

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 19th April 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising from the Annual Assembly

Market Place The Chairman reported that three claims had been made against the H.D.C. for accidents on the Market Place and a written report from the Secretary had been promised. It was noted that the footpath from Wright's to the Pelican Crossing has been grouted and appears to be very satisfactory.

Seat - Stockton Road It was agreed that the windshield will not be replaced and that the seat should be re-sited at a later date.

Matters Arising from the Council Meeting

Street Cleansing Reply still awaited from the Technical Officer. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. asking him to investigate this.

Old Bakery - 18, Millgate Nothing reported.

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Nothing reported. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the Chief Executive.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe The Clerk reported that Coun. Craig intends to propose, at the next meeting of the Housing Committee, that the H.D.C. purchases the Annexe for use as a Community Centre for the residents of Thirsk to the east of the Codbeck. It was agreed to send a letter to the Chief Executive giving support to this. Reply from the Regional Health Authority awaited.

Willowfield Coun. Ellis reported that re-instatement has been completed.

Town Hall Accounts still awaited.

V.O.M. Scouts It was reported that the scouts are considering the suggestions.

Play Area - Stockton Road It was agreed that the Chairman tell P.L.C. Homes that the Town Council will not take over the play area.

Local Councils' Association Letter received from the Secretary, Mr. Maitland, stating that he will be delighted to attend the meeting on 17th May.

It was agreed that as this is the Annual Meeting business should commence at 7.00 p.m. in order that the election of Chairman etc. can take place before Mr. Maitland arrives at 7.30 p.m.

Seat - Ingramgate The Clerk reported that a cheque for £138.00 has been received from the insurance company. It was agreed that the seat at present on the south side of Ingramgate should be moved to the site of the broken seat on the north side.

Planning Application - Thirsk Hardware The Clerk reported that a telephone call had been received from the Planning Officer's Department asking if the Town Council was aware that the application referred to a wall already built and because of this would the Town Council be willing to withdraw the observations made. The Chairman had agreed that the observations should be withdrawn. Members endorsed this action.

Parking for Disabled Signs It was reported that these have been erected.

Water Supply for the Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge The Clerk stated that the price of £385 from the Yorks. Water Authority would stand only to the date of this meeting, after which it would increase to £420.00. A quotation of £120 to dig out the trench had been submitted by the Cemetery Superintendent but there were no quotations for digging the trench and laying and supplying the pipe. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk 'In view of the high cost of a new supply and the fact that the present supply freezes only very occasionally, not to proceed at this time and that the painting of Cemetery Lodge should take precedence.' Voting - 7 in Favour -

Painting of The Holmes Play Equipment Only one quotation received. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis 'that the quotation from Mr. Hoppe of £79.88 + V.A.T. be accepted.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

Thirsk Parochial Church Council Letter presented requesting a grant towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis 'to make a grant of £150.00 as before.' Agreed.

Street Naming - P.L.C. Development, Stockton Road Letter presented from the Technical Officer inviting the Town Council to submit suitable names for 1 road and 3 culs de sac on the development. Names submitted - Road 1, which may be extended in the future - Shire Road. Cul de sac (2) Lynbrook Close. Cul de sac (3) Whitelass Close. Cul de sac (4) Springfield Close.

Correspondence

Yorkshire and Cleveland L.C.A. Letter presented asking for the Council's two representatives to be nominated on 1st April and thereafter annually. It was agreed that Coun. Allenby and Coun. Stuart remain as the representatives of the Town Council.

Little Green Letter presented from Thirsk Action for Peace Group asking permission to use the Little Green as a site for a Community Fair on 18th September with stalls, sideshows and possibly old fashioned swingboats. It was felt that damage might be done to the grass. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Megson 'that permission be granted' Voting - 2 in Favour - 5 Against - 1 Abstention.

Thirsk Action for Peace Group Circular letter presented calling upon Town/Parish Councils to renounce the myth of Civil Defence and not to co-operate with the County Council on behalf of central government. Members were reminded that Coun. Ellis and Coun. Kirk are attending a Civil Defence course organised by the County Council. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk 'that this Council supports the County Council and District Council with regard to Civil Defence.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

Byelaws Copy of H.D.C. 'Byelaws for the Conduct of Pleasure Fairs' presented.

Planning Applications The following plans were presented and observations made:

Application for Listed Building Consent for Demolition of Existing Buildings at 18, Millgate for Mr. J. R. Burns. No Objections.

Change of Use of Existing Showroom and Stores to Residential, adjacent to 62, Long Street for Mrs. J. Swift. Support this application.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 46, Market Place for Provincial Building Society. Object to Illuminated Sign.

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

As Circulated

Thirsk Round Table Advertiser	- Advertisement re- Grass Cutting	- .£ 8.75
H. Whitton	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. National Conference - 3 journeys to and from Harrogate + Car Parking Fees	- .£ 24.36

Additional Account

Thirsk Parochial Church Council - Grant to Upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard - £150.00

Precept A Precept for £3,500.00 was signed.

Members' Report Coun. Whitton and Coun. Allenby reported on the L.C.A. National Conference which had been well attended and enlightening. Amongst the topics discussed were transport and rating.

Any Other Business

Garden of Rest Coun. Allenby enquired as to when the Garden of Rest will be available for the burial of cremated remains. The Chairman agreed to contact the crematorium Superintendent regarding this.

Seat - Station Road It was reported that there is a broken rail on a seat on Station Road.
Mr. Hopps to be asked to repair it.

Coun. Megson drew members' attention to the following:

Mill Gardens The flags on the inside wall need replacing.

Cemetery Rubbish and stones are in need of removal.

Trees There is a tree in danger of falling onto the road in Ingrams Gate and a fallen tree in The Holmes.

Little Green Wall Flags from the top of the retaining wall are missing.

The Chairman stated that these matters would be investigated before the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Don Holt
17/5/82

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 17th May 1982 at 7.00 p.m.

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

It was agreed that the Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman be held by ballot.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Whitton, 'that Coun. Murkett be elected.'

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Stuart 'that Coun. Megson be elected.'

Voting - in favour of Coun. Murkett 6. In favour of Coun. Megson 4. Coun. Murkett having been duly elected, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked members for his election.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Coun. Craig be elected.'

Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Coun. Kirk be elected.'

Voting - in favour of Coun. Craig 3. In favour of Coun. Kirk 5. 2 abstentions. Coun. Kirk elected.

Appointment of Representatives

Civic Society Coun. Megson re-appointed.

Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Craig re-appointed.

Charities Coun. Craig re-appointed. Coun. Ellis appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Stuart re-appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Murkett re-appointed.

Town Hall Coun. Ellis and Coun. Roberts re-appointed.

Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Roberts re-appointed.

Community Care Association Letter presented from the Community Care Association inviting the Town Council to appoint a representative to the Executive Committee. Coun. Craig agreed to be nominated.

Sub Committees

Cemetery Coun. Stott, Coun. Whitton + the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Holmes and Greens Coun. Craig, Coun. Roberts, Coun. Whitton + the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Planning Coun. Ellis, Coun. Roberts + the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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Coun. Kirk left the meeting at this point to attend a Home Defence Course as a representative of the Town Council.

Mr. N. Maitland, Secretary of the Yorkshire and Cleveland Local Councils' Association, spoke to the meeting on all the aspects of his work. The L.C.A. acts as an insurance policy for local councils and offers legal advice but not legal representation. The aim of the Rural Community Council is to improve the quality of life in rural areas. The Playing Fields Association offers help with recreational facilities.

Mr. Maitland answered members' questions and stated that he had arranged a meeting in the Town Hall on 26th May to be attended by Parish Councils and addressed by Mr. Daley, the Planning Officer of the H.D.C., which should assist with planning queries and problems. Members agreed that the Town Council provide coffee and biscuits for those attending. Mr. Maitland was shown a letter from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding open spaces on the Hambleton Estate.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Market Place A copy of a letter from the H.D.C.'s insurance company regarding a claim for compensation from a lady who had a fall on the Market Place was read to the meeting. The Chairman agreed to question the H.D.C. regarding the contributory negligence mentioned in the letter.

Street Cleansing Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Street Cleaner will not be withdrawn from grass cutting duties. Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that grass cutting will still be done by the Thirsk Street Cleaner, that plastic bin liners are being provided for stall holders to deposit their rubbish and that the number of litter bins on the Millgate Car Park has been increased by two on a permanent basis. It was agreed to keep this matter under review.

Old Bakery Nothing reported.

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the problems of traffic management in this area have been discussed and advice sought from the County Surveyor. Other inter-related problems have come to light such as complaints concerning the parking of heavy goods vehicles. It is considered that a further Order regulating parking and the traffic management of the Market Place will be required and at the time the Order is made, regard will be had to the problem in the vicinity of the Post Office.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that members of the Recreation and Leisure Committee were of the opinion that sufficient community facilities exist within the parishes of Thirsk and Sowerby. A second letter presented stating that the matter has been referred back to the Recreation and Leisure Committee for further consideration. The Clerk reported on a telephone call from the Regional Health Authority in which it had been stated that a recommendation would be made that the Annexe be offered on lease to the Town Council.

Town Hall A copy of the accounts still awaited.

Garden of Rest It was reported that the kerbing has been completed, the bushes planted and the clearing of weeds in progress.

Cemetery Rubbish It was considered that the problem is not too serious. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps for a quotation to remove the timber from the broken windshield from the seat outside Stoneybrough and construct a compound around the rubbish heap in the cemetery.

Tree - Ingramgate The tree had blown down and been removed. Mr. Dodds of Ingrams Gate had offered to supply a tree to be planted with a tree provided by the Council. It was agreed to leave this matter until later in the year.

Little Green Wall The Chairman will inspect before the next meeting.

Tenders for the External Painting of Cemetery Lodge, Outbuildings and Entrance Gates

Only 1 Tender was submitted. It was agreed that the quotation of £246.89 + V.A.T. from Mr. L. C. Hopps be accepted. Mr. Hopps also submitted a list of minor repairs which needed to be carried out prior to painting. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Ellis 'that a quotation be obtained from Mr. Hopps for the repairs and if it is considered reasonable, he be asked to proceed with the work.' Agreed.

Cemetery Notice Board A quotation for a new Notice Board for the Cemetery received from Mr. Hopps of £158.86. It was agreed that some of the lettering on the present board is irrelevant. The Cemetery sub committee to decide on new wording for the new Board, which with less lettering will be less expensive.

Mill Gardens Walls A quotation received from Mr. Kendall for £124.32 + V.A.T. to shore up and concrete over two areas of sloping wall where paving stones have been removed and to replace slabs removed from wall tops and point all disturbed slabs. Prop. Coun. Robers, sec. Coun. Ellis to accept the quotation. Agreed.

Use of The Holmes and the Greens for Charity Fairs Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Ellis 'that permission be granted for Fairs for local charities with no political affiliations whatsoever.' Voting - 6 in favour - 3 abstentions. It was agreed that all applications must come before the full Council for consideration.

Market Place Flower Troughs To an enquiry by Coun. Whitton, the Chairman stated that the troughs will be planted in the very near future.

Correspondence

Swimming Gala Invitation received for the Chairman to present the certificates and

Children's Fair Letter presented from the Round Table asking permission to hold a Children's Fair on the Green on 18th July. It was agreed that permission be given.

The Holmes Play Equipment Report on the play equipment and state of the surrounding area presented with a recommendation from Chas. Wicksteed & Co. that new swing seats are required. It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Martin H. South and Stephen Hood to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Golden Fleece Hotel on 7th June 1982.

Prohibition of Waiting Letter presented stating that notwithstanding the objection made by the Town Council, the N.Y.C.C. has made the Order for the Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting in Kirkgate.

Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A. Invitation received to attend a meeting in the Town Hall on 26th May at 7.15 p.m. on 'Planning and the Parishes in Hambleton District' which is to be addressed by Mr. Daley, Planning Officer of H.D.C.

Mill Gardens Letter presented from the Technical Officer regarding the litter basket in the Mill Gardens and suggesting that it be made a permanent fixture within the flagged area. It was agreed to take no action until after the redevelopment at the Old Bakery.

International Festival of Cycling Letter presented asking if the Town Council has any objection to the race starting from Thirsk and inviting the Mayor, Mayoress, Clerk and the Chairman of H.D.C. to lunch with Mr. Kitching prior to the start of the race.

Open Spaces Act, 1906 Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that certain designated open spaces be leased to appropriate parish councils for the purposes of the Open Spaces Act 1906, at a nominal rent and designating 7,892 sq. metres on the Hambleton Estate for this purpose. It was agreed to seek a legal opinion from the L.C.A. and consider at the next meeting.

Plans The following Planning Applications were presented and observations made:
Display of a Non-illuminated Hanging Sign at Court Arcade for Mr. A. J. Walton.
No Objections but would wish to see the free standing sign removed.
Alterations to Existing Cafe at Hung Moey Chinese Restaurant for Mr. F. T. Cheng.

No Objections

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

As Circulated.

Local Councils' Association	- Subscription, Local Council Review and Stationery.	- £ 96.15
S.G.S	- Removing and sawing up tree- Ingramgate	- £ 6.90
Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge to March	- £ 18.12
Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	- £ 98.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 6.32
Harland (G. M.) Ltd	- Repairs to 1 Mower	- £ 37.06

Additional Accounts

S. Martin	- Cutting The Holmes & The Greens	- £ 61.00
L. C. Hopps	- Painting Play Equipment	- £ 91.86
Harland (G.M.) Ltd	- Repairs to 2nd Mower	- £ 52.96

It was reported that the 3rd Mower would cost £80.00 to repair. The Cemetery sub committee to talk to the Superintendent about the mowers.

Members Report Councillor Craig reported to the meeting on the Day Conference of the Community Care Association.

Any Other Business

Castle Garth Coun. Ellis reported that a stone is being placed in Castle Garth to mark the site of Thirsk Castle.

Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Roberts advised that no grant is made to C.A.B. because it would reduce the grant given by the H.D.C. and not benefit the

Sport for the Disabled Coun. Stuart requested that any future correspondence regarding Sport for the Disabled be passed directly to him.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Coun. Craig requested that this be placed on the next Agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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14/6/82

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 14th June 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

Market Place The Chairman stated that this would be discussed at the next Environmental Health Committee meeting due to be held on 18th June.

Old Bakery It was reported that work has commenced.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe Coun. Craig reported that this will be discussed at the next meeting of the H.D.C. Housing Committee.

Town Hall It was anticipated that accounts would be produced at the A.G.M. being held on the same evening as this Council meeting.

Cemetery Rubbish Reply from Mr. Hopps awaited.

Little Green Wall The Chairman had inspected the wall and reported that one slab is missing from the top. It was agreed to ask Mr. Kendall to carry out any necessary repairs.

Cemetery Lodge Repairs The Clerk had obtained a price from Mr. Hopps of £47.88 and the Chairman had sanctioned the work being carried out. Members endorsed this action.

Open Spaces Act, 1906 - Hambleton Estate Reply received from the Legal Department of the L.C.A. stating that the Town Council has no legal obligations in this matter and may freely choose to accept or refuse the offer of the lease of open spaces. If it accepts the offer then it will be under a duty imposed by the Open Spaces Act 1906 to hold and administer the space and to maintain it in a good and decent state, and to observe any additional conditions imposed by the District Council. If the Town Council chooses not to accept the lease there is the covert threat that costs incurred by the district in maintaining the open space will be separately charged only on the ratepayers of Thirsk so that the rest of the district does not pay even if the district does the work. It was reported that the L.C.A. is in agreement with the district's policy. The Chairman agreed to ascertain the views of other parishes within the H.D.C.'s area. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the H.D.C. be told that Thirsk Town Council will not participate in their policy with regard to leasing open spaces at this time.' Agreed.

Report on Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting The Chairman reported that the Garden of Rest area had been seeded and should be in good order by September. A new grass cutter is urgently required. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that the best quotation be accepted for an 18" 5 H.P. hand propelled mower'. Agreed. The Chairman had obtained a quotation of approximately £53.00 for three copies of an anodised aluminium notice to be fixed on the Cemetery gates or railings with the wording 'The Cemetery will be open to the public from 8.00 a.m. until one hour after sunset. The Superintendent is authorised to remove any person guilty of misbehaviour. Dogs not admitted except on a lead.' It was agreed that such a notice would be adequate and should be obtained.

Report on Play Equipment on The Holmes An external report received from Chas. Wicksteed stated that 1 cradle swing seat, 2 flat seats and 2 end stops for the parallel bars are or will be required within the next twelve months. As all replacement part orders are subject to a minimum charge of £20.00 it was agreed to purchase all the required parts at a total cost of £24.09. The report also stated that the equipment would benefit from being rubbed down and repainted, the grass should be removed from around the support tubes and the ground requires attention due to erosion of surface. It was agreed that these matters are in hand as repainting has taken place, Mr. Martin is cutting the grass around the supports and it is hoped that the Scouts will be making up the ground around the equipment.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Coun. Craig reported that he has requested more conspicuous signs indicating the Zebra Crossing. Members were in agreement that a Pelican Crossing would be more beneficial to the many pedestrians crossing the road and would generate a more even flow of traffic. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the N.Y.C.C. be requested to replace the Long Street Zebra Crossing with a Pelican Crossing.' Agreed.

Recreation Land A letter had been received from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that £30,000 had been made available for the acquisition of land in parishes where it has been identified that there is a deficiency of recreation land and requesting an early reply. The Chairman had authorised the sending of a letter requesting the H.D.C. to consider purchasing the 3 acres of land on the Hambleton Estate designated as recreation land in the Thirsk District Plan. Members endorsed this action.

Correspondence

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding the local education authority's policy for the letting of school premises outside of school hours for recreational purposes and asking whether or not particular problems have been identified and asking for details of any such problems. It was agreed to reply stating that Coun. Craig had been unsuccessful when he approached the headmistress of Thirsk C.P. School for the use of the school playing fields by the children of the Hambleton Estate.

Emergency Plan Letter presented from the County Emergency Officer together with a copy of the N.Y.C.C. County War Plan which will be kept by the Clerk and will be available to members.

Home Defence Letter presented from the County Emergency Officer thanking the Council for their co-operation and naming the Home Defence Community Advisers in the parish as Coun. Ellis and Mr. J. Brown of 15, Station Road, Thirsk.

Local Councils' Association Letter presented from the Secretary L.C.A. enclosing a Timetable of Branch Meetings, a copy of The Association's Draft Code of Policy and a copy of 'Alternative to Domestic Rates on which the Town Council's views would be welcomed.

Citizens Advice Bureau Notice of the A.G.M. on 17th June presented together with a copy of the Annual Report 1981 - 82 of the Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau.

Financial Statement A copy of the Audited Financial Statement was presented.

Planning Applications The following planning applications were presented and observations made.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Workshop with Parking Area and Use of an Existing Building for Vehicle Bodywork Repairs at the Rear of Saxty House, Station Road for Mr. J. W. Richardson. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'to recommend refusal of this application.' Voting 3 in favour - 5 against. Observation made - The Town Council is in agreement with this proposal.

Display of a Non-illuminated Sign at Court Arcade, Millgate for Mr. A. J. Walton. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Megson 'Not to make objections.' Voting 4 in favour - 1 Against - 3 abstentions. Observation made - No Objections.

Extension to Existing Bakery at 12, Market Place for P, Lee & Son. No Objections.

Extensions to Existing Dwellinghouse to Include a Car Port to replace Existing Car Port at The Withens, Stockton Road for Mr. D. Margett. No Objections.

Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of an Outbuilding to Rear of 24, Market Place for Barclays Bank Limited. No Objections.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Thirsk R. T. Advertiser - Adverts re: Cemetery Water Supply - '£13.75
& Painting Cemetery Lodge
One Yeoman's Port. The Valmer

Accounts as Circulated cont.

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil - Cemetery	- £30.20
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - April - June £625.50	
	Dividend 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ % S. B. £ 4.25	- £629.75
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June £268.75	
	Administrative Exps. £ 15.58	- £284.33

Additional Accounts

Department of Environment	- Audit Fee	- £89.70
S. Martin	- Cutting Grass - The Holmes & Greens	- £61.00
Coun. Murkett	- Re-imbursement of cost of Refreshments for L.C.A. Planning Meeting	- £7.05
Ghas. Wicksteed	- 3 Swing Seats & 2 end stops for Parallel Bars	- £24.09

Chairman's Report The Chairman commented on the amount of rubbish in the Cod Beck and the sand under Millgate Bridge. It was agreed to ask the River Board to clear out the river from the waterfall bridge in The Holmes to Finkle Street bridge or failing that, from the metal bridge near St. James' Green to Finkle Street. It was agreed to ask the Gas Board to replace a loose cap on the gas main in Millgate which generates a lot of noise when traffic passes over it.

Any Other Business

Mill Gardens It was agreed to ask Mr. Martin to cut the grass in the Mill Gardens when he next cuts the Greens.

White Horse Cafe Coun. Craig reported a broken inspection chamber cover outside the rear of the White Horse Cafe. The owner to be asked to arrange for its replacement.

Men's Toilets It was reported that the state of the toilets will be discussed at the next meeting of the Environmental Health Committee.

Plaque Coun. Ellis stated that a memorial plaque indicating the site of Thirsk Castle is to be unveiled on 15th June. It was agreed that on request, the Council will consider contributing half of the cost.

Vehicle Park It was reported that the lorry park is overcrowded and traffic jams frequently build up due to the many vehicles attempting to enter. The Chairman stated that this matter also will be discussed at the Environmental Health Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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19/7/82

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council, held in the Court House on Thursday, 15th July 1982 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

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

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. H. Whitton.

Sowerby Parish Council Couns. J. R. Potter (Chairman), F. P. Hubbard, R. W. Smith, G. Scaife, J. Brown, Mrs. E. E. Hall.

Also attending - Mr. E. Lappin, Treasurer of the Hambleton District Council.

At the invitation of Coun. Potter, Coun. Murkett took the Chair.

The purpose of the Joint Meeting was to discuss the need for a new roof for Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall and, if the Councils were in agreement to cover the cost, the means of financing the project.

Coun. Murkett stated that a new roof is essential and an estimate of £6,500 had been obtained for a new roof and the blocking in of the skylights.

Mr. Lappin stated that there will not be any grants available for village halls until the financial year 1984/85 and as the new roof appeared to be a matter of urgency, the Hambleton District Council would be willing to advance the £6,500 to the two Councils and which would be repaid in the financial years 1983/84 and 84/85 by means of a 1/2p rate on each parish for the two years. The money would be made available immediately and be an interest free loan.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the offer of a loan of £6,500 by the Hambleton District Council be accepted.' Voting by Thirsk Town Council - 8 in Favour - 1 Abstention. Sowerby Parish Council - 5 in Favour - 1 Abstention.

It was agreed that each Council precept for £3,250.

It was reported that the Town Hall has £1000 in hand but it was agreed that this should not be contributed at the present time. Fund raising would be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Hall Committee.

It was agreed that Coun. Potter (Chairman of the Town Hall Committee) go ahead and accept the estimate of £6,500 and that the work be put in hand as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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19/7/82

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

Matters Arising

Market Place The Chairman reported that this had been discussed at the Environmental Health Committee meeting where it had been decided to set aside some of the income from markets for repairs.

Old Bakery A copy of the Deed of Grant giving a right of way over part of the Mill Gardens had been received from the developers' solicitor for approval. This had been passed to Mr. Hatch for his opinion and is being redrafted by him at the developers' expense.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe Coun. Craig reported that a petition is being sent to H.D.C. requesting the acquisition of the Annexe for use as a Community Centre.

Open Spaces - Hambleton Estate The Chairman stated that other parishes are not in favour of the H.D.C.'s policy.

Town Hall A copy of the balance sheet to 31.3.82 presented. It was agreed that a more explicit financial statement is required. It was reported that the letting charges are to be substantially increased.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that he would be reluctant at the moment to recommend that the zebra crossing be replaced by a pelican crossing bearing in mind the capital cost involved and there have been no personal injury accidents since 1977. He is arranging to improve the conspicuity of the crossing by extending the markings on the road. It was agreed to request that provision be made in future estimates to provide a pelican crossing.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the Planning Officer has indicated that there are 7 acres designated for recreational purposes in the Thirsk Interim District Plan - 3.5 acres of playing fields, 3 acres of open space and 0.5 acres of children's play area. When considering the provision of the land, the Town Council should be aware of the recommendations in the Plan and attempt to comply with them. The Town Council should not discuss with the owner of any land the likely purchase price but leave this to the District Valuer. Members were able only to identify the owners of field O.S. 3459.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Coun. Craig reported that he and the Chairman have been invited to meet the headmistress of Thirsk County Primary School to discuss this.

Cod Beck Letter presented from the Secretary of the Internal Drainage Board stating that he will arrange for the beck to be cleaned out as soon as possible.

Gas Main Cap It was reported that this has been replaced.

Men's Toilets The Chairman reported that the problem is being investigated by the Environmental Health Officer.

Plaque - Thirsk Castle Account received for £21.53, being half the cost of the plaque.

Vehicle Park The Chairman stated that it is the intention of the H.D.C. to close the vehicle park to heavy lorries. Closure is being deferred until the N.Y.C.C. has been notified and their comment received. Members expressed concern regarding local lorries. The possibility of provision for local lorry parking being provided on the proposed industrial site on York Road was discussed.



Cemetery Rubbish Heap It was agreed that the rubbish heap should be cleared and a small enclosure constructed. Mr. M. Shipton had submitted a quotation to remove the rubbish of £3.50 per hour + V.A.T. with a minimum of 16 hours. More time may be required because of the type of work involved. It was agreed to accept the quotation and to ask Mr. Hopps for a quotation to construct a compound 12' x 12' with 3' or 4' high interwoven fencing, and to accept the quotation at the Chairman's discretion.

Town Hall Roof The Minutes of the Joint Meeting with Sowerby Parish Council held on 15th July were read, approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Roberts. A Precept for £3,250 was signed in readiness to cover the Town Council's share of the cost of the new roof.

Correspondence

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Notice presented of the A.G.M. to be held on 19th August at the Huntington Sports Centre, York. Coun. Stuart expressed the intention of attending.

8½% Savings Bonds The Clerk reported that the authority for the redemption of £100 of 8½% Savings Bonds in November had been signed. It was agreed that the proceeds should be invested in stock to give a higher return.

Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society Letter presented stating that the subscription paid by Banker's Order leaves a balance outstanding as the rate increased in January 1982 and requesting the balance (£2.50). It was agreed to pay the balance but not yet to sign an authority to amend the Banker's Order.

Tree Planting - Long Street Letter presented from the Secretary of Thirsk and Sowerby Civic Society regarding a proposed tree planting scheme for Long Street and stating that residents welcome such a project. A copy letter from the N.Y.C.C. was enclosed in which it was stated that the provision would need to be made for the Town Council to maintain the trees and the County Council would require a responsible body to indemnify them against any claims arising from trees planted within the highway. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that the Town Council will not accept this responsibility.' Voting 9 in Favour - 1 Abstention. It was agreed to give support to any residents applying for planning permission to place trees in tubs outside their premises.

Youth Opportunities Programme - Community Project A letter had been received from the Clerk to Northallerton Council regarding the exterior painting of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall. This had been passed to the Secretary of the Town Hall Committee.

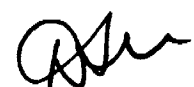
Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mr. E. Abbott to apply for the licence of the Cross Keys, Kirkgate, Thirsk.

Opportunities for Volunteering Letter presented from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council regarding a scheme financed by the Government giving grants to voluntary organisations for the purpose of increasing the opportunities open to unemployed people for undertaking voluntary work.

Grass Cutting Letter presented from Mr. S. Martin offering to cut the grass on The Holmes and the Greens each fortnight for the same price that he has been receiving for cutting grass each month - £61.00. It was agreed to accept his offer until the end of the cutting season. Mr. Martin had offered to cut the Little Green prior to the Children's Fair and had been asked to do so, but the work had not been done. The Round Table had been obliged to employ someone to cut the grass at a cost of £10.00. It was agreed that the Town Council should pay for the grasscutting.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:
Construction of a Domestic Double Garage at 'Tregorine', Green Lane (Woodcock Lane), Thirsk for Mr. J. Heron. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Squash Court Building at Newsham Road for Thirsk Squash Racquets Club. No Objections.



Plans - cont.

Construction of an Industrial Estate Road with Services at Part O.S. 00001 and Part O.S. 6400, York Road, Thirsk (in the Parish of Bagby) for Hambleton District Council. No Objections but comment on very out-of-date map.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Harland (Garden Machinery) Ltd	- Hayterette Rotary Mower	- £197.80
Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd	- Combined Insurance Policy Premium	- £111.35
Chas. Wicksteed & Co.	- V.A.T. & Carriage on Play Equipment	- £ 8.18
	Spares ordered at June Meeting	
Thirsk Power Tools	- Cord for Brush Cutter	- £ 14.95
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 18.16
L. C. Hopps	- Painting Cemetery Lodge, Repairs to	
	Cemetery Lodge & Extra Window Repairs	- £361.28
Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society	- Half of Cost of Plaque - Thirsk Castle	£ 21.53
North Yorks. P.F.A.	- Annual Subscription	- £ 2.00
Hambleton Sports Council	- Annual Subscription	- £ 2.00
<u>Additional Accounts</u>		
City of Wakefield M.D.C.	- Stationery - Part Order	- £ 13.34
Footpaths Pres. Society	- Balance of Subscription	- £ 2.50
K. G. Fillery	- Cutting Little Green for Children's	- £ 10.00
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Chairman's Report The Chairman expressed concern that the H.D.C.'s policy on open spaces grass cutting is backed by the Local Councils' Association. Many parishes are against this policy and it must be opposed. It was agreed that a resolution regarding this be sent to the Annual General Meeting of the L.C.A.

Any Other Business

Public Footpath - Barratt Estate Coun. Megson requested that the N.Y.C.C. be asked to carry out a survey on the public footpath on the estate on Stockton Road and to erect public footpath signs. It was agreed to draw the attention of the N.Y.C.C. to the state of the footpath from Castlegate to Castle Garth at the same time.

Pigeon Club It was agreed to write to the Secretary of the North Road Flying Club regarding the noise when pigeon carriers are being loaded late at night outside the Frankland Arms in Ingramgate.

L.C.A. Training Weekend for Councillors and Clerks Coun. Allenby presented a syllabus for a Training Weekend to be held at Askham Bruan College York on 18th/19th September at a cost of £25.00 per person. It was agreed that the course will not be attended. It was noted that the A.G.M. is incorporated into the weekend - Saturday, 18th September 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Market Place Coun. Whitton reported that young people are causing a disturbance in the Market Place and adjoining streets late on Friday nights/early Saturday mornings. The attention of the police to be drawn to this.

The Green It was reported that a car - Registration No. OHN 52X - is being parked on the grass in front of the seat sited outside the chapel. The attention of the police to be drawn to this also.

Street Sweeper Coun. Craig reported that the streets off the Market Place are not being cleaned as the Street Sweeper has been instructed to concentrate on the Market Place.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Robert
20/9/82

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 20th September 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. Ellis, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, G. Kirk, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, H. Whitton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Inspector D. Lodge, Sergeant L. Wing, 1 Member of the Public.

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

Police Inspector Lodge, accompanied by Sgt. Wing, attended the meeting for the purpose of meeting the members of the Town Council and to discuss any problems with which he may be able to assist. The main topic for discussion was the problem of school children cycling on the footpaths, especially in Finkle Street. Inspector Lodge promised to bring this to the attention of the schools through the liaison officers. The bus park on the Market Place was also discussed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Old Bakery The Deed of Grant is not yet ready for signing. A letter was presented from Mrs. Heydecke of Leeds complaining about the state of the Mill Gardens. It was agreed to reply explaining the present situation regarding the development.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that the H.D.C. cannot take any action in the matter of the suggested acquisition of the premises. It was agreed to write to the Regional Health Authority again requesting that the Annexe be offered on lease. Coun. Craig stated that the Community Care Association is also interested in acquiring the premises.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that it is necessary for the owners of all the land concerned to be identified and to know whether or not they are prepared to treat with the District Council for the sale of the land. It was agreed that when the owners of the other land have been identified a letter be sent to the H.D.C. stating that as the Town Council has been told not to discuss the price of the land with the owners it is felt that all negotiations should be carried out by the District Council.

Dual Use of Recreational Facilities Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. stating that there is to be a joint meeting between the L.E.A. and the H.D.C. in Autumn 1982.

Vehicle Park Coun. Murkett reported that no action has been taken since the E.H. Committee passed a resolution in favour of closing the lorry park in March. The N.Y.C.C. have to be notified of the H.D.C.'s intention. The County Council has no statutory rights over the lorry park but has to be consulted over the proposed closure. If there are objections the proposals would then have to go before the Secretary of State. It was agreed to write to all the members of Highways Area No. 1 Sub-Committee before their meeting in November explaining the situation. It was also agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. asking for the reason for the delay in any action being taken.

Cemetery Rubbish Heap The rubbish had been cleared by Mr. Shipton and Mr. Hopps had built an enclosure.

Town Hall Roof The Clerk reported that the account for the roof is being sent direct to the Treasurer H.D.C. who will then require a precept for half of the amount. Members felt that there should be public notice of the Town Hall Committee Meetings.

Public Footpaths Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that the footpath on the Barratt site is obstructed and H.D.C. has been notified. When the estate roads are adopted the new route of the footpath will be signposted. The footpath from Castlegate did not seem to be a problem. It was agreed that the state of the footpath from Lees Butchers to the Colour Centre should be brought to the attention of Mr. Woods.

Correspondence

Thirsk Round Table A letter had been received from the Round Table asking permission to use the Little Green as the venue for an event in conjunction with the North Yorkshire Police on 9th October for 'Free Bicycle Reflectorisation' and 'Free Cycle Coding'. An early reply had been requested and the Chairman had given permission.

Dogs Letter presented from Northallerton Town Council regarding the problem of dogs fouling pavements, verges, etc. and stating that some of their members would like to pursue the appointment of a 'Dog Warden' in an endeavour to enforce the H.D.C.'s byelaws. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council could not support the burden upon the ratepayers that the appointment of a 'Dog Warden' would entail.

Licences - Village Halls A letter regarding licences for Village Halls etc. was passed on to the Town Hall Committee.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented that Mr. G. W. Coleman and Mr. H. L. Cruickshank intend to apply for the transfer of the licence at York Co-operative Society, 65, Market Place.

Gypsies in Yorkshire Notice presented of a conference to be held on 23rd October and arranged by the L.C.A. No one wished to attend.

Yorkshire Community Council Playbus Letter presented thanking the Town Council for the donation of £5.00 towards the expenses of the Playbus which visited Thirsk and Sowerby on 11th August and which was visited by 145 children.

Bus Service Alterations A letter and timetable regarding the curtailment of bus services on the York/Thirsk and York/Easingwold route had been received during the August recess and no observations had been made by the Chairman.

Northallerton District Community Health Council Parish Council Newsletter and leaflets 'You and Your Health Service' received.

Thirsk and Sowerby Civic Society Letter presented asking for members' assistance in obtaining signatures for a petition in support of the H.D.C.'s refusal to allow N. Shaw a licence to operate a High Class Amusement Centre at 63, Market Place and whose appeal comes before the York Crown Court in the near future.

Plans - August

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20, Market Place for Anglia Building Society. These signs would be out of keeping with the policy for signs in conservation areas.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 27, Norby Estate for Mr. Harman. No Objections.

Extensions to Existing Bungalow to include a Car Port at 25, St. Mary's Walk for Mr. E. W. Appleby. No Objections.

Use of Existing Storage Building in connection with an adjacent Antique Restoration Business at 15, Millgate for S. J. Farquharson. No Objections.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at the Black Bull Hotel for J. W. Cameron. No Objections as this is the replacement of existing illuminated sign.

Use of First Floor Living Accommodation as a Furniture Showroom at 27, Westgate for Mr. C. A. Lightfoot. No Objections.

Revised Details of the Conversion of an Existing Building to Bed and Breakfast Accommodation to incorporate a Coffee Lounge at Hollin Barn for Mr. Phillips. No Objections.

Change of Use of Existing Dwellinghouse to a Restaurant with Living Accommodation at Stoneybrough, Stockton Road for Mr. & Mrs. Singh. Site plan misleading - bend in road to the north not shown nor is the Barratt Estate on the South side of the property shown. Commercial development in a truly residential area most undesirable. Objections from nearby residents should be considered.

Plans - September Observations were made on the following:

'Stoneybrough' As detailed plans had been received by the Town Council only three days before the 'deadline' date for observations for the H.D.C.'s Planning meeting a decision by the Planning Committee was being deferred until the September Meeting. The Civic Society were very concerned about this application - Copies of letters of objection, sent to the Planning Officer, were read to the meeting. Objections were made on the grounds that it is a high class property in a residential area and as such, use as a restaurant would be out of place. Noise from cars, delivery vans etc. would be detrimental to surrounding properties. Access would cause some concern. On receipt of the detailed plans the Civic Society made further observations. An extension would spoil the symmetry of a balanced Victorian house. The site plan is out of scale and parking would take up more room than shown. The car park would be inadequate for the proposed size of the restaurant. The right of way along the north boundary would be likely to become an entrance or exit. Members agreed to support the objections made by the Civic Society.

Construction of a Tennis Pavilion to Replace Existing Pavilion at Newsham Road for Thirsk Athletic Club. No Objections.

Renewal of Consent for 2 Portakabins for Use as Offices at 'Yorpac' Station Road for Yorkshire Meat Packers. No Objections.

Alteration and Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 66, Long Street for Mr. J. Barr. No Objections.

Use of Existing Photographic Studio as an Estate Agents Office with Photographers Appointment Office at 1, Castlegate for F. Hadfield. No Objections.

Display of Internally Illuminated Pole and Box Signs at Crossroads Commercial Ltd, Long Street. No Objections.

Minor amendments - including revised dwelling types at plots 23 - 28, 34 - 39, 57 - 62, 71 - 76 where Solo type dwellings are to be replaced by Studio 2 type at Dowber Lane for Barratts (York) Ltd. No Objections.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Building with Parking Area for Vehicle Bodywork Repairs at the rear of Saxty House, Station Road for Mr. J. W. Richardson. Voting was 7 - 2 in Favour of Supporting this Application.

Accounts paid in August

Yorks. Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge 1st Quarter	- £25.30
S.G.S. - M. Shipton	- Clearing Cemetery Rubbish	- £72.45
F. Kendall	- Repairs to Mill Gardens Walls £153.56	
	Repairs to Little Green Wall £7.47	- £161.03
S. Martin	- Cutting The Holmes & Greens - July	- £61.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £21.54
Godbeck Int. D. Bd.	- Drainage Rates	- £3.00
GSM Graphic Arts	- Notices for Cemetery	- £60.95
Yorks. Rural Community C.	- Donation to 'Playbus'	- £5.00

Accounts - September The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop; Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis

Accounts as Circulated

Morts Equipment	- Tables for Town Hall - Account paid on behalf of Town Hall - reimbursement received.	- £115.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £14.80
City of Wakefield M.D.C.	- Completion of Stationery Order	- £2.54
L. C. Hopps	- Constructing Compound at Cemetery	- £100.38
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Premium on Haytor Mower	- £10.00
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - July - Sept. £625.50	
	Int. on D/A Investment £ 5.53	
	Int. on 13 1/4% Treas. Stk.	
	Ivy Thompson Investment £ 13.43	- £644.46
P. Smith	- Salary - July - Sept. £268.75	
	Administrative Expenses £ 17.97	- £286.72

Additional Accounts

S. Martin	- Cutting The Holmes and the Greens - August	- £61.00
R. Simpson & Son	- Plants for Flower Troughs	£12.25

Precept A Precept for £3,000.00 was signed.

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on the Local Councils' Association A.G.M. where the Town Council's resolution that the L.C.A. should withdraw its support of the H.D.C.'s proposals for the maintenance of open spaces did not receive any support. The subscription to the L.C.A. is to increase next year by 20%. The Chairman asked members to consider whether or not the Town Council should withdraw from membership of the L.C.A.

Any Other Business

White Mare Corner Mr. Hopps to be asked to repair the canopy over the double seat.

100th Birthday It was reported that Mrs. Alice Metcalfe of Norby will be 100 on 16th November. It was agreed that the Town Council will present her with champagne and flowers.

Entrance to Millgate Vehicle Park Coun. Megson expressed concern at the danger to the elderly when crossing the vehicle park entrance and suggested a small island as a refuge in the area of the broken white lines. Mr. Woods to be asked for his opinion.

Clock Door It was reported that notices are being attached to the clock door.

Pigeons The Environmental Health Officer's attention to be drawn again to the nuisance caused by pigeons in and around the Market Place.

Street Signs The Technical Officer to be asked for a conspicuous sign indicating St. Mary's Drive and one indicating Fairfield on the Barratt Estate.

Whitelass Beck It was reported that Mr. R. Newcombe had been seen to deposit a trailer load of rubbish at the South Kilvington side of Whitelass Beck. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this.

St. Mary's Estate Mr. Woods' attention to be drawn to the problem for motorists turning north out of the St. Mary's Estate caused by the camber on the road.

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings The Footpaths Officer to be asked to keep an eye on the footpath when the development takes place at Bridge Garage.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

CV Annett
18/10/82

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 18th October 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising

Old Bakery - Millgate The Chairman stated that he hoped the Deed of Grant would be ready for signing at the next meeting. Members raised no objections to the development being known as Riverside Mews.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe Reply awaited from the Regional Health Authority. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Social Services supporting the Community Care Association's request for financial assistance to acquire the Clinic and/or Annexe.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. requesting the Town Council to ascertain whether the owners of the land are prepared to treat with the District Council for its sale. The Clerk stated that letters had been sent to Barkers (Ryebeck) Ltd and the representatives of the Lettlewell Trust and replies were awaited.

Vehicle Park Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that on 28th April, 1982 the Council adopted a committee recommendation that the Traffic Order in respect of Millgate Car Park should be amended so as to prohibit parking by heavy goods vehicles. The control of off-street car parks is subject to the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1967, which prohibits a district council from making Traffic Orders without the consent of the County Council as highway authority. Discussions have taken place between the Council's Secretary and a representative of the County Surveyor's Dept., and the proposed order is to be considered by the appropriate Area Highway Sub-Committee on 11th November. The District Council has already authorised the lodging of an appeal with the Secretary of State for the Environment in the event of the County Council making any decision, the effect of which would be to permit heavy goods vehicles to continue to park at Millgate.

Town Hall Nothing reported regarding public notice of meetings. Coun. Ellis reported that the committee are arranging fund raising events.

Public Footpath - Lee's to Colour Centre Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that this path is included in the present programme of small works to be carried out as soon as the appropriate labour is available.

100th Birthday It was reported that Mrs. Metcalfe died on 11th October. It was agreed to erect a small plaque indicating the tree planted by Mrs. Metcalfe to mark her 99th birthday.

Entrance to Millgate Vehicle Park Letter from Mr. Woods stating that he has asked the Traffic Management Department to examine the junction and advise upon the practicality of providing a refuge.

Clock Door Coun. Stott agreed to treat the door with linseed oil.

Pigeons Letter read to the meeting stating that if the Hambleton District Council will obtain permission from the owners of high buildings around the Market Place, the Thirsk Social Flying Club will attempt to reduce the pigeon population. It was agreed to write to the H.D.C. asking them to accept the Club's offer and co-operate in trying to eliminate the nuisance.

Street Signs Letter presented from the Technical Officer suggesting that beneath the name plate St. Mary's Close the words 'Leading to St. Mary's Drive' be incorporated. Members agreed to this.

Whitelass Beck Letter from Mr. Woods stating that he would contact Mr. Newcombe with a view to having the rubbish removed. It was reported that the rubbish has now been removed.

St. Mary's Estate Entrance Letter from Mr. Woods stating that he will investigate the

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings Letter presented from the County Surveyor's Dept. stating that when the development is completed at Bridge Garage the public footpath which runs alongside the hedge will be protected and will remain unobstructed. Regular visits will be made to the site to make sure that the footpath remains unobstructed and usable at all times.

Representation on the Local Councils' Association Coun. Ellis agreed to deputise in the event of either of the two present representatives being unable to attend meetings. Members were urged to attend the meeting on 20th October when the speaker will be the new Chief Executive of the H.D.C.

Christmas Lighting It was agreed to invite Martin S. Bingham & Co to quote for the erection and dismantling of the lights. It was felt that a maximum of £200 could be allowed for this purpose.

Correspondence

Local Councils' Association Letter presented from the Secretary asking to be notified if a recruiting letter from the Association of Larger Councils is received.

International Festival of Cycling Letter received from the Festival Organiser stating that it is hoped to start the Great Yorkshire Classic Race from Thirsk Market Place on 2nd July 1983 and asking if the Town Council can again afford the facilities necessary. This was agreed.

Community Care Association Letter presented stating that it is hoped to produce a quarterly magazine for disabled people in the area which would be distributed free and would cost £167 to produce each issue of 500 copies and seeking help with finance. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to make a single donation of £25.00.' Agreed.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received of the Annual General Meeting to be held at York University on 6th November.

Development North of Dowber Lane - Phase III - Barratts York Ltd. Letter presented from the Technical Officer inviting the Town Council to suggest suitable names for five roads on this phase - Road No. 1 being an extension of Dowber Way. Members requested that this be deferred until the November meeting.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mrs. C. Williams of 47, Saxty Way to apply for the transfer of the licence of Antonio's Restaurant.

Stockton Road Notice presented from the Chief Executive of the N.Y.C.C. that the proposed extension of the 40 mph Speed Limit on Stockton Road will come into operation on 19th October 1982. (Proposal in Minutes of March 1982)

Thirsk Council of Churches Invitation received for members to attend an Inter-Denominational Service in All Saints' R.C. Church on Sunday, 31st October at 2.30 p.m.

Little Green Letter presented from Dr. M. Harrison stating that he would like to erect a garage on land adjoining his home, 10, The Crescent, which is owned by Thirsk Hall Estate but leased to the Town Council. Thirsk Hall Estate would be willing to sell the land if the Town Council is agreeable. It was agreed not to object providing that the building is in old bricks and with an old pantile roof in keeping with the surroundings.

Rubber Pencil Erasers Letter from Northallerton District Community Health Council to Thirsk Chamber of Trade read to the meeting, regarding the danger to small children of rubber pencil erasers which are shaped, coloured and wrapped to look like sweets. It was reported that copies of this letter had been issued to all the members of the Thirsk Chamber of Trade.

Plans The following planning applications were submitted and observations made:

Extension to Existing Bungalow at 'Culantern', Sutton Road for Mr. P. H. Tyas

No Objections

Provision of a New Shop Front at 1, Castlegate for G. Pattison and Son

No Objections

Plans - cont.

Revised Details of an Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 27, Norby Estate for Mr. Harman. Voting for No Objections 7. in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention.

Conversion to Residential Use of Former Mill and Bakery at 18, Millgate.

No Objections were made to revised and additional plans which had been sent to the Chairman.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £98.00/
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £22.60/
Community Care Association	- Conference Fee for Coun. Craig	- £ 3.00/
S. Martin	- Grass Cutting - September	- £61.00/

Burial Grants

Gerald Watson	9 A4	£15.00
Byron Duffield	8 C5	£15.00
John Smith	26 G6	£30.00
Clara Graham Green	10 A1	£15.00
Alfred Harrison	2 A4	£15.00

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Hambleton District Council is to reconsider its policy with regard to the maintenance of open spaces.

Any Other Business

Award Members agreed to Coun. Megson's suggestion that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr. John Gormley of Treske on winning the bronze award in the rural section of the 'Old resources, New opportunities' competition run by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and The Times.

Town Hall Charges Coun. Allenby stated that the British Legion, as original donors to the Town Hall, considered it unfair to be charged £40.00 for the hire of the hall for their bazaar. Coun. Allenby was advised to write to the Town Hall committee.

Parking - Long Street It was reported that vehicles parked at Thirsk Radiators are blocking the entrance to Shaw's builders yard and impairing the visibility of drivers leaving the yard. Traffic is unable to enter the correct lane when approaching White Mare Corner roundabout, also due to parking at Thirsk Radiators. It was agreed to request the police to investigate this problem.

Tree Planting - Long Street Coun. Ellis reported that the Civic Society is still anxious to implement a tree planting scheme in Long Street. It was suggested that the new scheme should be submitted to the Town Council in writing.

Wooden Cross Coun. Megson stated that he had been approached by a lady wishing to erect a wooden cross on her late husband's grave in the cemetery. It was agreed that this would be considered if full details were submitted.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

John Heath
15/11/82

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 15th November 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. J. Ellis and Coun. 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. Roberts.

Matters Arising

Old Bakery - Millgate Mr. Hatch had reported to the Chairman that the developers have taken 13' from the Mill Gardens instead of the 10' originally agreed upon and wished to know if the Town Council is satisfied. The Chairman stated that the road, when completed, will be handed to the highway authority. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to thank Mr. Hatch for the information but not to take any action.' Agreed.

Little Green Clinic and Annexe Letter presented from the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority stating that the Town Council's request with regard to the Annexe being leased for community use has been considered but it has been resolved that both the Clinic and the Annexe be sold on the open market.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the solicitors for the Kettlewell Trust, stating that on a 'subject to contract and without prejudice' basis their clients are interested in selling the land. This letter had been forwarded to the H.D.C. It was agreed to write again to Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd asking if they have reached a decision about selling their land.

Vehicle Park A letter had been sent on behalf of the Town Council suggesting that the new industrial land on York Road would be a suitable site for a lorry park and this had been discussed at the meeting of No. 1 Area Highways Sub-Committee. The Chairman reported that the suggestion had not been accepted but that the Sub-Committee had voted in favour of the closure of the lorry park. Members were concerned that the closure of the lorry park could cause trouble for other areas and it was agreed to ask the County Surveyor if a suitable site could be found, within the perimeter of the town, for the parking of local lorries. It was also agreed to ask if a list of areas in Thirsk that ^{are} subject to a 2 ton weight limit is available.

Town Hall It was reported that the cost of the new roof was more than had originally been quoted. The share of the cost for each Council was now £3,430 and a new precept had been signed and forwarded to the Treasurer of H.D.C.

100th Birthday Mr. Collinson had prepared a small plaque, suitably mounted on stone, to be erected in front of the tree planted by Mrs. Metcalfe, which is to be unveiled at 2.30 p.m. on 16th November, the day on which Mrs. Metcalfe would have been 100 years old.

Entrance to Millgate Vehicle Park A further letter from Mr. Woods stated that it is considered that a pedestrian refuge can be provided and it is anticipated that the work will be carried out within the next two months.

Pigeons The Chairman had spoken to the Environmental Health Officer and asked him to co-operate with the Thirsk Social Flying Club.

Maintenance of Open Spaces - Hambleton Estate The Chairman stated that the matter is to be discussed by an H.D.C. committee. It was reported that certain tenants would like to take over some of the areas. Coun. Craig agreed to take up the matter with the Housing Committee.

Parking - Long Street The Clerk reported that the police had agreed to investigate the complaints. Members were of the opinion that the situation had improved.

Tree Planting - Long Street Nothing reported.

Wooden Cross - Cemetery A letter had been received from a Mrs. Armitage asking permission to erect a small wooden cross on the grave of her late husband. Mrs. Armitage had been asked to supply details but these had not been received.

Naming of Roads on Development North of Dowber Lane Members agreed that Road No. 1, as an extension of Dowber Way, should continue as Dowber Way. The Civic Society had submitted suggestions for the Roads 2 - 5. Favens Field Road, Lord, Freeman and McCauley Close. As each of these 4 roads has few houses, it was agreed to suggest that they be incorporated under one name- Favens Field Road, and numbered accordingly. It was also agreed to bear the other names in mind for future developments.

Christmas Lights Letter presented from Martin S. Bingham & Co., quoting £9.00 per hour inclusive. It was agreed to accept this and stipulate that a maximum of £200 + V.A.T. can be spent. Lights to be erected during the week commencing 12th December.

Correspondence

Investment Notification received from Barclays Bank stating that repayment of 8 1/2% British Savings Bonds had been received, yielding £104. The Clerk had enquired at the bank about re-investment and it appeared that a Building Society Account would give the best return at the present time. It was agreed to make enquiries about investing this amount and the £103 at present in an investment account in the bank.

Proposed Footpath Diversion Letter presented from the Secretary H.D.C. regarding an application by Barratts (York) Ltd for the diversion of a public footpath at Dowber Way. It was agreed not to make any objections.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mr. Peter Saville to apply for the transfer of the licence of Ye Olde Three Tuns public house.

Application for Licences Notice presented of the intention of Mr. R. I. Phillips to apply for a Residential Licence and a Restaurant Licence for Hollin Barn, Sutton Road.

Lighting - Sutton Road Letter presented from Coun. Stott drawing attention to the traffic dangers along Sutton Road especially at the junction with the Hambleton Estate, during the hours of darkness and suggesting that the Highway Authority be recommended to extend the trunk road lighting from White Mare Corner to the Hambleton Estate junction. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor regarding this and requesting the re-siting of the 40 mph speed limit signs to a point east of the by-pass bridge.

Census for Amusement Centre Copy of a letter, from the Chamber of Trade to Fieldwork International, presented regarding a census carried out by that company in connection with an appeal by Mr. N. Shaw against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant a gaming licence for 63, Market Place. It was agreed that a copy of this letter should be forwarded to the Chief Executive of the H.D.C. and his advice sought on any further action that could be taken.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:

Use of Dining Room and Coffee Lounge of Approved Bed and Breakfast Accommodation as a Restaurant for the General Public at Hollin Barn, Sutton Road for Mr. R. H. Phillips. No Objections.

Revised Layout of Land and Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 46 - 52 and Plot 73 at Stockton Road for P.L.C. Homes. No Objections.

Change of Use of First Floor Office Accommodation to Residential Use at 35, Westgate for Mr. J. F. Morton. No Objections.

Alterations to Existing Dwelling for Use as a Restaurant with Living Accommodation at Stoneybrough for Mr. & Mrs. Singh.

Couns. Ellis and Roberts had submitted a report recommending refusal on the grounds of commercial development in a residential area, noise nuisance to neighbours, inadequate disposal for sewage, insufficient car space, possible additional car parking on roadside verges, poor visibility at exit, site plan inaccurate by not showing the houses that have been built, and are soon to be built on the south side of the property.

It was agreed to recommend refusal using the full context of the report.

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

Accounts as circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge Second Quarter	- £23.77
Coun. Stuart	- Travelling Expenses - L.C.A. Meeting at Easingwold	- £ 3.48
Coun. Roberts	- Travelling Expenses - L.C.A. Meeting at Easingwold	- £ 3.48
Royal British Legion	- Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	- £ 7.20
Poppy Appeal		
Community Care Association	- Donation towards magazine	- £25.00
Hambleton Handbell Account		

Additional Account

S. Martin	- Grass Cutting - October	- £61.00
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Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had been invited to extend a Civic Welcome at the Royal British Legion Women's Conference and had been accompanied by the Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council. The Chairman commented on the rapidly deteriorating condition of the Market Place cobbles and it was agreed to draw the attention of the Technical Officer to this.

Any Other Business

Post Box At the request of Coun. Craig, it was agreed to write to the Head Postmaster at York asking if an additional post box could be provided on the Hambleton Estate, in the vicinity of Tranmire and Woolmoor Close to cater for the surrounding area. The present box is situated in Hambleton Place.

Cycling on Footpaths It was agreed to draw the attention of the police to the continued cycling on footpaths in and around the town by school children.

Seat - Ingramgate Coun. Megson commented on the fact that the seat moved from the south side of Ingramgate to the north side is shorter than the one previously sited there. It was agreed that this is one of the seats which will have to be cleaned in Spring.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Wm Heke
13/12/82

Comments. - J. Ellis

1. Most of the objections against the previous application still apply. This is still a commercial development in an area which has become firmly residential, and it is thus still unacceptable.
2. Although the car parking area is now on the north side, there are still objections. The new 1.8m wall is, according to the neighbour Mr B. Swales, on his side of the boundary line by some 2 feet. He has shown me the original fence posts and this would seem to bear out Mr Swales's comment. Mr Swales also argues that a 1.8m wall would NOT stop all of the vehicle noise, which would echo off the house wall. If the boundary wall was moved 2m south it would reduce the parking area. The parking density shown is such that it would be very difficult to manoeuvre cars into and out of the parking positions because of the proximity of the house. Mr Swales is concerned that there will be further disturbance late at night from staff cars travelling along his drive from the rear of the house. Visibility from the exit of this drive is poor and 120m sight lines to the north and the south can not be reached.
3. Mr Swales is also concerned about the sewerage. The drains serving his property are connected to an old sewer in the road and not to the new main sewer. There is a large pit on Mr Swales's property which, because the old sewer is poorly graded periodically backs up with effluent and has to be pumped empty. The additional effluent from the proposed restaurant will cause the frequency of pumping to be intolerable.
4. One of the plans is entitled "Phase One" - suggesting a later extension. This would presumably involve some enlargement of the dining accommodation and/or car parking similar to the previous rejected application. Is this the "thin end of the wedge"?
5. Parking for 13 vehicles does seem inadequate for a restaurant serving an estimated 40 + diners. If two sittings are aimed at, this will be woefully inadequate. Where will the overflow parking be - probably on the verge of the road opposite, which will be a nuisance to the public and possibly damage

which is to be avoided at all costs - a gross error was made in that instance which must not happen in this case.

6. It can be seen from the above that serious consideration should be given to refusal of this application on the grounds of it being an unsuitable location for such a development, with inadequate parking and of a nature so as to cause annoyance to neighbours on all sides. It should not be overlooked that the residents of Alexander Close will still be disturbed by cars headlights and engines as vehicles reverse to turn round, the only turning place being near the south west corner of the house.

J. Ellis

Planning Sub-Committee.

As with the previous application the site plan is inaccurate as it does not show the houses which have now been built & are ~~not~~^{soon} to be built on the south side of this property.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday,
13th December 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Matters Arising

Old Bakery - Millgate The Chairman reported that Mr. Hatch advised that the land should
be handed over directly to the N.Y.C.C. for adoption instead of
to the developers for them to hand it to the N.Y.C.C. It was agreed to act on Mr. Hatch's
advice.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Reply from Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd still awaited.

Vehicle Park Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that the No. 1 Area
Highways Sub-Committee has resolved that (i) approval be given to H.D.C.
to amend the 'Thirsk (On-street Parking Places) Order 1980', the effect of which will be
to prohibit lorries from using Millgate Car Park and (ii) investigations be commenced in
consultation with Thirsk Town Council and H.D.C. with a view to providing a lorry park on
the Industrial Estate, Thirsk'. A further letter from the County Surveyor stated that
the onus for the provision of a lorry park lies with the District Council. A letter
from the Secretary H.D.C. stated that the District Council is under no legal duty to
provide a lorry park and merely has a discretion to do so. The letter also stated that
discussions on the possibility of a suitable site for a lorry park will take place in
due course. Members delegated to meet with the District and County Councils were
the Chairman + Couns. Whitton, Allenby and Craig.

Pigeons It is understood that consultations are taking place between the H.D.C and the
Thirsk Social Flying Club.

Parking - Long Street The police to be asked again to investigate the problem.

Tree Planting - Long Street Nothing reported.

Wooden Cross - Cemetery Details still awaited.

Christmas Lights It was reported that it had been necessary to provide new bulbs to
replace some which had been broken during storage. The lights have
been erected and provide a satisfactory display.

Investment The Clerk reported that the money has been left in the bank as the interest
rate at present is better than that of the building society.

Lighting - Sutton Road Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that due to
restrictions in expenditure and the fact that since 1974 there
have been no accidents there is no apparent justification for a lighting requirement.
It was also stated that an extension of the 40mph speed limit could not be recommended.
It was agreed to write to H.D.C. and to the Road Safety Committee of N.Y.C.C. asking
for an additional light which would be sited on the corner of Sutton Road and Hambleton
Place.

Census H.D.C. had carried out a census with regard to the amusement centre on 6th Dec.
The appeal by Mr. N. Shaw is being held today and the Town Council is being
represented by Coun. Roberts. Coun. Roberts reported that a decision was expected on the
following day.

Cobbles - Market Place It was reported that some repairs have been carried out.

Posting Box - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Head Postmaster at York
stating that the provision of a new post box would not be
justified due to the close proximity of the box at Hambleton Place. When development
takes place between St. Mary's Walk and Tramire Close it is possible that there would
be a justified case for another posting box in the area.

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Control of Non-Retail Uses in Shopping Centres Members considered the H.D.C.'s guidelines for a proposed policy on the Control of Non-Retail Uses in Shopping Centres - copies of which had been circulated - and agreed to accept them.

Revenue Estimates for 1983/84 Letter presented from the Treasurer H.D.C. asking the amount of money required for revenue expenditure in 1983/84 and estimated the product of a 1p rate to be £3,200. The Clerk gave a report on the present year's expenditure and an estimate of the next year's. It was agreed that there would be some expenditure at the Cemetery and the sub-committee would meet to consider having an area tarmaced. Some members expressed dis-satisfaction with the L.C.A. and with the fact that the subscription is due to rise by 25%. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to withdraw from the L.C.A. at the end of this subscription year.' On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Megson 'to give the matter further consideration after the next L.C.A. meeting'. Voting for the amendment - 3 in favour - 4 against - 2 abstentions. Voting for the resolution - 4 in favour - 3 against - 2 abstentions.

A letter was presented from Mr. S. Martin giving a quotation for cutting the grass on The Holmes and The Greens each fortnight of £150 per month. It was agreed that this will be considered when tenders are invited in the new year. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to precept for £6,500 for the next financial year'. Agreed. Members were reminded that a further $\frac{1}{2}$ p would be added onto the rate for the Town Hall roof.

Public Right of Way - Red Bear Yard Letter presented from the Secretary of the L.V.A. on behalf of the landlord of the Red Bear Hotel regarding the nuisance being caused in the passageway between the Red Bear and the next door premises. The right of way is not used by the general public and is unlit. It is used as a public toilet, cycle track and there have been break-ins and damage to cars parked at the rear. The general public use the other two rights of way through the White Swan Yard and Bateman's Yard. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Ellis 'to apply to the N.Y.C.C. for a closure order on the right of way.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 3 abstentions. It was also agreed to invite the Footpaths Officer to attend a meeting to discuss the public rights of way within the parish.

Correspondence

Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A. Letter presented regarding an Amendment to the County Association's Constitution.

Community Adviser Scheme Letter presented from the County Emergency Officer stating that Mr. & Mrs. Goldthorpe of 28, Kirkgate have successfully completed the Community Advisers Programme.

Brewer's Court The Clerk reported that the Technical Officer wished to know if the Town Council has any objection to the flats to the rear of No. 22, Kirkgate being named Brewer's Court. Members approved the name.

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial The Clerk to obtain a quotation for 1 or more books.

August Meeting Members agreed that there should not be a meeting in August 1983.

Plans Members commented on the following Planning Applications:

Construction of 9 Dwellings with 7 Domestic Garages and Car Parking Spaces at the rear of 20, Kirkgate for M. L. Yeadon Ltd. Approve the Development and Detail.

Alterations to Disused Public Rooms to form 3 Self-Contained Flats at Nick's Alley, Market Place for F. Jones. Support.

Conversion of a Garage and Store to a Dwelling at the rear of 19, Finkle Street for Mr. & Mrs. J. Pratt. No Objections but would prefer access to be from Millgate.

Change of Use of Bingo Hall to Retail Use at Regent Bingo Hall for J. Burgess. Support.

Construction of a Car Port at 14, St. Mary's Drive for P. Bardon. No Objections.

Alterations to Existing Dwellinghouse for Use as a Restaurant with Living Accommodation at Stoneybrough for Mr. & Mrs. Singh. Oppose on the grounds that this is a commercial development in a residential area. Site plan does not show

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

Accounts as Circulated

Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Cover for Christmas Lights	- £ 12.50
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - October - December £625.50	
	Dividend 8½% Savings Bonds £ 4.25	- £629.75
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December £268.75	
	Administrative Expenses £ 22.58	- £291.33

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £. 8.65
D. G. Collinson	- Plaque for Alice Metcalfe Memorial Tree	- £28.75
H. Whitton	- Lamps for Christmas Lights	- £53.76

Burial Grants

Fred Abbott	3 D4	£ 15.00
Philip Lofthouse	1 A4	£ 15.00
Robert Parvin	11 A4	£ 15.00

Any Other Business

Glass for Recycling At the suggestion of Coun. Roberts^t it was agreed to enquire from Redfearns Glass the cost of the provision of plastic containers for the collection of bottles.

Stand for Fish Trader Coun. Megson expressed concern that a trader who sells fish from a refrigerated van will not be able to have a stand on the Market Place in the New Year. The Chairman stated that provision is being made for the trader.

Bus Shelter Coun. Allenby complained about the state of the bus shelter. It was agreed to write to the Technical Officer suggesting that the glass in the windows be replaced with toughened plastic.

Parking - Market Place Coun. Ellis commented on the inconsiderate parking by certain market traders on Saturdays. The Chairman stated that the matter has been dealt with.

Advertising Boards Members were concerned about the number of advertising boards which are placed on the footways and on the Market Place. Special mention was made about the greengrocer in Kirkgate who uses a considerable area of footway to display his goods for sale. The appropriate authorities to be asked to take action.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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17/1/83

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 17th January 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Attendance by Mr. L. Garlick - Footpaths Officer N.Y.C.C.

Mr. Garlick explained his work as one of three footpaths officers whose area covers the whole of North Yorkshire. He stated that all the public rights of way in Thirsk had been registered in 1953 and are shown on the Definitive Map. Discussion took place on the Town Council's recommendation that the public right of way through the Red Bear Yard should be closed and Mr. Garlick stated that a right of way can be closed for one reason only - that there is no longer public need of it. Only the owners of the land over which the public right of way crosses can apply for closure. There are many statutory bodies to be consulted and the whole process normally takes a year to be completed. If the owner applies for closure, the Town Council would be consulted, and comments invited. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that any further comment should be left until after the May election.' Agreed. Mr. Garlick agreed to provide a new Definitive Map of Thirsk.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Old Bakery Development and Mill Gardens Mr. Hatch had advised that the Department of Environment's permission needs to be obtained before the area of Mill Gardens can be disposed of. A member of the Legal Department H.D.C. advised that if the District Valuer agrees that the consideration being offered by the developer is the best that can reasonably be obtained then it is not necessary to consult the Department of Environment. The intention to dispose of the land must be advertised for two weeks in a local newspaper. The Clerk reported that Mr. Hatch had approached the District Valuer and his reply awaited.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate It was reported that the land of Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd is part of the estate of the late Mr. L. Barker and that the Council's letters have been forwarded to the solicitors. Coun. Craig reported that he had raised the matter of the recreation land with the H.D.C. It was agreed to ask the Chief Executive to proceed with the acquisition of the Kettlewell Trust land.

Vehicle Park It was reported that the ban on heavy goods vehicles came into force on 15th January. Petitions against the closure, received from lorry drivers and the tenants of the Blacksmiths Arms, to be forwarded to H.D.C.

Pigeons Nothing reported.

Parking - Long Street It was reported that the police are keeping an eye on the situation.

Wooden Cross - Cemetery A drawing of the cross, to be made in oak, was submitted. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Allenby, 'that the cross be allowed'. Agreed.

Christmas Lights Account submitted within the limit set. There had been difficulties with breakdowns and timing. The contractor had taken away the lights for storage, and had requested a meeting with councillors before the next festive season.

Lighting - Sutton Road Letter presented from the Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that he had consulted with the N.Y.C.C. Roadway Lighting Engineer who had informed him that the accident statistics show that the roads in question have no merit rating and that additional lighting can not be recommended. As the lighting is 'roadway lighting' it is under the control of the County Council the District Council is unable to take action. It was agreed to ask County Councillor Turton to attend the next meeting to discuss this problem.

Shaw Appeal It was reported that the appeal had been dismissed.

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Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial Quotation received from Shaw & Sons Ltd for books of 100 leaves.

1 book - £95.00 5 books £160.00 + V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Ellis, sec. Coun. Kirk 'to purchase 5 books'. Agreed

Glass for Re-cycling Letter presented from Redfearn National Glass stating that bottle bins are available but that recycling schemes are usually set up in conjunction with District Councils. As various enquiries had been received from other parishes also, it was intended to meet with officers of the H.D.C. in the very near future.

Bus Shelter Letter presented from the Technical Officer stating that he is looking into the possibility of replacing vandalised panes by an alternative means.

Advertising Boards Letters presented from the Environmental Health Officer and Mr. Woods stating that action will be taken.

Police In reply to an observation by the Town Council that a stipulation should be made that a senior police officer should reside in the parish, the Assistant Chief Constable stated that ^{as} senior officers of the Ripon Sub-Division, which includes Thirsk, have a responsibility for the whole of the Sub-Division when on duty it would not be appropriate to make the stipulations requested. He ~~also~~ stated that an opportunity for a senior officer to speak to a meeting would be welcomed. It was agreed to invite a senior officer to attend the February meeting, to discuss the level of policing in Thirsk.

Disc Parking on Thirsk Market Place

Members were of the opinion that Disc Parking would bring trade to the town and eliminate the inconvenience of cars being parked all day on the Market Place. It was reported that the Chamber of Trade would not oppose Disc Parking. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis 'to recommend to the H.D.C. that Disc Parking be brought into operation on the Market Place.' Voting - 7 in Favour - 1 Against - 2 Abstentions.

Correspondence

Development North of Dowber Way, Phase III + Barratts York Ltd Letter presented from the Technical Officer regarding the suggested names for roads on the development by the Town Council in Nov. and pointing out that if Dowber Way is continued the distance between Nos. 50 & 52 would be considerable and that Road No. 2 is cut off from Nos. 3, 4 & 5 by Dowber Way. He saw no reason why Roads 3, 4 & 5 should not be named and numbered as Faven Field Road. It was agreed that Road No. 1 should continue as Dowber Way but that Road No. 2 should be given a different name from that of Nos. 3, 4 & 5. Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Stott 'that Road No. 2 should be called Megson Place.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 4 Abstentions.

Planning Appeal Notice received that Mr. J. W. Richardson is to appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a Motor Repair Shop at the rear of Saxty House, Station Road, Thirsk. It was agreed to remind the H.D.C. that by a majority vote the Town Council supported the planning application submitted in Sept.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Letter presented inviting the Town Council to become a 'Friend of the RCC' for an annual subscription of £7.50. It was agreed not to subscribe.

Northallerton District Community Health Council Copies of Annual Report presented.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mr. D. Sellars to apply for the licence of the Frankland Arms.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mr. R. Porter to apply for the licence of The Lord Nelson.

Bylaws Copy of an amendment to the H.D.C.'s Bylaws for Knackers' Yards and Private Slaughterhouses presented.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Details of the 26th Scarborough Course presented. It was agreed that no members will attend.

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Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:

Extension to Existing Building for the Storage of Window and Door Frames at Long Street for Ebor Windows. No Objections.

Extension to Existing Shop for the Storage of Domestic Electrical Appliances at 6, Finkle Street for Mr. M. Green. No Objections providing that there is no intrusion onto the Public Right of Way.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Domestic Garage adjacent to 10, The Crescent for Dr. M. Harrison. No Objections.

Alterations to First and Second Floor Stores to form a Self-Contained flat at 16, Millgate for Mr. J. S. Musthwith. No Objections.

Use of First Floor and Part of Ground Floor of Disused Library and Office Building as a Discoteque at 2, Castlegate for S. M. Stanford Davis and M. S. Frank.

No Objections providing that the noise level is as laid down and attention is paid to soundproofing on the south side window overlooking the hospital. This observation - Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Stott - 8 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

Accounts The following Account was presented and Approved Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis.

Martin S. Bingham & Co. - Erecting and Dismantling Christmas Lights - £217.35

Any Other Business

The Holmes Play Area Coun. Megson drew attention to the state of the swings. Coun. Kirk stated that the broken seats will be replaced.

Seat - White Mare Corner At the request of Coun. Craig, Mr. Hopps to be reminded of the need for repair.

Footway Coun. Ellis reported the uneven paving slabs outside Fine Fare. Mr. Woods' attention to be drawn to this.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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14/2/83

Minutes of a Joint Meeting, between Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council, held in the Court House on Thursday, 10th February 1983 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Thirsk Town Council Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. Whitton, J. J. Allenby, C. J. Megson.
Apologies for Absence had been received from Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts, J. Ellis.
Sowerby Parish Council Couns. J. Potter (Chairman), G. Scaife, R. W. Smith, Mrs. I. J. Buck, Mrs. E. Hall, J. Hamilton, W. Bell, G. Bainbridge, J. Brown.
Also Present Chief Inspector Brittain and Inspector Gargan.

The Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss the level of Policing in Thirsk and Sowerby.

Coun. Murkett expressed the concern of the Town Council and of members of the public that there is not a senior officer living in the vicinity and participating in local activities and therefore is not known to the general public and does not become part of, or see a true picture of the community. This was endorsed by members of Sowerby Parish Council.

Chief Inspector Brittain explained that there is no reduction of establishment at Thirsk, manpower is up to strength but supervisory cover is different. Thirsk is part of the Ripon Sub-division and although Inspector Gargan lives in Ripon, he is responsible for the day to day running of Thirsk Police Station and when on duty will spend much of his time there, either daytime or evening. He also has other responsibilities as well as Thirsk. There is an Inspector at Ripon to cover in Inspector Gargan's absence.

Members of both Councils were concerned that the Police Station is not manned at all times in the evenings and also felt that members of the force are not stationed at Thirsk long enough to become acquainted with the public.

Chief Inspector Brittain agreed to make known to the Chief Constable the views of the Councils and suggested another meeting in six months time to review the situation.

Inspector Gargan stated that he will be very pleased to attend Council Meetings to meet members and discuss any problems that may arise.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
14th February 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Matters Arising

Footpaths The Clerk reported that a copy of the Definitive Map of Thirsk had been
received from Mr. Garlick.

Old Bakery Development and Mill Gardens It was reported that it had not been
necessary to involve the District Valuer and
the roadway was being handed over directly to the North Yorkshire County Council.
An agreement handing over the road had been signed by the Chairman and Couns. Craig
and Whitton. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis 'to approve the action taken.' Agreed.
The Clerk reported that the account for advertising had been given to Lester & Hatch
to be reclaimed against the developers. It was agreed that members should inspect the
Mill Gardens with regard to the re-instatement by the developers which is to be to the
satisfaction of the Town Council.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Vehicle Park The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Chief
Executive H.D.C. asking when the petitions had been received and to whom
they were addressed and a reply sent. A further letter was presented asking if, in
view of the petitions, the attitude towards the closure of the lorry park had changed.
It was agreed to reply that the Town Council's attitude had not changed. It was
reported that heavy goods vehicles are still being parked at Millgate and that the
police are taking action.

Pigeons Nothing reported.

Wooden Cross - Cemetery It was reported that Mrs. Armitage had mistakenly thought
that the grave space had been purchased and as it had been
discovered that it had not, it had been necessary to inform her that it was necessary
for it to be purchased before the cross could be erected. It was agreed that if there
was a case of hardship the grave space could be purchased over a period. Prop. Coun.
Murkett, sec. Coun. Ellis 'that Coun. Megson contact Mrs. Armitage and notify her that
if necessary she can pay for the grave space over 15 months at £1. per month.' Agreed.

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial A bromide proof of the Grants of Exclusive Right
of Burial was presented for approval. The Clerk
pointed out that the wording did not include Burial Board after the words Thirsk Town
Council. Prop. Coun. Kirk, sec. Coun. Ellis 'to approve the proof without the words
"Burial Board"'. Agreed.

Glass for Re-cycling Letter presented from the Chief Environmental Health Officer
stating that the H.D.C. has given approval to the introduction
of waste glass re-cycling by means of the new Bottle Bin Scheme in all the larger
townships within the Hambleton District and seeking the Town Council's views on the
siting of three beehive-shaped bins on the Millgate Car Park near the public conveniences.
Members approved the site but hoped that the bins would not encroach on parking space.

Bus Shelter Coun. Craig reported more broken windows and proposed that the H.D.C. be
asked to paint the bus shelter. This was agreed.

Policing Instead of a senior police officer attending the February meeting, it had
been agreed by the chairmen to held a joint meeting with Sowerby Parish
Council at which he would attend. This had taken place on 10th February, attended by
Chief Inspector Brittain and Inspector Gargan. The Minutes of the joint meeting were
read, approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Whitton.
Members were of the opinion that very little had been achieved at the meeting.

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Disc Parking Reply from the H.D.C. awaited. A letter from Miss D. B. Ashall was presented asking if an exception would be made for residents of the Market Place. It was agreed to keep the letter on file in the event of the H.D.C. deciding to introduce disc parking. The Chairman stated that letters stating the views of members of the public would be welcome as members had reported that they had received comments for and against disc parking. A copy of a letter from the Chamber of Trade to the Technical Officer was presented regarding the cost of disc parking and the replacing of the grassed areas of the Millgate Car Park.

Footway - Fine Fare Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that the repairs will be carried out when the necessary skilled labour is available.

Light - Red Bear Yard Coun. Megson stated that if a street light was erected on the public footpath through the Red Bear Yard, it would help to deter nuisances and burglaries. It was considered that this would be unnecessary expense if there is a successful application for closure. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Roberts 'not to take any action for six months.' Voting 7 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

Street Lighting and Signposting - Sutton Road Coun. Turton was unable to attend this Council Meeting and had met Couns. Craig and Stott on site on 1st February. A second site meeting had taken place between Couns. Craig and Stott and Mr. Flanagan, Divisional Technical Officer H.D.C. It had been recommended that the small sign at the Sutton Road entrance to Hambleton Estate be replaced by illuminated signs at both sides of the A170 indicating the Hambleton Estate and incorporating the names of all the roads on the estate. It was also suggested that a similar sign be sited at the Long Street entrance to the estate. It was considered that a survey of the estate should be undertaken with a view to erecting new street signs incorporating the appropriate house numbers. These recommendations were endorsed by the Council and a letter stating this to be sent to the Technical Officer. It was pointed out that since the 40 m.p.h. speed limit has been extended on Stockton Road the signs are now out of the area of street lighting and not visible at night. It was agreed to ask the County Surveyor if the signs can be illuminated.

Grass Cutting It was agreed to invite Mr. S. Martin, Mr. M. T. Shipton, Mr. K. G. Fillery and Mr. J. Thompson to tender, at a price per cut, for grass cutting on The Holmes, The Greens and Mill Gardens and also for the general tidying up of Mill Gardens after re-instatement has taken place.

Correspondence

District Events Letter presented from the Chief Executive asking for details of events taking place from May 1983. It was agreed to send details of the Great Yorkshire Classic Cycle Race on 2nd July. Members were of the opinion that if Thirsk 'sold itself' more to become a tourist centre it could create jobs for the unemployed. It was felt that Thirsk's most famous personality James Herriott could assist. Coun. Whitton agreed to make an informal approach to see if he would allow his name to be used for publicity purposes.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England Copy of the Review of County Electoral Arrangements presented in which it was stated that there will be 95 members for North Yorkshire instead of the 100 requested. It was noted that there will be 10 members for Hambleton District as before.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received of a Village Halls Conference to be held at New Earswick on 12th March.

Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A. Letter regarding Association Annual Subscriptions and Work Plans 1983/84 presented together with the Annual Subscription form. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Hambleton Handbell Members were notified that the Hambleton Handbell - magazine for the disabled - will be on display at the library on 19th February from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:

Use of Existing Dwelling for Bed and Breakfast purposes at 36, The Green for Mrs. E. Ogleby. No Objections.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Sign at 36, The Green for Mrs. E. Ogleby.
The Town Council approve one sign only - to be in black and white in keeping with the quality of the building.

Enlargement of Existing Dormer Window at 20, Finkle Street for Mr. M. Cresswell.
No Objections.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 36A, Market Place for Lester and Hatch (Northern Rock Building Society). Prop. Coun. Stuart, sec. Coun. Allenby
 'to approve the application.' Voting 3 in Favour - 3 Against - 3 Abstentions.
No Observations.

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

Accounts as circulated

North Yorkshire County Council	- Hire of Court House 1982	- £44.00
L. C. Hopps	- Moving and re-fixing seat in Ingramgate and repairing seat at Station Road	- £70.24

Additional Accounts

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 3rd Quarter	- £23.45
Local Councils' Ass'n	- Stationery	- £ 4.65

Reports

Coun. Ellis reported on the financial situation of the Town Hall.

Any Other Business

Seats outside Barclays Bank It was reported that the seats are being damaged by youths sitting on the backs and putting their feet on the seats. The police to be asked if they will take action to deter this.

Obstruction on Public Footpath It was reported that a one pole barrier has been put across the right of way from the old Sutton Road.
 It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the Footpaths Officer.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

ADW (net)
 21/3/83

APRIL 1982 to MARCH 1983.

ALL SAINTS' R.C. AIDED SCHOOL.
GREEN LANE EAST,
SOWERBY. THIRSK.

ESTABLISHMENT.

Head - Mrs. B. I. Rushton.

Two full time assistants

One part-time assistant.

(A new Infant teacher appointed in September 1982)

Secretary - Mr. O. Henry.

Caretaker - Mrs. E. Garbutt.

Cook - Mrs. E. Bateson.

Dinner Staff - Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Roberts.

NO. ON ROLL - 82 44 pupils travel by
bus from Northallerton.
3 non catholics.

Curriculum:

R.E.

Basic skills of Reading Writing and Maths.

History, Science Geography.

Art, P.E. Swimming. *PEREGRINATING MUSIC.*

There is no remedial group.

*MRS WRIGHT
MRS BANKS.*

VIOLIN, CELLO.

Activities:

Chess

Competitive Games Matches with Thirsk C.P.

School and Dishforth C.P.

(P.C. Vigares is a great help and continues
as our Liaison Officer)

Inter School Swimming Gala

School Swimming Gala

Christmas celebrations included a performance
of "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat"
in which all children took part, presented
to parents.

Outings are taken. This year to Ampleforth
and to St. Mary's Parish Church, Thirsk.
Follow-up topic work.

Open Evening is held each term - very successfully.
Nearly 100% attendance.

On Liturgical Feasts children attend All Saints'
Church for Mass.

Twelve children made their First Holy Communion.

Charities:

Save the Children Fund -	£107.84
Catholic Child Welfare Society -	£ 84.75
School Fund Coffee Evening -	£134.
Mission Fund -	£ 31.20

Baskets of fruit were sent out with Meals on Wheels to all old people in Thirsk and Sowerby as part of our Thanksgiving for harvest.

One member of staff is attending a computer course with a view to our acquiring a computer.

Visited by Mr. Hopwood - Primary School Adviser and Mr. D. Hale H.M.I.

THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Term 1983 - Class Sizes

Infants - Reception Class	1 -	36
	2 -	32
Juniors -	3 -	32
	Class 4 -	29
	5 -	28
	6 -	31
	7 -	36
	8 -	35

Total Number on Roll - 259

35 children leave to Thirsk School - July 1983.

Activities through the year

September 13th	Visit to Bewerley Park for five days - 4th year children.
21st	Football Match v Sowerby Primary
November 5th	Visit of Class 5 to Fire Station
24th	Harrogate Theatre Group performed "The Jewel of Tien Ling" to the whole school
30th	Class 6 gave Morning Assembly.
	Guests - Mrs. Clements, Mrs. B. Theide and Mr. T. Bunby - presented the school with an overhead projector and books from the money provided by Trustees of Thirsk County Infant School.
December 6th & 7th	Christmas Concerts
December 13th	Infant Christmas Party - all the school was entertained by 'Uncle Chad'.
14th	Junior School Party
17th	Presentation to Mrs. Barrow - retiring kitchen lady. Also presentation of small gifts to kitchen staff.
March 9th	Sponsored Spell - the money collected is to provide transport for educational visits in summer term.
March 14th & 16th	New children and their parents are invited to meet their teacher and stay for the afternoon.
March 23rd & 24th	Consultation Nights

Extra Curricular activities

Guitar class
Recorders
Choir
Brass instruments were introduced this term.
Country Dancing
Cycling Proficiency
Book Club
Gym Club

Swimming Sessions every Wednesday morning have been paid for by the P.T.A.
Three boys this year were awarded silver medals for Personal Survival.

Inter-School Football and Netball matches have been held regularly.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. Ellis, H. D. Craig, H. Whitton, C. Kirk, J. J. Allenby, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, The Clerk, 1 Member of the Press + 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

Minutes The Clerk read the Minutes of the 1982 Annual Assembly to the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Market Place Coun. Whitton asked if information is available as to the amount paid to members of the public in compensation for accidents caused by the dangerous state of the Market Place. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to request itemised lists of the amounts paid out in compensation for accidents occurring on the Market Place and footways up to 1st March 1983.' Agreed. The Chairman stated that £1,500 had been spent on Market Place repairs during the past year.

Chairman's Report The Chairman spoke of the new housing development taking place in the parish and the re-development of old property especially that at the old bakery premises now known as Riverside Mews. Special mention was made of the proposed industrial estate, an area of 17 acres, at present in Bagby parish but with the probability of being in Thirsk when the boundaries change. It is hoped that many new jobs will be created. Coun. Craig was thanked for his support over the acquisition of the industrial estate. The Chairman stated that it will be necessary for work to be carried out on the Greens to improve their appearance.

Reports from School Governors

All Saints' R.C. School Mrs. Greensit submitted a written report mentioning the school's curriculum, activities and charities. Letter of thanks to be sent for an interesting report.

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Craig reported on class sizes, school activities and extra curricular activities. The P.T.A. pay for the swimming sessions and three boys had been awarded silver medals for Personal Survival. It was agreed to send a letter of congratulation on these awards. Members were concerned at the size of classes and that the building will be unable to accommodate the anticipated increase in school population due to all the new building taking place in the parish. It was agreed to write to the County Education Officer asking if there are plans to increase the size of school accommodation.

Sowerby County Primary School No report was available due to Coun. Roberts' absence.

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

Report on the Cemetery Coun. Kirk reported that the rubbish compound needs clearing - Mr. Shipton to be asked to do this. The Garden of Rest appears to be completed. Consideration should be given to having the gravestones straightened where the trees were felled five years ago. The footpaths need surveying. The old bier needs overhauling - as was previously agreed.

Town Hall Coun. Ellis reported a reasonably successful year for the Town Hall. It is hoped to have the outside painted under a Youth Opportunities or Manpower Services Scheme. Some members considered that the rental charges are too high.

Any Other Business

Post Office Mr. Bickers suggested that the unused Clinic and Annexe could be a suitable site for a Post Office sorting office and that the present one would then make a street level Post Office. It was agreed to seek the observations of the Head Postmaster on this suggestion.

The Greens Mr. Palliser enquired how much had been spent on the upkeep of the Greens in the past few years, and stated that the kerbs and roadways need repairing. Heavy lorries are being parked on St. James' Green. It was agreed to ask the police to take any necessary action against the offenders. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to reinstate the roadways with gravel, replace the large marker stones and have them painted white, and generally tidy up The Greens.' Agreed.

Handwritten signature: M. Roberts

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House, on Monday,
21st March 1983 at 8.40 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. Ellis, H. D. Craig, H. Whitton, C. Kirk,
J. J. Allenby, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

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

Matters Arising

Old Bakery Development and Mill Gardens The Clerk reported that the account for
advertising is being paid by the Council and
reimbursement will be made by the developers' solicitor. Members agreed to meet on
site to discuss the reinstatement of the Mill Gardens. a representative of the
developers to be invited to attend. Coun. Whitton reported that the Round Table is
interested in giving assistance with the Mill Gardens.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C.
stating that the Kettlewell Trust would not be
prepared to indemnify the Council or the Town Council as lessee, against any costs in
maintaining the watercourse but it may be possible to negotiate a direct covenant
between Barratts and the Council in this respect. The Chief Executive asked if the
Town Council would be prepared to proceed if it is possible to negotiate such a
covenant. Members agreed that they would be prepared to proceed providing that the
covenant is between Barratts and the Hambleton District Council. A letter presented
from Wells Gundall who are acting for the Liquidator of Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd
I.V.L. stated that their Client is prepared to enter into negotiations to sell the
land, Field O.S. 3459, at open market value. The Clerk stated that the letter had been
forwarded to the Chief Executive H.D.C.

Vehicle Park The Chairman reported that new signs, prohibiting the parking of heavy
goods vehicles, have been erected at the entrances to the vehicle park
and the police are taking action against offenders.

Pigeons Nothing reported.

Wooden Cross - Cemetery It was reported that the grave space has now been purchased.

Bus Shelter The Divisional Technical Officer had notified the Clerk that estimates
for replacement windows of unbreakable material are being obtained.
Consideration is being given to having the bus shelter painted.

Disc Parking Coun. Allenby handed in a petition against the introduction of Disc
Parking. The Chairman stated that this would be kept on file until a
reply is received from the H.D.C. A reply to the Chamber of Trade's enquiry about
the replacement of the grassed areas in the Car Park was read to the meeting. The
Planning Officer accepted that the question of additional parking space in Thirsk should
be given serious thought and he would take up the matter with the Technical Officer.
Members agreed to support the Chamber of Trade's suggestion regarding the replacement
of the grassed areas and considered that the large verges could be replaced by small ones.

Street Lighting and Signposting - Sutton Road Letter presented from the Technical Officer
stating that it is not the Council's
policy to illuminate street name plates. He suggested that it would be advisable to
have a new name plate headed Hambleton Estate showing all the street names within the
older part of the estate at the Sutton Road entrance and at the Long Street entrance
a plate headed Hambleton Drive with all the other streets, including those within the
new Barratt development, listed. He agreed that it is necessary to carry out a survey
of the estate with a view to erecting new name plates showing relevant house numbers etc.
and consideration will be given to it. After consideration, the members agreed that
they would prefer to see new large signs indicating the Hambleton Estate only at both
entrances to the estate and that the Technical Officer be asked to proceed with the
survey of the estate.

Lighting of Signs - Stockton Road Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that
there is no requirement for a speed limit sign to be
illuminated if there is no street lamp within 50 metres of the sign and where non-
illuminated signs are manufactured from a reflective material and there does not appear
to be any justification for illuminating the signs on Stockton Road.

District Events - Publicity Coun. Whitton had approached James Herriott who had told him that whilst he is still in practice he cannot allow his name to be used for advertising or publicity purposes.

Seats outside Barclays Bank Letter presented from Inspector Gargan stating that his Officers are aware of the situation and are paying it close attention.

Obstruction on Public Footpath Letter presented from the Footpaths Officer stating that the route is a public footpath for use by pedestrians only and is not obstructed for them. The barrier and signs were erected with the department's knowledge and after consultation.

Coun. Murkett had to leave the meeting to keep an appointment and Coun. Kirk took the Chair.

Tenders for Grass Cutting The following tenders were submitted:

- No. 1 The Holmes - £35.00 per cut + V.A.T.
- No. 2 The Holmes - £150.00 - 1st cut - £120.00 each cut afterwards.
The Greens - £50.00 - 1st cut - £35.00 each cut afterwards.
Mill Gardens - £20.00 - 1st cut - £15.00 each cut afterwards.
Monthly charge for all areas - £130.00.
- No. 3 The Holmes - £55.00 per cut.
The Greens - £40.00 per cut.
Mill Gardens - £25.00 per cut and gardening session.
- No. 4 The Holmes - £52.00 per cut + V.A.T.
The Greens - £34.00 per cut + V.A.T.

Proposed Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Tender No. 1 for The Holmes (J. Thompson) and Tender No. 4 for The Greens (M. T. Shipton) be accepted.' Agreed. It was agreed to leave the Mill Gardens in abeyance until after re-instatement has taken place.

Membership of the Local Councils' Association

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss this matter' Agreed.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to continue membership of the L.C.A. and pay the subscription of £82.00.' Voting - 4 in Favour - 2 Against - 1 Abstention.

It was agreed to place an order for only one copy of the Local Council Review, making a saving of £25.00.

Correspondence

Cemetery Cutter Letter presented from the Cemetery Superintendent stating that he has exchanged the Haytor Mower which was purchased last year, and had been allowed the original purchase price, for a power driven Mountfield mower at a further cost of £200.00 including V.A.T. and asking the Council's approval of this action. The Cemetery Superintendent had told the Chairman on a previous occasion that the Haytor mower was unsatisfactory. Members approved the action taken.

Proposed Footpath Diversion Copy of a Public Notice received from the H.D.C. regarding a proposed footpath diversion at Dowber Way.

Street Sweeping Notice received from the Treasurer H.D.C. that the first estimate for Street Sweeping 1983/84 is £1,400.00.

Restaurant Licence Notice received of Mr. T. Singh's intention to apply for a Restaurant Licence for 'Stonebrough', Stockton Road, Thirsk.

Off-Licence Notice received of Mr. D. Whittingham's intention to apply for a Justices' 'Off-Licence' in respect of No. 82, Market Place, Thirsk.

Licence at Discotheque Notice received of the intention of Mr. S. M. Sanford-Davis to sell intoxicating liquors for consumption on the premises at No. 2 Castlegate on which planning permission has been granted for use as a discotheque. Members objected to this on the grounds that it will be attended by persons under the age of eighteen years and because of the possible nuisance and disturbance caused to the occupants of neighbouring properties by persons leaving licensed premises at a late hour.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:
Request of Consent for Temporary Toilet Facilities at Royal British Legion Club.

Display of a Non-Illuminated Projecting Sign at 14, Kirkgate for R. E. Bennett. Object on the grounds that it would interfere with the sign outside the Museum and is not in keeping with a Conservation Area.

Revised Layout of Land and Substitution of House Types at Plots 60 - 64, 70, 72, 74 - 81, at Stockton Road for P.L.G. Homes. No Objections.

Substitution of House Types on Plots 55 - 85 at Part O.S. 5968, North of Dowber Way for Barratts (York) Ltd. No Objections.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Fox's of Thirsk	-	Advertisements in D. & S. Times re: Mill Gardens (to be reclaimed from Developers' solicitor)	£ 59.00
D. G. Collinson	-	Salary - January - March	£625.50
		Interest on Deposit a/c Inv.	£ 4.83
		Interest on Ivy Thompson Inv.	£ 13.43
			- £643.76
P. Smith	-	Salary - January - March	£268.75
		Administrative Expenses	£ 21.52
			- £290.27
Coun. Allenby	-	Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. Meeting at Easingwold	- £ 3.48

Additional Accounts

Hambleton D. C.	-	Estimated cost of Street Sweeping 1982/83 + Balance of £2.45 owing from 1981/82	- £1342.45
Yorks. & Cleveland L.C.A.	-	Subscription + 1 Copy of L. C. Review	- £ 84.50

Burial Grants

John Sickling	38 G8	£15.00
Thomas W. V. Armitage	20 A4	£15.00
Bernard Cartwright	8 D4	£15.00

Any Other Business

Public Conveniences Coun. Craig reported that the public conveniences, both on the Market Place and the Car Park are being closed at 6.30 p.m. which is considered to be too early. It was agreed to enquire from Hambleton District Council the reason for this.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Whitton
18-4-83

Abstract of Audited Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1983

General

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.82	1279.36	Salary	1075.00
Precept	3500.00	Administration	168.48
Refund of V.A.T.	148.79	Insurances	79.17
Deposit Account Interest	339.97	Subscriptions and Donations	395.28
Town Hall (Re-imbusement of cost of tables)	100.00	Open Spaces	841.72
		Street Sweeping (Estimated cost + balance owing from 1981/82)	1342.15
		Audit Fee	89.70
		Christmas Lights	271.11
		Tables for Town Hall	115.00
		Councillors' Travelling Exps.	34.80
		Balance	955.71
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Burial Board

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.82	1252.05	Salary, Dividends and Interest	2547.72
Precept	3000.00	Insurance	54.68
Refund of V.A.T.	132.40	New Mower	197.80
Dividends and Interest	45.72	Mower Repairs	104.97
Profit on Repayment of 8½% Savings Bonds	4.00	Fuel for Mowers	122.27
Burial Board Income	904.90	Rates and Water	286.64
		Cemetery Notices	60.95
		Rubbish Compound	100.38
		Removal of Rubbish	72.45
		Painting and Repairs - Cemetery Lodge	361.28
		Advertising for Tenders	13.75
		Balance	1416.18
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Summary

	£		£
General Account	955.71	Current Account less outstanding cheques	746.24
Burial Board Account	1416.18	Deposit Account	1418.65
		Investment Account	207.00
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