Gillings Court Letter received from the H.D.C. stating that the sub-committee has been re-appointed with the same membership as last year and that the Town Council will not be directly represented thereon.

Charities The Clerk reported that the Midland Bank are not trustees and do not have a copy of the trust deed. It was agreed to try to obtain a copy of the will of the late William Wrightson.

Town Hall The Minutes of the Joint Meeting were read to members, approved and then signed by the Chairman.

Flower Boxes Reply received from the Red Bear (formerly White Swan) Gardening Club, accepting the apology but no longer willing to maintain the flower boxes.

Insurance Claim Nothing reported.

School Managers The Clerk reported that consultation had taken place with the other Minor Authorities regarding representation on the Thirsk Infants and Junior Schools. It was unanimously agreed that Coun. Martin and Coun. Wyon be managers under the New Instrument of Management.

Knapsack Spray Complaints had been received by members that the spray should have been purchased locally.

Thirsk District Plan Response Sheet completed. Members agreed that the right issues and options had been identified and preferred Option 2 - for moderate growth - for the reasons stated in the report.

Review of the salaries of the Cemetery Superintendent and the Clerk Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Megson,

'to go into Committee for this item to protect the interests of staff'  
Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the Cemetery Superintendent and the Clerk be given a rise of 10% as from 1st July 1977.' Agreed.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec Coun. Wyon 'that consideration be given to acquiring a Badge of Office for the Chairman in Jubilee Year.'

On an amendment - Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the Council does not go on with the matter.' Voting in favour of the amendment - Couns. Craig, Martin, Stott, Allenby, Megson. Against - Couns. Stuart, Wyon, Atkinson, Kirk.  
Amendment carried.

#### Correspondence

Swimming Baths Letter presented from H.D.C. asking if Coun. Bateman has been re-appointed representative on the Swimming Baths Management Committee. It was agreed that Coun. Bateman remain as representative.

Yorks. P.C.A. Preliminary notice received of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 24th September.

Transfer of Licence Notice received that Mrs. H. Z. Millard intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Black Bull, Thirsk

Taxi Rank Copy of a letter from the H.D.C. to Mr. Gomersall presented - stating that the H.D.C. has decided to adhere to its previous decision not to designate a Standing Area for taxis on the Market Place.

Loss of Development Status Letter from John Spence, M.P., presented - stating that he has taken up this matter with the District and County Councils.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans:-  
Construction of a Car Port at 17, St. Mary's Walk.  
Alterations and Extensions to Existing Jockeys' Changing Accommodation and Office at Station Road.  
Extension to Existing Bungalow at A.O.S. 82, Ross Poultry Unit, Green Lane, Woodcock.  
Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 33, Station Road.  
Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 14 - 16, Market Place.  
It was recommended that the width of the Public Footpath should be 4' on the plan for Change of Use of Existing Public House to a Retail Shop with Storage Facilities at 61, Market Place.

Plans for H.D.C. August Planning Meeting

No objections were made to the following plans:-

Extensions to existing Garage to provide a Store and a Showroom at White Horse Garage, Long Street.

Construction of an Additional Detached Private Single Garage at Plot 9, St. Mary's Drive.

It was pointed out that there must be a Right of Access for Vehicles to Nos 14, 16 & 18, Kirkgate on the plan for:

Amended layout and revised details of 37 Elderly Persons Flats and Warden's Accommodation at Rear of Market Place - Gillings Court.

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

As circulated

J. T. Thompson	-	Cutting The Holmes	-	£30.24
Municipal Mutual Ins.	-	Premium on Combined Policy	-	£31.65
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol & Oil for Cemetery	-	£12.68
J. W. Chafer Ltd.	-	Knapsack Sprayer	-	£28.62
<u>Additional Account</u>				
Peat & Son	-	Meeting Notices	£15.39	
		Information Leaflets	£59.00	
				£74.39

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that a sign to 'Age Concern' had been erected. Members' opinions were sought on the distribution of the Information Leaflets. It was agreed to put them in the Library, Hotels, Museum etc. The Chairman asked Members if, in line with many other Councils, they wished to go into recess in August. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Martin 'not to hold a meeting in August.' Agreed.

Stationery It was agreed that the Clerk should order stationery etc. from Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation.

Any Other Business

Tree in Beck Coun. Megson reported a tree branch in the Codbeck above the Second Sands. It was agreed to ask the River Board if they will clear it and charge the cost to the Town Council.

Public Footpaths Coun. Wyon reported a locked gate and no stile in Wetlands Lane. Coun. Megson reported no stile at the south end of Underwood. N.Y.C.C. to be asked to investigate.

Caravan Site Coun. Stuart reported favourable comments regarding courtesy and service in the town shops from visitors staying on the Racecourse site.

Community Service Coun. Stuart agreed to approach the Community Service supervisor regarding tasks that could be carried out by the Service.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

*L. Viner*

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1977

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 19th September 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), H. D. Craig, E. Atkinson, L. Stuart, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, J. J. Allenby, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott + 2 members of the public  
Apologies Coun. T. W. Bateman.

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Matters Arising

Diversion of Norby Footpath Copy of the proposed path extinguishment order presented.

Power Points The Chairman reported on the meeting with a representative of the N.E.E.B., who had advised having only one 'take-off' point which should be at the public toilets. It was agreed to light only the Market Place. Permission had been obtained from property owners in the town for the fixing of hooks to their walls.

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Charities The Chairman agreed to ask the rector if he has a copy of the Trust Deed.

Town Hall The Chairman reported that there is to be an opening dance on 28th October. New seats have been purchased for the hall. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to pay over the cheque for one half of one year's rent as already agreed.' Agreed.

Public Footpaths Letter presented from the County Surveyor's department stating that the owner of the land had agreed to erect stiles.

Community Service Letter presented from the Community Service Organiser stating that Mr. Currie has been appointed sessional supervisor and that work will commence in Thirsk as soon as possible.

Members Expenses Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Stott 'that expenses be paid to members travelling outside the parish on Council business.' Agreed. It was agreed that the mileage rate be paid according to Circular 321/1973 (Revised) January 1977

Members Allowances.

Report on Trees in The Holmes Coun. Stuart reported that a survey had taken place and it was found that 10 Willows are in a dangerous condition. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that the trees be felled.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Megson 'that the work be put out to tender for the felling and removal of the trees and the burning up of brash.' Agreed. H. Peckitt, J. Thompson, G. Heslop, C. Dunca 1f and Tilhill Forestry be invited to tender.

Correspondence

Clock Mechanism Letter presented from the Rector of St. Mary's Church asking for assistance towards payment for the repair of the Clock Mechanism which is a War Memorial. It was agreed to leave the letter on the table until the cost of the repair is known.

Transfer of Licence Notice received that Douglas J. Peacock intends to apply for the full transfer of the licence of the Lord Nelson.

Questionnaire Questionnaire presented from the National Association of Local Councils. It was agreed to consider this and complete at the next meeting.

Access - Norby Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding ownership of a footpath and access track off Front Street, Norby. Coun. Megson agreed to investigate this.

National Tree Week Notice given of National Tree Week - 6th - 12th November.

Plans No objections had been made to the 2 following plans for the H.D.C. August Meeting.  
Construction of a Domestic Garage at Plot 36 (Barratts), South Dowber Lane.  
Construction of a 2,000 gallon Diesel Tank with surrounding wall at White Horse Filling Station.

No objections were made to the following plans.

Change of Use from Boarding House to form Extension to Existing Retail Shop at 71, Market Place.

Details of the Construction of a Workshop for the Assembly of Aluminium Windows/Doors at The Mitre, Norby.

## Plans cont.

Revised details of an Extension to Existing Garage Workshop at Station Road.

## Observations were made to the following plans.

Details of Alterations and Extensions to Existing Public House for use as a Retail Shop with Storage Facilities at 61, Market Place - Public Right of Way should be ~~be~~.

Revised Outline Application for Construction of a Health Centre, including Alterations to Existing Vehicular Access on Land Adjoining Lambert Memorial Hospital (Sowerby Parish) - No objections to access, showing due regard to the residents of Cherry Garth.

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

### Accounts as Circulated

Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge	-	£ 9.40
Mun. Mutual Insurance	- Addtn. Premium - Public Liability	-	£ 4.01
"	- Insurance on Motor Mower	-	£ 5.00
Yorks. Purchasing Org.	- Stationery	-	£ 14.17
Codbeck Int. D. Board	- Drainage Rates	-	£ 1.80
Dept. of Environment	- Audit Fee	-	£ 52.92
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil - Cemetery	-	£ 14.39
F. Kendall	- Repairs to Seats - Holmes & Plump Bank	-	£ 74.74
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - July to Sept.	£330.00	
	" B. B. Clerical Wk.	£ 15.00	
	Dividend	£ 4.75	- £349.75
P. Smith	- Salary - July to Sept.	£116.00	
	Administrative Expenses	£ 9.54	- £125.54

### Additional Account

Thirsk Town Hall Management Committee	- 1 half of 1 year's rent of Town Hall	-	£260.00
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### Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Royal Horse Artillery wish to fire a Minute Gun on the Holmes on Remembrance Sunday - members in agreement. The Trustee Saving Bank building is for sale. Proposed by the Chairman, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the County Council be urged to buy the building for use as a library.' Agreed. Letters to be sent to the County Librarian and the Chairman of the Libraries Committee. The winding-up meeting of the Jubilee Committee had taken place. Congratulations were expressed at the letters of thanks for Jubilee Mugs - written by children of the County Junior School.

### Any Other Business

Waterfall Bridge Coun. Stuart reported the centre pillar of the Waterfall footbridge in a dangerous condition.

Market Place Coun. Craig expressed concern at the danger from cars to pedestrians crossing from the Post Office alley to the White Swan footpath.

Little Green Coun. Megson reported paniles missing from the toolshed roof and a broken slat on the seat outside the Clinic.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

*C. Kirk*  
*October 17<sup>th</sup> 1977*

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

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

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

Matters Arising

Diversion of Norby Footpath Copy of Public Path Extinguishment Order No. 2 1977 presented. The order will become effective on 19th November 1977 subject to there being no objections.

Power Points It was agreed that the Clerk sign a Wayleave for the Nat/West Bank in order to obtain permission for the fixing of a hook to the building. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Megson 'to have Christmas Lights this year.' Agreed. Sowerby P.C. to be approached for a contribution. Local electricians to be invited to tender. The Chairman was given permission to approach a suitable tradesman for the fixing of hooks.

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Charities The Rector is investigating the whereabouts of the Trust Deed.

Access - Norby Coun. Megson had given information to the Secretary H.D.C.

Library Letter presented from the County Librarian stating that to purchase the building and convert to a library would be too costly. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'that this Council is somewhat concerned as to the position regarding the future of the library when the present lease runs out in four years time.' Agreed.

Waterfall Bridge Letter presented from Mr. Woods promising to carry out repairs. Coun. Megson reported that the repairs have been done.

Market Place - Danger to Pedestrians Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. requesting a site meeting to discuss the problem.' Agreed.

N.A.L.C. Questionnaire Questionnaire completed.

Tenders to Fell and Remove 10 Willows in The Holmes The Clerk reported that an additional tender had been received other than from the persons named to be invited to tender. 5 tenders had been received.

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| 1. £300.00 + V.A.T. | 2. £485.00 | 3. £425.00 + V.A.T. |
| 4. £695 + V.A.T.    | 5. £610.00 |                     |

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that the lowest tender be accepted, subject to there being adequate insurance cover.' Agreed. Tender No. 1 from Binks Woodland Services of Northallerton was accepted. Coun. Stuart reported that an 11th Willow is in need of felling. It was agreed to ask Binks Woodland Services if they would be willing to fell it for an additional 10% of their tender price.

It was agreed to discuss replacement trees when the felling is completed.

Proposed 40 m.p.h Speed Limit Letter presented from the N.Y.C.C. asking the Council's opinion of the proposal to raise the Speed Limit to 40 m.p.h. in Stockton Road, Long Street, Sutton Road and York Road. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that the present restrictions that are in operation remain.' Voting was 8 in favour - Coun. Bateman against.

Public Footpath - Yorkshire Bank Letter presented from the County Surveyor requesting the Council's agreement to the Temporary Closure of the footpath for a short time during alterations to the bank. Suitable warning notices would be erected. Agreement given.

Public Footpath - Adjacent to 61, Market Place Letter presented from M. L. Yeadon Ltd., requesting the Council's approval for the temporary closure of the footpath for a short time during alterations to 61, Market Place. Suitable signs would be erected. Approval given.

## Correspondence

Parking of Public Service Vehicles - Market Place Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. asking the Council's opinion as to the placing of lettering on an area of the cobbles to indicate the restriction for regular service vehicles. Prop. Coun. Bateman, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that no action should be taken until a better bus service is provided.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to try a fixed sign on the Northallerton sign plinth stating Service Buses Only.' Voting was 4 - 5 against the amendment.

Dutch Elm Disease Letter presented from the County Planning Officer stating that the Dutch Elm Disease campaign is to be discontinued.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Mr. A. H. R. Ballam intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of Ye Olde Three Tuns Hotel.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Mr. B. Furnell intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Frankland Arms.

Complaint Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to go into Committee to discuss a matter affecting a member of the Council' 8 in favour - Coun. Craig against. Letter presented from Mrs. J. M. Snelling making complaints against Coun. Allenby. It was agreed that it was a personal matter and not a Council matter. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Wyon 'that a reply be sent stating that the letter was received, read to the Council and no comments made.' Agreed.

Plans Approval was given to the planning application for:

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

No Objections were made to the following Plans:

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at Lloyds Bank Ltd.

Outline application for Residential Development at O.S. 2079, off Stockton Road.

Outline application for Construction of a Detached Dwellinghouse and Associated

Buildings in connection with an Agricultural Contractors Business at

O.S. 47, Felixkirk Road.

Construction of a Lean-to Carport at 11, St. Mary's Walk.

Use of Land as a Golf Course at O.S. Fields 506, 545 and 546.

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

Accounts as circulated

Yorks. Purchasing Organisation - Completion of Stationery Order - £ .88

Flatts Preservation Trust - Grant to Playang Fields - £1400.00

(Approved 20.12.76)

Additional Account

Thirsk Hall Estate - Wayleaves -  $\frac{1}{2}$  year to 5.10.77 - £ .11

Precept A Precept for £2,600 was signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported much heavy traffic still using Station Road despite the opening of the Topcliffe By-pass. Complaints had been received regarding the inadequacy of the revised bus services.

Any Other Business

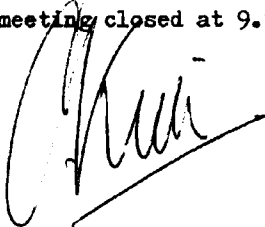
Footpath to Zebra Crossing Coun. Megson requested that Mr. Woods be asked to suggest how the surface could be improved to assist the elderly and those pushing prams and wheelchairs.

Footpaths Complaints were made regarding the path in front of Johnson's and Tempests in Kirkgate, outside the Old Bank Chambers, in front of the Melody Cafe and parts of Finkle Street.

Waste Paper Coun. Bateman reported that £13.50 has been raised from the sale of  $\frac{1}{4}$  Tonne of Waste Paper. It was agreed to spend the proceeds on the Flower Troughs.

P.C.A. - A.G.M. Couns. Stuart and Allenby had attended.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.



November 21<sup>st</sup> 1977

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

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

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

Matters Arising

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Charities Nothing reported.

Library Letter presented from the County Librarian stating that even when the present lease runs out, the Legal Department of the County Council consider that it will be possible to safeguard the future of the library in the T.S.B. building.

Market Place - Danger to Pedestrians Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Highway Authority is being consulted.

It was agreed that a letter be sent expressing disappointment in the delay in attending to this matter.

Willows - The Holmes Letter presented from Binks Woodland Services stating that they carry £250,000 insurance. Agreement given to felling 11th Willow for an additional 10%. Major Bell in agreement with the trees being replaced when the work is completed.

Proposed 40 m.p.h. Speed Limit It was reported that the proposals have been publicly advertised.

Footpath to Zebra Crossing Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that little can be done now which would not be quickly damaged by traffic and weather.

Footpaths Mr. Woods states that repairs will be carried out in the near future.

Waste Paper The Press were asked to give publicity to the Waste Paper Collection Scheme.

Flower Troughs Coun. Megson reported that one of the flower troughs is in need of repair.

Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that 7 local electricians had been invited to tender but no tenders had been received. Coun. Craig stated that part-time electricians may be interested. It was agreed that some of the lights could be put up on a voluntary basis.

Town and Country Planning Act 1971 - Section 210 - Gillings Yard - Diversion and Stopping - Up of Public Footpaths Public Path Diversion Order No. 1 and Stopping - Up Orders Nos. 2 & 3 presented. No observations were made.

N.E. Gas Consumers Council Nominations invited for representation on the N.E. Gas Consumers Council for the 2 years commencing 1st February 1978. Coun. Stott nominated.

Clock Mechanism - St. Mary's Church Letter presented from the Rector, enclosing the account from R. Newey & Son for £398.00 for the repairs to the Clock Mechanism, a memorial to the fallen of the 1914 - 18 War. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to pay the account of £398.00.' Agreed.

Correspondence

Commons Registration Letter presented from the Secretary Y.P.C.A. requesting that information regarding the registration of Common Land be sent to the Research Officer of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society.

Yorks. Rural Community Council Preliminary notice given of the Parish Government Course to be held in May 1978. It was agreed that representatives would not attend.

Plans The Chairman and Vice Chairman had made no observations on the following plans:

Use of Disused Chapel for the Storage of Furniture at Salem Chapel  
(since withdrawn)

Construction of 2 Porches at 5, St. Mary's Drive

Details of Alterations to Existing Retail Shop to form Extension to Existing Bank Premises at National Westminster Bank.

Construction of a Domestic Garage to replace Existing Garage at 31, Station Road.

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

Accounts as circulated

Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges to 30.9.77.	- £ 6.49
	Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge	
Hambleton District Council	- $\frac{1}{2}$ Year's Rates - Cemetery Lodge	- £ 54.88
J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes Grass	
	July & September	- £ 60.48
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ .76
P. Kendall	- Repairs to Toolshed Roof	- £ 11.17
Coun. Stuart	- Travelling Expenses	
	P.C.A. Meeting Easingwold	
	A.G.M. York	
	74 Miles @ 12p	- £ 8.88

Additional Accounts

Royal British Legion	- Wreath for Remembrance Day	- £ 3.00
R. Newy & Son	- Repairs to Clock Mechanism	
	St. Mary's Church	- £398.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that he had received complaints about parked cars in Pick's Lane. The Mill Gardens had been tidied.

Any Other Business

December Meeting It was agreed to bring forward the meeting to 12th December.

Bus Shelter Coun. Craig reported a broken window pane.

Holmes Sub-Committee Couns. Craig and Atkinson were co-opted to replace Coun. Martin and Mrs. Weatherall.


Cemetery Charges Coun. Megson requested that the Council consider <sup>REVISING</sup> ~~revising~~ the Cemetery charges. It was agreed to do so in 6 months time.

The Holmes Coun. Bateman suggested that work in The Holmes could be done under the Manpower Services Commission Job Creation Scheme.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Stuart reported on the Annual General Meeting.

Tree - Ingramgate Coun. Atkinson offered a flowering cherry to replace a dead tree in Ingramgate. It was agreed to ask Mr. Cameron if the fencing now around the tree outside the Lord Nelson can be used to support it.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

 Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1977



Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 12th December 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), H. D. Craig, L. Stuart, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. M. Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. J. Megson, T. W. Bateman.  
Apology Coun. E. Atkinson.

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

Matters Arising

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Charities Nothing reported.

Market Place - Danger to Pedestrians A site meeting arranged with Mr. Flanagan, Divisional Technical Officer H.D.C. on 14th December.

Willows - The Holmes Work completed to the Council's satisfaction. Account presented for payment.

Proposed 40 m.p.h. Speed Limit Coun. Megson reported much resentment at the proposal.

Christmas Lights After the November meeting, Mr. J. Whiting had submitted a tender of £2.80 per hour, to a maximum of 100 hours, plus the cost of any replacement bulbs and materials. The tender had been accepted. This was approved by the members present.

Town and Country Planning Act 1971, Section 210, Gillings Yard - Diversion of a Public Footpath Public Path Diversion Order No. 4 presented. No observations made.

N. E. Gas Consumers Council Coun. Stott withdrew his nomination. Coun. Allenby agreed to be nominated if nominations were still acceptable.

Clock Mechanism - St. Mary's Church Letter of thanks received from the Rector.

Tree - Ingramgate Letter presented from Mr. Cameron suggesting that the fencing on the Green remain and that new fencing be erected round the tree in Ingramgate by his workmen at no cost to the Council. This had been accepted and a letter of thanks. Thanks were also expressed to Coun. Atkinson for the tree.

Broken Flower Trough Estimate of £46.80 for repairs presented. It was agreed to ask if the H.D.C. are prepared to accept responsibility for the repairs.

Purchase of Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall The Clerk reported that the H.D.C. would pay over the £5,000 necessary for this Council's contribution, during the next financial year and charge it on the rates over a two year period. Prop. Coun. Wyon, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to accept this method of payment.' Agreed. A letter of thanks for the half of one year's rent was received from the Town Hall Committee.

Revenue Estimates - 1978/79 The Clerk gave a report on the financial situation. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to precept for £9,500 - to include £5,000 for the purchase of the Town Hall.' Agreed.

The Clerk reported that the estimated cost of Street Sweeping for 1978/79 would be £1,000.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'that this Council renew its request for sub-post office facilities on the Hambleton and Dowber housing estates.' Agreed. It was agreed to write to the Post Office headquarters at York enclosing a petition from residents of the estates. H.D.C. and Coun. Turton to be notified.

Report on Play Equipment - The Holmes Report from Chas. Wicksteed presented stating that some new swing seats will be required during the next twelve months. It was agreed that the Holmes sub-committee decide on replacements.

Correspondence

Temporary Closure Notice of the temporary closure of the B1448 at Topcliffe Road Bridge on 18th December, presented.

Flatts Preservation Trust Letter presented requesting a grant towards the maintenance of the playing fields during the next financial year. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Wyon 'to grant £250.00'. Agreed.

Thirsk and Northallerton Golf Club Letter presented asking for details of relevant grants and loan applications. Reply to be sent referring them to the H.D.C.

Open Spaces within Residential Areas Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. giving details of the H.D.C.'s proposals.

Plans No objections were made to the following plans.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Box Sign at Ye Olde Three Tuns.

Construction of a workshop for use in connection with a Joinery Manufacturing Business and alterations to Existing Vehicular Access at 2, Sutton Road.

Construction of a Primary School and Caretaker's Bungalow at OS 3855 and OS 4352 off Hambleton Place.

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

Accounts as circulated

Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd.	- Insurance cover for Christmas Lights	- £ 10.00
D. G. Collinson	- Salary October to December	£330.00
	" B, B, Clerical Work	£ 15.00
	Dividend	£ 3.50
P. Smith	- Salary October to December	£116.00
	Administrative Expenses	£ 11.23
		- £127.23

Additional Accounts

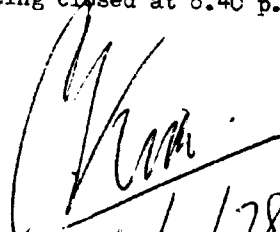
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery	- £ 3.04
H. Wick	- Wallflowers for Flower Troughs	- £ 2.00
Binks Woodland Services	- Felling Willows - The Holmes	- £356.40
H. Woodhead	- Compost for Flower Troughs	- £ 9.72

Any Other Business

Tree - The Green Coun. Megson expressed concern at the state of the plaque on the replacement for the elm tree on the Green. It was agreed to obtain estimates for a new one.

Footpath - Stockton Road to Waterfall Bridge Coun. Stuart expressed the hope that this path could be properly made up at some future date.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

  
16/1/78

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 9th January 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Thirsk T.C. Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, E. Atkinson, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, L. Stuart, Mrs. M. P. Martin, H. D. Craig.

Apology Coun. T. W. Bateman.

Sowerby P.C. Couns. J. Potter (Chairman), G. Bainbridge, R. W. Smith, G. Snowden, Mrs. E. E. Hall, Mrs. I. J. Buck, G. Reynolds, G. Scaife.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of the Town Hall and the closing of the Jubilee account.

### Town Hall

A letter was presented from the Secretary of the H.D.C. stating that a grant of £3,400 would be given, this being 25% of the purchase price.

Coun. Buck reported that the grant would not be paid over until a Conveyence date had been agreed.

Coun. Buck also reported that, on behalf of the Town Hall Committee, she had approached the Department of Education and Science through the Yorkshire Rural Community Council for a grant.

A sub-committee of 6 - formed to finalise the purchase of the Town Hall - consisting of the two Chairman and Couns. Megson and Martin of Thirsk T.C. and Couns. Buck and Scaife of Sowerby P.C. was agreed upon.

Coun. Buck agreed to negotiate with the solicitors.

It was agreed to hold Open Days for members of the public to see over the newly renovated Town Hall, when information leaflets will be available.

### Jubilee Account

It was reported that of the £2,500 allocated, this being £1,250 from each Council, a balance of £671.28 remained.

Prop. Coun. Smith, sec. Coun. Martin 'to split the balance between the 2 Councils, to be spent on the playgrounds in each area.'

On an amendment Prop. Coun. Scaife, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the balance be spent on the Children's Play Area on the Flatts as a joint effort.' Voting was 11 - 3 in favour of the amendment.

After much discussion Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Bainbridge 'to rescind the previous minute.' Voting was 10 - 4 in favour.

Prop. Coun. Buck, sec. Coun. Atkinson, 'to allocate £500.00 for a new kitchen in the Town Hall and to split the remainder between the two Councils with the recommendation that it be spent on Badges of Office for the Chairmen.' Voting was 9 in favour, 2 against, 5 abstentions.

It was agreed that a suitable commemorative plaque will be put in the Town Hall kitchen.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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16/1/78

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 16th January 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Charities It was reported that the money had been distributed by Mr. Pitts and Mr. Cook of St. Mary's Church.

Market Place - Danger to Pedestrians The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr. Flanagan. A plan of the proposals was submitted and approved to be forwarded to the Technical Officer H.D.C.

N.E. Gas Consumers' Council The Clerk reported that Coun. Allenby's nomination had been submitted.

Broken Flower Trough It was reported that the H.D.C. will assume responsibility for the repairs.

Sub- Post Office Facilities A letter from the Head Postmaster at York stated that there are no grounds for providing an additional Post Office as the major part of the area is less than one mile from the existing Post Office. A letter from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that he has taken up the matter and is awaiting a reply from the Head Postmaster.

Tree - The Green An estimate for a stone plaque at a cost of £137.00 + V.A.T. was received from Mr. Collinson who offered to obtain a quotation for a bronze plaque. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance when it was reported that the Rotary Club may be providing one.

Joint Meeting with Sowerby Parish Council The Minutes of the joint meeting were read, Approved and then signed by the Chairman.  
Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Megson 'to spend the balance on Commemorative Sports Trophies.' Agreed. The Clerk reported that there was a balance of £114.23, which included £28.59 refund of V.A.T.

Open Spaces within Residential Areas - Dowber Lane Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. asking the Council's opinion regarding two small areas on the Dowber Lane Estate. Copies of letters between the H.D.C. and Barratt Developments were read to the meeting. It was agreed that the best use of the land was to extend the lengths of the private gardens to plot numbers 1 - 14 as far as the flood bank and similarly extend the side boundaries of plot numbers 54 & 55 to eliminate the open space, as suggested by Barratts.

Street Sweeper Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Megson 'that the H.D.C. be asked to state exactly what the Street Sweeper's responsibilities are to the Town Council.' Agreed.

Emergency Resolution Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Martin 'that this Council instruct it's delegates to the next P.C.A. meeting that we wish to test the feeling of it's members with regard to the Hambleton Council's intention to renovate Northallerton Town Hall, the cost to fall on the District, less the contribution of Northallerton Town Council of £22,000. Estimated overall cost £73,000 - alternative demolition.' It was agreed to ask for this to be placed on the agenda of the next P.C.A. meeting.

Correspondence

Appeal Letter presented stating that the appeal of Buist Motors had been dismissed.

Community Health Council Letter presented from Northallerton Community Health Council offering to give a brief talk to the Council on it's work.  
It was agreed to contact Sowerby Parish Council with a view to holding a joint meeting.

Postal Slogans Letter presented from the N.E. Postal Board asking if the Council wished to avail itself of the facility of Postal Slogans. It was agreed not to do so.

Sowerby Parish Council Letter presented regarding the proposed increase in the Speed Limit in Long Street and the danger to motorists on Stammergate Corner. The comments were noted.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Ann Shirley Rustage intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of Busby Stoop Inn.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that John Grey intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Greyhound Inn, Bagby.

Cemetery Cutter Letter presented from Mr. Collinson requesting permission to order a new cutter. It was agreed to leave the matter until a Cemetery sub-committee meeting takes place.

Plans No objections were made to the following planning applications:

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at Nat/West Bank.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at Plot 11, Tranmire Close.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Stable Lads Accommodation at Thirsk Racecourse

Alterations and Extension to Existing Dwelling at Greenbank, Sutton Road.

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

D. G. Collinson	- Tending Mill Gardens	£48.00	-	£ 51.00
	Weed Killer	£ 3.00		
Yorks. Arts Ass'n	- Subscription		-	£ 5.00
Sowerby Parish Council	- Share of Jubilee Costs less V.A.T.		-	£1135.77

#### Burial Grants

Mary Eva Colley	18 A6	£ 8.00
Arnold Hulme	11 A6	£ 8.00
Charles Leonard Moore	3 B1	£ 8.00
Robert Arthur Benson	16 A6	£ 8.00
Thomas Hoggart	12 B1	£ 8.00
Clifford Smith	17 B1	£16.00

Memorials and Inscriptions It was reported that inscriptions are being added and new memorials erected before approval has been given. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Collinson regarding this.

Chairman's Report The Chairman expressed concern at the lack of progress regarding new library premises when the present lease runs out. Complaints had been received regarding the footpath from the Golden Fleece to the Zebra Crossing.

#### Any Other Business

Parish Councils Association Meeting Coun. Stuart and Coun. Allenby reported on the meeting where Mr. Lawson of the County Planning Department had outlined a scheme whereby small factories could be set up in villages, where land was available, to provide work for young persons.

Lights Coun. Craig reported three lights out of order on the Little Green.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

*C. Mann*  
20/2/78

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 20th February 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

N.Y.C.C. Salt Heap Nothing reported.

Market Place - Danger to Pedestrians Coun. Megson reported that the recommendations had been turned down by the H.D.C. but that further consideration may be given on the completion of Gillings Court.

N.E. Gas Consumers' Council Coun. Allenby elected.

Flower Troughs The Technical Officer H.D.C. has given an order for the repairs.

Sub-Post Office Facilities A letter from the Secretary H.D.C. presented, together with a reply from the Head Postmaster stating that the Estate is within one mile of the town office and does not qualify for a sub-office. Coun. Turton had received a similar reply which he had passed on to John Spence M.P.

Tree - The Green It was reported that Dr. Wyon is obtaining an estimate for a plaque.

Town Hall A plan of the new kitchen was presented together with a breakdown of expenditure.

Jubilee It was considered that a grant towards the trophies may be available from the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund. Coun. Stuart agreed to contact the Senior Youth Officer of the N.Y.C.C. regarding this.

Open Spaces with Residential Areas - Dowber Lane Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Town Council's observations would be placed before the Planning Officer. If the proposals were not acceptable and if Thirsk Town Council are not willing to maintain and control the open spaces so provided, with or without a contribution from the developer, it is likely that the H.D.C. will act in the matter, recovering any residual costs incurred in the exercise from the Town Council.

Street Sweeper Reply from the H.D.C. awaited.

Northallerton Town Hall Letter presented from the P.C.A. stating that the resolution will be placed on the agenda of the April meeting.

Community Health Council It was agreed to invite a speaker to the April meeting.

Speed Limit It was reported that the speed limit is to be increased despite the objections. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that this Council resents the decision of No.1 Highways Committee regarding the increased speed limit in Long Street.' Agreed.

Lights Concern was expressed at the poor service regarding the maintenance of Street Lights.

Report of the Cemetery Sub-Committee

1. A recommendation to the Council that the unconsecrated land be consecrated and the Rev. Canon Mainwaring-Taylor be informed accordingly. Agreed.
2. A further recommendation that the land where the two Chapels stood should be utilised for cremated remains and suitable curbing be carried out. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Bateman 'to accept the recommendation' Voting 8 - 1 in favour.
3. The three grass cutters which have been repaired, should be used this year and consideration be given to the purchase of a larger 7 H.P. type for next year, replacing the oldest of the three which should be disposed of. Agreed.
4. An air brick be fixed in the Bathroom of the Lodge to help reduce condensation. Agreed. The Chairman to contact Mr. Kendall.

Additional Minute of Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held on Monday, 20th February 1978

**Notice of Motion** - Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'That this Council draw the attention of the Hambleton Council to the possible use of the Clinic or Annexe as a Communal Hall in the event of them becoming vacant.' All in favour.

## Correspondence

Public Footpath adjacent to the Red Bear Hotel Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that John Smiths Brewery had made representations for the extinguishment of the footpath to the west of the Red Bear. The public footpath was obstructed by a gate for an admitted 24 years. The H.D.C. had resolved 1. That no action to secure the extinguishment of the public footpath be taken. 2. That the Secretary be authorised to take proceedings for the removal of the obstruction to the footpath, under the Highways Act, 1959, and that Thirsk Town Council be requested to pass a resolution in support of such action. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to support the resolution.' Voting - 8 in favour 1 abstention.

Public Relations Department N.Y.C.C. Letter presented requesting details of Shows and Events for 1978. It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

Planning Applications No objections had been made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the following planning applications.

Construction of a Sports and Social Club at Yorkshire Meat Packers, Station Road.

Re-positioning of an existing Non-Illuminated sign at the Lord Nelson Inn.

Details of Alterations to Office Entrance at 81, Market Place.

Alterations to Existing Garage and Construction of a Forecourt Canopy and Pump Island at White Horse Garage.

Construction of a Building and Ancillary Works for the Treatment of Effluent at Yorkshire Meat Packers.

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

North Yorkshire County Council	- Hire of Court House 1977	- £18.50
L. C. Hopps	- Repairing Seat - Little Green	
	& making top for Flagpole base	- £ 7.51
Harland (Garden Machinery) Ltd	- Repairs to 3 Grass Cutters	- £73.54

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the Town Council's share of the purchase price of the Town Hall would be required in April. A new heating system was required for the Town Hall.

## Any Other Business

Sports Council Coun. Stuart reported on the Sports Council meeting.

By-pass - Telephone Coun. Craig reported that the residents of Dowber Lane are being bothered by motorists who have broken down on the by-pass and need a telephone, there being no telephone facilities between Knayton and the A1 - a distance of 12 miles. The Highway Authority's attention to be drawn to this.

White Lines Coun. Megson reported that the white line on the road from the church, following Bells Walls past the cottages has not been renewed since the road was re-surfaced. It was also suggested that a similar line from No.4, Piper Lane to the corner of St. James' Green would be advantageous.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

*C. Kim* March 20<sup>th</sup> 1978

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Abstract of Accounts  
Year Ended 31st March 1978

General

	£
Credit Balance 1.4.77	1381.92
Deposit Account Interest	20.00
Refund of V.A.T.	50.59
Donation to Christmas Lighting	100.00
Sale of Street Plans	3.50
Sale of Waste Paper	13.50
Precept	10600.00

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	£
Salary	453.50
Christmas Lighting	319.80
Open Spaces	2035.80
Subscriptions and Donations	54.10
Insurances	23.80
Estimated cost of Street Sweeping to 31.3.78	993.95
Repairs to Church Clock Mechanism	398.00
Jubilee Expenses	1135.77
Felling Willows	356.40
Half year's Rent	
Town Hall	260.00
Half Purchase Price	
Town Hall	5100.00
Administration	278.90
Balance	759.27

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Burial Board

	£
Credit Balance 1.4.77	1711.72
Precept	2000.00
Refund of V.A.T.	39.67
War Graves Commission	9.90
Dividends	16.50
Extra Dividend on Conversion	3.00
Burial Board Income	515.40
Investment at Bank	200.00

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	£
Salary	1366.50
Litter Bins	10.00
Insurance	26.70
Mower Repairs and Fuel	177.73
Establishment	125.60
Balance of Investment	200.00
Balance	2589.53

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Summary

	£
General Account	759.27
Burial Board Account	2589.54

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	£
Current Account less Outstanding Cheques	2731.00
Deposit Account	417.70
Investments	200.00

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3348.81

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House, Thirsk, on Monday, 20th March 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, E. Atkinson, L. Stuart, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, Mrs. M. P. Martin, The Clerk and 2 Members of the Press.

Apologies Couns. T. W. Bateman, E. D. Craig.

Minutes The Chairman read the Minutes of the Annual Assembly 1977 to the meeting.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that Jubilee Year had been a memorable one, highlighted by Street Parties, Processions and the presentation of Jubilee mugs to the children. Mention was also made of the opening of the extensively repaired and redecorated Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall, the purchase of which by Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council is to be completed on 31st March 1978. A Tree Planting Scheme will shortly have to be implemented on The Holmes to replace the old willows which had to be felled.

Reports of the School Managers

County Junior School Coun. Wyon reported that many of the staff give freely of their time to organise out of school activities. The Headmaster was praised for the way in which he deals with school problems and for the happy atmosphere in the school.

All Saints' R.C. School Mrs. Greensit reported that the teachers give a great deal of their time out of school hours to help the less able children.

Thirsk County Infant School Coun. Martin reported on the Open Day, Sports Day and the Christmas concert, all of which were most enjoyable, and commented on the happy atmosphere in the school.

The School Managers were thanked for their reports.

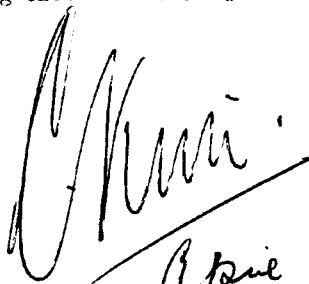
Charities Coun. Allenby reported that Mr. Cook had distributed £16.00

Any Other Business

Lottie Hamilton Memorial Coun. Megson reported that the memorial had been cleaned.

Town Clock Coun. Stott was thanked for his unfailing attention to the Town Clock.

The meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1978

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**Present** Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, E. Atkinson, L. Stuart, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, Mrs. M. P. Martin.

**Apologies** Couns. T. W. Bateman, H. D. Craig.

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

**Matters Arising**

**Market Place - Danger to Pedestrians** Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. confirming the report given by Coun. Megson at the last meeting.

**Sub-Post Office Facilities** Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that discussions have taken place with the Post Office and it is hoped that the Forward Planning of Local Communities would result in the establishment of facilities in suitable locations.

**Tree - The Green** Coun. Wyon had obtained a sample plaque from Graphic Arts. It was agreed that it would be suitable. It was also agreed that the Council may have to stand part or all of the cost.

**Jubilee Money** Coun. Stuart reported that no grant was available towards trophies. It was agreed to purchase trophies with the surplus Jubilee money.

**Open Spaces within Residential Areas - Dowber Lane** Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Planning Officer considers that the inclusion of the more easterly open space within the garden of Nos. 54 & 55 is acceptable but that the more westerly plot should not be included in the gardens of plots 1 - 14, but should be retained as an open space. Members were of the opinion that all the open space should be included within the gardens and considered that if the Planning Officer would not change his mind it is up to the H.D.C. to negotiate with Barratt Developments for a contribution towards maintenance.

**Street Sweeper** Letter presented from the Technical Officer H.D.C. listing the duties of the Street Sweeper. It was agreed that each member be given a copy.

**Community Health Council** The Clerk reported that a speaker would attend the June meeting.

**Speed Limit** Letter presented from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that the Secretary of State for Transport has to give consent to the increased speed limit.

**Communal Hall** Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that he is seeking the opinion of the Chief Housing Officer.

**Cemetery** The land at the Cemetery is to be consecrated by the Bishop of Whitby on Thursday, 27th April at 3.00 p.m. The Chairman reported that Mr. Kendall has estimated the cost of fixing an airbrick in the Lodge bathroom wall at between £10 & £15. Coun. Megson reported that the west wall of the cemetery needs pointing and a seat needs painting.

**Public Relations N.Y.C.C.** Pro-rata form completed.

**By-pass Telephone** Letter presented from the Department of Environment and Transport stating that the present policy is to provide telephones only on motorways.

**White Lines** Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the white lines will be included in the programme of works to commence shortly.

**Notice of Motion** - Prop. Coun. Megson 'That this Council appreciates the intention of the C.O. Army's N.E. District to honour the Town with a flypast of the obsolete Sioux Helicopters. That we would welcome and appreciate a similar gesture by the replacements.' It was agreed to leave this in abeyance.

**Street Plans** It was agreed that the remaining Street Plans be given free of charge to local organisations.

**Correspondence**  
**Parish Reviews** Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. advising that Parish Reviews are shortly to be undertaken.

**Town Clock** Letter presented from Wm. Potts & Sons stating that the cost of maintaining the clock next year will be £18.25. This was agreed to.

Scarborough Course Notice given that the course will be held on 5th - 7th May.

Transfer of Licence Notice given that Mr. M. Hodgson intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Royal Oak Hotel.

Removal of Human Remains Copy of a letter from the Home Office presented stating that the licence fee for the removal of human remains is being increased from £4.00 to £5.00.

Plans No objections were made to the following planning applications:

Construction of 2 Porches at 8, St. Mary's Close, Thirsk.

Alterations to Disused Outbuildings to form Extension to Existing Public House at Rear of The Lord Nelson Inn.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign to Replace Existing Sign at The Lord Nelson Inn.

Construction of a Building to house a Milk Retailer's Refrigerator at Rear of 53, Market Place.

Renewal of Outline Consent for the Construction of a Detached Dwellinghouse at Pt. O.S. 92 - Rear of Sutton Lodge.

Display of 3 Internally Illuminated Fascia Signs at Woodhead & Bray, Station Road.

Change of Use of an Existing Dwellinghouse to a Restaurant with Residential Accommodation & Car Parking Space at 28, Kirkgate and Kemp's Yard.

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

Accounts as circulated

John Whiting	- Christmas Lighting	-	£319.86
Wm. Potts & Sons	- Maintenance of Town Clock	-	£ 14.04
The Post Office	- Vehicle Licence - Haytor Mower	-	£ 8.50
J. J. Dawson	- Cutting 2 Keys and rebuilding lock of Town Clock	-	£ 11.50
Coun. Stott	- Expenses incurred in obtaining new keys for Town Clock	-	£ 2.09
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - January - March	£330.00	
	" 3.3. Clerical Wk.	£ 15.00	
	Dividend	£ 4.75	£349.75
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£116.00	
	Administrative Expenses	£ 9.39	£125.39
Coun. Stuart	- Travelling Expenses to P.C.A. Meeting Easingwold	-	£ 2.40
J. Strom	- 6 Litter Bins for Cemetery	-	£ 10.00

Additional Account

Hambleton District Coun.	Estimated cost of Street Sweeping 1976/78	
	+ balance owing from 1976/77	- £993.95

Burial Grants

George Wrightson	7 A6	£ 8.00
John Francis and Hilda Hudson	16 A6	£ 8.00

Precept The Clerk reported that she had been notified on 16/3/78 by the Treasurer's Dept. H.D.C. that settlement day for the purchase of the Town Hall had been fixed for 31st March and in order for the money to be available for that date a precept would have to be submitted at once. Accordingly a precept had been signed and submitted. The Clerk's actions were approved.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that in conjunction with Coun. Stott he had obtained 6 litter bins for the cemetery at a cost of £10.00. This was approved. A letter of condolence had been sent to Dr. David Cook's widow. Almost a tonne of waste paper has been collected for sale. The Chairman recommended that this Council, in conjunction with Sowerby P.C., should entertain the Commanding Officer, Officers and Senior N.C.O's and their ladies, from Topcliffe Barracks, on the evening of 8th July with refreshments on the lawn of Thirsk Rectory. It was agreed that the decision regarding how much money should be allocated be left to the two Chairmen and Clerks.

Any Other Business

Cemetery Cutter It was agreed that Coun. Stuart be allowed to borrow one of the Cemetery cutters to cut out a running track around the Flatts Field.

Station Road Coun. Atkinson requested that a letter be sent to the Auction Mart regarding the parking of cattle wagons on Station Road on Thursdays.

Market Place H.D.C.'s attention to be drawn to the state of the cobbles.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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Chairman's Report - March 20th 1978.

This being Silver Jubilee Year has made it a very memorable one, Jubilee week was highlighted by the presentation of mugs to the Children, Street parties & the Grand Procession of decorated floats.

During the year, the Town Hall was extensively repaired & decorated under the "Job Creation" scheme, officially opened in October & renamed The Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall. Latterly, a Kitchen has been provided from the residue of the Jubilee funds & the purchase of the premises is fixed for March 31st 1978.

During the Summer "The Age Concern" centre was opened for the use of pensioners on Mondays.

Public comment has been passed on the tidiness of the Cemetery.

Now that the old trees have been felled & cleared from the Holmes, a planned tree planting scheme must be carried out in the very near future.

The generous & sincere co-operation of the Commanding Officer & his Staff of Allandbrook Barracks, Topcliffe, has brought the two Communities ever closer together.

My thanks to all the Councillors for their good attendance and conduct at Meetings, the members of the Press for their unbiased reports & our Clerk for her outstanding efficiency.

## Junior School Report March '78

The number of children on the school roll on Jan. 11 '78 was 413, five more than Sept 77 but 4 less than Jan 77. The numbers are remarkably stable for a catchment area this size.

The Annual Summer Fayre in July 77 was a great success once again & raised £702 for School Funds. The first Road Safety Quiz competition for the Woodhead & Braes Trophy was held on July 18<sup>th</sup> before an invited audience of 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils & their Junior School put up a good performance gaining second place. (The winners were Sutton under Whitestone Cliff.)

Another event was a Sponsored Spell in October, undertaken by 184 of our pupils. A cheque for £550. was given to Dr. Barnados. Both the road Quiz & the Sponsored Spell were delightful methods of spreading a lot of useful knowledge to both entrants & audiences alike.

More than a dozen members of the Junior School Staff give freely of their out of school time to organise clubs on some very varied

Subjects including orchestra, chess, Art, Gymnastics, Nature, mathematics etc. others are greatly appreciated by the pupils.

For Jubilee year each child received a Silver Jubilee mug financed by the Town Council & in addition the Parent-Teachers Association presented every child in the school with a special Jubilee Gown piece.

There continues to be very good communication between ~~the~~ all the schools in Thirk & this makes for a smooth transition for the children from Infant school, through Junior & on to the Thirk Senior School itself. Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Sharp for the experienced way in which he deals with the many, inevitable school problems, almost before they arise - he preserves a very happy atmosphere in the school which is bound to have a good influence on our children.

As a manager of the English  
School, I attended the meeting  
which I found very interesting  
Mr Snowden the Headmaster  
gave us all particulars about <sup>35</sup>  
School how she & her staff <sup>54</sup>  
worked to keep the children  
Busy & Happy with their lessons.

We were invited to  
an open Day & saw the  
children at their lessons, they  
all seemed very Busy & happy  
with them.

The School is very clean  
& Bright & the Kitchen looked  
as if (Mr Sherr had walk through)

The Sports day was one of  
our summer days (Sun Shine)  
with the children's races from  
each class proved an enjoyable  
day.



At times there was concert  
with singing & plays & if the  
notes were sometimes flat you  
forgot that with looking at the  
children & the parents smiling  
a happy family they had a real  
good time.

There is a little apprehension  
over the New School, I understand  
at the head quarters they are  
busy with the staff etc which  
will have to be done before the  
School opens, so everyone is  
wondering what is going to happen?  
& who will be the Head; we will  
have to wait & see.

I think at the present the  
School seems very happy, they have  
a good mistress who seems to know  
the School from A-Z we can leave  
everything in her hands regarding the  
children & is very anxious about them  
all.

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3 A. Saxty Way.  
Thirsk.  
March 16<sup>th</sup>/78.

## Report on All Saints School.

<u>Chairman of Managers.</u>	Father J. Brennan.
<u>Headmistress.</u>	M <sup>rs</sup> B.I. Rushlon.
<u>Deputy Head.</u>	M <sup>rs</sup> A. Elders.
<u>Staff.</u>	M <sup>rs</sup> Price.
	M <sup>rs</sup> Hampshire.

Children - approx. 100. Ages 5 - 11<sup>+</sup>.  
33 from Northallerton.  
35 " Thirsk & Sowerby.  
Remainder from villages.

Northallerton children are brought by bus -  
private arrangement. grant from diocese.  
" " County Hall.  
remainder "self-help."

School Secretary. M<sup>rs</sup> Henry. (working 5 hrs per wk)

The staff of All Saints aim to fully develop each child's potential. spiritually. intellectually & physically.

The school has its own kitchen, very well run by M<sup>rs</sup> Bateson - cook. and her assistants. Approx 110 lunches are prepared each day.

The caretaker is M<sup>rs</sup> E. Garbutt, who does her job with utmost efficiency.

Mr R. Whelan retired last July after 14 years loyal service to the school, and Mrs Rushton was appointed "Headmistress."

Mrs Hampshire is at present on maternity leave, & Mrs Wilson is supply teacher in the infant class.

Mrs Pierce is due to retire in July.

Approx 10 pupils are taking classes with Mr Wright the peripatetic music teacher.

The school runs the usual activities:-

plays - sports day, harvest festival service etc.  
There is a recorder group - & a Chess Club.

The teachers give a great deal of their time to help the less able children outside school hours, consequently we have virtually no remedial problems.

On a personal note may I say how I enjoy being Thirsk Town Councils representative on the board of managers, I usually visit the school two or three times a term & keep in touch with the staff & children.

Kathleen Greenish.  
(Mr).