

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

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, Mrs. M. P. Martin, J. J. Allenby, L. Stuart, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk, H. Whitton, D. S. Murkett, Mrs. F. M. Roberts County Coun. G. Turton + 4 Members of the Public.

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

Matters Arising from the Annual Assembly

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Turton stated that no children had been turned away but that the 'rising fives' were attending school for half days only. Coun. Turton agreed to meet Coun. Craig to discuss the erection of a 'Slow' sign at the second entrance to the school.

County Junior School Coun. Roberts gave a report in which she commented on the aims of the school, the high standard of art, drama and music and the many out of school activities.

Matters Arising from the Council Meeting

Lord Nelson Reply from Planning Officer still awaited.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park It was reported that the erection of the barrier and bollards is expected to be confirmed at the next full H.D.C. meeting.

Chain of Office The sub-committee had decided that a total of £400.00 should be spent on the badge. The badge for 'Town Mayor' should have on it the Town Clock, the White Rose of York, an agricultural implement and a horse's head and cricket bat and/or wickets. Drawings and quotations expected in time for the next meeting.

Recreation Land for Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd Nothing reported.

Grave Spaces The Clerk reported that the original Deed of Grant has been returned.

Cemetery - Payment for Maintenance of Graves Letter presented from Walker and Hiley stating that the residue of Mrs. Ivy Thompson's estate had been invested for charitable purposes and a cheque for the interest would be sent in due course. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should visit the solicitor's for an explanation of the situation.

Play Equipment - The Holmes As the manufacturers recommend an internal examination of the equipment after five years an estimate had been obtained from them of £133.00 + V.A.T. Coun. Kirk agreed to contact a local engineer to enquire if he will carry out such an examination. Coun. Stuart stated that the Scouts will clean up The Holmes. Mr. Woods had agreed to attend to the concrete bridge

Report on the Town Hall A.G.M. Coun. Kirk reported on a healthy financial situation. Coun. J. Potter of Sowerby P.C. is the new Chairman.

Street Sweeping Reply awaited.

Quotations for Cemetery West Wall and Little Green Retaining Wall
Two quotations were presented.

1. Cemetery Wall	£695.00	Little Green Wall	£67.50
2. " "	£249.00	" " "	£76.00

Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Murkett ' to accept Quotation No. 2 from Mr. F. Kendall for both walls' Agreed.
It was agreed to ask Mr. Kendall to replace the sloping slabs on the Mill Gardens wall for an additional charge.

Cemetery Rules It was agreed to obtain prices for new books before amending the rules.

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Street Plan It was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss this. Sowerby Parish Council to be invited and the Chamber of Trade, Civic Society, Museum Society, Licensed Victuallers Association and Community Care Association invited to send a representative.

Correspondence

9½% British Savings Bonds Letter presented from Barclays Bank stating that the £100 invested in 9½% Savings Bonds is due for repayment in July. As the Bonds cannot be converted, it was agreed to open a special Deposit Account for investment money.

Thirsk Parochial Church Council Letter presented from the Treasurer requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard and asking if it can be increased to £200.00 this year. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Martin 'to grant £150.00 as last year' An addendum by Coun. Roberts 'that sight of the churchyard accounts should be requested' was agreed to.

Festival of Cycling Letter presented from the Secretary stating that it is the intention to invite the Mayor to start this stage of the race. The Secretary intends to visit Thirsk in the near future to discuss details. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should meet him.

National Playing Fields Association - North Yorkshire Notice presented that the A.G.M. will be held in Sessay Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th July.

Waiting Restrictions - Millgate Notice received that the restrictions will come into effect as from 29th April.

Publicity Board Letter presented from Mr. R. Sharphouse stating that with the agreement of Coun Kirk, last year, he has recently renovated the publicity board and supplied new photographs and map. As responsibility for the board was taken over by the H.D.C. in 1976, it was agreed that on receipt of his account for the work it should be forwarded to the H.D.C.

Bus Service 138 - Ripon - Ampleforth - Scarborough Letter presented stating that at the request of Bagby Parish Council the United Automobile Services are considering re-routing the service to travel along York Road and through Bagby village instead of along Sutton Road, Moor Lane and passing only the northern end of the village. It was agreed to request that the service continues as at present, for the convenience of Felixkirk Road residents.

Former Thirsk Infant School The following Trustees were nominated:
Mr. T. Bumby for a period of 4 years
Mr. W. Rukin for a period of 2 years.

Planning Applications Observations had been made on the following plans:

Formation of a Covered Storage Area at Yorkshire Meat Packers. No objections
Display of an Internall Illuminated Fascia Sign at 7, Finkle Street for Nationwide Building Society. No objections.

Construction of a Workshop Building to replace 2 Existing Buildings at Ebor Aluminium Norby. No objections providing there is a restriction on noise between 8.00 p.m. & 7.00 a.m. Residents of nearby dwellings are making representations that should be taken into consideration.

Outline Application for Residential Development at O.S. Parcel 8886 & Parts O.S. Parcels 9370, 8564 and 8075 Stockton Road.
This would appear to be Ribbon Development joining Thirsk and S. Kilvington Parishes.
The land is believed to be waterlogged due to insufficient drainage.
Strong objections were raised to development in this area at the Public Meeting to discuss the Thirsk District Plan.

Planning permission for building on Part O.S. 9370 was refused in March 1976.

It was reported that Mr. Margett whose property adjoins the proposed development area had been given 2 days in which to make representations and was unable to see the plans which had already been returned to the planning office. It was also reported that the Planning Officer had recommended granting permission even before representations had been received.

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Planning Applications It was agreed to send a letter to the Planning Officer requesting deferment of this application for one month and also to send a copy of the letter to the Chief Executive H.D.C.

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

Accounts as Circulated

F. D. Todd & Sons	- Clearing away soil, stones and rubbish from Cemetery	- £112.70
A. W. Walker & Hiley	- Purchase of Grave Spaces P. 63,67,68 - Blakey	- £ 24.00
North Yorks. P.F.A.	- Subscription	- £ 2.00
Thirsk Parochial Church Council	- Grant to Upkeep of Churchyard	- £150.00

Precept A precept for £3,000.00 was signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that Thirsk Racecourse is to be downgraded. It was agreed that thanks be extended to the Round Table for the display of daffodils at the approaches to Thirsk. The Chairman had attended a meeting with representatives of the H.D.C. regarding marking out the Market Place. Coun. Craig expressed the opinion that the bus station should be moved to the other side of the public conveniences. It was agreed that the Town Council would give their support to Couns. Craig and Murkett in the re-organisation of the bus station. Soil had been obtained for the area of the Green to the front of the seat near the Chapel and had been levelled out by Mr. K. Todd. It was agreed that the Chairman obtain grass seed for this area. It was also agreed that the Chairman ask Mr. Cartman to prepare the hanging baskets.

Any Other Business

Seats It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to repair and treat 1 seat on Stockton Road, paint 1 seat on Long Street and 2 seats in the Cemetery, treat 2 seats in Castlegate outside the Trustee Savings Bank.

Film Preview Following a report that the H.D.C. are to attend a special showing of the film 'The Life of Brian' and make a decision as to whether it should be shown within the Hambleton District, Coun. Murkett proposed that the H.D.C. be informed that they are wasting time on trivia that could be better spent on providing jobs and housing for the people of the area.

Post Office Sign Coun. Roberts requested that the Planning Officer's attention be drawn to a new sign on the Post Office and asked if planning permission has been obtained for it.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

J.H. Egson
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Chairman

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Minutes of a Joint Meeting, held in the Town Hall Annexe on Monday, 12th May 1980 at 7.30 p.m., to discuss a new Street Plan or Guide for Thirsk and Sowerby.

Present Thirsk Town Council - represented by - Couns. C. J. Megson, H. Whitton, H. D. Craig, D. S. Murkett, J. J. Allenby, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk, L. Stuart, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Sowerby Parish Council - represented by - Couns. J. R. Potter, G. Scaife, R. W. Smith.
Chamber of Trade - represented by Couns. D. S. Murkett, H. Whitton.
Thirsk Civic and Museum Societies - represented by - Dr. P. H. Wyon.
Community Care Association - represented by - Mrs. Wilson.
Thirsk and District L.V.A. was not represented.

The Chair was taken by Coun. C. J. Megson.

It was agreed that the area as shown on the present plan should be extended to include the Railway Station, York Road Roundabout, Sowerby as far as World's End and the Pack Horse Bridge and all the new housing estates. It was also agreed that the new plan should be 'to scale'.

Buildings and locations to be shown on the new plan are as follows:-

Health Centre, Swimming Baths, Library, Golf Course, Doctors' Surgeries, Dentists' Surgeries, Veterinary Surgery, Old Peoples' Homes, Chemists, Public Toilets mentionin Toilet for the Disabled, Town Hall (also including the C.C.A. Office, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Marriage Guidance Office).

All the above to be shown in the Index together with the names of schools.

Dr. Wyon undertook to write an editorial for the plan.

It was agreed that the top side of the plan should be of the Street Plan, Editorial and Advertising Spaces and the underside should be of a plan showing Thirsk as a focal point and marking places of interest within easy travelling distance. There should also be advertising spaces at a cheaper rate than on the top side.

Coun. Whitton stated that the Chamber of Trade would canvass for advertisements and that he would obtain prices for printing the plan from two local printers. It was envisaged that most of the cost of printing would be met by advertising revenue. Dependant upon printing costs, it was hoped that a plan could be produced to retail at approximately 20p through the Information Centre, shops and hotels.

It was agreed that a sub committee be formed, consisting of the Chairman of Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils, Coun. Whitton representing the Chamber of Trade and Dr. Wyon, who would finalise details to be put before another joint meeting prior to going to press.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 19th May 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that Coun. Megson be Chairman'. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Coun. Murkett be Chairman'.

Voting - in Favour of Coun. Murkett 3. In Favour of Coun. Megson 5. 2 Abstentions. Coun. Megson having been duly elected, declared his Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

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

Martin was elected with 7 votes in Favour.

Appointment of Representatives

Local Councils' Association Couns. Allenby and Stuart 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. Murkett appointed to replace Coun. Whitton who was unable to continue as representative.

Sub Committees

Cemetery Couns. Stott and Kirk re-appointed + the Chairman.

The Holmes and Greens Couns. Craig and Whitton re-appointed with Coun. Roberts replacing Coun. Stuart + the Chairman. Coun. Stuart was thanked for all the hard work he has put in on this sub committee.

Minutes

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Matters Arising

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Craig reported that after his meeting with Coun. Turton, signs had been erected at the 1st entrance with only a white hazard line at the 2nd entrance. Coun. Craig requested a second site meeting with Coun. Turton and also Mr. Woods and Coun. Murkett. It was agreed to invite Coun. Bonsett if Coun. Turton is unavailable.

Lord Nelson Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that no further action be taken and this item be removed from the Agenda.' Agreed.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Murkett reported that the Height Barrier and bollards will be erected in the near future. It was agreed to ask the H.D.C. to expedite the erection of the Height Barrier in view of the annoyance being caused to the residents of Gillings Court by lorries on the 'Cars Only' park.

Chain of Office Two drawings and quotations for a Badge and part chain were submitted by Thomas Fattorini Ltd. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to accept the quotation of £569.45 and purchase a Badge with Centrepiece and two side links.' Voting was 6 in favour - 4 against.

Recreation Land for Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd Nothing reported.

Cemetery - Payment for Maintenance of Graves The Chairman and Clerk had visited Walker and Hiley. Interest of £170.77 had accrued on the £200 invested in a Deposit Account. This had now been received. It had been agreed that the £200 should now be invested in Government Stock. Letter presented from Walker & Hiley stating that the £200 (less £1 commission charged by the Bonds and Stock Office) had been invested in 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Treasury Stock 1997 with the interest payable in January and July.

Play Equipment - The Holmes Coun. Kirk reported that the equipment had been given an internal inspection by Mr. R. Hall who had found it in a satisfactory condition. The Clerk reported that the swing seats and plugs for the ends of the parallel bars had been delivered.

Cemetery Rules Two quotations had been received for the printing of new rule books.

1. 25 Books	£66.23	2. 25 Books	£55.40
50 Books	£83.16	50 Books	£60.80

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton to accept quotation No. 2 - from Peat and Son - for the printing of 50 books.' Agreed.

It was agreed to seek the advice of the District Auditor regarding the re-sale of grave spaces.

Street Plan The Clerk read the Minutes of the joint meeting. Coun. Whitton reported that orders for advertising space were already being received.

Thirsk P.C.C. - Churchyard Accounts Reply awaited.

Festival of Cycling Letter presented stating that it was hoped that the Mayor will start the stage beginning at Thirsk and that other civic dignitaries will attend. A dais will be required. Coun. Allenby stated that the British Legion have one available. A request was received for posters to be distributed and erected giving details of the race.

Publicity Board The Clerk reported that Mr. Sharphouse's account was being forwarded to the Technical Officer H.D.C.

Bus Service 138 - Ripon - Ampleforth - Scarborough Coun. Craig reported that the service has been re-routed.

Planning Application - Stockton Road Letter presented from the Planning Officer drawing attention to the H.D.C.'s booklet 'The Planning Process' and stating that a decision on the application has been deferred until the next meeting.

Bus Station Coun. Craig requested that a letter be sent to the H.D.C. supporting his proposal regarding the re-siting of the bus station.

Film Preview Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that although representations had been made against the recommendation to view the film, the recommendation was confirmed.

Correspondence

St. Mary's Church Letter presented from the Rector, inviting the Mayor and Town Council to attend a Service of Thanksgiving for the 500th Anniversary of the present building on Sunday, 13th July at 3.00 p.m. and suggesting that Sowerby Parish Council could be invited. It was agreed to extend the invitation to Sowerby P.C.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding the use of County Council owned facilities by organisations and the public. Coun. Craig expressed the opinion that the County Primary School playing fields should be used by the children of the Hambleton Estate, during school holidays. A Residents Association is being formed and it is anticipated that a request for such use will be forthcoming.

Inter Schools Swimming Gala Letter presented inviting a representative of the Town Council to present the trophy at Thirsk Baths on 10th June. It was agreed that the Chairman should attend.

Marian's Pantry Notice presented that Peter L. Jenkinson intends to apply for a licence to sell by retail, intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises at Marian's Pantry, 5 - 7, Millgate.

Planning Applications

No Objections were made to the following applications:

Proposed Change of Use from Flat to Office Accommodation at Midland Bank, 77, Market Pl.

Use of Disused First Floor of Existing Building as Solicitors' Offices to Include Alterations to Ground Floor Retail Shop to form an access at 36, Market Place.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to include a Domestic Garage at 2, Barbican

Planning Application Observations were made on the following application:
Layout of Land and Details of the Construction of 14 Semi-detached Bungalows, 5 Detached Bungalows and 11 Detached Dwellinghouses with Domestic Garages at the Former Egg Packing Station, Stockton Road.

Not a desirable type of development for this area.

Too high density building.

Would not object to 6 or 8 dwellings.

There should be one type of building only.

Entrance and Exit should be onto the A19 only.

Would object most strongly to any access through to the St. Mary's estate.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge to 31.3.80	- £ 9.70
Hambleton District Council	- Half Year Rates - Cemetery Lodge	- £ 88.72
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 16.65
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- 1st Premium - Combined Policy	- £ 15.95
Charles Wicksteed Ltd	- 4 Swing Seats + 2 Plugs for Parallel Bars	- £ 35.01
Hambleton District Council	- Supply of Council Minutes etc.	- £ 10.64
Coun. Megson	- Re-imbursement of Cost of Grass Seed	- £ .45

Additional Accounts

D. G. Collinson	- Payment for Maintenance of Graves - Estate of Mrs. Ivy Thompson Ded'd.	- £170.77
Yorks. Purchasing Org.	- Stationery etc.	- £ 9.60

Burial Grants

Geoffrey William Jackson	9 A5	£ 22.00
Mabel and George Windross	11 G4	£ 11.00
James Andrew Bell	13 A5	£ 22.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman outlined the Council's activities over the past year and paid tribute to Coun. Stott for his unfailing attention to the

Town Clock.

Any Other Business

Lorry Park Coun. Murkett reported that complaints had been made, by residents living near the park, of engines being run late at night. He had advised that the Registration Numbers and lorry owner's names be noted to be reported to the Police.

Old Mill - Long Street Coun. Craig reported that the state of the building is becoming increasingly dangerous. The Chairman stated that the situation had been reported to the Technical Officer H.D.C.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

W. H. G. 16/6/80

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th June 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, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, C. Kirk, E. R. Stott.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. L. Stuart

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Matters Arising

Thirsk County Primary School Meeting deferred because of holidays.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Murkett reported that the bollards have been delivered.

Chain of Office The Clerk reported that the Badge of Office may arrive in time for the 500th Anniversary Service at St. Mary's Church. It was agreed that all contributors should be invited to attend when the Badge of Office is officially presented to the Chairman.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd Letter presented stating that the appeal will be heard at Thirsk Court House on 8th August.

Play Equipment - The Holmes The Chairman reported that the swing seats have been replaced with the assistance of Mr. R. Tennant.

Cemetery Rules The District Auditor could see no objection to an addition to the rules stating that purchased grave spaces not required must be re-sold to the Town Council at a price to be agreed by the Council.

Street Plan Coun. Whitton reported that £520 of advertising space on the front of the plan had been sold, £80.00 on the back and some additional spaces yet to be sold.

Thirsk P.C.C. - Churchyard Accounts A copy of the accounts presented to the meeting.

Festival of Cycling Letter presented, inviting members to a buffet lunch at the Golden Fleece Hotel prior to the start of the race.

Bus Station Reply awaited.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Coun. Craig reported that a meeting of residents will be held in July, after which it is hoped to arrange a meeting with the school governors of Thirsk County Primary School.

Old Mill - Long Street It was reported that no apparent action has been taken to get rid of the dangerous building. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Murkett 'That this Council advise the H.D.C. that we require them to give the owner notice to demolish the building, alternatively, the H.D.C. should demolish it and charge the cost to the owner. If this is with the powers of the H.D.C., they should act immediately.' Agreed. It was also agreed to draw the attention of Associated Tyre Specialists to the possible danger of children setting fire to tyres on the waste land at the rear of their premises.

Planning Appeal Notice presented of Mr. J. Bell's appeal against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of a bungalow at St. Mary's Walk for the following reasons:

1. In the opinion of the L.P.A the proposed development would be an undesirable form of backland development and could be detrimental to the existing amenity at present enjoyed by the nearby residential property.
2. The L.P.A. would prefer that the site remain for a play space available for the large housing estate.

Voting - 2 in favour of supporting the appeal - 6 against.

It was agreed to ask the H.D.C. to obtain the land for use as a Children's Play Area.

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Correspondence

Thirsk Round Table Letter presented requesting the use of the Little Green for the purpose of holding a Children's Fair. Request granted.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Mr. T. Collinson intends to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Black Swan, Norby.

Yorkshire and Cleveland L.C.A. Letter presented stating that subscriptions have been increased by 15% and are now subject to V.A.T.

Insurance Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that in view of the number of burials and the salaries paid, their underwriters have advised that the premiums for Public Liability and Employer's Liability should be increased. This was accepted.

Charity Commission Draft schemes in the matter of the Charity of Thomas Durham and the Infant School, Thirsk presented.

Plans

The following Planning Applications were presented and observations made:

Display of an Internally Illuminated Sign at Long Street for Ebor Building Products. No Objections.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 7, Finkle Street for Nationwide Building Society. Street too narrow for such a sign.

Conversion of Existing Dwelling to 6 Residential Units at 22, Kirkgate for M. L. Yeadon Ltd. Supported.

Application for Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission for an Extension to Existing Hotel at Royal Oak Hotel for M. Hodgson. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Storage Building at the Dept. of Transport Emergency Bridge Depot at Norby for the Dept. of Transport. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Factory for the Production and Despatch of Meat at Yorkshire Meat Packers for George Morrell & Sons. No Observations.

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

As Circulated

Yorks. & Cleveland L.C.A.	-	Subscription, Local Council Review and Stationery.	-	£ 89.04
Dept. of Environment	-	Audit Fee	-	£ 56.35
L. C. Hopps	-	Repairing & Treating Seats	-	£121.29
" "	-	Supply & Fixing Lock on Hut	-	£ 9.40
Thirsk Motors	-	Petrol	-	£ 10.64
P. Smith	-	Salary April - June	£250.00	
		Administrative Expenses	£ 13.15	
D. G. Collinson	-	Salary April - June	£590.00	- £263.15
		Dividend	£ 4.25	
		Quarterly Payment for work on Greens & Mill Gardens	£ 59.00	- £653.25

Additional Accounts

F. Kendall	-	Repairing 2 seats	-	£166.47
" "	-	Pointing Little Green and Cemetery Walls as per tender	-	£373.75

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the N.E.E.B., on the instructions of the H.D.C., had uprooted the ornamental lamp standard on the Little Green and removed the antique bracket lamp from the corner of Pinfold Place, replacing them with modern lights. It was agreed that members inspect the lamps and that the Chief Executive be notified of the situation.

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Any Other Business

White Swan Yard It was agreed to again request lighting for the White Swan Yard.

Post Office to White Swan Yard It was agreed to request a site meeting with a representative of the Technical Officer, to discuss ways of alleviating the dangers of crossing from the Post Office alley to the White Swan Yard.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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Chairman 21/7/80*

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Before the business of the meeting commenced, discussion took place regarding the presentation of the Badge of Office. Prop. Coun. Kirk, Sec. Coun. Megson 'that there should not be a public presentation'. Voting 6 in favour.

Coun. Craig, as senior member, presented the Badge to the Chairman. Coun. Megson stated that it was an honour to wear the Badge which would add dignity to the Council and the Town.

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Matters Arising

Thirsk County Primary School - Signs Nothing reported.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Millgate Car Park Height barrier and bollards now in place.

Chain of Office Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that the Minute of the previous meeting be rescinded.' Agreed. It was agreed to accept a quotation of £3.93 for 'All Risks' insurance cover from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd.

Recreation Land for Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd Due to an error by H.D.C. an incorrect date had been given. Appeal to be heard on Tuesday, 5th August at 10.00 a.m. It was agreed that Coun. Roberts should replace Coun. Craig at the hearing as he would be unable to attend. It was agreed that Coun. Turton and Coun. Mrs. Potter should be invited to a meeting to discuss the appeal.

Street Plan Sub-committee meeting arranged for 25th July.

Festival of Cycling Coun. Craig proposed a vote of thanks to Couns. Kirk and Stuart for obtaining and transporting the dais from Allanbrooke Barracks.

Bus Station Nothing reported.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Coun. Craig reported that the meeting has not yet taken place.

Old Mill - Long Street Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Town Council do not have any responsibility in the matter and it is up to the H.D.C. to decide whether or not works should be undertaken on dangerous buildings under Section 25 of the Public Health Act, 1961. Coun. Murkett proposed that a reply be sent pointing out that it is the elected members who will make the decisions and not the employees of the H.D.C. A second letter stated that the Technical Officer had reported that the building had been in a dangerous condition and that considerable works had been carried out. There was then no reason why the H.D.C. should endeavour to secure demolition of the building. It was agreed to draw attention to the state of property at Waterside, believed to be in the ownership of the H.D.C.

Lighting - Little Green Letter presented from the Chief Executive, together with copies of letters from the Technical Officer and the N.E.E.B. The Technical Officer's letter stated that the column had been removed because it was not possible to fit a replacement lantern and there was no means of access at the column's base. The bracket lantern had also been in poor condition. It was agreed to accept the Technical Officer's recommendation but regret the lack of consultation. It was decided that the bracket lantern should not be refixed at the corner of Pinfold Place.

Lighting - White Swan Yard Letter presented from the Technical Officer, stating that subject to a acceptable quotation from the N.E.E.B. the work will be put in hand.

Post Office to White Swan Yard At a site meeting, it had been agreed to mark out 'caution' on the roadway, which will be monitored for a trial period.

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Amendments to the Cemetery Rules The amendments, as made by the sub-committee, were read to the meeting and approved. Prop. Coun.

Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that the selling price of the Rule Books should be £1.50' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Martin 'that the rules should be printed as amended.' Agreed.

Venue for Meetings A suggestion had been made that Council meetings should be held at the Town Hall. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig 'that Council meetings should continue to be held in the Court House.' Agreed.

Grants (Financial Aid) to Outside Organisations Coun. Stuart reported that the Flatts Preservation wished to purchase a new grass cutter for cutting the sports field, at a cost of £900.00. A grant was available from the Sports Council and the bodies using the Flatts were also contributing. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to make a grant of £100.00 towards the cost of the grass cutter.' Voting - 9 in favour - 1 abstention.

Correspondence

Street Sweeper Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that his Council do not agree with the Town Council's views that the cost of Street Sweeping should be met by the H.D.C. and N.Y.C.C. and there will be no change in the present arrangements.

Local Councils Association Preliminary notice received of the A.G.M. to be held at York University on 4th October at 2.00 p.m.

Local Councils' Association Letter presented regarding a problem in relation to a bus route passing Thirsk station which one of this Council's representatives felt could be improved and asking if the matter was to proceed. It was agreed to obtain details of the problem and forward to the L.C.A.

Commons Preservation Society Letter presented stating that subscription rates have been increased and enclosing a Bankers Order to be signed. It was agreed not to sanction an increase until information about the work of the society is to hand.

Civic Society Letter presented stating that there is a suggestion to cut train services at Thirsk and that the Civic Society wish to support the Town Council in resisting such cuts. The Town Council had no notification of this but would oppose strongly should the occasion arise.

Mile of Pennies Letter presented from the Ladies' Circle stating that they are to organise a Mile of Pennies around the Town Clock in aid of East African Famine Relief.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of William R. Stevenson to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Frankland Arms.

Willows - The Holmes The Chairman stated that the 4 old willow trees would need topping or felling in the Autumn. Coun. Allenby agreed to ask Mr. Heslop to remove a broken branch.

Boundary Reviews Coun. Murkett reported that there was a proposal for the part of Station Road, now in Thirsk Parish, to be included in Sowerby Parish. It was agreed to strongly oppose losing the rateable value of Station Road.

Planning Applications The following plans were presented and observations made:

Alterations to Existing Estate Agents Office, including provision of a New Shop Front, to form Banking Premises at 11, Market Place for Trustee Savings Bank.

No Observations.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 11, Market Place for Trustee Savings Bank. Object to Projecting Sign.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Projecting Sign at 7, Finkle Street for Lawson Larg. It is considered that the street is too narrow for a projecting sign.

S/H

Planning Applications

Construction of a Car Sales Showroom at White Horse Garage, Long Street for D. Howells. Concerned about loss of light to end terrace house and would prefer the building to be nearer the owner's property.

Construction of 5 Domestic Garages at Norby for H.D.C. No Objections.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 67, Hambleton View for E. W. Plows. It is considered that the garage would cause annoyance to adjacent tenants and would considerably alter the building line.

Amended details of landscaping at the Former Egg Packing Station, Stockton Road.
Draw attention to observations and objections made to the original plan in May.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Kir
As circulated

Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Annual Premium - Combined Policy	- £ 73.35
Coun. Allenby	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A.	- £ 2.40
	Meeting at Easingwold	
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol and Oil	- £ 20.38
Thos. Fattorini Ltd	- Badge of Office & Part Chain	- £656.80
	+ V.A.T. & Regd. Post	

Additional Accounts

J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes	- £ 40.25
J. Cartman	- Planting 3 Flower Troughs & 6 Hanging Baskets	- £ 80.96
Harland Gdn Machinery Ltd	- Repairs to 2 Mountfield Mowers	- £ 73.66
Flatts Preservation Trust	- Grant to cost of grass cutter	- £100.00

Precept A Precept for £3,000.00 was signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman expressed appreciation of the British Legion for providing refreshments after the 500th Anniversary Service at St. Mary's Church. He had represented the Town Council at the Official Opening of Thirsk County Primary School. He stated that he considered it discourteous of the H.D.C. not to have invited a representative of the Town Council to attend the official opening of Gillings Court. It was agreed to thank Mr. Woods for replacing the concrete bridges at Whitelass. It was agreed that a card should be sent to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her 80th Birthday. It was agreed to ask the H.D.C. if the tarmacadamed path from Gillings Court can be continued into the passageway into Kirkga

Any Other Business

Lights Coun. Criag reported lights on all day in Gillings Yard and the square at Hambleton View. Coun. Murkett reported a light not working in Stead's Yard.

Traffic Coun. Roberts requested that enquiries be made into the reason for the R.A.C. directing traffic from the Kilvington roundabout through Thirsk to the Yorkshire Show instead of along the bypass.

Coun. Roberts also suggested that a request be made for the addition of A1 to the direction sign to Ripon, Wetherby and York at the Kilvington Junction so that traffic for the A1 would travel along the bypass instead of through Thirsk.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

E. Hegson
Chairman
15/9/80

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Town Hall, on Thursday, 14th August at 7.30 p.m.

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

After opening the meeting, the Chairman paid tribute to the late Coun. Mrs. M. P. Mart and members observed a short silence.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:-

Outline Application for Residential Development at Barker's Farm, Barbeck for Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation - approx .93 acres.

Outline Application for the construction of 2 Dwellings with Domestic Garages at Barker's Farm - approx .23 acres.

Outline Application for the construction of 3 Detached Dwellings with Domestic Garages at Barker's Farm - approx .21 acres.

Outline Application for the construction of 2 Detached Dwellings with Domestic Garages at Barker's Farm - approx .49 acres.

Approve this application providing that an appropriate reduction in building is made elsewhere, in line with the Thirsk District Plan.

Construction of a New Shop Frontage at 9-11, Kirkgate for J. B. Amos & Co. No Objection to frontage but concerned about rear access to Pick's Lane.

Alterations and Extension to Black Swan, Norby for T. Collinson. No Objections

Extension to Existing Factory to form Office Accommodation at Yorpac for G. Morrell & Sons. No Objections but would like to see the caravan removed.

Construction of a Storage Hut and Pavilion at Thirsk Athletic Club. No Objections

Display of an Internally Illuminated Sign at 79/81, Market Place for Abbey National Building Society. No Objections.

Amended Plan for Construction of a Domestic Garage at 67, Hambleton View for E. Plows. Object on the grounds that the garage would protrude 1.1 metres beyond the building line in contravention of planning regulations and that the building would cause annoyance and inconvenience to nearby residents.

Boundary Reviews Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the recommendation that Thirsk and Sowerby should be merged to form one composite parish with one parish/town council had been rejected by the H.D.C. It was felt that the line of the existing boundary should be varied to facilitate easy recognition for it to become a meaningful division of the two communities and suggestions were invited for achieving a more clearly defined line. It was agreed that the new boundary should be the old railway goods line which runs from Town End to join the main line at Thirsk Station and this would envelop the whole of Station Road in Thirsk Parish. Members also insisted that no part of Thirsk Parish should be forfeited in the forming of a new boundary.

County Structure Plan The Clerk presented a copy of the Secretary of State's report and recommendations and modifications to the North Yorkshire County Structure Plan, to which objections can be made before 22nd September. It was agreed that members should read the recommendations in time to make observations at the next Council Meeting.

Coun. Martin Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to make a donation of £5.00 to Thirsk Darby and Joan Club in tribute to the late Coun. Mrs. M. P. Mart. Agreed.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved.

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Quarterly Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge	- £11.33
Thirsk Darby & Joan Club	- Donation in tribute to the late Coun. Martin	- £ 5.00

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

*C. J. Megson
Chairman
16/9/80*

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday,
15th September 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

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

All present observed a short silence in tribute to the late Coun. Martin and to
Hambleton District Councillor Thorniley Walker.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting and of the Extraordinary meeting of
14th August, having been circulated and approved, were signed by the
Chairman. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk.

Matters Arising

Thirsk County Primary School - Signs Coun. Craig to contact Mr. Woods.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate It was agreed to ask the Hambleton District
Council for an immediate report on what
progress, if any, has been made since their reply in January.

Appeal by Barratts (York) Ltd It was reported that Barratts have won their appeal.

Street Plan Nothing reported.

Bus Station Coun. Craig requested that the H.D.C. be asked for a reply.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Nothing reported.

Old Mill Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. acknowledging that the Mill has
been demolished.

Lighting - White Swan Yard Coun. Murkett reported that the work will be carried out
in the near future.

Cemetery Rule Books New books received from the printers. It was agreed that each
member should be given a copy and that the three local
undertakers, Ruecroft, Shaw and Pollard should also be given a copy.

Street Sweeper It was reported that a new street sweeper is to be appointed. It was
agreed that a letter be sent to the Technical Officer regretting
the fact that the present sweeper had found it necessary to resign and stating that
grass cutting should not be the duty of the street sweeper. It was agreed that
Couns. Murkett and Craig should raise with the H.D.C. the need for more and larger
litter baskets.

L.C.A. - Bus Services Details of bus and train services sent to the L.C.A. who had
agreed to raise the matter with the bus company.

Commons Preservation Society Details of the work of the Society received. Prop.
Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to pay the increased
subscription of £4.50'. Agreed.

Willows - The Holmes The Chairman reported that a young willow has been vandalised
and that a willow has fallen into Barker's field. It was agreed
that Mr. Heslop be asked to remove it along with the broken branch and also to deal
with trees in the Mill Gardens.

Footpath - Gillings Court to Kirkgate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C.
stating that the Housing Services Committee
would be asked to consider the matter.

Great Yorkshire Show Traffic Letter presented from the Chief Constable stating that
the traffic routed through Thirsk originates from the
N. E. of North Yorks and Cleveland and is directed to a particular area of the
showground and that any alteration to the route could result in traffic converging
on other routes and cause unnecessary disruption and hold-ups. Members did not agree
with the reasons given and suggested that traffic could still use the by-pass and
travel to Ripon from the Dishforth Roundabout or be diverted from the Dishforth
Roundabout to the Baldersby Roundabout and then on to Ripon thus keeping to the
original route to the showground.

C/M

Direction Sign - Kilvington Junction Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that A1 will be added to the sign.

Boundary Reviews Copy letter from Austin Reeds to H.D.C. presented stating that they are opposed to the proposal that they should become part of Sowerby Parish.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that Coun. Craig be Vice Chairman' Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Coun. Murkett be Vice Chairman' Voting - for Coun. Craig 1 - Coun. Murkett 3. Coun. Murkett elected.

Appointment of School Governor Coun. Craig appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Board of Governors of Thirsk County Primary School to replace the late Coun. Martin.

Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts appointed as a representative on the Town Hall Committee to replace the late Coun. Martin.

Casual Vacancy A Casual Vacancy, due to the death of Coun. Martin, was declared - to be filled by co-option at the next meeting unless a bye-election is claimed.

Notice of Motion Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the N.Y.C.C. Highways Department be approached to consider making Pick's Lane a one-way street'. Voting 3 in favour - 4 against.

Plan for the Re-development of the Town Centre of Thirsk Coun. Murkett suggested that a plan should be devised for tidying up derelict properties to the rear of the Market Place and for the re-vitalisation of Thirsk. It was agreed that members should test the feeling of the town and other bodies and report to the next meeting.

Secretary of State's Modifications to the County Structure Plan It was agreed to object to the modification stating that no housing should be retained for local residents, for the following reason - A certain percentage of housing in Rural Communities should be retained for local residents to enable young people to remain within the community.

Correspondence

Off-Licence Notice presented of an application by P. F. Furness for a new 'Off-Licence' at 20, Market Place.

Off-Licence Notice presented of an application by H. Woodhead for an off-licence to sell all descriptions of intoxicating liquor at 9, Market Place to replace his licence to sell beer, cider and wine.

Bus Shelters Letter presented stating the H.D.C.'s policies relating to the provision and maintenance of bus shelters.

Proposed Experimental 3 Ton Unladen Weight Restriction - A.61 - S. Kilvington Letter presented from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that because of the strength of feeling against this restriction and the lack of accidents, it had been decided not to proceed.

York and North Yorks. Scanner Trust Letter presented requesting assistance in sending out appeal letters. It was agreed to send them to local organisations.

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following applications:

Renewal of Consent for a Portaloo at Yorkshire Meat Packers. Approve until new Office are completed.

Renewal of Consent for a Residential Caravan for Security Purposes at Yorkshire Meat Packers. Approve until new buildings completed.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 11, Market Place for Trustee Savings Bank. No Objections.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Projecting Sign at 11, Market Place for Trustee Savings Bank. Object to a Projecting Sign.

C/H

No Objections.

No Objections.

No Objections.

Not a Suitable Proposal in a Residential Area - would create a precedent if allowed.

No Objections.

No Objections.

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

L. H. Legson
Chairman
20/11/80

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 20th October 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

Thirsk County Primary School - Signs Coun. Craig reported that the signs are now in place.

Garden of Rest Nothing reported.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that he has asked the Recreation Manager for details of negotiations that have taken place so far and that he will take up the matter from there. It was agreed to reply asking if the matter can be expedited and to send a copy letter to the Chairman of the Recreation and Leisure Committee.

Street Plan Nothing reported.

Bus Station Nothing reported.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Nothing reported.

Lighting - White Swan Yard Coun. Craig reported that a light has been erected.

Street Sweeper Letter received from the Technical Officer stating that grass cutting has always been a duty of the Street Sweeper at the appropriate time of the year and that any change in these duties would result in additional costs. Concern was expressed at the low wages paid to the present Street Sweeper. Coun. Murkett agreed to take up this matter with the appropriate committee of H.D.C.

L.C.A.-Bus Services Nothing reported.

Willows - The Holmes The Chairman reported that Mr. Heslop had dealt with the trees in the Mill Gardens and The Holmes. He had been unable to obtain permission to enter Barker's field to remove the willow from there and Mr. Barker had agreed to move the tree himself at no cost to the Town Council.

Footpath - Gillings Court to Kirkgate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that as this is a designated public footpath the H.D.C. has no responsibility for it. It was agreed to ask the N.Y.C.C. to make up the path.

Great Yorkshire Show Traffic Letter presented from the Chief Constable stating that the police are not prepared to support the Town Council's suggestion for re-routing the traffic.

Boundary Reviews Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. suggesting a meeting of three representatives of the Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council with the Boundary Review's Sub-Committee and providing that neither local council has no objection, the meeting would be chaired by the Review Sub-Committee Chairman, Coun. M. W. Cook. It was felt that as Coun. Cook is involved in a similar situation with Romanby and Northallerton it would be preferable to have a Chairman not associated with boundaries. It was agreed that the Chairman plus Couns. Roberts and Whitton should represent the Town Council at the meeting yet to be arranged.

Plan for the Re-development of the Town Centre of Thirsk Nothing reported.

Parking for the Disabled - Thirsk Market Place and Toilets - Millgate Vehicle Park

It was reported that the parking spaces for the disabled had been re-marked near the Post Office. The Technical Officer had informed the Clerk that a notice would soon be erected indicating these spaces. 'Caution' has been marked on the roadway between the Post Office and the White Swan Yard. Members were of the opinion that it is still not satisfactory. A parking space for the disabled has been marked out near to the toilets in the Car Park and the Technical Officer has also promised that larger notices will be put on the doors of the toilets.

Footpaths Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that all the matters referred to him from the last meeting will be attended to in the near future.

Casual Vacancy - Co-option of New Member Letters of application for co-option onto the Council were presented from Mr. B. Jackson, Mr. G. R. Snape, Mr. A. Palliser, Mr. J. Ellis, Mr. L. G. Twiss. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to vote by ballott'. Agreed.
Voting was Mr. Ellis - 4. Mr. Palliser - 4. On the Chairman's casting vote, Mr. Ellis was co-opted.

Christmas Lighting It was agreed that only the Town Clock should be decorated this year. It was agreed to invite Mr. G. Ward and Mr. L. Cattle to submit quotations, on a labour only basis, to erect and dismantle one 50 metre string of coloured lights on the Town Clock. The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the N.E.E.B. considered the power points inside the clock to be unsafe. Coun. Kirk volunteered to run a safety check.

Correspondence

H. M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Letter from a Lady-in-Waiting presented, express thanks for the good wishes sent to the Queen Mother, on her 80th birthday.

National Tree Campaign Letter presented asking for support by way of donation. It was agreed that this could be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning Appeal Letter presented from the Dept. of the Environment stating that the appeal by Mr. J. Bell against refusal for planning permission to build a detached bungalow on land off St. Mary's Walk, has been dismissed.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received of the A.G.M. to be held at York University at 2.30 p.m. on 15th November.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Preliminary notice received of the Parish Government Course to be held at Scarborough on 3rd/th April 1981. It was agreed not to be represented on the course.

L.C.A. Secretary Notice presented that Mr. N. A. Maitland will replace Mr. C. N. Douglas who is retiring at the end of the year. Coun. Stuart reported that Mr. Douglass's retirement gift had been discussed at the last L.C.A. meeting and it was agreed to discuss a donation towards this at the Town Council's November meeting.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and NO OBJECTIONS made:

Display of a Non-illuminated Sign at 79/81 Market Place for Abbey National Building Society.

Provision of a New Shop Front at 20, Market Place for Victoria Wine Company.

Erection of a Radio Mast at 70, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons.

Construction of a Fire Escape at 5, Kirkgate for G. W. Potter.

Display of a Non-illuminated Projecting Sign at 5/7m Millgate for P. L. Jenkinson.

Change of Use of Part of Existing Beauty Clinic to a Coffee Shop at 3m Court Arcade, Millgate for Mrs. N. Hodgson.

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

Accounts as Circulated

J. T. Thompson	- Cutting The Holmes - June and August	- £69.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £15.62

Additional Accounts

F. Kendall	- Cleaning Graffiti from Town Clock	£35.97	
	Renewing Bathroom Plaster at	£20.93	£56.90
	Cemetery Lodge		

G/M

Burial Grants

Charles and Annie Elizabeth Billett	8 A5	£11.00
Mary Jane Abbott	3 C4	£11.00
Lawrence Newell Todd	5 A5	£11.00
S. Walters	4 A5	£22.00
Alfred Steven and Mary Perry	21 C1	£22.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman asked that the Hambleton District Council be notified of the Town Council's concern that the drainage system on the new Barratt Development on Stockton Road will not be adequate for the outfall into the Codbeck at Duckett Ings. It was understood that there may be an application for the diversion of a public footpath on the same development and the H.D.C. to be notified that the Town Council consider that it should be diverted around the perimeter of the site and not past the houses. H.D.C. also to be notified that the Town Council wishes to be given notice of any proposed diversions on future developments. The Chairman asked that Mr. Cartman be thanked for the tulips he has given for the flower troughs.

Any Other Business

Exit onto A19 from Barratt Development Coun. Roberts expressed concern regarding danger to motorists leaving the development and turning right onto the A.19 where visibility is restricted because of a bend in the road.

Parking - The Green It was reported that the occupants of Nos. 15, 16 & 17, The Green are parking cars on the grass. Letters to be sent drawing attention to the byelaws and requesting them to park in a single line next to the footpath.

Motor Cycles Coun. ^{KIRK} Murkett requested that the Police Inspector be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the problem of noise from motor cycles.

G. J. Peterson
Chairman
17/11/80
The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Police Inspector Silcock attended the meeting to discuss the nuisance and noise caused by motor cycles. Inspector Silcock assured the meeting that every effort was being made to apprehend offending motor-cyclists, some had already appeared before the courts and there would be others in the near future, but stressed that many offences are difficult to prove. Public co-operation was needed. Inspector Silcock also promised to look into the problem of motor-cyclists on the Car Park causing a nuisance to residents of Gillings Court, vehicles speeding on the Hambleton Estate, vehicles parked on the hard shoulder at the junction of Stammergeat/Long Street, vehicles entering Stammergeat from Long Street and crossing the line of traffic to the side entrance of the White Horse Service Station, and parking on the Greens. The problem of children riding cycles on the footpath in Finkle Street was raised and it was felt that liaison with the schools could assist.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Garden of Rest It was decided that if Mr. Collinson is unable to obtain suitable kerbing, a low fence could be erected.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Street Plan Nothing reported.

Bus Station Nothing reported.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Nothing reported.

L.C.A. - Bus Services Nothing reported.

Footpath - Gillings Court to Kirkgate Nothing reported.

Boundary Reviews The Chairman reported on the meeting with representatives of Sowerby P.C. and members of the Boundary Review Sub-Committee. It was agreed that the alterations in the boundaries with Bagby and Carlton Miniott were acceptable. No agreement was reached on a new boundary between the parishes of Thirsk and Sowerby. It was reluctantly agreed that as agreement could not be reached on a new boundary, the present boundary should be retained.

Plan for the Re-Development of the Town Centre of Thirsk Nothing reported.

Footpaths It was agreed to draw Mr. Woods' attention to dangerous patches of footway around the Market Place, namely: outside the Golden Lion Hotel, the vicinity of Baker's Alley and the Royal Oak and outside Ballards delicatessen.

National Tree Campaign Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that no donation be made. Agreed.

Barratt Development - Stockton Road Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the observations about the outfall of water into the Codbeck have been passed to the Technical Officer. Should there be an application for the diversion of a Public Footpath on the development, the Town Council observations will be taken into consideration. A letter from the County Surveyor regarding the access onto the A.19 stated that as the H.D.C. would not allow access v. St. Mary's walk the access approved made the best of an unsatisfactory situation.

Christmas Lights No quotations received. It was agreed that local businesspeople should be encouraged to decorate their premises. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stuart, 'that the Council should not be responsible for Christmas Lighting but that any traders within the market area wishing to decorate their premises be allowed to borrow lights for this purpose from the Council'. Agreed.

Donation towards a Retirement Gift for Mr. C. N. Douglass - Secretary L.C.A.

Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that a donation of £5.00 be made from the Chairman's Allowance'. Voting - 4 in Favour - 1 Against - 3 Abstentions.

Correspondence

International Festival of Cycling Letter presented from the Secretary inviting the Town Council to host the start of the Great Yorks. Classic on Saturday, 4th July 1981 and asking if permission can be obtained from the H.D.C. for the use of the Market Place. The Clerk stated that a reply was being awaited from the H.D.C. It was suggested that the Racecourse Car Park would make a suitable alternative starting point if the Market Place is not available.

Town Twinning Letter presented regarding Town Twinning. It was agreed that this would prove too expensive.

Planning Appeal Letter presented from Mr. M. Dennison asking for support in his appeal against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of a small country type hotel at Borrowby Mill, and inviting an inspection of the site. Couns. Megson, Roberts, Allenby, Craig and Ellis expressed a wish to visit the site and report to the next meeting.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 - Music and Dancing Licences Letter presented stating that the Amendment Act will come into being on 21st April 1981.

Citizens Advice Bureau Letter presented from the organiser asking if the Town Council will consider making a grant. It was agreed to reply that the Town Council is not in a position to make a grant at this time.

Children's Playground on The Flatts The Flatts Preservation Trust had requested Sowerby Parish Council to take over the responsibility for the maintenance of the playground. Letter presented from Sowerby P.C. stating that it had resolved to make a 50% annual grant towards the repair and maintenance of the playground and asking if the Town Council will make a similar grant. Members agreed that the Town Council could not be committed to making such a grant having already responsibility for the Holmes playground and the possibility of a recreation area on the Hambleton Estate in the near future. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec Coun. Kirk 'that Sowerby P.C. should be totally responsible for the maintenance of the playground on The Flatts'. Agreed.

Nuisance from Pigeons Letter presented from the Manager of the Midland Bank regarding the state of the seat outside the bank and asking the Council to remove the seat or take steps to have the pigeons exterminated. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Chief Environmental Health Officer regarding the pigeons. A reply was read to the meeting stating that the H.D.C. would not be granted a licence to use narcotics to poison pigeons in Thirsk and suggesting that the Midland Bank take steps to deter pigeons from perching on their premises. Members agreed to consider re-siting the seat. It was reported that the Rotary Club are having all the wooden seats cleaned.

Planning Applications The following plans were presented and observations made:

Construction of a Car Port at 30, St. Mary's Walk for Mr. W. B. Summers. No Objections
Display of a Non-Illuminated Sign at 19, Finkle Street for M. W. Knowlson. No Objections
Revised Details of Alterations and Extension to Existing Storage Building to form 2 Dwellings at Jacques Yard, Kirkgate for Mrs. P. Watson. Approve.
Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20, Market Place for Victoria Wine Co. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Kirk to make 'No Observations.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Craig 'to object because the Town Council objects consistently to all projecting signs.' Voting for the amendment - 3 in Favour - 4 Against

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

As Circulated

Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Second Quarter	- £13.60
	Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge	
Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Second Half Year	- £88.72
	Cemetery Lodge	
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil - Cemetery	- £10.16

Additional Account

C. N. Douglass Fund	- Donation to Retirement Gift	- £ 5.00
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Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that at the Town Hall Committee Meeting it was stated that there is a healthy financial situation. The plaque from the elm tree on the Little Green had been uprooted and is now in the hut. Coun. Roberts commended the Chairman on his work on the flower troughs in the Market place.

Any Other Business

Saturday Market Coun. Craig asked for the Town Council's support to his proposition to the H.D.C. that the Saturday Market should be confined to the area west of the path to the Pelican Crossing. The Chairman asked Coun. Craig to produce a plan and further details at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

J. H. Egson
Chairman 15/12/86

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 15th December 1980 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Ellis, D. S. Murkett, L. Stuart H. Whitton, C. Kirk, Mrs. F. M. Roberts + County Councillor G. Turton.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. J. J. Allenby & E. R. Stott.

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

Proposed Changes in Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries Coun. Turton stated that it had been proposed that Thirsk and Sowerby should become part of the Richmond Constituency and that Sutton, Dalton and Topcliffe should become part of Ryedale. The County Council considered that Thirsk and Sowerby should also become part of Ryedale and an enquiry was to be held at which all objections would be heard. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that Thirsk and Sowerby should remain with what is now called Ryedale but would prefer the constituency to be known as Thirsk and Malton' Agreed. It was agreed that Coun. Murkett represent the Town Council at the enquiry.

Coun. Turton's attention was also drawn to the churned up grass verges on Stockton Road caused by the parking of vehicles on them, and the dangerous pavement in Kirkgate in the vicinity of the Friends' Meeting House.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Garden of Rest The Clerk reported that Mr. Collinson was having difficulty in obtaining kerbing. It was agreed that the Cemetery Sub-Committee should discuss the problem with Mr. Collinson.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Street Plan Dr. Wyon had drawn a draft plan and members suggested amendments.

Bus Station Nothing reported.

Dual Use of Recreational Services Nothing reported.

L.C.A. - Bus Services Nothing reported.

Footpath - Gillings Court to Kirkgate Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that little or no funds are available for the type of work necessary but in view of the close proximity of the old people's home it may be possible to make an exception in this particular case and he is requesting authority to carry on the work.

Boundary Reviews Nothing reported.

Plan for the Re-Development of the Town Centre of Thirsk It was agreed that at the next Council meeting, a sub-committee should be formed and representatives of other interested bodies invited to a meeting to discuss this.

Footpaths Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the necessary repairs will be carried out shortly.

Barratt Development - Stockton Road Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding an application for the stopping up of a public footpath and the creation of an alternative one, the proposed alternative footpath to pass in front of the dwellings. It was agreed to object to the diversion as proposed and state that the footpath should be on the south perimeter of the site.

Christmas Lights Coun. Roberts suggested that local traders should be notified early in the year that lights would be available on loan from the Council.
Coun. Craig stated that a sub-committee should be formed for the coming year. It was agreed to do this at the next meeting.

International Festival of Cycling The Clerk reported that she had been informed by telephone that the H.D.C. would grant facilities for the start of the race from the Market Place and was awaiting confirmation in writing.

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Planning Appeal - Borrowby Mill The Chairman reported that he and Coun. Roberts had visited the site. Coun. Roberts had contacted most of the members with plans showing the proposals. A letter had been sent to Mr. Dennison giving the Town Council's support to his appeal on that grounds that if granted, it would bring employment and trade to the area. The Chairman commended Coun. Roberts on her participation in this matter.

Nuisance from Pigeons Coun. Murkett agreed to again raise the matter with the H.D.C's Environmental Health Committee. Coun. Murkett was granted permission for the Rotary Club to take away the wooden seats for cleaning and varnishing.

Saturday Market Coun. Craig stated that he is taking up this matter directly with the H.D.C.

Revenue Estimates Letter presented from the Treasurer H.D.C. asking what amount will be required by way of precept for the financial year 1981/82 - the product of a 1p rate being estimated at £3,050.00 and the cost of street sweeping being estimated at £1,200.00. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the product of a 2p rate be precepted,' Agreed.

Cemetery Grass Cutters Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that cutters and equipment be replaced only as and when necessary for use at the cemetery.' Agreed.

Barratt Development - Phase 1 - Stockton Road Letter presented from the Technical Officer inviting the Town Council to suggest a name for a cul-de-sac on the development. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to suggest Alexander Close to honour the name of the late Mrs. Alice Alexander of Stoneybrough House.' On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stuart 'to suggest Fairfield Close to preserve the name of the field.' Voting - Amendment 2 - Proposal 6.

Correspondence

Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Gillings Court Letter presented from the N.Y.C.C. giving notice of the intention to make an order prohibiting parking on the service road to Gillings Court. As a reply had been requested before 11th December, the Chairman had agreed with the proposal.

Yorkshire Arts Association Letter presented stating that subscriptions are now due. It was agreed not to renew membership.

Public Lighting - Porter Vaults Yard Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that a replacement bracket lamp has been ordered to be fixed on Mr. Lee's new building.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made.
Conversion of Existing Dis-used Dwelling, Office and Former Brewery to 8 Flats at 22, Kirkgate for Messrs. M. L. Yeadon. Approved.

Erection of a 7ft High Security Fence at the Roadworker Training Centre, Norby for the N.Y.C.C. Highways and Transportation Department. No Objections.

Outline Application for Residential Development at the Old Corn Mill and to the Rear of the A.T.S. Garage, Long Street for the Hambleton District Council.
No Objections.

Outline Application for the Construction of 10 Dwellings at Barbeck Farm for Lady Lumley's Education Foundation. No Objections.

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

As Circulated

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 5.20
G. Heslop	- Clearing Willow Trees	- £149.50
Coun. Stuart	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. Meeting at Easingwold	- £ 2.40
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£250.00
	Administrative Expenses	<u>£ 16.35</u>
		- £266.35

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Accounts

D. G. Collinson	- Salary October - December	£590.00	
	Dividend 8½% Savings Bonds	£ 4.25	
	Quarterly Payment for Cutting		
	Greens & Work on Mill Gardens	<u>£ 59.00</u>	- £653.25

Additional Account

Earl Haig Poppy Fund	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	- £ 6.20
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Chairman's Report The Chairman stated that gravel is required for the paths in the Mill Gardens. It was agreed that half a ton should be purchased. The Chairman also stated that the Holmes playground area needs turfing. It was agreed that this should be done in the Spring.

Any Other Business

Lamp-post Coun. Craig asked that the H.D.C. be requested to have the lamp-post outside Fox's straightened and the broken direction sign removed from it.

Signs H.D.C. to be reminded that the sign indicating parking spaces for the disabled has not yet been erected. It was also felt that a direction sign to the new toilets in the Car Park, mentioning facilities for the disabled, should be erected in t Market Place. H.D.C. to be notified that the 'Caution' sign on the pavement between the Post Office Alley and the White Swan Yard has almost been worn away.

British Rail Services Coun. Ellis informed members that in the New Year most local trs will be replaced by the long distance trains which will now stop at Thirsk. The last train to York will now be at 8.50 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

G. H. Egson
Chairman 19/1/81

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th January 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

Grass Verges - Stockton Road Mr. Woods had suggested meeting members of the Council on site and it was agreed that the Chairman and Coun. Craig should attend.

Garden of Rest The members of the sub-committee had met Mr. Collinson and it had been suggested that stone pillars and a decorative rust-proof chain would be a suitable alternative to kerbing. It was agreed that the sub-committee meet Mr. Collinson again to discuss this further. A suggestion by the Chairman that part of the Garden of Rest site could be used for child burials was not accepted and it was agreed that the site of the other chapel could be used for this purpose.

Recreation Land for the Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported that this matter is under consideration with the H.D.C. It was agreed that this item should now be discontinued in the Minutes.

Street Plan It was agreed that Coun. Whitton approach Mr. Surgey regarding the drawing of the plan. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Ellis 'that the plan should go to the printers as soon as possible and that the Town Council be responsible for half the cost of printing initially.' Agreed.

Bus Station Nothing reported.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Nothing reported.

L.C.A. - Bus Services Nothing reported.

Footpath - Gillings Court to Kirkgate Nothing reported.

Boundary Reviews Nothing reported.

Christmas Lights An electrician from Bedale had approached the Chairman and offered to decorate the Town Clock on an hourly basis. After consultation with Coun. Kirk this had been agreed. All members agreed that the lighting was very satisfactory.

International Festival of Cycling Written confirmation still awaited from the H.D.C.

Nuisance from Pigeons The Chairman presented an article from the Northern Echo in which it was reported that Scarborough has a pigeon problem. It was agreed to write to Scarborough District Council asking for details of how they intend to tackle the problem. It was suggested that a new site should be found for the seat at present outside the Midland Bank.

Mill Gardens It was reported that the gravel had been obtained for the paths. Coun. Murkett stated that the gardens are in a disgraceful state at present. It was agreed to request a larger litter bin for the gardens and to ask if removing litter from the Mill Gardens is one of the duties of the Street Sweeper.

Lamp-post This matter had been referred to the County Council by the H.D.C.

Signs Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that these matters were being attended to. It was agreed that marking the word 'Caution' on the footway did not alleviate the danger of crossing from the Post Office Alley to the White Swan Yard. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the H.D.C. be requested to consider raising the footway by 2" to cause traffic to slow down in this area.' Voting 7 in favour - 3 Abst

Plan for the Re-development of the Town Centre of Thirsk A sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Couns. Ellis, Craig and Whitton was formed. It was agreed to hold a meeting in February and representatives of the Civic Society, Chamber of Trade, Rotary Club and Round Table invited to attend. Any other interested parties would also be welcome.

Sub-committee for Christmas Lights 1981 It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

Correspondence

L.C.A. Meeting Letter presented regarding the meeting to be held on 4th February at the Home Defence College at The Hawkhill, Easingwold to which all members were invited.

Thirsk Town Clock At the request of the Clerk, Mm. Potts & Sons Ltd had submitted an estimate, for insurance purposes, for replacing all the items associated with the clock system of £4,300.00. It was agreed to request a quotation from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd for cover of £10,000.00 against accidental damage and vandalism.

Plans The following planning applications were submitted and observations made:
Change of Use of a Ground Floor Room of Existing Dwellinghouse to Office in connection with an Engineering Agency and Consultancy Business at Stoneybrough for Mr. C. Pollitt. No Objections but draw attention to poor visibility for vehicles leaving the site and turning right.

Alterations to Existing Building Society Offices at 24, Finkle Street for Forster, Stott & Co. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Furniture Factory at 1, Sutton Road for Mr. A. B. Rose. No Objections.

Layout of Land and Construction of 14, Detached Dwellinghouses, 6 Semi-detached Dwellinghouses, 7 Detached Bungalows, 18 Semi-detached Bungalows and 8 Maisonnets at Part O.S. 2079 Stockton Road for Barratt Developments (York) Ltd.

The Chief Fire Officer's observations should be sought on the Maisonnets with only one door. Two local builders were informed by the Planning Department that this land was designated for bungalows only to be in keeping with the St. Mary's development. The Town Council wishes to know when the variation was made to allow houses to be built.

Change of Use of Existing Shop to a Leisure Centre with Amusement Machines at 63, Market Place for Mr. N. Shaw. Object on the following grounds:

Undesirable intrusion into a Market Town in a Conservation Area. Fire risk from inflammable spirits from premises to rear. Motor cyclists would be attracted.

There would be nuisance from 'pop' music. There would be a nuisance to the residents of neighbouring properties and Gillings Court. Such a Leisure Centre would not be in keeping with the image of Thirsk as a Tourist Centre.

The Town Council supports the other objectors to this proposal.

Accounts

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

Martin S. Bingham & Co. - Erecting and Dismantling Christmas Lights - £ 47.44

Additional Account

Wm. Potts & Sons - Repairs to Town Clock - £118.45

Chairman's Report The Chairman spoke of his hopes for 1981. It was agreed to draw the attention of the H.D.C. to the need for better signposting on the Hambleton Estate.

Any Other Business

Footpaths Coun. Allenby reported that a public footpath had been ploughed up in the vicinity of Duckett Ings. The Clerk reported that this footpath is in Bagby parish and had been brought to the attention of the Clerk to Bagby P.C. It was agreed to draw the attention of the Highways Department N.Y.C.C. to the state of the public footpath from Ingrams Gate to Duckett Ings and send a copy letter to County Coun. Turton.

Cod Beck It was agreed to draw the attention of the River Board to the rubbish in the Cod Beck behind the premises of Bridge Garage.

Cars on Market Place Concern was expressed at the number of cars being parked all day the Market Place. It was agreed to write to firms who pick up employees in the Market Place asking them to consider changing their 'pick-up' point to the Millgate Car Park where their employees would then park their cars and release parking spaces in the Market Place.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

E. H. Henson
Chairman
14/2/81

Report of a Meeting, held in the Town Hall, on Thursday, 12th February 1981 at 7.30 p.m., to discuss a Plan for the Re-development of the Town Centre of Thirsk

Present Couns. E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, J. Ellis (Thirsk Town Council) - P. Triffitt, G. Cressey, J. Salmon (Thirsk R.T.) H. Whitton (Thirsk Town Council), M. L. Yeadon (Thirsk Rotary Club) - J. Gornley (Thirsk Civic Society) - Mrs. J. M. Boyd (Chamber of Trade) J. E. M. Clark (Assistant Planning Officer H.D.C. in private capacity) Coun. Mrs. M. Potter (H.D.C.) Mrs. H. Millard.

It was agreed that voluntary effort was needed.

Suggestions made included :

That owners of near derelict properties to the rear of the Market Place could be asked to renovate or re-develop for housing or light industry e.g. one man business.

The present government is encouraging small industries so that planning permission should be easily obtained.

The establishment of a 'revolving' fund whereby the Council would buy a property - renovate and sell and buy another.

Property owners might be persuaded to give a property for renovation.

Newspaper advertising to 'Sell Thirsk' for small industries.

Initiate a Survey of the properties in question - by:

The North East Civic Trust

The Architectural Departments of York University or Leeds Polytechnic.

This report was given to the members of the Town Council on Monday, 16th February when it was agreed to contact the Round Table with the view to publishing an open letter in the 'Advertiser' asking property owners to come forward with suggestions for their properties.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th February 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Ellis, J. J. Allenby, H. Whittaker, D. S. Murkett, C. Kirk.

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

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

Matters Arising

Grass Verges - Stockton Road Couns. Megson and Craig attended a site meeting with Mr. Woods who will have the verges re-seeded.

Garden of Rest An estimate from Mr. Collinson for the supplying of Granite Posts, hooks and chains and a Granite Plaque + fixing and labour, of £509.29 was considered too expensive. It was agreed that the Cemetery Sub-committee meet Mr. Collinson again to consider a simpler and less costly method of fencing the Garden of Rest.

Street Plan Two quotations for the printing of 6,000 copies were presented.

1. £509.50. 2. £780.00. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to accept quotation No. 1 for £509.50 from C. B. Press.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that retailers be charged 8p per copy and that their selling price should be 15p per copy.' Agreed. Coun. Murkett proposed a vote of thanks to Coun. Whitton for all the work he has put in on the Street Plan. This was unanimously agreed

Bus Station It was agreed that this item be discontinued in the Minutes.

L.C.A. - Bus Services Nothing reported.

Footpath - Gillings Court to Kirkgate It was reported that this path has now been made

Boundary Reviews Nothing reported.

International Festival of Cycling Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that an agreement with the I.F.C. is being prepared.

Nuisance from Pigeons Letter received from Scarborough Council stating that it is the intention to use stupefying bait.

Mill Gardens It was reported that the Street Sweeper is removing litter from the Garden

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Reply awaited.

Sub-Committee for Christmas Lights 1981 A sub-committee was formed consisting of Couns. Ellis, Craig, Stott and Allenby + the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Thirsk Town Clock Quotation from the Insurance Company still awaited.

Footpaths Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that he does not propose taking any action at present regarding the public footpath from Ingrams Gate to Duckett Ings.

Cod Beck Nothing reported.

Cars on Market Place The Clerk reported that a telephone call had been received from Nitrovit stating that they sympathise with the problem but that none of their employees park on the Market Place.

Plan for the Re-development of the Town Centre of Thirsk The Clerk reported on the meeting which had been attended by Members of the Town Council, Round Table, Rotary Club, Civic Society and Chamber of Trade. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that contact be made with the Round Table with a view to publishing an open letter in the 'Advertiser' asking property owners to come forward with suggestions regarding their property.' Agreed.

Constitution of the Town Hall It was reported that a constitution has not yet been drawn up. It was agreed to seek the advice of the L.C.A. on the drawing up of a constitution.

Correspondence

Former Infants School - Finkle Street Copy of the scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners presented.

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Proposed Footpath Diversion at Stockton Road A plan had been received showing the proposed diversion along the southern perimeter of the site of Barratt Developments. This had been approved by the Chairman.

United Automobile Services - Alterations to Service 149 Ripon to Northallerton A copy of the proposals had been received and comment requested by 5th February. The Chairman had made no objections.

Recreation Land Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that in the present financial climate resources for the purchase of land for recreational purposes are not available. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Craig 'to reply requesting that a minimum of 3 acres of land be held in reserve for recreational purposes for the Hambleton Estate to be purchased as and when finances allow.' Agreed.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England Copy of the Initial Review of County Electoral Arrangements presented.

South Kilvington Parish Council Letter presented regarding the problem of heavy traffic which passes through Thirsk and South Kilvington and asking if the Town Council has any plans under consideration regarding the restriction or limitation of overnight lorry parking in the town. It was agreed to reply agreeing with their concern about the heavy traffic and explaining that the Vehicle Park is the responsibility of the Hambleton District Council.

Annual Audit Notice received that the Audit will take place on 15th June.

Plans No Objections were made to the following planning applications:

Display of a Non-illuminated sign at the Royal British Legion Club.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Display of a Non-illuminated sign at the Royal British Legion Club.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Display of a Non-illuminated sign at 19, Finkle Street for M. W. Knowlson.

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

As circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority - Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 3rd Quarter - £14.21
North Yorks. County Council - Use of Court House - 1980 - £44.00

Chairman's Report At the Chairman's suggestion, it was agreed, that with the agreement of Sowerby P.C., the Town Hall should be offered on at least one occasion to a society working for the benefit of the disabled as 1981 is the Year of the Disabled. A fallen tree limb and low branches removed free of charge from The Holmes with the permission of the Chairman. New willows had been planted by the Chairman. The seat at the head of The Holmes is broken.

Any Other Business

Glass Cellar Tops It was agreed to draw attention to the dangerous condition of the glass cellar tops outside Elizabeth Taylor Fashions and John Smiths Transport premises.

Telephone Kiosks It was agreed to write to the Telephone Manager stating that the Town Council wish the telephone kiosks within the parish to remain red and not be changed to yellow - also to write to the Nationwide T. V. Campaign.

Museum Coun. Ellis stated that the Museum Society wish to purchase a cottage adjoining the Museum and need to quickly raise £10,000. The Chairman regretted that the Town Council would be unable to help

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16/3/81 The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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

The School situated on the same campus as Sowerby Primary School and Thirsk Secondary School, serves Roman Catholic children from Thirsk, Northallerton and country districts around Thirsk.

Governors - Chairman - Rev. J. Brennan.

Rev. D. Nunan.
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, and 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. O.M. Henry.
Caretaker - Mrs. E. M. Garbutt.
Kitchen Staff - Cook Mrs. E. Bateson.
Assistant - Mrs. M. Thompson.
Dinner Supervisors - Mrs. E. Garbutt
Mrs. R. Roberts.
Perepatetic Music Teachers - Mrs. L. Wright (Violin)
Mrs. Banks (Cello)
No. on Roll 82 - almost $\frac{1}{2}$ bused from Northallerton,
a small number of non-catholics attend

70% of the children stay for school dinner which is served in the Hall at one sitting. The remainder of the children bring a packed lunch which is eaten in the Hall at the same time.

About 20 children have lessons for violin, viola or cello from Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Banks - we make a classroom available for this and also for a group from Sowerby Primary 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 Lightwater Valley.

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 Sutton House, Lambert Hospital and Cherry Garth.

Harrogate Players performed "Gift from Idena" in the Hall.

SWIMMING - All Juniors go swimming at Thirsk Baths.

COLLECTIONS - Help the Aged - £109.20p.
Holy Childhood - £22.30p
Family Fast Day - £22.50p Total of £154.00.

OPEN EVENINGS - Our three Open Evenings in the year were well attended.

It was decided at the Town Council meeting that the Cemetery Sub Committee meet at the Cemetery at 2 PM Thursday the 19th of February, with instructions to make recommendation to the Council, re proposed Garden of Rest

Herewith Report of the Sub Committee

Present: Crs. Hesketh, Crs. Hegson
and
The Cemetery Superintendent
Mr. Collinson

We recommend

A. Ground to be made level, possible re seeding
(This being the west side)

B. Small Beech Hedge green or Copper with a few
This Hedge would form back perimeter, west

C. Also North end 24 ft 66 ft

D. Concrete Rest to front 66 ft
E. Concrete Rest to South end } Light Kettles

F. Marker Stone lettered Garden of Rest. Agreed

G. Suggest possible Seat within
at Council

Signed G. Hegson Chairman

W. Hesketh

Suggest linen Plan
G.M.

The provision of houses and bungalows at distances of three quarters of a mile or more from the centre of a town seems to have become less popular. It is easier to build on grass fields or farm land than to demolish or renovate old property.

Thirsk Town Council, however, wish to organise the filling in of sites in the area that could provide homes or small business premises.

A public meeting was held at which agreement was reached on the sense and advisability of these ideas. Professional advice will be sought from Leeds, York and Newcastle.

If you:

- (1) have any property that you consider could be renovated or adapted
- (2) wish to develop property in Thirsk
- (3) wish to serve on a small committee to give technical advice or assistance, please contact

The Clerk,
Mrs. P. Smith,
1, Sowerby Terrace,
Sowerby,
Thirsk.

Gillings Court is a big success. Adjacent are three cottages at this moment being rebuilt. Stead's Yard is a credit to the area.

Will you help to keep the wheels turning?

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th March 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Ellis, J. J. Allenby, D. S. Murkett, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. Whitton, E. R. Stott, C. Kirk, L. Stua the Clerk and 1 Member of the Press.

Minutes The Clerk read the Minutes of the 1980 Annual Assembly to the Meeting.

Matters Arising

Cemetery Coun. Craig enquired if any of the gravestones affected by the felled poplar trees had been re-set. The Chairman replied that the stones will be re-set if necessary.

Chairman's Report In his report the Chairman mentioned as the important events of 1980 - the obtaining of the Chain of Office, the 500th anniversary of St. Mary's Church, the official opening of Thirsk County Primary School and the controversy over the Thirsk/Sowerby Parish Boundaries. The Chairman stated that the financial year 1981/82 would have to be a year of economy. Concern was expressed regarding the open ditch at Dowber Way and the danger to children. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of the H.D.C.

Reports from the School Governors

Thirsk County Primary Coun. Craig reported on successful events held at the school. The Governors had requested that the footpath via St. Mary's Way should be made up. It was agreed to write to the County Education Officer supporting the Governors' request.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Roberts reported that the school had been adapted to accommodate the children from the former Infants School. The P.T.A. had raised funds to pay for the children to attend the swimming baths. It was agreed to write to the headmaster congratulating his pupils, and especially Margaret Herring, on their musical successes.

All Saints' R.C. Mrs. Greensit's report mentioned school outings, collections for charity, the absence of a remedial group and the happy atmosphere in the school.

Charities Coun. Craig reported that £48.00 had been distributed at Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

*C. J. Megson 13/4/81
Chairman*

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 16th March 1981 at 8.20 p.m.

Present Couns. C. J. Megson (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Ellis, J. J. Allenby, D. S. Murkett, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. Whitton, E. R. Stott, L. Stuart, C. Ki

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

Garden of Rest The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met the Cemetery Superintendent and recommended that there should be concrete kerbs at the front and south end of the site - a small beech hedge to form the back perimeter and also at the north end - a granite plaque as previously quoted by Mr. Collinson at £50 + V.A.T. It was also suggested that a seat could be placed within the site at a future date. A quotation from Mr. Collinson of £124.29 for the supplying of 30 yards of concrete kerbing, fixing same, and the supplying and planting of 90 Beech trees, but not including removing turf and re-seeding, was presented. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stott 'to accept this quotation and that for the plaque'. All in favour.

Street Plan Coun. Whitton stated that the plan had been finalised and sent to H.M. Stationery Office for authorisation. It was understood that there would be a charge of £9.00 per thousand to be printed, which could be paid in installments to the Stationery Office.

L.C.A. Bus Services Nothing reported.

Boundary Reviews Nothing reported.

International Festival of Cycling Nothing reported.

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that he intends to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Environmental Health and Control Committee.

Thirsk Town Clock Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that 'All Risks' cover could only be offered for the clock mechanism with no cover for the stonework and the premium would be £50.00. The whole tower and clock could be added to the Fire Section for the existing perils with full malicious damage cover included, subject to a £25.00 excess, and the premium would be £18.40. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Ellis 'to accept the quotation of £18.40' Voting - 9 in favour - 1 abstention.

Plan for the Re-development of the Town Centre of Thirsk A copy of the 'open letter' which is intended for the May edition of the Thirsk Advertiser was read to the meeting. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the Council approves of the letter.' All in favour.

Constitution of the Town Hall The Chairman reported that the Town Council is to receive a copy of the deeds and the constitution of the committee. A draft constitution received from the L.C.A. had not been considered suitable by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Proposed Footpath Diversion at Stockton Road It was reported that an application will eventually be received for the path to be designated round the estate roads.

Recreation Land Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that no assurance can be given that land will be held in reserve but that the Thirsk Interim District Plan has allocated 3.85 acres adjacent to the Hambleton Estate and 1.25 acres at Wetlands Lane. When the financial situation improves, the H.D.C. will then consider prospective acquisition, but until that time, no safeguard as to future use other than planning control can be introduced.

Use of Town Hall for the benefit of the Disabled No reply from Sowerby P.C.

Glass Cellar Tops It was reported that repairs have been carried out. It was agreed to draw the attention of the owner of the Regent Bingo Hall to the dangerous state of the cellar top outside his premises.

Street Signposting - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that the question of a new system of

Correspondence

Thirsk and Sowerby Civic Society Notice received that the A.G.M. will be held on 23rd March at 7.30 p.m. in the Golden Fleece.

Transfer of Licence Notice received that Mr. F. Kilding intends to apply for the Full Transfer of the Licence of the Blacksmiths Arms on 13th April 1981.

Yorkshire Water Authority Details of the new system of charging for sewerage and sewage disposal presented.

Plans The following planning application was presented and No Objections made: Provision of Two Bow Windows at 1A, Barbeck for Mr. M. S. Scott

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

Accounts as Circulated

F. D. Todd & Sons	- Gravel for Mill Gardens	- £ 3.58
Wm. Potts & Sons	- Maintenance of Town Clock	- £ 29.61
P. Smith	- Salary - Jan. - March £250.00	
	Administrative Exps. £ 13.80	- £263.80
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - Jan. - March £590.00	
	Interest Ivy Thompson Trust £ 13.43	
	Interest on Investment in Deposit Account £ 6.39	
	Quarterly Payment for Greens & Mill Gardens £ 59.00	- £668.82

Additional Accounts

Hambleton Sports Coun.	- Subscription	- £ 1.00
Hambleton District C.	- Estimated cost of Street Sweeping to 31.3.81 less credit for 1979/80	- £836.23
Post Office	- Road Tax for Haytor Mower	- £ 12.00

Burial Grants

David W. Simpson	35 G5	£ 11.00
Brian Edwin Simpson	34 G5	£ 11.00
James Noel Harker	17 A4	£ 22.00

Any Other Business

Sign - Parking for Disabled It was reported that complaints had been received regarding the fact that the sign is only visible when approaching the site from the Finkle Street direction. It was agreed to request that an additional sign be fixed to the same post, lower down and parallel to the road, which would be visible when crossing the Pelican Crossing. (Coun. Whitton)

Road - Kirkgate Coun. Murkett expressed concern at the expense being incurred in the re-alignment of the road in Kirkgate when so many footpaths in Thirsk are in need of repair and should have been given priority. Letter to be sent to the County Surveyor.

Traffic - Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported on the traffic problems caused by speeding and the parking of vehicles on both sides of the road. It was agreed to invite representatives of the police and traffic control to attend the next meeting to discuss these matters.

White Horse Service Station Coun. Roberts reported on the dangerous situation caused by traffic leaving the garage by the 'entrance' on Stockton Road. This matter also to be raised at the next meeting.

Footpath Coun. Allenby reported a public footpath obstructed in Westfield Lane. The Chairman agreed to look into this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

*L. H. Egson.
Chairman
13/4/81*

Abstract of Accounts
Year Ended 31st March 1981

General

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.80	1233.77	Salary	1000.00
Precept	3000.00	Administration	371.80
Refund of V.A.T.	199.06	Insurance	65.83
Deposit Account Interest	388.84	Subscriptions & Donations	110.34
Donations to Badge of Office	25.00	Open Spaces	1243.91
		Street Sweeping to 31.3.81	
		less refund from year 79/80	836.23
		Audit Fee	56.35
		Badge of Office	656.80
		Christmas Lights	47.44
		Balance	457.97
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Burial Board

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.80	1417.06	Salary, Dividends & Interest	2577.27
Precept	3000.00	Insurance	33.47
Dividends & Interest	46.50	Mower Repairs	73.66
Accrued Interest - Ivy Thompson Trust	170.77	Fuel for Mowers	102.47
Refund of V.A.T.	98.75	Purchase of Grave Spaces - Blakey	24.00
War Graves Commission	9.00	Cemetery Rule Books	60.80
Profit on Redemption of £100 x 9½% Savings Bonds	3.00	Rates & Water Charges	226.27
Sale of Rule Books	3.00	Removal of Rubbish etc.	112.70
Burial Board Income	735.47	Repairs to West Wall	286.35
Investments	203.00	" " Cemetery Lodge	20.93
		Balance of Investments	203.00
		Balance	1965.63
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Summary

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General Account	457.97	Current Account less outstanding cheques	439.62
Burial Board Account	1965.63	Deposit Account	1780.98
		Investments	203.00
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