

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 9th April 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, L. Stuart, E. Atkinson, C. J. Megson, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, E. R. Stott.  
Apologies Couns. Mrs. M. P. Martin, 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. Craig.  
The Minutes of the Annual Assembly were also approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### Matters Arising

Telephone Facilities Nothing reported.

Weight Restriction Nothing reported.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Waste Paper The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. Walker on 21st March stating that if payment is not received within 14 days, legal proceedings will be instituted. No payment having been received, the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Hatch to act for the Council.

Lord Nelson Hotel Nothing further reported.

Garden of Rest Price for kerbing still awaited.

Parking - The Green Reply from the police awaited.

Cemetery The Clerk reported that an application for the granting of a faculty had been signed and returned for the attention of the Archbishop of York.

Concessionary Fares This item had appeared on the agenda of the L.C.A. meeting but the Town Council had not been represented.

Rutex Letter presented from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that in the first six months of its operation, the scheme had made a loss of £1,676 and it would not be appropriate for the County Council to provide financial support. The County Surveyor is investigating the replacement of the Northallerton Hospital Transport Scheme with a Social Car Scheme.

Footpath - Little Green to the Steppings It was reported that the flooding of the Cod Beck had caused the collapse of part of the Crescent wall and the path was temporarily closed. A letter from the resident of the Crescent apologising for any inconvenience was read to the meeting.

Flower Baskets It was agreed to ask Mr. Cartman to provide plants and prepare six hanging-flower baskets.

Christmas Lights It was agreed to examine the lights to ascertain if damage had been caused by the storage building being flooded.

Election The Clerk reported that the Election date is now 24th May.

Tree - The Holmes It was agreed that the planting should take place on 18th April.

Allotments Letter presented from the Housing Officer H.D.C. offering a plot of unused land between Hambleton Avenue and Hambleton View for use as allotments. It was agreed that the Chairman and Coun. Craig should meet a representative of the H.D.C. to discuss the offer.

Fluoridation Letter presented from the National Pure Water Association asking the Council's opinion of fluoridation. It was unanimously agreed that fluoride should not be added to the public water supply.

Traffic Plan Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that the proposed scheme will be implemented for a trial period.

Playground Safety Letter presented from the Northallerton Adult Education Centre inviting a representative to attend a symposium on Playground Safety. Coun. Stuart agreed to attend. It was agreed to pay the fee of £2.00.

Plans No objections were made to the following planning applications

Construction of a Car Port and Formation of a Vehicular Access at 87, Long Street.

Construction of a Building to incorporate 2 Stables, Store and Tack Room at Rear of 18, St. James' Green.

Construction of a Domestic Double Garage in lieu of an Approved Domestic Garage at 28, Kirkgate.

Construction of a Joiners Shop and Storage Building to include the Demolition of Existing Buildings at Rear of 20, Kirkgate.

After a vote of 4 in favour - Coun. Craig against and Couns. Megson and Allenby abstaining, no objections were made to the application for

Change of Use from Existing Barber's Shop to Tea and Coffee Room at 29, Market Place.

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

G. Smith & Son, Plumbers	-	Repairs to Toilet at Cemetery Lodge	-	£6.45
Northallerton Adult Education Centre	-	Fee for Symposium on Playground Safety	-	£2.00

It was agreed to withhold the cheque for the toilet repairs until it was confirmed that it was the public toilet.

Precept A Precept for £2,500 was signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the Commemorative Service will now take place at 11.00 a.m. followed by a parade and march past and refreshments in the Town Hall. Six local organisations are to entertain the Americans in groups of 20 on the evening of 9th May. The Lord Mayor of York is to start off a road race by Thirsk Harriers from Clifton Green on 6th May. The charges for use of the Town Hall have been increased. A cheaper letting rate of the hall from Mondays to Thursdays is to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Holmes Coun. Stuart gave a report on The Holmes. Three new seats are required on the swings. An area of footpath has been damaged by the floods above the waterfall. The Drainage Board to be asked to restore it. It was reported that horses have been ridden on the grass churning up the turf and uprooting the daffodils. The Holmes sub-committee to investigate.

Any Other Business

Local Council Review It was agreed to increase the number of Local Council Reviews in order for each member of the Council to have one including one for the files.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

*[Signature]* 14/5/79.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday,  
14th May 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. Kirk (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, L. Stuart, E. Atkinson, E. R. Stott, Mrs. A. M. Wyon, C. J. Megson, H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Sgt. Jobling + 1 member of the public.  
Apologies Coun. T. W. Bateman

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

The Greens A resolution by Coun. Megson was brought forward on the agenda for comment by Police Sergeant Jobling. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stuart, 'That the Council seek the co-operation of the Police Authority for the purpose of the protection and preservation of the Grass Areas of St. James and Little Green.' Sgt. Jobling stated that he had not seen the byelaws. The Clerk agreed to supply a copy. It was agreed to ask if the Thirsk Hall Estate had a plan of the Greens prior to the granting of the lease to the Council in order to ascertain the rights of access to residents at that time.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Telephone Facilities - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Weight Restriction Nothing reported.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Waste Paper Letter presented from Mr. Hatch, who had applied for payment, stating that Mrs. Walker had telephoned stating that they had specified that they would only take a 'load' of 6 tonnes of paper and had been assured by the Council that there was such a load to collect. Mr. Hatch advised that unless all the dealings had been done through one person he did not think that the Council can discharge the burden of proof necessary to take a claim to court. The Clerk's assurance that a six tonne load had never been referred to, either to herself or Coun. Bateman was unanimously accepted. Mr. Hatch had informed the Clerk that legal fees on claims of less than £25 could not be reclaimed from the debtor. In view of this, it was agreed not to press the claim in court but to write to Mr. Walker stating that the Council do not accept his allegation regarding a six tonne load and that he is still considered to be in debt to the Council.

Lord Nelson Hotel Nothing reported.

Garden of Rest Price still awaited.

Parking - The Green Letter presented from Inspector Corner stating that Mr. Ogleby had agreed to park outside his own premises.

Cemetery The exhumation and re-interment had taken place at 6.00 a.m. on 19th April, in the presence of the Chairman and the Clerk. It was agreed not to reclaim the fee for the faculty from the Cemetery Superintendent.

Rutex Letter presented from the County Surveyor asking for the co-operation of the Council in obtaining volunteer drivers for a Social Car Scheme. The Press were asked to appeal for volunteers through the columns of their newspapers.

Footpath - Little Green to the Steppings It was reported that the footpath is still closed.

Flower Baskets Mr. Cartman preparing the hanging baskets.

Christmas Lights It was reported that a new storage place is needed.

Tree - The Holmes It was reported that the tree had been planted on the Mill Race.

Playground Safety Coun. Craig had attended the symposium and reported to the meeting.

Footpath - The Holmes - No reply from the Drainage Board.

Land for Allotments The Chairman reported on the site meeting, attended by himself, Coun. Craig and Mr. Dewar and Mr. Bardon of the H.D.C. It was decided that the District Valuer be asked to value the annual rental for the whole of the land. The fencing would be repaired where necessary and the rubbish cleared from the land by the H.D.C. A draft lease was presented from the H.D.C. for approval. It was agreed that this could not be approved until the District Valuer's assessment was known.

Notice of Motion - Coun. Megson Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby, 'that this Council bring to the notice of the Hambleton Council that we, the Council, are concerned at the constant use of the Millgate Car Park by heavy vehicles.' Agreed. It was agreed that a Height Barrier would alleviate the problem. It was also suggested that lines on the Lorry Park would assist more orderly parking.

## Correspondence

**Transfer of Licence** Notice presented that Peter Edward Evans and John Permain intend to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Golden Fleece.

**Town Hall** Letter presented requesting a grant towards the running costs of the Town Hall. It was agreed to make a grant of £250.00. It was agreed that the Town Council representative on the Town Hall Committee should recommend that the Auditors are allowed to use the upstairs room free of charge in future.

**Flatts Preservation Trust** Letter presented requesting a grant towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Play Park and Playing Fields. It was agreed to give a grant of £250.00.

**Thirsk P.C.C.** Letter presented requesting a grant towards the upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's Churchyard. It was agreed to make a grant of £150.00.

**Audit** Each member was given an Abstract of the Audited Accounts to 31.3.79.

**Plans** No objections were made to the following planning applications.

Construction of a Car Port at 32, St. Mary's Walk.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Derelict Cottages at Stead's Yard, rear of 20/22, Market Place.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at Yorkshire Bank.

Construction of a Smoke House at Yorkshire Meat Packers.

Application for Listed Building Consent and Extension to Existing Public House at Rear of Royal Oak Hotel.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to include a Domestic Garage at 32, Tranmire Close.

**Accounts** Prop. Coun. Atkinson, sec. Coun. Stuart that the Chairman be re-imbursed with the cost of entertaining the Americans. Agreed.

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

## As circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Rates Cemetery & Lodge	- £15.56
Hambleton District Council	- Half Year's Rates Cemetery Lodge	- £71.68
Peat & Son	- Printing Notepaper & Interment Notices	- £32.61
Yorkshire Purchasing Org.	- Stationery etc.	- £8.82
North Yorks. P.F.A.	- Subscription	- £2.00
North Yorks. County Council	- Hire of Court House 1978	- £24.00
Dept. of Environment	- Audit Fee	- £49.68
Hambleton District Council	- Supply of Minutes etc.	- £8.32
John Bell	- Rent of The Holmes & Wayleaves	- .31
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	- Grant	- £250.00
Flatts Preservation Trust	- Grant	- £250.00
Thirsk P.C.C.	- Grant to upkeep of Churchyard	- £150.00
Coun. Kirk	- Re-imbursement of cost of entertaining American servicemen.	- £56.27

**Chairman's Report** The Chairman reported that a Mr. Boot of St. Mary's Walk had asked for a sign to be put up outside his home prohibiting dogs from fouling. It was agreed that the Council has no authority to put up such a sign. A request had been received for a litter basket to be placed adjacent to the seat outside Barclays Bank. Thanks were expressed for their service to the Council to Couns. Wyon, Atkinson and Bateman who are not seeking re-election.

**Seats** It was agreed that members should carry out a survey on the seats before the next meeting.

**Burial Fees Book** It was agreed that a new book be ordered from Shaw & Sons.

**Footpath** Coun. Stuart reported that the footpath from the Bridge Garage to White Mare Corner is in need of repair.

**Holidays** The Clerk notified members that she will be on holiday from 1st - 10th June.

**Appreciation** Mr. John Smith told members that he had enjoyed attending the meetings as an onlooker.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

*M. Mason*  
*Chairman 11/6/79*

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 11th June 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, C. J. Megson, Mrs. M. P. Martin, E. R. Stott, D. S. Murkett, H. Whitton, C. Kirk, L. Stuart, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

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

Mandate A new mandate authorising the signing of cheques by any two members of the Council and countersigned by the Clerk was signed.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Martin 'that Coun. Megson be Chairman'.  
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Stuart, 'that Coun. Kirk be Chairman'.

Voting was 5 in favour of Coun. Megson, 4 in favour of Coun. Kirk with 1 abstention. Coun. Megson was duly elected, took the Chair and made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Whitton, 'that Coun. Martin be elected Vice Chairman'. There being no other nominations.

Coun. Martin was elected Vice Chairman with a vote of 7 in favour.

Appointment of Representatives

County Junior School Managing Body Coun. Roberts was appointed to replace Mrs. Wyon.

Local Councils Association Couns. Stuart and Allenby re-appointed.

Civic Society Coun. Megson re-appointed.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Craig re-appointed.

Charities Couns. Craig and Stuart re-appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Stuart re-appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Whitton appointed to replace Mr. Bateman.

Town Hall Committee Couns. Martin and Craig re-appointed.

Sub Committees

Cemetery Couns. Kirk and Stott + the Chairman.

The Holmes and The Greens Couns. Stuart, Craig, Whitton + the Chairman.

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Matters Arising

The Greens The Clerk reported that the Thirsk Hall Estate do not have a plan of the Greens. A copy of the byelaws had been given to the police who had promised to co-operate in preventing parking on the Greens. A letter was presented from Mr. Johnson, 39, The Green, again complaining about Mr. Ogleby parking his van to the inconvenience of others. The Clerk was instructed to ask the police to request Mr. Ogleby to park only outside his own residence.

Telephone Facilities - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Weight Restriction Nothing reported.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Waste Paper The Clerk reported that Mr. Walker had been told of the Council's decision in a letter by recorded delivery. Coun. Kirk had contacted Town and Country Re-cycling Services of Northallerton who would offer £10. - £12. per tonne for waste paper. It was stated that Mr. Bateman's premises would no longer be available for storing paper.

Lord Nelson Hotel The Planning Officer to be asked if any progress has been made.

Garden of Rest Price for kerbing still awaited.

Social Car Scheme The Clerk had received the names of two volunteers for the scheme.

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Footpath - Little Green to Steppings Footpath open again

Flower Baskets Baskets not yet in place

Christmas Lights It was agreed that the lights should be tested. Coun. Craig making arrangements for storage.

Footpath - The Holmes Reply still awaited.

Land for Allotments Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the D.V. is of the opinion that the rent in respect of the land should be £25.00 per year after the first year with a rent review at the end of the fourth year of the lease. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig 'that a peppercorn rent be offered to the H.D.C. for the full term of the lease.' Agreed.

Millgate Car Park Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Rural District of Thirsk Market Place and Millgate, Thirsk, and Councils Estates (Off Street Parking Places) Variation Order, 1974 authorises the use of Millgate Car Park by all classes of vehicle, including commercial vehicles, without restriction. The Planning Officer had been asked to report on the matter. It was agreed to reply requesting a height barrier for the part marked 'Cars Only' which has a surface unsuitable for heavy vehicles and to ask for the order to be varied if necessary. Concern for the future residents of Gillings Court who could be affected by the noise and fumes from heavy vehicles was expressed and it was agreed to invite the H.D.C. to send representatives to an evening site meeting to witness the problem.

Accounts Coun. Murkett agreed to query the charge for the H.D.C. minutes.

Dogs Fouling - St. Mary's Walk It was agreed to ask Mr. Woods if he will erect a sign.

Litter Basket Litter basket in place outside Barclay's Bank.

Seats It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to repair the broken seat outside the Clinic. Coun. Craig agreed to carry out a survey of the seats.

Footpath Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the footpath will be repaired as soon as the opportunity arises.

#### Correspondence

United Automobile Services Ltd Letter presented stating that the weekday service on the Hambleton Estate route will operate five minutes earlier than in the past.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Jackie Clements intends to apply for the transfer of the Justices Licence of Pandora's Club.

Town Clock Letter presented from Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd., stating that the cost of an auto re-start unit for the clock would be £330.00 including an allowance for the present unit. It was agreed not to purchase.

Planning Applications No observations were made on the applications for:

Revised Siting of an Existing Smokehouse and Furnace at Yorkshire Meat Packers.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Detached Dwelling and Domestic Garage at Stockton Road for S. Calvert.

It was agreed to object to the Projecting Sign on the application for

Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at Provincial Building Society.

It was agreed to express concern at the present noise and state a preference for a reduction in the noise level in connection with the application for

Construction of a Building with Office Accommodation for the Manufacture of Aluminium Doors and Windows to replace Existing Buildings at Ebor Building Products Norby.

No Representations were made by the Chairman to the application for

Extension to Existing Retail Shop at Thirsk Hardware, 61, Market Place.

This Planning Application arrived after the Council Meeting had taken place.

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

Accounts as Circulated

D. G. Collinson	- Salary - April to June	£500.00	
	Dividend	£ 4.25	
	Greens & Mill Gardens	£ 50.00	- / £554.25
P. Smith	- Salary - April to June	£168.75	
	Administrative Expenses	£ 12.46	- £181.21
Yorks. Purchasing Org.	- Stationery		- £ .53
Shaw & Sons	- Burial Board Account Book		- £18.75

Additional Accounts

Local Councils Assoc.	- Subscription, L. C. Review, etc.		- £70.65
Harland Garden Machinery	- Overhauling Grass Cutters		- £40.97
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery		- £22.78
D. G. Collinson	- Work in Mill Gardens		- £23.00
Hambleton Sports Council	- Subscription		- £1.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman having outlined the work of the Council, stated that there are various tasks to be carried out. The rubbish heap in the cemetery needs to be moved.

Any Other Business

Pelican Crossing Members approved the replacement of the Zebra Crossing with the Pelican Crossing but objected to the lack of instruction in it's use and the absence of warning signs. Letter to be sent to the County Surveyor.

Public Footpaths Complaints were made regarding the footpath from Gormire Close to Hambleton Avenue, Ingramgate to Duckett Ings via Potters Garage and Chapel Street to Porter Vaults. It was agreed to ask Mr. Fawcett of the County Council to meet Coun. Craig and Coun. Murkett to inspect the paths.

Stead's Yard It was reported that the street light in the yard has been disconnected by N.E.E.B. workmen who had been digging in the yard and made a very dangerous re-instatement. Complaint to be made to the N.E.E.B.

Roses' Yard It was reported that the light in the yard is out of order. Technical Services Dept. H.D.C. to be contacted. cycling

Cycling Complaints had been received regarding youths from the White Swan Yard and Bateman's Yard in a manner likely to endanger the public. Police to be asked to look into this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

*W. J. Legson*  
*Chairman*  
*14/7/79*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th July 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. M. P. Martin, H. Whitton, D. S. Murkett, L. Stuart, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk, Sgt. Jobling + 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

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

Matters Arising

The Green Sgt. Jobling reported to the meeting that the police had requested Mr. Ogleby to park only outside his own residence but had not received any co-operation. Mr. Ogleby asked permission to address the meeting. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that he be allowed to do so.' Agreed. Mr. Ogleby stated that he had applied for permission to demolish No. 39, The Green to form a vehicular access to the rear of his premises and when granted it would resolve the problem. A petition, containing 51 signatures, was presented protesting against the parking of Mr. Ogleby's van outside the Council owned seat near the Methodist Church. It was agreed to seek the L.C.A's interpretation of the byelaws - especially Byelaw No. 9.

Telephone Facilities - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Weight Restriction Letter presented from South Kilvington Parish Council expressing concern regarding the heavy traffic passing through the village from the A1 to the A19 and suggesting a joint meeting with the Town Council and Carlton Miniott Parish Council. It was agreed that it could be advantageous to hold a joint meeting of members of the Town Council and Sowerby, S. Kilvington, Bagby and C. Miniott Parish Councils together with representatives of the County Council Highways Committee. It was also agreed that S. Kilvington Parish Council should be asked to arrange the meeting.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Waste Paper Nothing reported.

Lord Nelson Hotel Letter presented from the Planning Officer stating that the status of the green as common land made the implementation of carrying out works somewhat problematical and the matter was being considered by the Legal Dept.

Garden of Rest Price for kerbing still awaited from Mr. Collinson.

Social Car Scheme This is being organised by the W,R,V,S,

Flower Baskets It was reported that difficulties are being experienced over the watering of the baskets. Members agreed to water the baskets on a rota system.

Christmas Lights It was reported that of the lights tested, many were found to be damaged. Volunteers agreed to test the remainder of the lights and report their findings at the next meeting.

Footpath - The Holmes - Nothing reported.

Land for Allotments Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Town Council's offer will be considered at a meeting on 5th Sept.

Millgate Car Park Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that officers have been instructed to investigate the possibility of restricting the use of the car park by heavy vehicles by imposing time restrictions. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the Town Council insist on a Height Barrier being erected before Gillings Court is occupied.' Agreed.

Dogs Fouling The Clerk reported that the H.D.C. will provide a sign which will be erected by the County Council.

Seats Seat outside the clinic repaired.

Pelican Crossing Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that signs are only erected where visibility of the signals to approaching traffic is severely restricted.

Public Footpaths Coun. Craig reported on a satisfactory meeting with Mr. Fawcett. A letter from Mr. Fawcett stated that the footpath from Bridge Garage to Duckett Ings on the land down the centre of the route is to be preferred to the 'correct' one. This was accepted but the County Surveyor to be asked where the liability rests if someone is injured on the path.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Whitton 'That this Council seek the support of Sowerby Council in reminding the County Highways and Transportation Dept. of the unnecessary waste of money if they intend to carry out any form of experimental traffic flow change in the near future at the Town End.' It was agreed that the proposal be put forward at the meeting at South Kilvington.



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Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Martin, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the members of the Town Council make known to the H.D.C. their objections to the granting of any further applications for change of use from shops and dwellings to offices in Thirsk' Prop. Coun. Murkett and Agreed Coun. Martin to add to the motion 'the Town Council also wish to see the display of advertising material restricted throughout the conservation area of Thirsk' Agreed.

Correspondence

Appeal Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that Barratts Developments are appealing against the refusal to grant the application for Residential Development at Part OS 5968 S. Dowber Lane. It was agreed to support the H.D.C.'S decision.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Ass'n Notice given of A.G.M. on 31st July.

Local Council's Ass'n Preliminary notice given of A.G.M. on 22nd September.

New School Letter presented stating that the school is to be known as Thirsk County Primary School.

Coun. Roberts Letter presented regarding parking on the Green, access to the new school and the state of the Market Place cobbles.

Plans Observations were made to the following applications as follows:

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Display of a Non Illuminated Sign at the Royal British Legion Club

Display of a Non Illuminated Sign at the Royal British Legion Club - No objection to the sign as such but would prefer a reduction in size to 5'.

Change of Use of Existing Dwellinghouse to Offices at 25, Kirkgate - Do not favour change of use.

Construction of a Domestic Double Garage at 33, Woolmoor Close - No observations.  
Display of a Non Illuminated Photograph Cabinet at 1, Finkle St. No Observations.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of an Existing Dwelling for the Formation of a Vehicular Access at 39, The Green - Totally opposed to this application.

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

As circulated

Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Combined Policy	- £35.67
Shaw & Sons	- Account Book	- £11.05
Yorks. Purchasing Org.	- Remainder of Stationery Order	- £1.03
J. Cartman	- Planting 6 Hanging Baskets & 2 Flower Troughs	- £59.80

Additional Account

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £20.30
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Chairman's Report The Chairman requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable regarding the length of time police houses remain vacant on the Hambleton Estate and the overgrown gardens. It was agreed to ask Mr. Woods for his observations on the lowering of kerbs for the assisting of invalid chairs at strategic points in the Market Place. The rose garden troughs outside the flats on the Norby Estate are overgrown. Members were asked to inspect the West Wall of the cemetery and the retaining wall on the Little Green.

Any Other Business

Footpath to New School It was agreed to ask the Education Authorities what steps they intend to take to guarantee the safety of the children going to the new Primary School via the footpath from St. Mary's Way to the Hambleton Estate.

Footpath It was reported that the ground at the sides of the footpath from Kilvington Road to the Waterfall is very overgrown.

Swings 4 seats are to be replaced.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

*A/H/gson*  
*Chairman*  
*17/9/79*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday,  
17th September 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk.

Matters Arising

The Green Reply regarding the byelaws awaited from the Local Councils Association.

Telephone Facilities - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Weight Restriction Meeting arranged at South Kilvington at 7.30 p.m. on 24th September.  
Couns. Megson, Whitton and Stott to attend.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate It was agreed to ask for a representative from the Road  
Traffic Division to meet members on site to discuss the  
problem.

Waste Paper The Clerk reported that £6.30 had been realised from the sale of paper.

Lord Nelson Nothing reported.

Garden of Rest Price still awaited.

Flower Baskets It was agreed that these and the troughs have been a success. It was  
reported that the H.D.C. wish to move one of the troughs to make easier  
access to the Pelican Crossing controls. In the event of a letter being received to  
this effect, the Clerk was instructed to reply that the troughs had been placed in  
their narrow position to prevent traffic coming off the cobbles at that point and to  
suggest that the control be moved instead.

Christmas Lights In order to conform with cutbacks in public spending, it was agreed  
not to purchase any additional lights and to concentrate on  
illuminating the clock and the Chamber of Trade tree. Tenders would be invited for  
the erection etc. at the next meeting.

Footpath - The Holmes Letter presented from the Drainage Board stating that they will  
not accept responsibility for re-instating the footpath.

Land for Allotments Reply awaited from the H.D.C.

Millgate Car Park Letter presented from the Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that  
proposals are at present being drawn up and these include the  
provision of a height barrier or other means of preventing lorries gaining access to  
the Car Park area. It was considered that a charge should be made for lorries.  
Coun. Murkett to put the proposal to the H.D.C.

Seats It was reported that the seat in Finkle Street had been uprooted and thrown  
into the Beck. One of the seats in the Bus Shelter had been damaged and an  
order given for it to be repaired. Enquiries to be made re- insurance cover for  
28 concrete ended seats and 10 wooden presentation seats.

Public Footpath - Duckett Ings Letter from the County Surveyor confirming that the  
landowner has insurance cover.

Planning Letter presented from the Planning Officer stating that the Interim District  
Plan for Thirsk, Policy S4, clearly states that office and other business  
uses at ground floor level in the Market Place will be discouraged. Regarding  
advertisements - Policy E7 states that wherever possible advertisements will be  
restricted to areas at or below the fascia level of shops and offices. The H.D.C.  
intends both to approach the Secretary of State with a view to designating the  
Conservation Area as one of Special Control for advertisements and to carry out a  
detailed survey of the Town Centre.

Kerbs The Chairman and Mr. Woods had carried out a survey and Mr. Woods had been very  
sympathetic to the idea of lowering kerbs.

Cemetery Wall & Little Green Wall It was agreed to allow for repairing the wall in next year's estimates.

Footpath to New School Letter presented from the County Education Officer stating  
that the grass will be cut to keep the path open.

## Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Paul R. Rhodes intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Blacksmith's Arms.

Diversion of Footpath The Chairman had agreed to a request from M. L. Yeadon Ltd., for the temporary diversion of the public footpath adjacent to 61, Market Place.

Planning Appeal An appeal by Residents of Tranmire Close re- Change of Use of Open Space to Gardens at Rear of 1 - 27, Tranmire Close had been supported as was the original application.

Tents at The Holmes An order under the Public Health Act 1936, to remove tents from The Holmes had been served by the Environmental Health Dept. H.D.C. It was reported that all the tents have now been removed.

Council of Churches Letter presented inviting members to attend a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Local Community at St. Oswald's Church, Sowerby on Sunday 14th October at 2.30 p.m. and asking for a volunteer to participate in the service. It was agreed that the Chairman should take part.

Proposed Restrictions - Access Road to Car Park Letter presented from the Chief Exec. N.Y.C.C. stating that if no objections are received, an order will be made to prohibit at all times, parking on the South West side of the access road. It was agreed to accept the proposal.

International Festival of Cycling Letter presented regarding the Great Yorkshire Classic International Professional Cycle Race - 24th June 198 and seeking permission to start a section of the race from the Market Place. The Clerk had consulted the H.D.C., as owners of the Market Place, and had been told that the organisers must apply to them for permission. It was agreed that the Town Council would welcome such an event in Thirsk. Coun. Murkett agreed to move an emergency resolution at the next full Council Meeting of H.D.C. that permission be granted.

Clerk's Contract of Employment A copy of the National Association of Local Councils Part-Time Clerk's Contract was presented. It was agreed that such a contract should be drawn up for the Clerk.

Planning Applications - August Observations had been made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the following applications.

Extension to Existing Betting Office at 69, Market Place to form staff toilet - Supported.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Slaughterhouse to Include Extended Slaughter Line, Pig Lairage and Gut Room at Yorkshire Meat Packers.

No Objections providing it does not generate more traffic to the annoyance of nearby residents.

Change of Use of Part of Ground Floor and all First and Second Floors to Building Society Banking Hall and Offices at 20 - 22, Market Place.

No objections to use of first and second floors but question the use of the ground floor:

Display of a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 14 - 16, Market Place.

No observations.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the blocking up of one window at the Golden Fleece Hotel. No observations.

Use of Land as Practical Training Area and Siting of 2 Portakabins and Car Parking Facilities at Norby Depot, N.Y.C.C. No observations.

## Planning Applications - September

No objections were made to the following applications:-

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Shop Premises at rear of 53, Market Place.

Alterations to Tote Stand to form Bar, Viewing Terrace and Members Boxes at Thirsk Racecourse.

Alterations to Existing Club Premises at Royal British Legion Club.

Extension to Existing Garage to form a Domestic Double Garage with Utility Room at 14, St. Mary's Walk.

Use of Existing Laundrette as a Retail Shop with First Floor Self Contained Flat at 5, Kirkegate.

Installation of a 1 Tonne Propane Gas Storage Tank at Thirsk Squash Club.

Observations were made on the following:-

Renewal of Consent for a Portaloo at Yorkshire Meat Packers. Approve for 1 year only.

Draw attention to the unsightly effluent tanks to the front of the premises.

Renewal of Consent for a Residential Caravan for Security Purposes at Yorkshire Meat Packers. Approve for 1 year only.

Outline application for Construction of 2 Dwellings at land off St. Mary's Walk.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that this piece of land be retained as a play area as originally requested by the Planning Authority.' Agreed.

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

As Circulated.

J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes	-	£ 37.37
Hambleton D.C.	- Removing Refuse from the Cemetery	-	£ 6.46
Harland Ltd.	- Servicing Mountfield Mower	-	£ 51.38
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - July & August	-	£ 26.37
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - July - Sept.	£510.00	
	Dividend	£ 4.75	
	Grass cutting & Gardening	£ 50.00	- £554.75
P. Smith	- Salary - July - Sept.	£168.75	
	Admin. Exps.	£ 9.32	- £178.07
Municipal Mut. Ins.	- Premium on Haytor Mower		- £ 10.00
Codbeck Int. D. Bd.	- Drainage Rates		- £ 2.00

Burial Grants

James & Elizabeth Darnborough	11 B4	£10.00
Beatrice Irene Mackereth	8 A6	£10.00
Vieta Stoppa	5 A6	£10.00
Samuel Goldsbrough	16 A5	£10.00
Eleanor Paylor	3 B2	£10.00
Sidney Gregson	15 A5	£10.00
William Reynard	20 C3	£10.00
James William Bosomworth	10 A6	£10.00
Frederick Whitehead	2 B5	£10.00
Mary E. Walker & Elizabeth Whitehead	61 BR	£10.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman requested that the Town Hall Committee should consider the purchase of a flag for the outside of the building. Gratitude was expressed to the police for preventing parking on the Greens on Bank Holiday Monday and praise to the licensees and petrol station owners for their floral displays. A corner flag on the clock tower had been repaired by Mr. Kendall. It was agreed to ask Mr. Cameron if his woodman can give advice on pruning the tree outside the Lord Nelson.

Any Other Business

Swimming Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Thirsk Town Council supports the Hambleton District Council's resistance to the proposed withdrawal, by the N.Y.C.C., of the facilities and costs of School Swimming Instruction.' Voting was 4 in favour - Couns. Kirk, Whitton, Murkett & Stott abstaining. The Chairman gave his casting vote and the motion was carried.

Awards Coun. Murkett suggested that the Town Council and the Chamber of Trade could co-operate in making an Annual Award for the best kept street or premises or floral or window display. To be included on the January Agenda.

Town Map The Clerk reported that there is still a large stock of Town Maps.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

*M. Megson*  
*Chairman* 15/10/79

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 15th October 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

The Green Coun. Stott presented an extract from the byelaws by which he considered that the Council would be in order in asking the police to remove the van.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Martin 'to wait until the next meeting for the opinion of the L.C.A's Legal Department.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to take action now.' Voting for the amendment - 2 - for the resolution 3. The amendment fell.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate The Clerk reported that a member of the Road Traffic Dept. will attend a meeting at a date yet to be arranged.

Lord Nelson Nothing reported.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Flower Troughs The Chairman reported that Mr. Cartman had given tulip bulbs for the troughs. It was agreed that Couns. Murkett and Craig oppose in the H.D.C. the moving of one of the troughs.

Christmas Lights It was agreed that an advertisement inviting tenders should be placed in the November issue of the Thirsk Advertiser.

Land for Allotments Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park Nothing reported.

Seats Reply awaited from the Insurance Company.

International Festival of Cycling Coun. Murkett had taken up the matter with the H.D.C. A letter from the Secretary indicated that permission will be granted for the use of the Market Place.

Clerk's Contract of Employment The Clerk's contract was presented to the meeting, approved and then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the number of years service necessary to qualify for a gratuity under the terms of Clause 3 be five years.' Agreed.

Tree - St. James' Green It was reported that a member of Mr. Cameron's staff had attended to the South American beech tree.

Town Maps It was agreed to distribute maps to members of the Chamber of Trade.

Proposed Public Telephone Kiosk - Dowber Way Plan presented showing the proposed site for the kiosk. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the new site should be on the waste land at the side of Tranmire Close.' Agreed.

Meeting at South Kilvington The meeting had been attended by the Chairman, Coun. Stott and Coun. Whitton. The decision of the meeting had been that restrictions should be placed on the length of road from Stammergeate junction to Kilvington for an experimental period. It was agreed that this Council is totally opposed to the decision.

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Whitton 'Thirsk Town Council approves the placing of a Three Ton Weight Limit on the road from Baldersby Gate Roundabout, on the A1 Trunk Road, up to it's junction with Thirsk By-pass at a point near North Kilvington.' The alternative route for vehicles along the Thirsk By-pass to Dishforth Roundabout, on the A1 Trunk Road, is quicker, safer and removes environmental nuisance such as noise from all the villages affected on the route through Thirsk. Voting 9 in favour - Coun. Craig abst.

Boundary Reviews A copy of the Boundary Reviews was presented containing recommendation that Thirsk and Sowerby should combine and an alteration in the boundaries with Bagby. It was agreed to accept the offer of the Secretary H.D.C. to attend a meeting and to invite Sowerby and Bagby Parish Councils to attend. The decision of the meeting to be put to a Public Meeting.

Lorry Route Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'to request the Department of Transport for the designated route for lorries around Thirsk' Agreed.

## Correspondence

Induction Service Invitation presented for members to attend the Induction Service of the Rev. Robert Lewis at St. Mary's Church on 23rd October at 7.30 p.

Local Council's Association Letter presented from the Secretary L.C.A. regarding the poor attendance at Hambleton South meetings and inviting members to attend a social gathering on 28th November to discuss this. It was agreed that Couns. Allenby, Stuart, Kirk, Murkett and Craig will attend.

Appeal by Barratt Developments Letter presented stating that the enquiry has been postponed for 3 months at the request of the appellants.

Abstract of Accounts Abstract of Accounts of the H.D.C. for 1978/9 presented together with a copy of North Yorks. Local Government Statistics 1979/80.

## Plans

No objections were made to the following planning applications:

Demolition of Existing Building and Construction of a Butchers Preparation Room at Rear of 14, Market Place. It was pointed out that this appertains to 12, Market Place.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 27, Bramwire Close.

It was considered that sufficient development has already taken place in the areas of the following:

Outline Application for Residential Development at Pt. C.S. 2079 Off St. Mary's Walk.

Outline Application for Residential Development at Part C.S. 5968 South Dowber Lane.

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

## As circulated

F. Kendall	- Replacing Stone at Base of Town Clock	- <del>£</del> 9.08
Mower Services	- Repairs to Maytor Mower	- <del>£</del> 32.40
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Sept. - Plug	- <del>£</del> 14.90
Harland Ltd	- Repairs to Mountfield Mower	- <del>£</del> 39.84

## Additional Account

Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge	- <del>£</del> 14.80
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## Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that an estimate for £113.00 had been received for repairs to the oldest of the Cemetery mowers. A new one had been offered for £125.00 including discount and allowance and the offer had been accepted. This action was approved. It was agreed not to have the Holmes cut again this season. A new lock is needed for the Little Green shed. Enquiries had been made regarding a replacement seat for Finkle Street.

## Any Other Business

Seat - Sutton Road Coun. Craig reported a seat in need of repair.

Old Mill - Long Street Coun. Craig requested the backing of the Town Council in his efforts to have the Mill demolished, in view of the danger to children playing in and around the building. It was agreed to write to the Chairman and the Secretary of the H.D.C. requesting it's demolition.

Precept A Precept for £2,500.00 was signed.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

*W. Higson*  
19/11/74  
*Chairman.*

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday,  
19th November 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin,  
Mrs. F. M. Roberts, E. R. Stott, D. S. Murkett, H. Whitton, L. Stuart, C. Kirk  
Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated and approved,  
were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Stott.

Matters Arising

The Green Reply from the L.C.A. still awaited. Coun. Allenby presented a letter from  
the Home Office stating that the Council's interpretation of byelaw 9,  
allowing reasonable parking by residents of St. James' Green only must be questionable.  
It was agreed that soil should be obtained for the area in front of the seat and the  
Chairman agreed to see to this matter.

Lord Nelson It was agreed to ask the Planning Officer if any progress has been made.

Garden of Rest Price for kerbing still awaited.

Land for Allotments Coun. Craig reported that the land is no longer available as it is  
to be used for development.

Millgate Car Park The H.D.C. had stated that the matter is in the hands of the police.  
Sgt. Jobling stated that the police are investigating the 'off street  
parking laws.

Seats - Insurance Quotation still awaited from the Insurance Company.

Proposed Public Telephone Kiosk - Dowber Way Coun. Craig reported that the site is to  
be agreed between the H.D.C. and the G.P.O.

Heavy Commercial Traffic - A61, South Kilvington Letter presented from the County  
Surveyor stating that the Town Council  
letter will be reported to the next meeting of No.1 Area Highway Committee when the  
question of heavy commercial vehicles on the A61 will be considered. No reply from the  
Dept. of Transport.

Boundary Review Every member had attended the specially convened meeting on 12th Nov.  
when the Secretary H.D.C. explained the reasons for the proposed merger  
of Thirsk and Sowerby Councils. It was agreed that a Public Meeting should be held in  
the Town Hall for the electors of Thirsk. To be advertised in the Thirsk Advertiser.

Planning It was reported that the H.D.C. had approved the Outline Application for  
residential development at South Dowber Lane. H.D.C. to be notified that  
this Council is concerned by the fact that there is no provision for recreational  
facilities on the Hambleton Estate, the provision of only 230 places at the New Primary  
School and the already well used access. It was considered that an alternative access  
to the new development is essential. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that a  
Public Meeting be arranged for the residents of the Hambleton Estate to discuss the  
decision to allow 400 houses over 15 years and the associated problems.' Agreed.

Seat on Old Sutton Road Coun. Craig reported that the broken seat could be replaced by  
a little used seat situated nearby. The Chairman to investigate.

Old Mill - Long Street Letters presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the  
Technical Officer has been asked his opinion of the state of the  
building and that the Chairman H.D.C. will attend the meeting at which the matter will  
discussed

Meeting on Hambleton Estate Insp. Myers of the Road Traffic Dept. had met Couns. Megson  
Craig and Whitton. It was agreed that the road junctions  
should be marked with lines. Coun. Craig had discussed with Mr. Woods the carrying out  
of the recommendations made at the meeting. Coun. Craig requested that the H.D.C. be  
asked to co-operate with the County Surveyor's Dept. regarding parking within the  
vicinity of Nos. 41 - 46, Hambleton Place, which will facilitate the passage of buses.

Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that no enquires or tenders had been received.  
Coun. Whitton was optimistic that assistance would be forthcoming  
from Allanbrooke Barracks. If this was not so, the Clerk was instructed to approach  
4A's Electrical Services of Northallerton who carried out the work last year.  
Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the Chairman be empowered to take any  
necessary action'. Agreed.

J/M

## Correspondence

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council Letter presented inviting nominations for the next period of membership. It was agreed that Coun. Allenby should be re-nominated.

Parish Government Course Preliminary Notice received of the P.G.C. to be held at Scarborough in April 1980. No members to attend.

Public Transport Plan - N.Y.C.C. Notice given that the Public Transport Plan to cover the period 1980/81 - 1984/85 has been published in draft form for consultation purposes and comments to be forwarded by 11th December. It was agreed not to make any comments.

W. Calvert - Carpet Warehouse Letter presented from Sowerby P.C. regarding obstruction caused in Westgate by large vehicles entering and leaving the premises and asking the Town Council to support their complaints made in a letter to the Planning Officer that the condition that vehicles should enter and leave the premises in a forward gear was not being complied with. A vote taken on Sowerby P.C.'s request for support was 4 in favour - 6 against.

Plans The following applications were presented and observations made: as

Provision of a Pitched Roof over Existing Flat Roof at 33, Westgate. Approved.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Bungalow at land adjacent to The Hollies, York Road. No Objections.

Siting of a Portakabin for Use as a Temporary Office at land adjoining The Hollies, York Road. No Objections.

Provision of 2 Dormer Windows at 33, Station Road. No Objections.

Change of Use of Existing Dwelling to Hairdressing Salon at 1, Stead's Yard. Approved.

Construction of a Car Port at 24, Long Street. Approved.

Outline Application for Residential Development at 39-43, Long Street. Approved.

Outline Application for Construction of an Agricultural Worker's Bungalow and Domestic Garage at Part O.S. 1249, Felixkirk Road. No Objections.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Demolition of Existing Building at Rear of 20, Kirkgate. Approved.

Outline Application for Construction of a Block of Flats at Rear of 20, Kirkgate Approved and suggest that all the derelict property to the rear of Kirkgate be demolished for re-development.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Storage Buildings to form 2 Dwellings at Jacques Yard, Kirkgate. Prefer that the H.D.C. consider building 4 Bungalows parallel to the service road instead of 2 houses.

Details of Alterations to Existing Building to form a Ground Floor Building Society Banking Hall with adjacent Retail Shop and First Floor Staff Facilities At 20/22 Market Place. Draw attention to Planning Officer's letter of 2.8.79 stating that Office and Other Business Uses at Ground Floor level in the Market Place will be discouraged.

Formation of a Self-contained Flat at 23, Barbeck. Approved.

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

### As circulated

Hamnleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Inst.	- £ 71.68
John Bell - Thirsk Hall Est.	- Half Year Wayleaves	- £ .11
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - October	- £ 11.39
Harland Ltd.	- New Mountfield Mower for Cemetery	- £ 119.55
Peat & Son	- 4 Receipt Books for Cemetery	- £ 19.95
Coun. Stuart	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. Meeting at Easingwold & A.G.M. at York	- £ 8.40

### Additional Account

Wreath for Remembrance Day

- £ 4.80



Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that he had attended a Town Hall Committee Meeting. The building had been valued at £170,000 and would cost approximately £340.00 to insure.

Any Other Business

Chain of Office A notice of motion submitted too late for the Agenda was accepted. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that a Chain of Office should be obtained for the Chairman of Thirsk Town Council and that local organisations, businessmen and the public be asked to contribute towards the cost.' Voting was 6 in favour - 3 against - 1 abstention. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to local organisations, Banks, businesses etc. inviting them to contribute.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

*G. H. Egson,  
Chairman. 10/12/79*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 10th December 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, D. S. Murkett, E. R. Stott, H. Whitton, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, County Coun. G. Turton.

Apologies for absence were received from Couns. L. Stuart, C. Kirk.

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

The Green Reply still awaited from the Local Councils Association.

Lord Nelson Reply from Planning Officer awaited.

Garden of Rest Price still awaited.

Land for Allotments Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. endorsing the statement made by Coun. Craig at the last meeting.

Millgate Car Park Nothing reported.

Seats - Insurance Letter presented from the Insurance Company offering cover for Impact Damage only at £12.80 per year and 'All Risks' cover for £32.00 per year. It was agreed that 'All Risks' cover should be taken out.

Heavy Commercial Traffic - A61 South Kilvington Letter presented from the Chief Exec. N.Y.C.C. stating the proposal of

No. 1 Area Highway Sub-Committee 'That the necessary consultations be undertaken and public notice given of the intention to make an experimental Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 1967, the effect of which would be to prohibit the use of the Thirsk - Ripon - Harrogate principal road A61 from it's junction with the South Kilvington - Knayton Class 3 County Road, in South Kilvington to it's junction with Stammergate (A.61) in Thirsk, by heavy commercial vehicles, the unladen weight of which exceed 3 tons, except for access to load and unload.' and inviting comment. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council does not approve the No. 1 Area Sub-Committee's findings and expressing concern that the B1448 route by St. Mary's Church and Norby will become the alternative route. The By-pass route to be encouraged.

Boundary Review Public Meeting arranged for Monday, 14th January 1980 in the Town Hall

Planning - Hambleton Estate - S. Dowber Lane Following the meeting held in Thirsk County Primary School on 26th November it had been agreed to hold a further meeting to which the Planning Officer, John Spence M.P., Coun. Mrs. M. Potter, a Representative of the Highways Department and a member of the H.D.C. Housing Department had been invited. It was suggested that the H.D.C. Recreation Manager and a representative of the Police Road Traffic Department also be invited. A complaint was made by County Councillor G. Turton that he had not been invited to the first meeting and had not been formally invited to attend Town Council meetings even though he was supplied with monthly meeting notices, agenda and minutes. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that County Councillors and District Councillors for the parish, if not members of the Town Council, should be invited to attend meetings quarterly, and all Public Meetings.' Agreed. It was agreed to point out to Mr. Daley the observations of the Town Council, made at the October meeting, regarding the application from Barratts for Outline Planning Permission for Residential Development at Part O.S. 5968, South Dowber Lane.

Seat - Sutton Road The Chairman reported that Mr. Kendall had been given an order to remove the seat from Sutton Road and re-site it outside Peats in Finkle Street. The seat on Old Sutton Road to be repaired.

Old Mill - Long Street Letter to be sent to the Secretary H.D.C. deploring the fact that no apparent action has been taken with regard to this.

Meeting - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from Mr. Barclay, County Area Surveyor, regarding Highway Matters that had been brought to his attention by the Police following the meeting. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that a letter be sent, stating that his comments are noted but a reply in a more polite manner would be preferred.' Agreed

Christmas Lights Coun. Whitton reported that 4 members of the Royal Horse Artillery would be erecting the Lights and Decorations and dismantling them after Christmas. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that hospitality should be provided for them' Agreed. It was agreed to ask the New Three Tuns Hotel to provide meals and refreshment and send the account to the Town Council.

Chain of Office The Clerk reported that several contributions towards the cost, have been received.

Traffic Lights - Stammerge/Long Street Coun. Murkett expressed concern at the hazard for motorists leaving the one-way traffic system and entering the two-way system at the Stammerge/Long Street junction, especially when making a right turn. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Martin, 'that traffic lights would alleviate the danger at the Stammerge/Long Street Junction' Agreed. Letter to be sent to the County Surveyor seeking his views.

#### Correspondence

Revenue Estimates Letter presented from the Treasurer H.D.C. requesting to know the amount of money required for revenue expenditure during the coming financial year. The Clerk gave a financial report and estimated that it would be necessary to levy a 2p parish rate. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Stott 'that the product of a 2p rate (£6,000.00 ) be requested.' Agreed.

Appeal by W. Calvert Copy of The Secretary of State's decision presented, regarding the appeal by W. Calvert against refusal of planning permission for change of use of disused cinema to a workshop for the manufacture of rugs. The appeal was dismissed.

Byelaws for the Regulation of Pleasure Fairs Copy of the byelaws for the H.D.C. presented. These had been examined by the Chairman and found to be satisfactory.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Raymond F. Brown intends to apply for the licence of the Dog and Gun Inn, Carlton Miniott.

Thirsk Swimming Baths Copy of a letter sent to Coun. Craig by the Secretary of Thirsk Primary School P.T.A. presented, regarding the withdrawal of swimming facilities by the N.Y.C.C. Reply to be sent stating that this Council has supported the H.D.C. in it's resistance to the proposed withdrawal by the N.Y.C.C. of the facilities of School Swimming Instruction.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:-

Revised Details of an Extension to Existing Betting Office at Rear of 69, Market Place. No objections providing the two accesses - the service road and Millgate are not obstructed.

Use of Existing Agricultural Requisites Storage Building for the Repair and Sale of Furniture at Long Street. No objections except that there should be no rear or side access which would generate a traffic hazard to other traffic and pedestrians.

Details of Alterations to Existing Dwelling to form a Hairdressing Salon at 1, Stead's Yard. No objections.

Outline Application for Construction of a Detached Bungalow at Land off St. Mary Walk. Object on the grounds that this land was designated for recreation purposes.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 20/22, Market Place. Object on the grounds that it is unnecessary for a building not open after dark to have an illuminated sign.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20/22, Market Place. Object to a Projecting Sign.

Revised plan of the frontage of 20/22, Market Place for Building Society Banking Hall and Retail Shop. This Council still objects to the use to which this building will be put. The frontage submitted is not suited to a Market Town.

E/M

## Accounts

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

### As circulated

L. G. Hopps	- Repairs to Seats - The Green & Bus Shelter	- £ 61.81
Thirsk & S. Town Hall	- Hire of Room for Meeting re- Boundary Reviews	- £ 2.00
D. G. Collinson	- Salary October - December £500.00	
	Quarterly Payment for work on	
	The Greens & Mill Gardens	£ 50.00
	Dividend	£ 4.25
P. Smith	- Salary October - December	£168.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 16.69
		- £554.25
		- £185.44

### Additional Accounts

Thirsk R. T. Advert	- Advert - Tenders for Christmas Lights	- £ 4.00
Municipal Mut. Ins.	- Cover for Christmas Lights	- £ 10.00
Yorks. Arts Ass'n	- Subscription	- £ 5.00
Coun. Stuart	- Replacement cheque for Travelling Expenses (Original lost)	- £ 8.40

### Burial Grants

Charles Sidney Wood	32 G5	£10.00
Henry and Eleanor Bowes	13 B5	£10.00
Eileen Ellen and Lance Rodger	13 D1	£10.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman stated that he was dis-satisfied with the repairs to the cobbles in the Market Place. It was agreed to write to the Technical Officer pointing out that several small areas have been neglected. The entrance to the Cemetery at the front of the gates needs to be tarmaced. The Cemetery Superintendent had requested gravel for the paths. The Chairman authorised to investigate and decide. The H.D.C. are considering making parking facilities for the disabled available in the vicinity of Lloyds Bank. It was agreed to draw attention to the area to the rear of the Town Clock which would be more suitable because of its proximity to the Post Office. At the Chairman's suggestion it was agreed to request a box for 'Local Post' only at the Thirsk Post Office.

### Any Other Business

Bottle Bank Coun. Roberts suggested that the possibilities of having a 'Bottle Bank' in Thirsk should be investigated. Enquiries to be made to Redfearns of York.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

*E. H. Legson*  
*Chairman*  
*21/1/80*

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Minutes of a Meeting held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall on Monday, 14th January 1980 at 7.30 p.m., called by Thirsk Town Council inviting the Electorate of Thirsk to discuss the Proposition by the Boundary Commission That there should be One Council for Thirsk and Sowerby.

Present Couns C. J. Megson (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, L. Stuart, J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton, C. Kirk, the Clerk, County Coun. G. Turton, 1 Member of the Press, 15 Members of the Public - 4 not being entitled to vote being ratepayers of Sowerby Parish.

Apologies for Absence were received from Couns. Craig, Martin and Roberts.

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting and a letter from the H.D.C. explaining the reasons and effects of the proposals was read by the Clerk.

Prop. Mr. Hatch, sec. Mr. Roberts 'that the Town Council takes further steps to ascertain the views of the Thirsk Electorate'.

On an Amendment Prop. Mrs. Thiede, sec. Mr. Appleyard 'that a Yes or No vote on the Boundary Commission's proposition is taken at this meeting.'

Voting was 12 in Favour of the Amendment.

After further discussion - Prop. Mrs. Thiede, sec. Mr. Appleyard 'that this meeting formally agrees that Thirsk and Sowerby become one Council to the mutual benefit of both.' Voting - 11 in Favour - 3 Against.

It was agreed to ask, through the Press, for the opinion of the Electorate - for or against the decision of the meeting, to be received in writing by the Clerk or any Councillor before the February meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Before leaving the Town Hall, the members present agreed to defer Item 4 on the January Agenda 'to formulate a reply to the Hambleton District Council regarding the Boundary Commission's proposal' to the February meeting.

*C. J. Megson*  
*Chairman 21/1/80*

## PROPOSED MERGER OF THIRSK AND SOWERBY PARISHES

The Hambleton District Council, having a statutory duty to review parish boundaries within its District, has recently published draft proposals which include the removal of the existing parish boundary between Thirsk and Sowerby parishes to form one composite parish.

The stated reasons for this are as follows:-

- (a) the present boundary, which runs westwards along Chapel Street, Westgate, Town End and Station Road, is not easily recognisable and is unrealistic insofar as it divides existing areas of common community interest,
- (b) there is constant movement and interchange between both communities for hospital, education, shopping and recreational purposes,
- (c) many local voluntary organisations comprise residents from both communities and incorporate the words "Thirsk & Sowerby" in their organisation's name, which denotes the existence of shared social and cultural activities with the two communities, and
- (d) future development proposals (Thirsk Interim District Plan) look to Thirsk and Sowerby as a single settlement.

### EFFECT OF THE PROPOSALS

1. One parish council, instead of two, to administer the needs of the combine area.
2. Sowerby to retain its identity as a place but to lose its civil parish status and parish council.
3. The new area of Thirsk and Sowerby to be divided into four wards for election purposes, each ward to return either three or four councillors.
4. The one parish council would have more financial resources available to embark upon projects of a local nature, (separate rate levy for each parish at present).
5. One parish council would reduce administrative costs and any local services at present separately operated could be combined to achieve further financial savings.
6. The number of parish council representatives would be reduced from 20 (10 for Thirsk and 10 for Sowerby at present) to either 12 or 16.

### NOTE:

After the 29th February, 1980, the Hambleton D.C. will reconsider its draft proposals in the light of reaction by individual parish councils etc and will decide whether such proposals should be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission with or without modification.

On receipt, the Commission will examine the Council's proposals to ascertain whether they are in accordance with the criteria laid down by the Secretary of State for the conduct of parish reviews. If satisfied, they will recommend to the Secretary of State that the district council's proposals be accepted either in whole or in part.

Alternatively, the Commission may itself review the whole or part of a district (where they have received a Report for the district council) because

1. they do not accept the district council's recommendation, even with modifications, or
2. ~~that~~ the district council has reported that they would not recommend changes.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 21st January 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, L. Stuart, D. S. Murkett, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. Whitton, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott.  
Apologies for Absence from Coun. J. J. Allenby.

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

### Matters Arising

The Green Letter presented from the L.C.A. stating that the Council can in any case exercise a discretion whether to prosecute or not, but in the circumstances described the Council would lay itself open to criticism and favouritism if it prosecuted the van owner and no one else. It would not, however, be a good defence to the person concerned to say that others who park should also be prosecuted. (Each member circulated with a copy of the whole letter).

Lord Nelson Reply still awaited from the Planning Officer.

Garden of Rest Price still awaited from Mr. Collinson.

Millgate Car Park Nothing reported.

Seats - Insurance Letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that the seats are covered from 11th December 1979. It was agreed that the present policy should be cancelled and re-issued on more up-to-date stationery and that the present cover on the Clerk's Fidelity Guarantee and Cemetery Lodge is adequate.

Heavy Commercial Traffic - A.61 S. Kilvington Copy of a letter from Coun. Consett presented which had been sent to the County Surveyor asking him to change the sign which at present directs Ripon traffic back through Thirsk where the A168 dual carriageway crosses over the old A19, so that the Ripon traffic is directed to continue along the dual carriageway. It was agreed to support this.

Boundary Reviews The Minutes of the meeting for the Electorate of Thirsk were read, approved and then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that it be made known that this Council does not envisage the employment of a full-time Clerk if and when the merger takes place.' Agreed.

Planning - Hambleton Estate - S. Dowber Lane The meeting, held on 7th January, was attended by the Planning Officers, the Recreation Manager, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Burn of the County Surveyor's Dept. and Coun. Mrs. M. Potter of the Planning Committee all of whom answered questions from residents of the Hambleton Estate.

Old Mill - Long Street Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Technical Officer has advised the building's owner that unless he forthwith effected works necessary to make the building safe, the Council would take all necessary action under Section 25 of the Public Health Act 1961.

Christmas Lights The Chairman commended Coun. Whitton and Coun. Kirk on their work with the Army Personnel in erecting and dismantling the lights.

Chain of Office The Clerk reported that £165.00 has now been received and several replies are still awaited.

Traffic Lights - Stammergate/Long Street Junction Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that only one personal injury accident has been reported during the last three years and that the cost of £7,000.00 to install traffic signals cannot be justified at the present time.

Revenue Estimates Letter received from the Treasurer H.D.C. giving a revised estimate for Street Sweeping 1979/80 of £1,200.00 and a First Estimate for 1980/81 of £1,400.00. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'to go into Committee to discuss Street Sweeping when an employee will also be discussed. Voting 6--3 in favour. It was agreed to defer this until the end of the meeting.

*g/m*

Cobbles - Market Place Reply received from the Technical Officer stating that the condition of the Market Place is such that it will require repairs on an annual basis. It will be inspected from time to time so that any serious surface breakdowns can be made safe.

'Local' post box Letter presented from the Head Postmaster, York, giving reasons why it will not be possible to provide a box for 'local' post.

Parking for the Disabled The Clerk reported that Mr. Flanagan will meet members to discuss this matter.

Bottle Bank The Chairman had met a representative of Redfearns together with the Environmental Health Officer H.D.C. It had been agreed that such a scheme is not a viable proposition for a rural area.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate At the Hambleton Estate meeting, the Planning Officer had stated that three acres of land were allocated for this purpose. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'to request the Hambleton District Council to make available the land for Recreation purposes on the Hambleton Estate this year.' Agreed.

Awards It was agreed that Annual Awards should be made for the Best Kept Street or Premises, or Floral or Window Display within the Commercial/Residential area of Thirsk and to seek the views of the Chamber of Trade.

#### Correspondence

Court House Letter received stating that the charge for meetings has been increased to £4.00 per session.

Midland Bank Letter received from the Manager regarding the nuisance caused by pigeon in the Market Place and especially the seat outside the Midland Bank. It was agreed that Coun. Murkett raise the matter with the Environmental Health Committee.

Annual Events Request received from the Recreation Manager for details of Annual Events in the area.

Plans Observations were made on Planning Applications as follows:-

Use of Existing Agricultural Requisites Storage Building for the Manufacture of Aluminium Doors and Windows at Long Street. No Objections except that there should be no rear or side access which would generate a traffic hazard to other traffic and pedestrians.

Conversion of Existing Store to a Dwelling for Holiday Accommodation at 3, Stead's Yard. No Objections.

Outline Application for Residential Development, including the formation of an Access Road, at the Former Egg Packing Station and Part O.S. 2079 Stockton Road. Totally opposed to the re-development of the Egg Packing Station for 30 Dwellings. Too High Density Building for a Rural Area. Would not object to 6 or 8 Dwellings. Would much prefer the granting of the following application for this site.

Alterations to Existing Dis-used Egg Packing Station for Use as a 'Do - it - Yourself' Centre and Provision of Car Parking Facilities at Stockton Road. Approve on the Grounds that it would bring Employment to the area

Use of Vacant part of Existing Building as Office Accommodation at 22, Kirkgate No Objections providing a section of the house remains as a Dwelling.  
5 in favour of this observation.

Extension to Retail Shop at 7, Market Place. No Objections.

Construction of 12 Dwellinghouses at Land off Hambleton View. Approve of this infilling.

#### Burial Grant

John H. Minican

12 A5

£10.00

It was agreed that permission be granted for a memorial in oak to be erected at the above grave.



Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Murkett,  
As circulated sec. Coun. Martin.

As circulated

North Yorkshire Cty Council - Hire of Thirsk Primary School Hall - £14.50  
for Public Meeting 26.11.79  
Three Tuns Hotel - Refreshments for Army Personnel - £28.73  
engaged in the erection and  
dismantling of the Xmas Lights

Additional Accounts

North Yorkshire Cty Council - Use of Court House for Meetings - £28.00  
during 1979.  
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - Use of Main Hall for Bounday Review - £10.00  
Meeting 14.1.80.

Chairman's Report The Chairman stated that there should be an increase in the Cemetery charges. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to increase all the Cemetery fees by 10% forthwith.' Voting 7 in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention. Mrs. Emily Bell of Stammergeate will be 100 years old on 3rd February. It was agreed that the Council will present her with a card, a bottle of sherry, port or champagne and a bouquet.

Any Other Business

Street Sweeping After a discussion on the Street Sweeper, it was agreed that Coun. Murkett raise the matter with Mr. Flanagan when he meets members to discuss disabled parking.

Parking - Long Street /Stammergeate Junction It was reported that the vision of motorists making a right turn onto Long Street is often obstructed by vehicles parked on the hard shoulder outside the shop. The County Surveyor to asked if steps can be taken to alleviate the problem.

Community Hall Coun. Martin reported that enquires had been received from the Darby and Joan Club and other organisations for a Community Hall. It was agreed to ask the Director of Social Services what the intentions are for the use of the Clinic or Clinic Annexe when the new Health Centre opens.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

*16/12/80*  
*18/2/80*  
*Flanagan*

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL AND BURIAL BOARD

Cemetery Charges

As from 22nd January 1980

Part 1 Interments

1. For the interment, in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has not been granted -
  - (i) of the body of a still-born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month £ 1.65
  - (ii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 12 years £ 4.70
  - (iii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years £13.20
2. For the interment, in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted  
The same fees as above to apply.
3. For any interment in a vault £ 8.80
4. For the interment of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted £ 6.60
5. For the use of the bier
  - (a) Outside the Cemetery £ .83
  - (b) Inside the Cemetery
    - (i) Adults £ .40
    - (ii) Children £ .22

Part 2 Exclusive Rights of Burial in Earthen Graves

1. For the exclusive right of burial -
  - (i) in perpetuity (99 years)
    - (a) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet £11.00
    - (b) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 8 feet £22.00
  - (ii) for a period of 10 years in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet in which a burial has taken place £ 3.30
  - (iii) for each individual period of 10 years NOT exceeding the total period of 30 years £ 3.30

Part 3. Walled Graves and Vaults

For the right to construct, and for the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity (99 years) in -

- (i) a walled grave,
  - (a) 9 feet by 4 feet £33.00
  - (b) 9 feet by 8 feet £66.00
- (ii) a vault
  - (a) 9 feet by 4 feet £33.00
  - (b) 9 feet by 8 feet £55.00

Part 4. Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets and Monumental Inscriptions

For the right to erect or place on a grave or vault in respect of which the exclusive right of burial has been granted -

- (i) a flat stone
  - (a) not exceeding 7 feet by 3 feet £ 5.50
  - (b) exceeding either or both of those dimensions £11.00
- (ii) a headstone
  - (a) not exceeding 4 feet 6 inches in height £ 4.40
  - (b) exceeding that height £ 6.60

#### Part 4.

(iv)	kerb stones or border stones - this section deleted.	
(v)	a vase (with inscription) not exceeding 18 inches in height	£ 1.65
(vi)	any other monument	
	(a) not exceeding 4 feet 6 inches in height and occupying a space not exceeding 3 feet by 3 feet	£11.00
	(b) exceeding that height or occupying a space exceeding either or both of those dimensions	£22.00

The fees indicated for the various heads of this Part include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first, a fee of £2.20 is payable.

#### Registrar's Fees

For Certificate of Grant of exclusive right of Burial in perpetuity, for each Grave space and Registration thereof	£ .55
For Certificate of Transfer, each space	£ .28
Registering Certificate of Transfer	£ .06
For each renewal of Certificate in case of loss, each space	£ .55
For comparing Inscription for Headstone, and other erections with Register of Burials, each entry	£ .11
For searching Register of Burials, one year or part of a year	£ .22
For every additional year or part of a year	£ .06
For Certificate of Burial	£ .55
For each copy of Rules and Scale of Fees	£ .55

Fees in conjunction with the Rules and Regulations for the Management of the Cemetery - 1964.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, Held in the Court House, on Monday, 18th February 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton, D. S. Murkett, L. Stuart, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott + 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. H. D. Craig.

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

#### Matters Arising

Lord Nelson It was agreed to write again to the Planning Officer asking if the matter has been resolved.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park Nothing reported.

Heavy Commercial Traffic - A.61 South Kilvington Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that arrangements have been made to amend signing.

Chain of Office The Clerk reported that £166.00 has now been received and it was anticipated that more contributions would come in. It was agreed to transfer the money redeived into the Deposit Account and to make a decision regarding the Chain at the next meeting.

Parking for the Disabled Letter presented from the Technical Officer regarding the site meeting with Mr. Flanagan and stating that the parking spaces will be marked with white lining at the east side of the Town Clock.

Recreation Land for Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Recreation Manager has been asked to advise on whether or not a deficiency of recreation land exists at Thirsk.

Planning Letter presented from the Planning Officer regarding Proposed Residential Development at Former Egg Packing Station and pointing out a revised means of access from St. Mary's Walk rather than Stockton Road. Local residents had signed a petition objecting to the access. The Planning Officer had agreed to defer the application until the February Planning meeting.

Street Sweeping The Chairman reported that he understood the problem would soon be resolved.

Parking - Long Street/Stammergate Nothing reported.

Community Hall Letter presented from the District Administrator Northallerton Health District stating that the future of the Clinic and Annexe had not yet been decided.

Boundary Reviews Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that a letter be sent to the H.D.C. giving the decision of the Public Meeting and the result of a recorded vote of the Council'. Agreed

The recorded vote for accepting the decision of the Public Meeting was - In Favour - Couns. Murkett, Stott, Allenby, Whitton, Kirk, Stuart and Megson. Against - Couns. Roberts and Martin.

Voting to accept the recommended change in the boundary with Bagby parish and suggesting that the boundary between Thirsk and Carlton Miniott should be the railway line to the west was - 8 In Favour - Coun. Martin Abstaining.

#### Correspondence

Appeal by Residents of Tranmire Close Letter presented from Secretary H.D.C. enclosing a statement of reasons why the Appeal was dismissed. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council is disappointed at the decision.

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Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd against Refusal of Planning Permission for Residential Development at land off St. Mary's Walk - Notice presented.

It was agreed to support the refusal as follows:-

1. The sewage and rubbish disposal systems already worked to capacity.
2. The disposal of surface water is already a problem.
3. There is a strong possibility of traffic using St. Mary's road as a short cut to Sutton Road creating a danger to children and old people.
4. The Primary and Comprehensive schools are full to capacity now.
5. There are too few job opportunities for the youth of Thirsk and the employment situation would be aggravated.
6. Car parking facilities in Thirsk are at a maximum.
7. Due to the energy crisis, commuting should not be encouraged.

It was also agreed to support the residents who have objected.

Grave Spaces Letter presented from Walker & Hiley, Solicitors, regarding 3 Grave Space in Thirsk Cemetery of which his clients wish to dispose. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to agree to accept them back and offer the original purchase price' Voting 4 in favour - 5 against.

After further discussion Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'to agree to accept them back and ask what amount they expect by way of re-imbursement.' 6 in Favour.

Planning Applications Observations were made on Planning Applications as follows:

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 24, Long Street. Approved.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 22, Market Place. Approved.

Use of Existing Ground Floor Shop as an Estate Agent's Display Shop and Office with First Floor Office Accommodation at 7, Finkle Street. No Objections.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at Cartref, Stockton Road. No Objections.

Construction of a Domestic Double Garage at 91A, Long Street. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to include a Car Port at 23, Tranmire Close  
No Objections.

Conversion of Existing Store into 2 Bedroomed Dwelling at 5, Stead's Yard.  
Approve of this re-development.

Alterations to Disused School for Use as a Library at Finkle Street.

Welcome Library on Ground Floor Level. Would prefer Parking for the Disabled as opposed to Staff Parking.

Application for Listed Building Consent to Demolish Nos. 93, 94, 95, St. James' Green..  
Application for Listed Building Consent to Demolish Nos. 91, 92, 96, 97, St. James' Green  
1 - 3 Lees Yard and 3 - 5 Waterside.

Do Not object to demolition. Would wish to see this area developed for Aged Persons Houses in keeping with St. James' Green.

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

Thirsk Advertiser	- Advert. re- Boundary Reviews Meeting	- £7.15
Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges to 31.12.79 - Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge	- £11.98
North Yorks. County C.	- Hire of Thirsk Primary School Hall for Public Meeting 7.1.80	- £14.50
Coun. Megson	- Re-imbursement of Expenses incurred for the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Emily Bell	- £14.99

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that the Council's wishes had been carried out with regard to Mrs. Bell's birthday. A new lock and keys have been provided for the hut on the Little Green. It was suggested that the hanging baskets be hung lower in future. The Chairman asked the Cemetery Sub Committee to meet to discuss gravel for the paths, tarmac for the Cemetery entrance and Cemetery rubbish. The Greens Sub Committee to look into parking on the Greens.

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Any Other Business

Local Councils' Association Coun. Allenby reported that the subscription will be increased by 20% in the coming year.

Regent Bingo Hall Coun. Stott reported plaster falling onto the footpath and blocked gutters. To be drawn to the attention of the Technical Officer.

Lights Coun. Stott reported lights out of order in the Market Place.

Cemetery It was reported that Mr. Collinson has not received any payment for maintaining the graves of the family of the late Mrs. Ivy Thompson, although under the terms of her will £200.00 was to be invested and the income paid to the Council to maintain or arrange the maintenance of the graves. A letter to be sent to Walker & Hiley, Solicitors regarding this.

Cemetery Superintendent's Salary The Clerk reported that Mr. Collinson had asked when his salary will be revised. It was agreed to place it and a review of the Clerk's salary on the next Agenda.

Burial Board Rule Book It was agreed to consider drawing up new rules at the next meeting.

Member of the Public - Mr. John Smith - asked if a Public Appeal had been made for contributions towards the cost of a Chain of Office and also drew attention to cars being parked all day on the Market Place and causing difficulties for others.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

*For the Secy.  
17/3/80 Chairman*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House, on Monday, 17th March 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton, D. S. Murkett, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott, The Clerk, 1 Member of the Public + 3 Members of the Press.

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. F. M. Roberts, L. Stuart.

Minutes The Clerk read the Minutes of the 1979 Annual Assembly to the Meeting.

#### Matters Arising

Cemetery Coun. Craig asked when the roots of the poplar trees, felled last year, would be removed. It was stated that removal will take place 2 years after the trees were felled and the gravestones would be re-set at the Council's expense. It was also stated that there was a possibility that the remaining poplar trees will have to be felled in the near future.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that over the past year the Town Hall had functioned very well with all credit due to the two Councils.

#### Reports from the School Managers

Thirsk County Primary Coun. Martin reported that the new school had opened in September 1979 and has a very co-operative staff. Coun. Martin had attended school functions and remarked on the good behaviour of the pupils.

Sowerby Junior Coun. Roberts was not present at the meeting and no report had been submitted.

All Saints' R.C. Mrs. Greensit reported on the aims of the school, school outings, collections for charity and three successful open evenings which had been attended by 90% of the parents.

Coun. Murkett expressed concern that Thirsk County Primary School is unable to accommodate all the children due to start at Easter. It was agreed to write to the County Education Officer regarding the shortage of accommodation.

Charities Coun. Craig reported that £48.00 had been distributed at Christmas and £1.00 used for expenses. A balance sheet would be forthcoming.

#### Any Other Business

North East Gas Consumers Council Coun. Allenby reported that at the last meeting of the N.E.G.C.C. it had been agreed that pensioners should receive free service. Other persons in need should apply to the Council at Leeds.

The meeting closed at 7.49 p.m.

*C. J. Megson  
21/4/80 Chairman*

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

The School situated on the same campus as Thirsk Junior School and Thirsk Secondary School, serves Roman Catholic children, (there is only one non-catholic pupil), from Thirsk, Northallerton and country districts around Thirsk.

Managers - Chairman - Fr. J. Brennan.  
Mr. R. Smith.  
Mrs. K. Greensit.  
Mr. M. Brogan.  
Mr. E. Marchal.

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

## Establishment - Teaching Staff.

Head - Mrs. B. I. Rushton.  
Dep. Head - Mrs. A. J. Elders.  
Assistant - Miss M. Winterburn.  
Part-time assistance (9 hrs. per week)  
Secretary - Mrs. G. M. Henry.  
Caretaker - Mrs. W. Garbutt.  
Kitchen Staff - Cook - Mrs. E. Bateson.  
Assistant - Mrs. M. Thompson.  
Helper - Mrs. V. Foster  
Dinner Supervisors - Mrs. E. Garbutt  
Mrs. R. Roberts  
Perepatetic Music Teachers - Mrs. L. Wright (Violin)  
Miss Mountain (Cello)

No. on Roll 80 - approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of which are based from Northallerton.

Nearly all the children stay for school dinner which is served in the Hall at one sitting. The kitchen cooks approximately 76 meals day.

About 20 children have lessons for violin, viola or cello from Mrs. Wright and Miss Mountain - we make a classroom available for this and also for a group from Thirsk Junior School who come weekly for their lessons from Mrs. Wright.

## AIMS OF THE SCHOOL.

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

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

## OUTINGS.

A trip to York was organised to see the Museum and the Minster.

A Christmas Concert was given by the older Juniors to residents of Sutton House and Cherry Garth.

In October we presented baskets of fruit to Cherry Garth, Sutton House and Lambert Hospital.

## COLLECTIONS

We collected over £50 for Charities:

£40.25 for Missions.

£25.00 for Family Fast Days.

## OPEN EVENINGS

- Our three Open Evenings in the year were well attended - approximately 90%



### Thurk County Junior School.

Since September 1979 the school has seemed rather empty having lost a number of children to the new Thurk Primary School. Alterations have been going on to prepare the building for the influx of of smaller children when the or by infants join the junior school in Sept. 1980.

I have visited the school on several occasions including the Harvest Festival & Carol Service. & it is good to see that the aims of the school do not stop at literacy & numeracy but the staff are ensuring that the children are made aware of their own good fortune and are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility to those less fortunate.

It is obvious from the high standards of art drama & music that the staff & students work together with enthusiasm. Much of this is done out of school hours & there are also clubs for Country Dancing, gymnastics, football, netball, chess, meteorology nature study & recorder playing. Cycling proficiency tests have been taken

◀ last summer parties of children were taken to concerts & places of interest such as Beaman Museum, Tountains Abbey & York & London.

Several football & netball matches have been played against other schools & the team reached the semifinals of the local schools 6 a side competition.

At present there are 269 child. in the school & in the autumn they will be joined by the infant department & numbers will be in the region of 300. The present 9 teachers will be reduced to 7 & 5 more will come up with the infant dept. The 2 teachers at present on a 1 yr contract will unfortunately not have their contracts renewed.

I M. Roberts.

Abstract of Accounts  
Year Ended 31st March 1980

General

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.79	1290.85	Salary	675.00
Deposit Account Interest	217.31	Open Spaces	800.70
Refund of V.A.T.	71.61	Insurances	25.59
Donations to Chain of Office	166.00	Subscriptions and Donations	332.75
Sale of Waste Paper	6.30	Entertaining Americans	56.27
Precept	3000.00	Refreshments for Army Personnel	28.73
		Estimated Cost of Street Sweeping to 31.3.80.	1241.05
		Audit Fee	49.68
		Administration	308.53
		Balance	1233.77
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	4752.07		4752.07
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Burial Board

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.79	1383.79	Salary & Dividends	2018.00
Dividends	18.00	Insurance	30.08
Precept	2000.00	New Mower	119.55
Refund of V.A.T.	27.92	Mower Repairs	132.69
Burial Board Income	636.70	Fuel for Mowers	95.74
Investments	200.00	Rates and Water	185.70
		Stationery	54.68
		Repairs	6.45
		Removal of Rubbish	6.46
		Balance of Investments	200.00
		Balance	1417.06
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	4266.41		4266.41
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Summary

	£		£
General Account	1233.77	Current Account less Outstanding Cheques	583.69
Burial Board Account	1417.06	Deposit Account	1867.14
		Investments	200.00
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	2650.83		2650.83
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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 17th March 1980 at 7.50 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton, D. S. Murkett, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott + 1 Member of the Public.  
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. F. M. Roberts, L. Stuart

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

Matters Arising

Lord Nelson Nothing reported.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Murkett reported that the Environmental Health Committee had decided that a height barrier and bollards should be placed at the entrance to the 'Cars Only' park. The Clerk reported that a letter complaining of drivers running the lorry engines late at night had been passed to the H.D.C. A letter from the Technical Officer stated that one parking space for the disabled will be marked out in close proximity to the new toilets.

Chain of Office It was reported that £10.00 will be forthcoming from the Chamber of Trade. A sub-committee of the Chairman plus Couns. Murkett, and Kirk was formed. It was agreed that the sub-committee should decide on the type of badge to be purchased and on the total cost.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate Nothing further reported.

Parking - Long Street/Stammergate Nothing reported.

Boundary Reviews Letter presented stating that the N.Y.C.C. have decided that further consultations should be undertaken locally before presenting a draft scheme.

Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd It was reported that the appeal will now be heard in public. It was agreed that Couns. Craig, Murkett, Whitton and the Chairman should attend the hearing and be prepared to state the objections of the Town Council.

Grave Spaces Letter presented from Walker & Hiley stating that their clients require £8.00 per plot making a total of £24.00. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that this amount be paid in return for the original Deeds of Grant.' Agreed.

Cemetery - Payment for Maintenance of Graves No reply from Walker & Hiley.

Report of Cemetery Sub-Committee The Chairman reported that he and Coun. Kirk had undertaken a survey of the Cemetery. It was recommended that quotations for pointing the West Wall be obtained. The footpaths need attention. The seat at the entrance to the new ground and the metal seat need painting. Two slates need replacing on the Lodge roof. The stones and rubbish need to be cleared. It was agreed that quotations for the West Wall be obtained for the April meeting. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to accept F. D. Todd & Sons price of £42.00 + V.A.T. for the removal of the stones and £56.00 + V.A.T. to clear the rubbish.' Agreed.

Report on The Holmes A written report was received from Coun. Stuart and read to the meeting, stating that the concrete bridges at Whitelass Beck need attention, the drain below Second Sands is exposed, a seat near the waterfall and one in the Mill Gardens need repairing. Most of the swing seats are broken. A report of an external survey of the play equipment by Charles Wicksteed recommended the purchase of new swing seats and 2 end plugs for the parallel bars. It was agreed to order 4 seats and 2 plugs.

Review of the Cemetery Superintendent's Salary The contract states that any increase will be subject to the cost of living index. Mr. Collinson had requested an increase of 18%. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that an increase of 18% be allowed, making the Superintendent's salary £2,360 and for the work on The Greens and Mill Gardens £236 as from 1st April 1980.' Voting 6 in favour - Coun. Stott abstaining.

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Review of the Clerk's Salary The contract states that the salary will be adjusted on the formula recommended by the National Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks. The Clerk's last increase in salary had been in July 1978. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Craig 'that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Megson 'that the matter be discussed and proceeded with at this meeting in the same way as that of the Cemetery Superintendent.' Voting 4 in favour of the amendment. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the salary scale as recommended in the Clerks Emoluments National Circular No. 353, of 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% of the Penny Rate Product (33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% of £3,000) be applied to commence 1st April 1980'. All in favour. The Clerk stated that she would not request another review until July 1981.

#### Correspondence

Postmans Delivery Office Enquiry received for an area of land 14,000 square feet in the Thirsk area. It was agreed to refer the Property Services Agency to the Hambleton District Council.

Library Information leaflet received regarding revised opening hours.

Town Clock Letter received from Wm. Potts stating that the maintenance fee for next year will be £25.75.

Civic Society Notification received of A.G.M. on 24th March at 7.30 p.m.

Transfer of Licence Notice received that Frederick G. and Margaret Creaser intend to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Town Hall Notice received of the A.G.M. on 14th April at 7.30 p.m. Couns. Martin and Craig were re-appointed as Town Council representatives together with the Chairman. Coun. Craig apologised for having missed several Committee meetings during the past year.

Plans No objections were made to the following planning applications:-

Alterations and Extension to Existing Club at Royal British Legion Club.

Alterations to Existing Ground Floor Shop to form an Estate Agent's Display Shop and Office, and Provision of First Floor Office Accommodation at 7, Finkle Street.

Application for Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission for Alterations and Extensions to Existing Dental Surgery and Office at 33, Kirkgate.

Construction of an Invalid Car Shed at 170, Norby.

Application for Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission for an Extension to Existing Veterinary Surgery at 23, Kirkgate.

Renewal of Consent for the Use of a Bookmaker's Office as a Workshop for the Restoration of Antique Furniture and Picture Framing at 17 & 19, Millgate.

No Objections to application but draw attention to the original planning consent which stated that the frontage should be landscaped to

Revised Details of an Extension to Existing Factory at Yorkshire Meat Packers.

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

#### As Circulated

D. G. Collinson	- Salary - January - March	£500.00	
	Quarterly Payment for work on		
	The Greens & Mill Gardens	£ 50.00	
	Dividend	£ 4.75	- £554.75
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£168.75	
	Administrative Expenses	£ 15.98	- £184.73
Coun. Stuart	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A.		
	Meeting - Easingwold		- £ 2.40

#### Additional Accounts

Wm. Potts & Sons	- Clock Maintenance to 29.2.80		- £ 20.98
L. C. Hopps	- Creosoting Shed on Green & Providing		
	new lock		- £ 16.30
Hambleton Dist. Coun.	- Estimated Street Sweeping 1979/80		- £1241.05
Post Office	- Motor Tax - Haytor Mower		- £ 8.50

Chairman's Report The Chairman asked that letters be sent to the occupiers of Nos. 14, 15, 16, The Green regarding parking on the grass. It was agreed to obtain quotations for the replacing of coping stones and pointing the retaining wall at the South End of the Little Green.

Any Other Business

Mill Gardens It was agreed that chippings should be obtained for the footpaths.

Street Sweeping Coun. Whitton expressed concern at the amount the Town Council is expected to contribute towards Street Sweeping. It was agreed to write to the H.D.C. stating that the total cost should be borne by Environmental Health and the N.Y.C.C. Footways Department.

Horses on Grass Verges It was reported that the grass verges on Sutton Road are being cut up by horses' hooves.

Kissing Gate Mr. Woods' attention to be drawn to the fact that the gateway near Woodhead and Bray is too narrow.

Chain of Office Mr. Smith again expressed the opinion that there should be a Public Appeal for the Chain of Office.

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*Chairman* The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.