

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council with the Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Committee, held at the Town Hall on Monday 2nd April 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Thirsk Town Council Couns. D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, H. Whitton, J. J. Allenby, C. J. Megson, F. N. Bickers - J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts (representatives on the Town Hall Committee) & Mrs. P. Smith (Clerk)

Sowerby Parish Council Couns. D. Bentley, G. Bainbridge, R. W. Smith - J. Potter, F. P. Hubbard, Mrs. E. Hall (representatives on the Town Hall Committee) & Mr. W. Abbott (Clerk)

Other Voting Members of the Town Hall Committee - Mrs. R. Twiss, C. Kirk, G. Scaife.

Mr. C. Tapping - Town Hall Fund Raising Committee + 2 representatives of Thirsk and Sowerby Amateurs and Mr. M. Cresswell (Press).

The Chair was taken by Mr. T. W. Bateman - a Town Hall Trustee

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the powers of the Town Hall Committee and to decide who should run the Town Hall, the Committee or the joint Councils.

It was confirmed that the Committee consists of three representatives from each Council plus four others.

Coun. Megson stated that, through the Town Council, he had requested a copy of the Constitution or of the Deeds of the Town Hall. The Town Council had received a copy of the Conveyance.

Mr. Abbott stated that the Deeds were in the hands of Walker & Hiley, Solicitors, and he had brought a copy to the meeting.

Coun. Murkett requested that each Council should have a copy of the Deeds.

Coun. Roberts had in her possession a draft Constitution. It appeared that when it had been drafted the Committee had been informed by a Solicitor that it was quite unnecessary. It was very complicated and it would be easier to appoint a flexible Committee. Constitutions had to be legally drawn up and registered with the Charity Commissioners. Any changes the Committee intended to make would have to be approved by the Charity Commissioners i.e. any change in the number of Committee members.

Coun. Allenby told the meeting that he had attended a Village Halls Conference and had been informed that the joint Councils should have full responsibility for the Town Hall. The Councils are responsible and the other Committee members are there in an advisory capacity only. Enquiring about insurance cover on the Town Hall, Coun. Allenby was told by Mr. Kirk that the whole building is insured for £170,000.

Coun. Murkett stated that if there is no Constitution, then there should be guidelines for the running of the Town Hall.

Discussion took place regarding the banning of bars at discos and the events leading up the making of the decision that bars should be banned.

Concern was expressed as to how the four other members of the Committee are going to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Mr. C. Kirk 'that the Town Hall Committee be allowed to run the Town Hall without interference until the Annual General Meeting in June'. The resolution was passed by a majority vote.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 16th April 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising from the Annual Assembly Minutes

The Greens Coun. Brannon reported that the abandoned car has been removed.

Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that the footpath at Biggins Hill will be repaired in the near future.

Matters Arising from the Council Meeting

Parking - Stammerge/Long Street Letter presented from the County Surveyor's Department stating that investigations into the problems associated with the junction have been carried out and the following remedial measures are suggested 1. The reconstruction of the verge adjacent to the shop and junction in raised setts to deter parking in this area and hence improve visibility for vehicles leaving Stammerge. 2. The provision of a small splitter island with associated bollards suitably located within the mouth of the junction so as not to affect traffic movements out of the junction nor the petrol station but to deter the movement of vehicles across the junction from Long Street into the Petrol Station. Investigations are being carried out to determine whether a suitable island can be provided which will not affect the movement of delivery vehicles to or from the petrol station. It is anticipated that the necessary works could be carried out in the current financial year.

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard The Clerk had received a telephone call stating that consultations are taking place with the occupants of the properties fronting onto the area and it is envisaged that the results will be available in time for the next Council meeting.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter presented from Wells Cundall, acting for Barkers(Ryebeck Farms) Ltd I.V.L. stating that an appeal is being made against the refusal by H.D.C. to issue a Certificate of Alternative Development in respect of Field O.S. 3459 for building land. The H.D.C. had stated that the only alternative use to public open space on which planning might be obtained is use in connection with the adjacent Primary School for recreation purposes.

Mill Gardens It was reported that work on the gardens is progressing.

Seats The bench seat outside Barclays Bank has now been fixed down. The seat for Kirkgate is not yet in place. Repairs to the other seats in the parish are currently being carried out.

Christmas Lights Mr. Olney's proposals not yet received.

Millgate Car Park It was reported that barriers should be in place within the next few months.

Privatisation of Markets Nothing reported.

Thirsk Mortuary Nothing reported.

Lighting - Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig not yet contacted by the County Council. It was agreed to write to the Technical Officer enquiring about the current situation regarding this matter.

The Holmes Play Area The replacement swings and chains had been delivered. It was agreed to ask Mr. Shipton to carry out the necessary work.

Grass Cutting It was agreed that the grass on The Greens and Mill Gardens should be cut once each month and to notify Mr. Shipton if extra cuts are deemed necessary.

Whitelass Beck - Cross Ditch No reply received from P.L.C. Homes. Coun. Foxton stated that the Civic Society were willing to have the work carried out. This offer was accepted.

is not their responsibility and the matter had been drawn to the attention of the Thirsk Hall Estate as owners. Thirsk Hall Estate had replied that The Holmes is leased to the Town Council and the waterfall is part of that area. It was agreed to accept the responsibility for recovering the coping stones from the river but to wait until the water level is lower.

Hollin Barn Coun. Brannon had attended the Licensing Justices' Court and spoken in opposition to the granting of a Public House Licence for Hollin Barn. The Licensed Victuallers' had written in opposition but had not attended the hearing. The licence was granted.

Pigeons The Chief Environmental Health Officer had informed the Clerk that action would be taken in regard to the nuisance caused by pigeons in and around the town.

Footpath - Stoneybrough A letter from Mr. Woods stated that it would be difficult to determine who is responsible for the footway repair, the owners of Stoneybrough or their contractors so to avoid any delay and continued risk to the public he would arrange for the repairs to be carried out. Coun. Roberts told members that nearby residents were very grateful for the prompt attention to the path. It was agreed to write to Mr. Woods notifying him of this and to express appreciation for the new path across the cobbles from Wrights to the Pelican Crossing.

Trees - Ingramgate The Chairman reported that Couns. Roberts, Foxton, Craig and himself had planted two trees in Ingramgate. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Dodds, an Ingramgate resident, who had offered to water the trees regularly.

Town Hall The Minutes of the joint meeting, which had been attended by nine members of the Town Council, were read to the meeting, approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Craig.

Town Map Coun. Whitton informed the meeting that there are sufficient of the present Town Maps to last until January 1985. The Chamber of Trade were willing to produce a new map which would again pay for itself. The Chamber of Trade emblem is to be redesigned and will be discussed at their next meeting. The Museum Society wish to produce a map and guide to the district which would cost 45p - 50p per copy and would not contain advertisements. Coun. Bickers stated that this was in the hands of the H.D.C. who are understood to be producing a district guide.

Correspondence

Planning Appeal Notification received that Mr. J. Knowlson is to appeal against the refusal of the H.D.C. to grant planning permission for the Erection of a Dwelling to the rear of 76, Long Street, Thirsk. The Town Council had supported the original application and agreed to support the appeal.

Revised Arrangements for the Determining of Minor Planning Applications Letter presented from the Chief Planner stating that the Planning Committee has accepted for a trial period of 12 months a scheme where non-contentious applications are delegated for determination by officers. If the Council expresses a view which is contrary to the one held by the officers of the Authority, the application will go to the full Planning Committee with a report of the responses to consultations. A new type of consultation form is being sent out with planning applications. Councils may now have a minimum of 14 days to respond to applications and it may be necessary to delegate the Chairman or Sub-committee to deal with the minor applications.

Town Clock Letter received from Coun. Stott stating that since the pointers were re-aligned, the pointers on three of the faces are from 1 to 3 minutes slow. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of Wm. Potts & Sons. Coun. Stott also stated that he is withdrawing his offer to re-oil the clock door because of the white glue on it and has been unable to do it.

Village Ventures 1984 A competition entry form was forwarded to the Castlegate Youth Centre.

Day School for Parish Clerks Notice received of a day school to be held at the Folk Hall, New Earswick on Saturday, 16th June at a fee of £7.00.

Planning and Parish Councillors Notice received of a one day school for Parish Councillors and Clerks to be held at Wigginton Recreation Hall on Saturday, 14th July at a cost of £7.00. It was agreed to consider this at the next

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Amended Plan for the Construction of 92 Dwellings at Part O.S. 5968 for Barratts (York) Ltd. Same observations as on original planning application.

Alteration and Extension to an Existing Dwellinghouse at 96, St. James' Green for Mr. & Mrs. S. R. Padgett. Approve providing it is only a two storey building.

Alteration and Extension to an Existing Dwellinghouse at 97, St. James' Green for Mr. D. Goode. Approve providing it is only a two storey building.

Use of First Floor Flat as Consulting Rooms for an Osteopath at 11B, Finkle St. for Mr. S. Muddle. Approve.

Alteration and Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to form 2 Self-Contained Flats at 52, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell. Approve.

Outline Application for the Construction of 8 Dwellinghouses at Former School, Piper Lane for Mr. R. Hanley. Refuse until more details of the type and dimensions of the buildings are available. Also object to the proposed density of building.

Use of Vacant Health Centre as a Salesroom with Associated Offices at the Health Centre, The Green for Mr. J. Periam. Refuse on the grounds of inadequate parking facilities. Also refer to byelaw regarding parking.

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Whitton.

Accounts as circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 4th Qtr.	- £ 27.19.
Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A.	- Subscription & Local Council Review	- £100.65.
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 8.00.
Dominick Office Equipment	- Servicing Typewriter	- £ 26.11.
Wicksteed Leisure	- Swing Seats and Chains	- £453.48.

Additional Accounts

Harland (Garden Machinery)	- Repairs to Grass Cutters	- £124.14.
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Precept The Precept for the financial year 1984/85 had been signed and forwarded to Hambleton District Council.

Chairman's Report The Chairman thanked the Clerk and members for their support during his last year in the chair. With the agreement of members the Chairman asked for a letter to be sent to Leon Brittan, M.P. thanking him for the time and attention he gives to local affairs. It was agreed to congratulate Inspector Whittaker and P.C. Musgrove on their efforts towards the formation of the Castlegate Youth Centre. The Chairman commended the Community Involvement Volunteer Scheme to members and expressed the hope that the Chief Constable will implement a scheme in Thirsk.

Any Other Business

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor asking for the re-instatement of the correct route of the public footpath now that the building works at Bridge Garage are completed. Coun. Craig reported that he has received many complaints regarding the blocking of the footpath by parked cars.

Town Hall Coun. Roberts reported that the Town Hall had a balance of £931.00 at the end of the financial year. The ban on bars is to be discussed at the next Town Hall Committee meeting at which a representative of the police will be present.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Whitton
21/5/84

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 21st May 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton, Miss J. Foxton, C. J. Megson, F. N. Bickers, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Apologies for Absence were received from Coun. J. Brannon.

Election of Chairman At the request of Coun. Allenby and Coun. Craig, a ballot was held. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Coun. Murkett be Chairman'. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that Coun. Whitton be Chairman'.
Voting - 5 in favour of Coun. Murkett - 2 in favour of Coun. Whitton - 2 Abstentions.
 Coun. Murkett, being duly elected, took the Chair, thanked members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman A ballot was again held. Prop. Coun. Allenby, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Coun. Craig be Vice Chairman'. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that Coun. Whitton be Vice Chairman'.
Voting - 6 in favour of Coun. Craig - 2 in favour of Coun. Whitton - 1 Abstention.
 Coun. Craig duly elected.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that in the life of this Council, the Vice Chairman should succeed to the Chair.' Agreed.

Appointment of Representatives

Thirsk and Sowerby Civic Society Coun. Megson appointed.

Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Craig appointed.

Charities Coun. Craig and Coun. Foxton appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Foxton appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Murkett appointed.

Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts, Coun. Bickers and Coun. Brannon appointed.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Committee Coun. Bickers appointed.

Community Care Association Coun. Craig nominated.

Local Councils' Association Coun. Murkett and Coun. Allenby appointed.

Sub Committees

Cemetery Coun. Stott, Coun. Bickers, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Holmes, Greens and Mill Gardens Coun. Foxton, Coun. Whitton, Coun. Brannon, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Planning Coun. Roberts, Coun. Stott, Coun. Brannon, Coun. Whitton, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with a member of the County Surveyor's staff in which it had been stated that consultations had taken place with the occupants of properties fronting onto the area, and no objections had been received but it may be necessary to make slight alterations to the original proposals. Hambleton District Council, as owners of the Market Place, had been consulted and their reply awaited, after which the proposals would go before the appropriate Highways Sub Committee. The Town Council would then be invited to make comments.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens It was reported that the shrubs near the bridge still have not been removed and the tree has not been cut down to a safe height. Mr. Burns to be asked to give this his immediate attention.

Privatisation of Markets Nothing reported.

Thirsk Mortuary Nothing reported.

Lighting - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

The Holmes Play Area All the swings with the exception of one cradle have been replaced. The remaining one will be fixed in the near future. A report from Wicksteed Leisure referred to the cradle swing and commented that the equipment would benefit from being rubbed down and repainted, the grass should be removed from around support tubes and the general condition of the surface under the equipment needs attention. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hopps to submit a quotation to clean down and paint the equipment.

Whitelass Beck - Cross Ditch It appeared that there had been a misunderstanding over the offer to have the work of cleaning the ditch carried out. Letter received from the Civic Society asking for the up to date position in regard to the cross ditch and what action is to be taken. It was agreed to make enquiries regarding having the work carried out under the Community Service Scheme.

Waterfall No action taken yet.

Town Map Members had been circulated with a drawing of the proposed new emblem of the Chamber of Trade and approved it. Coun. Whitton stated that the Chamber of Trade intend to undertake the publication of a new Town Map.

Planning and Parish Councillors It was agreed that there would be no representatives on the course.

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that a member of his staff had walked and inspected the route on 27th April and found that there was at that time a quite adequate walkable route between the two points mentioned. As there is a planning application for development at Bridge Garage to be considered at this meeting, it was agreed to comment that consideration should be given to the reinstatement of the public footpath on its original route.

Proposals for Christmas Lights - 1984 A quotation of £535.00 + V.A.T. to decorate the four clock-faces, provide all lighting equipment, display boards, artwork and switching equipment, but not including installation charge, was received from Martin S. Bingham & Co. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Craig 'to accept the quotation, subject to satisfactory drawings being submitted.' Agreed.

Swimming Gala An invitation for a member of the Council to present the trophies at the Inter Schools Swimming Gala on 23rd May had been received. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend.

Bulb Planting The Round Table had asked for suggestions for suitable sites for the planting of bulbs. It was agreed to suggest the verges in Ingramgate for the planting of crocuses and the area round the trees on the front of The Holmes for daffodils.

Cemetery Rubbish It was agreed to ask Mr. Shipton to empty the rubbish compound at the cemetery.

Correspondence

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Notification received that the A.G.M. will be held at the new Village Hall, Sheriff Hutton on 3rd July at 7.30 p.m.

Appeal Notification received that the appeal by the Midland Bank against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant planning permission for an internally illuminated fascia sign has been dismissed.

Transfer of Licence Notification received that Brian Hyde intends to apply for the transfer of the Off-licence in respect of 20, Market Place, Thirsk.

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Lloyds Bank Letter presented from the Principal Architect of Lloyds Bank, stating that the Bank wishes to install a through the wall cashpoint machine at the Thirsk branch. There is a public seat positioned on the pavement immediately in front of the chosen location for the cashpoint and sympathetic consideration is asked towards the request that the seat be repositioned elsewhere. Members agreed that the seat should be moved to a new site when the machine is to be installed.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Former School Buildings and the Erection of 8 Dwelling Houses with Parking Spaces at Piper Lane for Mr. R. Hanley. Recommend Refusal - Insufficient detail given on the plan. Proposed building too dense - 8 houses considered too many for the site. Concerned about access and parking.

Installation of a Cash Dispenser at Midland Bank, 77, Market Place. It is hoped that this will not spoil the facade of an attractive building.

Amended Plans for the Erection of 90 Dwelling Houses at Hambleton Park - Phase 2- for Barratts (York) Ltd. No Representations.

Use of Existing Dwelling as a Residential Home for the Elderly at Brook House, Ingramgate for Mr. J. C. Cowburn. Approve.

Construction of a Clubhouse and Provision of Parking Space at Newsham Road for Thirsk Athletic Association. Approve.

Extension to Existing Dwelling at 2, Tranmire Close for Mr. G. Clements. Approve.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 31, Norby for Mr. F. Spence. Approve.

Change of Use of 1st and 2nd Floor Offices and/or Photographic Studio to Offices and/or Consulting Rooms at 43a, Market Place for Mr. S. Muddle. Approve.

Construction of a Building with Associated Offices for the Manufacture of Metal and Plastic Labels and the Layout of Land for Car Parking at Castlegarth Works for G.S.M. Graphics Ltd. Approve.

Outline Application for an Extension to Existing Workshop at 15, Millgate for Mr. K. Pollard. No Representations.

Application for an Increase in the Permitted Number of Tractor Units to 8 and Trailers to 22 at Barbeck for Mr. T. A. Dale. Approve.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Workshop at Bridge Garage, Ingramgate for Bridge Garage (Thirsk) Ltd. Approve.

Construction of a Showroom, Spares Store and Relocation of Existing Body Shop at Bridge Garage, Ingramgate. Public Footpath not shown on Plan. Consideration should be given to the re-instatement of the Public Footpath on the original route. Are the railings to be retained?

Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun.
Roberts.

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	- £110.80
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 16.39
L. C. Hopps	- Fixing Bench Seat - Barclays Bank	£ 31.62
	Repairs to Seat - White Horse C.	£ 50.00
	Repairs and Treatment of Seats	£319.47
	as per quotations	£128.91
		<u>£147.43</u>
L. C. Hopps	- Repairs to seat in Bus Shelter	- £ 28.75
M. T. Shipton	- Erection of Swings	- £ 32.20
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gardens	- £ 59.80
Wicksteed Leisure	- Cradle Frame & Seat Re-inforcer	- £ 26.91
John Bell	- Wayleaves and Rent of Holmes	- £ ,42

Additional Accounts

Harland (Garden Machinery)	- Blade for Haytor Cutter	- £ 8.95
Coun. Roberts	- Reimbursement of cost of Trees for	

Accounts cont.

Coun. Whitton	- Reimbursement of cost of tubing for swings	- £ 10.85
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Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on a ceremony of dedication at Skipton on Swale, attended by ex members of the Royal Canadian Air Force. A letter of greeting from the Mayor of Timmins, Ontario to the Mayor of Thirsk was read to the meeting. The letter requested that contact be kept and it was agreed to reply and suggest some form of twinning between the two towns.

Any Other Business

Time Tables Coun. Craig reported on the lack of bus and train time tables in the Market Place. The United Bus Company and British Rail to be contacted regarding this.

Bus Shelter Coun. Allenby reported that there are now eighteen broken panes in the bus shelter.

Seat - White Mare Corner Coun. Craig reported that the canopy over the seat is leaking during wet weather.

Advertising Boards Coun. Roberts reported that advertising boards, hung over the safety barrier near the N.E.E.B. showroom, impair the visibility of motorists driving off the Market Place. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this.

Market Place Complaints were received regarding the Market trader near the Three Tuns at the Saturday Market spreading goods on the cobbles and also regarding vehicles being wrongly parked behind the market stalls. Coun. Craig agreed to report this to the appropriate committee.

Stoneybrough Restaurant Coun. Roberts reported on a barbeque/discotheque held at Stoneybrough Restaurant which had caused nuisance and inconvenience to nearby residents by the playing of loud music. There had been no reference to open air functions in the planning application. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding this matter.

Gillings Court Coun. Bickers reported a dangerous excavation hole in the parking bay at Gillings Court. Coun. Craig to report this to the Housing Committee.

Crossroads Commercials Ltd Coun. Bickers reported nuisance being caused by dust blowing from the garage frontage and the unauthorised parking of lorries. Coun. Murkett stated that appropriate action was being taken in both cases.

Footpath Coun. Bickers stated that the footpath from The Holmes to the Iron Bridge is in need of repair. Mr. Woods to be notified.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

D. Murkett
18/6/84.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
18th June 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon,
Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott,
Coun. Mrs. M. Potter (H.D.C.), + 3 Members of the Public.
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. Craig, sec. Coun. Roberts.

Coun. Mrs. Potter, a member of the H.D.C. Planning Committee, attended the meeting to
hear the further views of the Town Council on an application, presented at the May
meeting, for an Increase in the Permitted Number of Tractor Units to 8 and Trailers to
22 at The Hollies, Barbeck, for Mr. A. Dale. Members agreed that this should be the
first business of the meeting. Letters to Coun. Craig, from Mr. Haw and Mr. Snelling,
who live near the site, objected to the proposed increase in tractors and trailers
because of the noise and dust generated. They stated that since the original application
in 1979 the number of units had increased without permission. The Chairman stated that
it is not Mr. Dale's intention to make a further increase, the application is to
regularise the present position. Mr. Dale employs 11 workers and consideration should be
given to that. Mr. Dale is unwilling to move to the Industrial Site at a cost of £115,000.
The Highway Authority is satisfied if the access to the site is brought up to standard.
The Planning Committee can stipulate the times of movement of vehicles. Coun. Megson
proposed that there should be a site meeting by the Planning Committee and the Highway
Authority. Coun. Potter stated that a meeting had already taken place but she was
willing to ask the Committee to visit the site again. By a vote of 8 - 1, members
endorsed the approval given to the application at the May meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Consultation by the County Surveyor's department
not expected before August/September.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Notification received from the Department of the
Environment that Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd I.V.L.
intend to appeal against the H.D.C.'s refusal to issue a Certificate of Appropriate
Alternative Development in respect of 3.28 acres of land at O.S. 3459 adjacent to Long
Street and that the appellants agree to the appeal being dealt with on the basis of
written statements. Unless within 14 days the Town Council exercises the right of being
heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State, it is proposed to proceed on the
basis of written representations. Members were agreeable to this form of appeal.

Mill Gardens The Chairman had contacted Mr. Burn who promised that the work on the
gardens will be completed by the end of the month.

Privatisation of Markets Nothing reported.

Thirsk Mortuary Nothing reported.

Lighting - Hambleton Estate A letter from the Technical Officer stated that the County
Surveyor has indicated that the existing lighting on the
Old Sutton Road is considered to be of reasonable standard for footway purposes. The
provision of additional 'infill' units would be desirable although there is no allocation
in the Capital budget for work of this nature. It may be possible to provide the
necessary infill units in due course by means of equipment recovered from other locations
if any become available. The provision of lighting on the footpaths at the rear of the
bungalows, 31 - 39, Sutton Road is a matter for the H.D.C. as footway lighting authority
and Mr. P. L. Erbe is willing to discuss this at a site meeting with Coun. Craig and
other representatives of the Council. The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged
on site for 9.00 a.m. on 21st June.

The Holmes Play Area A quotation of £65.36 (inclusive of V.A.T.) from Mr. Hopps to
clean down the play equipment and give 2 coats of aluminium paint
was presented. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Bickers 'to accept the quotation' Agreed.

Waterfall The Clerk reported that Mr. J. Thompson has been asked to submit a price to
remove the coping stones from the river.

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Whitelass Beck - Cross Ditch Coun. Bickers reported that he had inspected the ditch with Mr. Read of the Probation Service who had agreed that the work could be carried out under the Community Service Scheme as and when labour is available. Mr. Read had also agreed to the shoring up of the footpath if the Town Council will supply the materials. Coun. Megson stated that the footpath is the responsibility of the County Council. The Clerk to contact Mr. Woods regarding this and notify Mr. Read accordingly.

Footpath - Ingramgate to Duckett Ings It was noted that the cars have been removed from the route of the original footpath.

Time Tables The Clerk reported that the bus company will supply new timetables. It had been ascertained that British Rail may be willing to supply a timetable notice board if a suitable site can be found. A request had been made to the Post Office for permission for a notice board to be sited on the wall and a reply awaited.

Advertising Boards A reply awaited from Mr. Woods.

Market Place Coun. Craig reported that the matter had been dealt with.

Footpath Mr. Woods' reply awaited.

Amusement Arcade - 63, Market Place Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that applications have been received from Nikolas Shaw Ltd for permits for the operation of both prize bingo and amusement with prizes machines at 63, Market Place, Thirsk and inviting the Town Council to make objections, observations or comments. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Roberts 'to repeat the objections made to the original application in January 1981 with any other objections made now by members'. Agreed. Additional objections were 1. The machines would attract schoolchildren. 2. There is no rear exit to the premises. 3. If prize bingo is allowed, prize machines will automatically be allowed also.

Correspondence

Prohibition of Caravans Letter presented from the County Solicitor stating that the Order for the Prohibition of Caravans on the A170 Sutton Bank has been made as originally proposed and came into operation on 25th May 1984.

Town and County Planning Association Letter presented, inviting the Town Council to join the association for an annual subscription of £25.00. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Roberts 'not to subscribe to the T.C.P.A. ' Agreed.

Proposed Footpath Diversion Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding an application under Section 210 of the Town and Country Planning act, 1971 for the diversion of a public footpath at Hambleton Place, Thirsk. Members agreed to object on the grounds that the diversion would entail the stopping up of a well used and pleasant country walk in favour of a route through a housing estate.

Britain in Bloom Competition - 1985 Letter received from the Civic Society stating the wish to enter Thirsk in the Britain in Bloom Competition - 1985, one of the main requirements of the project being the full support of the Local Authority. Representatives on the Steering Committee were invited. Members agreed to give their total support and nominated Coun. Roberts, Coun. Craig and Coun. Bickers to serve on the Steering Committee.

Stoneybrough Restaurant Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that an application has been made for a Public Entertainment Licence in respect of Stoneybrough Restaurant and inviting observations on the application. Members agreed to object, on behalf of the ratepayers of Stockton Road, Shire Park and Alexander Close for the following reasons: 1. A restaurant with an Entertainment Licence is not a desirable business in a residential area. 2. The residents have already been subjected to noise and inconvenience from two discos held at the premises, the noise being do intense that the police were called to the scene. 3. When planning permission was being sought for the opening of the restaurant, the owners assured the residents that the business would be conducted in a quiet manner without disturbance. 4. The Town Council would not wish a licence to be granted for either indoor or outdoor entertainment. It was also agreed to request that the planning conditions appertaining to the premises be enforced and the signs, erected without permission, be removed.

Transfer of Licence Notification received of the intention of Mr. S. D. Laughton to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Golden Lion, Market Place.

Diversion of Footpath Letter presented from Mr. A. Palliser stating that he understands the N.Y.C.C. and Ministry of Transport have agreed to stop the diversion of the footpath at the JET Garage, Long Street and asking to be informed whether or not the Town Council agrees with the decision. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stott 'that the Town Council wishes to see the footpath reinstated along its original route.' Agreed.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Amended Layout for the Construction of a Building with Associated Offices and Car Parking at Castlegarth Works for G.S.M. Graphics Ltd. Approve.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a Cash Dispenser at 77, Market Place for Midland Bank P.L.C. Approve.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 77, Market Place for Midland Bank P.L.C.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 77, Market Place for Midland Bank P.L.C.

Recommend moderation in Illuminated Signs in a Conservation Area.

Construction of a Garden Shed at 85, Norby for Mr. J. K. Wareing. Approve.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 10, Hambleton Place for Mr. A. Rymer. Approve.

Revised Application for the Construction of a Semidetached Dwellinghouse to include an Additional Domestic Garage at Plot 7, Barbeck Farm for D. Garner & Sons. Approve.

Use of Part of Ground Floor of Existing Dwellinghouse as a Nursery School at 12, The Green for Miss R. Kermack. Recommend soundproofing in the rooms to be used in consideration of the occupants of adjoining properties. Agree with the Planning Officer's recommendation that the situation should be reviewed after 12 months.

Outline Application for the Demolition of Existing Outbuildings and the Erection of 4 Holiday Cottages at the rear of Stoneybrough, Stockton Road for Mr. T. M. Singh. Object. No nearby houses shown - there are 10 houses within 30 feet of the fence. This would constitute backland development. Planning conditions in respect of Stoneybrough should be enforced - they are being exceeded and exploited. It is requested that a site meeting be held by the Planning Committee with members of the Town Council invited to attend.

No objections were made to an Amended Plan for Extensions to Hollin Barn Restaurant which had been sent to the Chairman.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Brannon.

Accounts as circulated

Thirsk Power Tools	- Head for Strimmer	- £ 19.27.
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 21.82.
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gardens (May)	- £ 59.80.
Coun. Allenby	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. Meetings at Easingwold - February & June	- £ 6.92.
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - April - June	- £687.50
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June	£268.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 23.10
		- £291.85.

Additional Accounts

Coun. Bickers	- Reimbursement of cost of plants etc. for Flower Troughs	- £ 9.26.
L. C. Hopps	- Removing seat from Barclays Bank - setting in concrete - Kirkgate	- £ 99.68.

Reports Coun. Allenby reported on the L.C.A. Meeting. The Secretary had indicated that he would like to attend a Council Meeting to meet and speak to the members. Members agreed that he should attend a future meeting. A meeting had been arranged at the H.D.C. Offices at Northallerton to discuss Postal Voting at Local Elections.

Any Other Business

District Council Offices Coun. Megson deplored the H.D.C.'s decision to build new offices at Stone Cross without consultation with the ratepayers.

The Chairman replied that the District Councillors have a mandate from the ratepayers and act in their best interests. It is necessary for the offices to be centralised. Although the cost of the offices will be £2,000,000 there are properties to be sold at Thirsk, Northallerton, Bedale and Stokesley and there will be savings in travelling expenses and manpower.

Lorry Coun. Foxton reported that a large lorry is being left on the Norby Estate each evening. Details to be given to the police.

Public Footpath Coun. Craig reported that the footpath from the Cemetery to Norby is in need of repair. Mr. Woods to be informed.

Kerb At the request of Coun. Bickers, Coun. Craig agreed to draw the attention of H.D.C. to the dangerous high kerb in front of the Ladies' toilets on the Car Park.

Notice Board Coun. Bickers suggested that the display board, sited on the front of the bus shelter may be useful to the Tourist Information Bureau for the posting of notices information etc. It was agreed to offer the board to them.

Litter Bin Coun. Brannon reported that a litter bin had been requested for siting near the seat on the Little Green at the corner of Piper Lane. H.D.C. to be asked to supply one.

Planning Coun. Roberts asked if the Planning Department had stopped notifying the occupants of neighbouring properties regarding planning applications. Coun. Mrs. Potter replied that although notification is sent to adjacent properties it is usually left to the local councillors to pass on the information.

Junction of Stammergegate/Long Street Coun. Bickers reported that delivery vans are now parking on the road.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
16th July 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon,
Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, C. J. Megson, F. N. Bickers, H. Whitton,
E. R. Stott.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Post Office Alley to White Swan Yard Nothing reported.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens No further work has been carried out on the gardens. It was agreed to
seek the advice of the Yorkshire & Cleveland Local Councils' Association
as to the best course of action to take in order to have the work completed to the
Town Council's satisfaction.

Privatisation of Markets Nothing reported.

Thirsk Mortuary Nothing reported. Coun. Craig was asked to raise the matter at the
next meeting of the H.D.C. Environmental Health Committee.

Lighting - Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported on a successful meeting with Mr. Erbe
where the provision of an additional light for Old Sutton
Road and the bungalows was discussed and agreed upon. Mr. Erbe to be thanked for his
co-operation.

Waterfall Mr. Thompson had informed the Clerk that the stones could be removed from
the river at a cost in the region of £10.00 and the work would be carried
out when he had a digger in the vicinity. Mr. Thompson wished to know where the stones
have to be taken when they have been recovered. It was agreed to ask if they can be
stored at the N.Y.C.C. Depot. The Holmes sub-committee to meet on site on 20th July
to decide if the stones should be put back on the waterfall.

Whitelass Beck - Cross Ditch Mr. Woods had notified the Clerk that the footpath is
the responsibility of the County Council and repairs will
be carried out. The Probation Officer had been notified accordingly.

Time Tables - Notice Board Reply from the Post Office still awaited.

Advertising Boards Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that he will consult the
owners with a view to the boards being removed.

Footpath from The Holmes to Iron Bridge Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that
the path will be attended to during the next
few weeks.

Amusement Arcade Nothing reported.

Stoneybrough Restaurant Coun. Roberts reported that the restaurant is being advertised
as being open from 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. whereas the
planning permission is for the hours of opening to be 1200 to 1500 and 1800 to 2300
hours. The Planning Officer's attention to be drawn to this.

Public Footpath - Norby Mr. Woods had informed the Clerk that this footpath is to be
included in the programme of repairs.

Kerb - Car Park Suggestions were made that the area could be fenced off or a warning
notice erected. The Chief Executive H.D.C. to be asked to take action.

Notice Board Letter presented from the Secretary of the Museum Society accepting the
offer of the notice board, which would be useful to both the Museum Society
and the Tourist Information Bureau.

Litter Bin - Little Green Letter presented from the Environmental Health Officer stating
that a bin will be provided. Coun. Brannon reported that it
is now in place.

Christmas Lights Display Boards Designs for the display boards were submitted and

Coun. Craig agreed to ascertain whether it will be possible for the boards and lights to be stored at Gillings Court when not in use.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that Standing Orders be suspended.' Agreed
Notice of Motion regarding the application by Mr. T. A. Dale to increase the number of Tractor Units and Trailers at Barbeck which was approved at a Meeting of the Town Council on 21st May.

Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Brannon 'that as the observations were made without the full facts being known to the members, I propose that the Town Council rescind the Minute and advise the Planning Authority of the reasons for reaching the correct decision i.e. that we do not approve of the site at Barbeck'.

Coun. Whitton stated that he had visited the site and had also received numerous complaints from residents living nearby, regarding noise, dust and fumes. He also stated that planning conditions imposed in 1979 had not been complied with. Coun. Craig reported that the Environmental Health Officer did not consider the dust and fumes acceptable in a residential area. The Chairman stated that he had been told by the Planning Department that no complaints had been received between 1979 and 1984. Mr. Dale had flouted the planning law but has a Ministry of Transport permit for the number of vehicles he operates. Most of the members stated that they had visited the site.

By a vote of 8 in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention, it was agreed to recommend refusal of the application on the following grounds:

1. The site is in very close proximity to neighbouring properties where the occupants are subjected to nuisance and inconvenience caused by noise, vibration, dust and diesel fumes.
2. Vehicles are entering and leaving the site late at night and in the early hours of the morning disturbing nearby residents.
3. The original planning permission in 1975 was for the parking and maintenance of 2 lorries followed by permission in 1979 for the parking and maintenance of 4 units and 4 trailers which were the property of or on loan or hire to the applicant. Since that time the number of units and trailers has increased without permission and it is understood that not all the vehicles at the site are the property of the applicant.
4. It is understood that conditions 3 and 4 of the planning permission of 1979, regarding improved access to and the surface of the site have not been complied with.
5. The members of the Town Council were not aware until now that objections were made by nearby residents to the 1979 planning application.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Standing Orders be restored.' Agreed.
 A letter was presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. inviting the Town Council to send 2 representatives to a site meeting at the Barbeck site on 20th July. It was agreed that Couns. Whitton and Brannon attend.

Correspondence

Use of Town Hall for Audit Letter presented from Sowerby P.C. regarding the continued use of the Town Hall by the District Auditor free of charge. When permission was granted for the free use of the Town Hall the Audit lasted only a few days but now it is taking much longer due to the Audit covering a larger area. It is understood that the books of Easingwold and the surrounding area are being audited at Thirsk. Sowerby P.C. consider that in view of the fees charged for Audit and the extended use of the room, a fee should be charged. The views of the Town Council were sought on the matter. Members agreed that a fee should be charged and that it should be left to the Town Hall Management Committee to decide on it.

Burial Fees The Clerk drew attention to a list of the fees charged by the Northallerton and Romanby Burial Committee which were much higher than those at Thirsk. It was agreed that the fees should be reviewed in the near future.

Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A. Notice received of the Training Weekend for Councillors and Clerks and the A.G.M. at Askham Bryan College on 8th/9th September.

Yorkshire Water Authority Notice received that Coun. C. G. Anderson of the Ryedale Branch of the L.C.A. has been nominated as the Association's representative on the Y.W.A. Consumer Consultative Committee.

Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A. Letter received stating that Resolutions for the A.G.M. should be submitted direct to the County Association in order that they may be put to and agreed by the 13 Branches of the Association and then brought to the attention of the Executive prior to the A.G.M. Resolutions should be forwarded to the Association for the early attention of Branch meetings bearing in mind that there are only 3 Branch meetings each year for each Branch. The Clerk pointed out that although the letter was dated April, it had not been received until July and the Hambleton South meeting had been on 6th June. Coun. Allenby agreed to draw this to the attention of the Association.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England Letter received regarding the Local Government Act 1972 Review of Non-Metropolitan Counties.

The Tree Council Letter presented stating that Lord Mayors, Mayors and Chairmen of County and District Councils are being invited to undertake a tree planting ceremony on 17th November, the first day of National Tree Week. It is hoped that Mayors of Town Councils will also participate in this venture.

Coun. Stott Letter presented from Coun. Stott drawing attention to the fact that motorists leaving the roadway at the side of Mill Gardens are turning Left into the Market Place instead of Right to conform with the One Way system and suggesting the erection of a suitable sign. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this. Coun. Stott also drew attention to 2 lamps out of order, situated at Sutton Road and Chapel Street and suggested that the street lamp opposite Cherry Garth in Chapel Street should be set at an angle to throw light across the road. These matters to be referred to the H.D.C. Lighting Officer.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:

Application for the Provision of a New Shop Front at 30, Market Place for Marshall Lake Properties Ltd. (Foster Menswear). Approve.

Application to Display and Advertisement in Connection with the Provision of a New Shop Front at 30, Market Place. Not considered suitable in a Market Place in a Conservation Area.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations and Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to 2 Self Contained Flats at 52, Kirkgate for J. Bell. Approve.

Application for Use of Part of Existing Shop as a Betting Office at 7, Kirkgate for B. Dunn. Approve.

Application for Change of Use of Existing Betting Office to Retail Shopping at 8, Kirkgate for P. J. Odling. Approve.

Outline Application for the Construction of a 10 place Residential Aged Persons' Hostel at Gillings Court, Off Kirkgate for Thirsk and Sowerby Abbeyfield Society. Approve. (Voting - 9 in Favour - 1 Abstention).

Outline Application for the Construction of a 10 place Aged Persons' Residential Hostel at Old Salem Chapel, off Finkle Street for Thirsk and Sowerby Abbeyfield Society.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of an Existing Disused Chapel at Old Slaem Chapel, off Finkle Street for Thirsk and Sowerby Abbeyfield Society. There is a graveyard at the side of the building and is consecrated ground. The only access is through N.Y.C.C. property to the side of the library. Would prefer the Gillings Court site.

Members agreed to the suggestion of an informal meeting on the Friday preceding Council meetings, for the purpose of inspecting the plans. Observations to be made at the Council meeting.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Sports Council	- Affiliation Fee - 1984/85	- £ 2.00.
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee - June 1984	- £101.20
Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd	- Inspection Service - Play Equipment	- £ 20.50.

M. T. Shipton

- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gdns
June

195
- £ 59.80.

M. T. Shipton

- Clearing Cemetery Rubbish Compound

- £ 75.60.

Additional Accounts

Yorkshire Rural Community Council

- Donation to Playbus

- £ 5.00.

L. C. Hopps

- Painting Play Equipment - The Holmes

- £ 65.36.

Thirsk Motors

- Petrol

- £ 21.58.

Codbeck Internal Drainage Board

- Drainage Rates

- £ 2.60.

Reports Coun. Craig referred to the proposed entry of Thirsk, by the Civic Society, in the Britain in Bloom contest in 1985 and spoke of Civic Pride and his hope that the public will participate. He presented a plan, which he intends to put before the H.D.C., for flower troughs to be erected in the grassed area of the Car Park. Coun. Whitton stated that this area provides extra parking spaces when the Car Park is full. Coun. Whitton was asked to make enquiries as to whether the Racecourse Car Park would be available for public parking on Bank Holidays and other busy times. The Chairman stated that the Market Place cobbles need cleaning, the open topped litter bins are being phased out and replaced. He referred to clean areas in London where traders provide litter bins on which their shops and services are advertised.

Any Other Business

The Green Coun. Brannon reported that some motorists are turning left on the Green towards the Iron Bridge instead of continuing to Long Street and turning left there to travel north, and suggested the erection of a suitable sign. Members were of the opinion that such a sign is not necessary.

Cycling on Pavements Coun. Roberts complained of children riding BMX cycles on the pavements in the Market Place.

Whitelass Beck Coun. Bickers reported that residents of Shire Park are dumping rubbish at Whitelass Beck. Members agreed that unless the culprits could be identified no action can be taken.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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20/8/84

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, Thirsk on Monday, 20th August 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, H. Whitton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, F. N. Bickers. Apologies for Absence were received from Coun. J. Brannon.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Post Office - White Swan Yard Nothing reported.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A special meeting had been called for the purpose of making comments on the appeal by Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd I.V.L. against the refusal by the H.D.C. to grant a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development in respect of land at O.S. 3459 adjacent to Long St. The meeting was attended by Couns. Brannon, Bickers, Craig, Foxton and Stott. The appellants disagreed with the Planning Authority who stated in the Section 17 Certificate that the only alternative use to public open space on which planning permission might be obtained is use in connection with the adjacent Primary School for recreational purposes on the following grounds: 1. The site adjoining St. Mary's Close has been adopted up to the northern boundary of O.S. 3459 and the County Council have no objection to residential development. 2. The Primary School has been built south of this site on O.S. 3855 and 4532; a total of 6.1 acres and is approximately twice the area of the appeal site. There is no necessity for the land to be classified as ancillary use to the Primary School or zoned for public open space. The school area is sufficient and an allocation for public open space would be more logically allocated elsewhere. 3. We consider that land use planning should be flexible in catering for the needs of the community and not be subject to rigid allocations; we understand a review of the Thirsk Local Plan is now due. These reviews pre-suppose that planning must be flexible in order to satisfy the requirements of a constantly changing population. 4. The L.P.A. are not necessarily bound by the provisions of their plans in determining what sort of development might reasonably have been permitted and we consider it appropriate in this case that residential development should have been specified because of the site's location in relation to existing housing stock and the fact that this land is immediately available to help satisfy the voracious appetite for residential building land in Thirsk. The members present at the meeting objected to the Grounds for Appeal as follows: 1. The fact that the road has been adopted up to the northern boundary of O.S. 3459 is not considered a valid reason for allowing residential development on the site. The continuation of the road through the Hambleton Estate would generate an increase in traffic causing a hazard to children and the residents of the aged persons' sheltered accommodation. 2. There is a possibility that the school buildings will be extended in the future due to the anticipated increase in pupils because of the large amount of residential development taking place within the school catchment area. 3. In view of the amount of building taking place in the vicinity of the site and the housing already there, it is considered that the provision of public open space in the area is essential. 4. Because of the site's proximity to housing stock, it is ideal for open space and recreational purposes. Due to the amount of building already taking place and the many properties on the market, the Town Council contend that there is no need for additional housing land to be made available in Thirsk.

Mill Gardens A letter from the Secretary of the L.C.A. stated that if the agreement with the developer was simply a 'gentleman's' there may be little that can be done other than moral pressure. It would seem that it would be worth asking the Town Council's solicitor to extract a promise of an exact date upon which the work will be completed. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hatch to write to Mr. Burns and request a reply for next month's meeting.

Mortuary The Environmental Health Committee meeting has not yet taken place.

Waterfall Mr. Woods had agreed that the coping stones can be stored at the N.Y.C.C. Depot. Members who had visited the waterfall agreed that the stones will have to be replaced at some future date.

Time Table Notice Board Reply still awaited from the Post Office.

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Advertising Boards The Clerk had been told by Mr. Woods that action is being taken regarding advertising boards on County Council property in Bedale, Northallerton and Thirsk.

Amusement Arcade Nothing reported.

Stoneybrough Restaurant - Application for a Public Entertainment Licence Letter from the Chief

Executive H.D.C. stated that the application is being considered at a special meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee and the decision will be made known in due course.

Kerb - Car Park Reply from H.D.C. awaited.

Application by Mr. T. A. Dale to increase the number of tractor units and trailers at Barbeck. Coun. Whitton requested that it be noted that the Chairman voted against the resolution at the July meeting.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Dale is submitting a new application for the September planning meeting; previously imposed planning conditions are being carried out and a wall being erected between the site and Mr. Haw's property. Only cars will be parked at that side of the site. The members of the Town Council will be welcome to inspect the site. If planning permission is granted, it will be the responsibility of the H.D.C. to enforce the conditions imposed. An angry discussion took place regarding the site meeting, held at Barbeck on 20th July, at which the Chairman was accused of not having carried out the wishes of the Town Council and of making derogatory remarks about the members who had changed their minds and voted against the planning application at the July meeting; also of misleading the Council regarding the application. The Chairman denied misleading the Council and stated that he had attended the site meeting as a member of the H.D.C. and not as a member of the Town Council which was represented by Coun. Brannon and Coun. Whitton. The Chairman stated that he regretted his remarks. Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Megson 'that this Council has no confidence in the Chairman.' The Chairman asked for the voting to be recorded. Voting - In Favour - Couns. Stott, Megson, Roberts, Whitton. Against - Couns. Murkett, Foxton. Abstentions - Couns. Craig, Allenby, Bickers.

Coun. Murkett asked if it was the Council's wish that he vacate the Chair. Coun. Allenby stated that he had been democratically elected and should remain in office until the next Annual Meeting. Coun. Murkett remained in the Chair.

Tree Council - National Tree Week It was agreed to enquire if the County Planning Dept. has any trees available for planting schemes.

Use of Racecourse Car Park Coun. Whitton stated that the Racecourse Company would be willing to consider a written request for use of the Car Park. After recalling that on previous occasions use of the Car Park was not a successful enterprise, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance.

Gypsies - The Holmes Members were told that when gypsies moved on to The Holmes at the end of July, the Clerk was contacted by the Environmental Health Officer, the Police and numerous members of the public. The Police had no powers to move them and Mr. Hatch, solicitor, was asked to take the necessary action to make them leave. Mr. Hatch had visited the site and notified them that there would be a charge of £10.00 per day per vehicle and caravan. The site was then vacated. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that this Council endorses the action taken by Mr. Hatch.' Agreed. Mr. Hatch had advised that the only way to prevent similar occurrences is to erect notices to the effect that a charge will be made. Members were agreed that they do not wish to have parking on The Holmes. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that notices be erected with the wording "No Vehicles, Camping or Horses allowed on this Land. Charge £10.00 per Day. Thirsk Town Council".' Agreed. The Clerk was given authority to order suitable notices.

Whitelass Beck Coun. Bickers reported that the footpath through Whitelass Beck and the surrounding area is being used as a B.M.X. track. There are holes and bumps in the footpath and the cross ditch is being blocked. It was agreed to ask Mr. Woods to have the footpath repaired.

Correspondence

Insurance The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Municipal Mutual Insurance advising an increase in cover for Personal Accident Insurance, Fidelity Guarantee Insurance and Fire Insurance on Cemetery Lodge. Increased cover

Increased cover had been requested for the seats. Two options were offered - a £10.00 or a £25.00 excess. Due to the renewal date being passed a speedy decision was needed and members consulted agreed to the increased cover and the £10.00 excess being accepted. The meeting endorsed the action taken.

Parking - Thirsk Area Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that a meeting has recently been held between H.D.C. staff, North Yorkshire County Council and the North Yorkshire Police. It was the intention of the meeting to suggest alternative solutions to the parking problems and then meet members of interested parties, including the Town Council, to try to formulate a policy for parking in the Thirsk Area. It is proposed, as a short term solution, to paint 'Buses Only' on the area designated for Public Service Vehicles as the police are concerned about the lack of controlled parking in this area and its serious effect on the ability of buses to park safely. Members agreed that action is needed to solve the problem for buses parking in this area. The letter also stated that it is hoped to hold a meeting, to discuss the overall problem of parking in the Thirsk Area, in the week commencing 3rd September and it is hoped that members of the Town Council will attend.

Seat The Clerk reported that R.A.O.B. Cliffe Top Lodge wished to donate a seat to the town and asked for suggestions for a suitable site. Coun. Megson suggested that the seat should be sited at the side of the spine road from The Holmes to the Car Park. The suggestion was accepted.

Society of Local Council Clerks Letter presented from the Society inviting membership by the Clerk. Members agreed in principle to paying the subscription but suggested that further information be obtained.

Byelaws - Straw and Stubble Burning Copy of the H.D.C.'s Byelaw, which came into operation on 20th July 1984, presented.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mrs. Joan Torr to apply for the licence of the Red Bear Hotel, Market Place, Thirsk.

Conservation Area - Enhancement Schemes Letter presented from the Chief Planner and Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that it is the Council's intention to prepare a list of enhancement schemes with a view to drawing up a programme of enhancement work with which the Council might assist and asking if the Town Council is proposing to carry out any enhancement schemes within the Conservation Area and to hear of any enhancement schemes the Town Council feel would benefit the appearance of the Conservation Area and could be included within a future programme of assisted works. It was agreed that The Holmes could benefit from such a scheme and to invite the Chief Planner's assistant to a meeting to discuss this.

Town & Country Planning Act 1971 Letter presented from the Department of the Environment stating that the appeal by Mr. J. Knowlson against the refusal of the H.D.C. to grant planning permission for the building of a dwelling at the rear of 76, Long Street, has been dismissed.

Boundary Commission Copy of the Boundary Commission's Report No. 477 - Review of Electoral Arrangements - County of North Yorkshire - presented.

Hambleton District Council - New Headquarters Report presented, from Coun. Roberts and Coun. Whitton, regarding the decision by H.D.C. to build new headquarters at Stone Cross, Northallerton at a cost of approximately £2,000,000 in preference to the Star Precinct premises which have already been purchased. Report circulated to all members and inserted in Minute Book. The report requested the Town Council to 1. Register its dis-satisfaction with H.D.C.'s handling of this case. 2. Endorse the complaint to the ombudsman made by Northallerton Town Council. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Stott 'that the report as produced by Coun. Roberts and Coun. Whitton be adopted.' Voting - In Favour - 8. Against - 1. The Chairman stated that the decision to build at Stone Cross had been made by a vote of 25 - 13. The land at Stone Cross is owned by the H.D.C. The Star Precinct property is not available until 1989 and is not large enough to house all the departments.

Library Letter presented from Mrs. J. Cresswell of 20, Finkle Street, stating that some motorists are turning right instead of left into the one-way system when leaving the library premises causing a traffic hazard. There is a sign at the opposite side of the road which they do not appear to notice. It was agreed to draw this to

Cycling on Pavements Mrs. Cresswell also referred to cyclists riding on the pavements in Finkle Street. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the Police.

Local Councils' Association Letter presented from Mr. Ian Strong, Secretary of the Yorkshire and Cleveland Association, accepting an invitation to attend the October meeting of the Town Council. The Clerk requested members' questions to be submitted, in writing, at the September meeting so that they can be forwarded to Mr. Strong.

Planning Applications Observations were made as follows:

Outline Application for the Construction of a Detached Bungalow and Domestic Garage to replace Existing Bungalow at The Bungalow, Millbank Court for Mr. D. H. Hill. Approve.

Installation of a Cash Dispensing Machine at Market Place for Lloyds Bank. Approve.

Use of Part of Existing Dwelling as a Picture Gallery and Workshop and Conversion of Existing Gallery to Living Accommodation at 18, Kirkgate and 1, Gillings Yard and Listed Building Consent for Alterations to 18, Kirkgate for Mr. R. Bennett. Approve.

Conversion of Part of Ground Floor of Existing Former Clinic to a Flat at Little Green for Mr. & Mrs. N. Kermack. Approve.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Workshop for the Maintenance of Motor Vehicles at 60, Long Street for Mr. C. F. Cowton. Approve but recommend a limit on days and hours of work.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Pole Sign and an Internally Illuminated Box Sign at Stoneybrough for Mr. T. F. Singh. Approve but recommend that the bottom of the Pole Sign should be 9' from the ground and the sign sited so that it is not a distraction to motorists.

Amended Plan for the Construction of 8 Dwellinghouses at Former School at Piper Lane, for Mr. R. Hanley. Recommend Refusal until a site meeting has been held with members of the Town Council.

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

M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gardens - July	- £ 59.80.
J. T. Thompson	- Grass Cutting - The Holmes	- £ 43.12
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 14.03.
Municipal Mutual Ins	- Combined Policy Premium	- £185.47.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman referred to the visit by members to the waterfall and Whitelass Beck when it had been agreed that the whole area needs tidying. The bank of the river opposite the waterfall bridge could be developed and made into a picnic area. It was felt that this area could be part of an enhancement scheme and that provision for this could be included in the estimates for the next financial year.

Member's Report

Coun. Craig reported on a scheme that he intends to present to the H.D.C. regarding the markets at Thirsk. This entails the area of the Market Place from the Three Tuns Hotel to the Golden Fleece where the stalls would be positioned in avenues from the pavement down to the road. The remainder of the Market Place would then be available for parking. Members agreed to notify the H.D.C. that they agree that some action is needed regarding the market stalls and that they would like to see the plans before any decision is reached.

Any Other Business

Town Hall Coun. Allenby stated that he had ascertained from the L.C.A. that the Town Hall Committee would be in order in charging for the use of the hall by the District Auditor.

Local Councils' Association Coun. Murkett and Coun. Allenby to attend the A.G.M. on 8th September.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

W. Murkett

Synopsis of events leading to Hambleton District Council's decision to build new offices at Stone Cross, Northallerton.

- 1976 A fund was established to put money into reserve for acquiring or building new offices.
- 1981 The then Chief Executive, Mr. D. Parkin, advised the Council that it would be sensible and would save in the region of £750,000 if they purchased the Star Precinct, Northallerton. This has 1,500 sq. metres of office space and would be sufficient to house the dispersed offices of Thirsk and Bedale. There are two other sets of premises at 72 High Street with an acre of land and the Old Vicarage with $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. 72 High Street would be extended to hold the Treasurers Dept. now housed in the Old Library, car parking could be increased and the Old Library converted into a Council Chamber. This would obviate the need to purchase or build anything else. D.G.E. was approached for permission to spend £335,000 on this purchase. Permission was twice refused, but finally given after the intervention of Sir Timothy Kitson, the then M.P. for Richmond.
- 1983 In the spring of 1983 a local draft plan for Northallerton was shown to the public for them to comment. The Stone Cross area was shown as recreational land and no mention was made of office building. Development of Stone Cross, or indeed any office development for H.D.C. was not under discussion at the time of the District Elections in May, 1983.
- 1984 Later in 1983 a number of new members of H.D.C. asked to be put in the picture regarding centralisation of offices. In response the new Chief Executive Officer and Planning Officers floated for the first time proposals to build a completely new office complex. Various sites were considered, the scheme was strongly opposed by a large minority of H.D. Councillors and by Northallerton Town Council but H.D.C. granted itself planning permission and the scheme is to go ahead at Stone Cross. The Minister of the Environment has not permitted this to take place during the current financial year. He has refused to hold a Public Inquiry saying that the objections are purely a parochial matter between Northallerton Town Council and the H.D.C.

Northallerton Town Council have complained to the Ombudsman on the following grounds:-

- 1 There has been no full professional feasibility study of the ~~Star~~ Precinct and allied proposals.

- 2 It has been said by H.D.C. that £117,000 will be saved per annum by centralisation but this statement is suspect.

(Note. In 1976 the Local Authority Management Service was asked to investigate the savings likely to accrue from centralisation, i.e. the annual saving. They said the saving would be £65,000 p.a. At that time new offices would have cost £800,000, interest rate at 10% would mean interest payable at £80,000 p.a. so in order to save £65,000 H.D.C. would need to spend £80,000. The present figures are savings £117,000, cost of new building £2,000,000, interest payable £200,000, therefore to save £117,000, the H.D.C. needs to spend £200,000. H.D.C. say the money is available and would not have to be borrowed but the £2m is at present generating £200,000 p.a. which is being used to save interest charges. It would have to come from somewhere - e.g. Rates. It is not in the interest of the Ratepayers to spend money just because it is there)

- 3 The decision on Stone Cross has been made far too hastily. *January to June* is not sufficient time to study all aspects or to ascertain public reaction.

This application is of district significance as it concerns everyone in the district and it is the duty of H.D.C. to advertise fully and properly throughout the District and give everyone a chance of knowing what was proposed and giving their opinion. It is a matter for concern of all Ratepayers in the District as it will be their money that is used and they who will be in-convenienced.

An exhibition which was shown at Northallerton Library was thought by many people to be misleading as it showed not only the proposed new offices but also sports fields, running tracks etc., and many people who saw it thought these facilities were all to be included in the price.

This exhibition was put on in Northallerton Library only. The people of Thirsk, Easingwold, Stokesley and Bedale were not given this opportunity to see where their money was going.

It is considered that the H.D.C. is guilty of not fulfilling its duties to all of its ratepayers.

We consider that the council was wrong in granting planning permission for the development while the local draft plan, showing the area for recreation, is still under review. Other planning applications for development in this area have been turned down for this reason.

An application by the Health Authority to extend a centre for mentally handicapped children in this area was turned down because of additional traffic hazard from an increase of 30 cars. The Stone Cross offices would generate an additional 150 cars.

We consider that all in all the question of development at Stone Cross is too important to be decided by H.D.C. in a matter of 4 months with no opportunity for the general public to express their views. Development of Star Precinct has been agreed for 3 years. There has been no alteration in the District's requirements regarding staffing since 1981. If Star Precinct was considered satisfactory then, why is it no longer suitable?

Star Precinct has the advantage of being in the centre of Northallerton and therefore is far more accessible to the public, especially public who have come from the outlying areas by 'bus, than Stone Cross.

We would like this council to:-

- 1) register its dissatisfaction with H.D.C.'s handling of this case
- 2) endorse the complaint to the Ombudsman made by Northallerton Town Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th September 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, Miss J. Foxton, H. Whitton, E. R. Stott, C. J. Megson, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, 4 Representatives of Sowerby Parish Council & Mr. Colin Spencer, Chief Executive and Clerk of Hambleton District Council.

Apologies for Absence were received from Couns. J. J. Allenby & H. D. Craig

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

Stone Cross Mr. Spencer attended the meeting to speak about, and answer questions on Stone Cross, the proposed site of the new headquarters of the Hambleton District Council. Mr. Spencer stated that there had been much misunderstanding over the proposed development. It had always been intended to centralise the various departments of the District Council. A fund for that purpose, started in 1976 now stands at £2,000,000. The District Auditor is against capital funds for no specific purpose and it had been decided to use the fund for the purpose for which it was intended. LAMSAC had carried out an investigation and advised, that with all the services under one roof savings would be made on staff, telephone and travelling allowances - the sum of £117,000. per year was envisaged. Questioned about the original intention to use Star Precinct for the new headquarters, Mr. Spencer replied that efforts to secure East Road School to link with Star Precinct as a dual site had been unsuccessful. Twelve District Councillors had objected to Stone Cross as the site for the new headquarters and one Councillor had objected to any new headquarters. There were objectors to Stone Cross because it is recreation land but the offices and car parks would take up only three acres of the twenty four acre site. Facilities such as the access road, car parking and toilets will be dual purpose and can be used in conjunction with recreational facilities. Asked if the District Council would make a commitment as to the use of the annual savings, Mr. Spencer replied that it is possible that there could be development of recreational facilities and perhaps some form of selective concessionary travel for the elderly and disabled. Mr. Spencer assured members that there will be sub-offices in Bedale, Easingwold, Stokesley and Thirsk for the benefit of ratepayers and surgeries will be held for the public to meet officers of the Council.

Coun. Whitton asked for, and was given, an assurance that the Town Council will be consulted over the privatisation of markets.

Mr. Spencer was thanked for his attendance.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mill Gardens A copy of Mr. Hatch's letter to Mr. Burns was read to the meeting. The date given to Mr. Burns for the completion of the work being 18th Sept. The work had not been carried out and Mr. Burns had not replied. Mr. Hatch advised that a firm quotation for the work be obtained to be forwarded to Mr. Burns with a request for advance payment. The Clerk to obtain a quotation.

Mortuary The Chairman stated that the matter is in the hands of the District Valuer.

Waterfall The stones, which were broken, had been removed from the river. Due to a misunderstanding they had been disposed of at the Highways Depot. The Highways Dept. had intimated that when replacements are required they may be able to assist.

Time Table Notice Board Letter received from the Assistant Head Postmaster, York, stating that he does not favour the displaying of a notice board on the Post Office wall, and suggesting that the bus shelter would be a more suitable site. Members agreed to leave the matter in abeyance due to the fact that if the bus stand is moved to the east side of the Market Place the bus shelter would be obsolete.

Advertising Boards Coun. Roberts reported that an advertising board has been sited on the grass verge opposite Stoneybrough Restaurant. Mr. Woods' attention to be drawn to this.

Amusement Arcade Coun. Roberts reported that the agents for the applicant had asked for the applications for the permits to operate prize bingo and prize machines to be deferred.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

National Tree Week Reply awaited from the County Planning Officer.

Whitelass Beck - Footpath Reply from Mr. Woods awaited.

Society of Local Council Clerks More information had been obtained and as it appears that the services of the Society could be of use to both the Clerk and the Council it was agreed that a subscription be paid.

Conservation Areas - Enhancement Schemes The Chief Planner's Assistant had told the Clerk that he could not attend a meeting until a specific scheme had been submitted to his department. It was agreed that the Town Council and the Civic Society should meet to discuss and draw up a suitable scheme.

Library - Traffic Hazard Reply from Mr. Woods awaited.

Cycling on Pavements Letter presented from Chief Inspector Britton stating that he will arrange for patrolling officers to pay special attention to the matter in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

Local Councils' Association No questions were submitted by members to be forwarded to the Secretary for the October meeting. The Clerk stated that she intends to ask Mr. Strong about the Special Investment Facility being offered to Local Councils by the Halifax Building Society. Coun. Whitton then stated that he wished to submit a question about limited time parking.

Haytor Mower Members agreed that as the large Haytor Mower is no longer in use the insurance, now due, should not be renewed. Mr. Collinson to be asked if it will have any trade-in value when a new mower is purchased.

Market Place

Proposed Prohibition of Driving - Thirsk Market Place Letter presented from the N.Y.C.C. Solicitor stating that the County Council proposes to make an order under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967, the effect of which will be to prohibit the driving of vehicles between 10.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., excluding Bank Holiday Mondays, on the section of the Market Place, Thirsk to the rear of the Post Office and Public Conveniences, from the western gable of the Post Office to the eastern gable of the Public Conveniences, and if no objections are received, the Order will be made. Members agreed to object to the limit on the time that vehicles will be prohibited, on the grounds that there is always a danger to pedestrians crossing that area, and to request that the order be made to prohibit access to vehicles at all times except for deliveries.

Parking The Clerk read a report of the meeting with Officers of the County Council, District Council and the Police, held at Gillings Court on 5th September. The problems of parking on the Market Place, especially with regard to buses, and on the Millgate Car Park had been discussed and it had been generally agreed that the most acceptable compromise to the problem would be 1. To have buses using the area at the east side of the Market Place with a provision for long stay coaches possibly near the present caravan park at the Racecourse. 2. Have the Millgate Car Park for cars only and possibly extend this area to accommodate more cars. 3. Have a lorry park somewhere near the H.D.C. depot on York Road. 4. Have restricted time parking in the Market Place. Some members were now of the opinion that there are solutions to the bus parking problem other than those discussed on 5th September and will put them forward at the October Council meeting for submission to the Hambleton District Council.

Market Stalls A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer asked for comments on the plan, as submitted by Coun. Craig, for the re-location of the market stalls, siting them in avenues from the footpath down to the road. Members decided to defer making comment until the views of the market traders are known. A letter from Mr. A. Palliser suggested that the plan for the market stalls is not practical and that they should be set back 4'6" from the footpath in their present location. The letter also suggested that the Bus Park could be located in the Car Park at the side of The Marriage.

Grant Letter presented from the Treasurer of St. Mary's Church requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard. It was agreed to make a grant of £150.

Notice of Motion - Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Whitton 'That the Hambleton District Council be asked to consider the provision of Concessionary travel for the elderly and the disabled.' Coun. Brannon told the meeting that many local authorities provide such facilities, including the neighbouring District of Richmond, and that he considers that residents of Hambleton District should receive the same benefits. Voting - All in Favour.

Correspondence

Engineering Insurance Premiums & Inspection Fees Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that it will be necessary for fees to be increased by 5% for renewals due on or after 1st October 1984.

Local Events Information 1985 Letter presented from the Chief Planner H.D.C. requesting, on behalf of the Yorkshire & Humberside Tourist Board, details of local events taking place in the area from 1st January 1985. It was agreed to pass on the forms to the local Tourist Information Office for completion.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Mr. A. E. Kendrew to apply for the transfer of the licence of The Blacksmiths Arms, Thirsk.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Display of 2 Non Illuminated Signs at 18, Kirkgate for Mr. R. Bennett. Approve.

Extension to Existing Shop to Provide Toilet and Cloakroom at 14, Finkle Street for Mr. Clark. Approve.

Revised Details of the Layout of Land to Include the Substitution of House Types on Plots 48 & 49 and the Construction of 2 Pairs of Semi-detached Bungalows in lieu of 3 previously approved Dwellings at Plots 61 - 64 Hambleton Park for Barratt (York) Ltd. The Multitude of Alterations to this Plan is Unacceptable. It is noted that on the Plan for Phase 1 (dated Feb. 1982) a Future Play Area is shown on Phase 2. The Future Play Area has since been shown as gardens for Plots 69 & 70 on Phase 2.

Revised Plan of Access Road in Conjunction with Application for Residential Development on Former School Site at Piper Lane for Mr. R. Hanley. Full Details Required.

It was agreed to point out to the Planning Officer that the Pole Sign erected at Stoneybrough Restaurant differs from that in the Planning Application. (August)

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

As Circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 1st Qtr.	- £ 22.43.
Harland Garden Machinery	- Grass Cutter Repairs	- £ 43.59.
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 16.16.
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - July - September	£687.50
	Interest on Bank Inv.	£ 5.82
	Interest on Ivy Thompson Inv.	£ 13.43
		- £706.75.
P. Smith	- Salary - July - September	£287.50
	Administrative Expenses	£ 26.26
		- £313.76
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gardens August	- £ 59.80.
Coun. Murkett	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. A.G.M.	- £ 11.07.

Additional Accounts

St. Mary's P.C.C.	- Grant to Maintenance of Churchyard	- £150.00.
Society of L.C. Clerks	- Subscription to January 1986	- £ 17.00.

Any Other Business

The Holmes It was reported that there is a fallen tree and others need lopping.

Footpath - The Green to Iron Bridge Mr. Woods to be thanked for the repairs.

Bottle Banks In reply to a query by Coun. Roberts, the Chairman stated that the income from the Bottle Banks is to go to area charities.

Coun. Mrs. Ivy Buck A short silence was observed in memory of the late Coun. Mrs. Ivy Buck, Hambleton District Councillor and Member of Sowerby Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
15th October 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Brannon, H. Whitton, E. R. Stott, Miss J. Foxton, C. J. Megson, J. J. Allenby, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers, Mr. I. Strong (Secretary of Yorkshire & Cleveland L.C.A.) + 3 Members of the Public.

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

Mr. Strong outlined the work of the Yorkshire & Cleveland Branch of the Local Councils' Association which is an agency of the Yorkshire Rural Community Council and has 420 members. The aim of the association is to promote the interest of Town & Parish Councils at local and national level. The mailing service has now been reorganised with a monthly clearing system and information being sent out on a regular basis. The Advice Service is available to member councils only. The Chairman suggested that to increase membership, non-members should be offered a year's free membership. Mr. Strong stated that a discount of 20% is given on the first year's subscription.

Mr. Strong answered questions on the following:

Halifax Building Society The N.A.L.C. has negotiated a special deal with the Halifax Building Society, which at present offers 7.25% with no penalties on withdrawals, and facilities to reclaim income tax. Mr. Strong added that there may be better deals available locally.

Concessionary Fares Mr. Strong told the meeting that the Association had been involved in Richmondshire's scheme for concessionary fares and would take up the matter with the South and North branches of the association in the Hambleton District.

Limited Car Parking Mr. Strong was of the opinion that a scheme would take six months to implement and would be less expensive than Disc Parking.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Stone Cross - H.D.C. New Headquarters Nothing reported.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Copy of a letter from the agents for Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd to the D.O.E. received stating their comments on the submission made by Hambleton District Council. The Chairman stated that he had asked H.D.C. to pursue the sale of the land by the willing vendor.

Mortuary The Chairman reported that District Valuer had stated a price for the mortuary and H.D.C. had notified the interested parties.

Advertising Boards Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that the sign at Stoneybrough Restaurant will be attended to at the same time as those in the Market Place.

Amusement Arcade Members noted that the property has been offered for sale.

Kerb - Car Park The problem had been pointed out to Mr. Adams, Principal Technical Assistant H.D.C., and it was anticipated that action would be taken.

National Tree Week Letter received from the County Planning Officer stating that because of staffing reductions he has not been able to begin considering schemes for next season but will notify the Town Council when a decision has been made. It was agreed to discuss tree planting at the January 1985 meeting.

The Holmes The Chairman stated that as there were no trees suitable for the fixing of the notices, Mr. Collinson had been asked to submit a price for supplying and fixing stone blocks to which the notices could be attached. This had been accepted and approved by the 7 members at the coach parking site meeting on 3rd October. The notices are now in place.

Whitelass Beck Notification received from Mr. Woods that the footpath has been repaired.

Library - Traffic Hazard Notification received from Mr. Woods that the sign will be re-sited in a more conspicuous position.

Haytor Mower Mr. Collinson had been offered a trade in of £105.00 for the mower if purchasing a Mountfield M4 5 h.p. 18" Rotary Mower at a cost of £275 + V.A.T. The offer was open for 28 days. Members agreed to accept the offer with the stipulation that the new mower should not be used until next year.

Concessionary Travel Reply awaited from Hambleton District Council.

Stoneybrough Restaurant Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that a Public Entertainments Licence has been granted to remain in force in the first instance until 31st March 1985. Stipulations were made that the licence would permit entertainment inside the premises only and that good order and decent behaviour must be maintained during the hours of public entertainment.

Market Place

Prohibition of Driving Nothing reported.

Parking Discussion took place on the site meeting, held on 3rd October, attended by seven members of the Town Council and the Clerk, Officers of N.Y.C.C. and H.D.C. and the Police, when Smiths Coaches give a demonstration of parking on the Market Place. Coun. Craig's plan for coach parking on the east side of the Market Place facing Millgate was considered dangerous and the coach drivers favoured the area east of the clock and facing the main road. Coun. Murkett's suggestion that coaches could park on the access road through the Millgate Car Park did not meet with the approval of the N.Y.C.C. or the Police. Most of those present at the site meeting had agreed that a coach station on the Market Place would mean the loss of many car spaces. A designated coach station should be sited on the Millgate Car Park and the Car Park extended. The small car park had been considered as a coach park but Coun. Craig contended that it is too near Gillings Court and was not constructed to take heavy traffic. An area near the Millgate Bridge would be more suitable and would entail a shorter walk into the Market Place. Members agreed to await the decision of the N.Y.C.C. and H.D.C. A letter from the Postmaster stated that since the publication of Coun. Craig's proposal for parking on the Market Place, cars are parking on the area to the west of the Post Office which is Post Office property and not available for public parking. A letter to Coun. Craig from Z. Wright & Son contained suggestions for alleviating the parking problem on the Market Place.

Market Stalls Letter presented from the Chief Environmental Health Officer H.D.C. with a copy letter from the Secretary of the Hambleton Market Traders Ass'n listing their objections to Coun. Craig's plan for the stalls to be sited in avenues from the pavement to the road. Coun. Craig stated that some stallholders at the back of the present market do not take enough money to pay for the stall. Coun. Whitton told the meeting that 20 members of the Chamber of Trade favoured the plan for Saturday markets but not for Mondays. It was agreed to reply to the Environmental Health Officer stating: 1. That they disagree with the plan for the re-location of the Market Stalls. 2. Regarding the present markets, to insist on a 3' gap from the footpath to the front of the stalls.. Traders not to be allowed to place goods in front of the stalls. 3. The stalls should be sited close together with a gap of 1 metre between every 6 stalls to provide unrestricted access for pedestrians. Traders should not be allowed to put goods in the gap. 4. There should be more control over the Saturday Market especially in respect of the '50p only' trader in front of the Three Tuns Hotel who extends his stand over a large area of the cobbles.

Back Lane - Norby Two residents of Back Lane, Norby, Mrs. Reynard & Mr. Jackson, attended the meeting to ask the Council's help in determining who is responsible for the public footpath/road from Front Street between the Tyre Services depot and No. 5 Front Street. The condition of the road is so bad that mothers with young children experience great difficulty in negotiating it with prams. Residents of the bungalows use it as a short cut to Front Street and it is especially dangerous for them in winter. Correspondence has passed between the residents and the N.Y.C.C. Highways Department and the H.D.C., neither of which will accept responsibility for the road which is designated as a public footpath and was previously the only access to Norby. It was agreed to ask for a site meeting with officers of the N.Y.C.C. and H.D.C. and invite County Councillor Turton to attend. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that N.Y.C.C. and H.D.C. be approached with a view to a site meeting at the place of complaint'. Agreed.

Mill Gardens Members agreed that most of the work agreed to had been carried out to their satisfaction and that the gardens are much improved. Coun. Whitton stated that the Chamber of Trade will pay £50.00 for shrubs for the gardens. Members were concerned at the number of children riding cycles in the gardens and agreed to hold

Conservation Areas - Enhancement Schemes Letter presented from the Secretary of the Civic Society stating that the Society would like to discuss detailed proposals for a scheme for Riverside Walks and enhancement of the Car Park, with the Town Council. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the members of The Holmes sub committee and the same number of members of the Civic Society.

Notice of Motion - Coun. Megson. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'That this Council approach the Hambleton Council to offer the Mortuary and Chapel of Rest on the same terms as Northallerton Town Hall to Northallerton Town Council.' Coun. Megson told members that H.D.C. had sold the Town Hall to Northallerton Town Council for £1.00 and made a grant of £10,000. On an amendment, Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to defer the matter until the next meeting when the decision of the private undertakers is known.'. Voting on the Amendment - 8 in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention. Voting for the Resolution - 2 in Favour - 3 Against - 5 Abstentions. Amendment carried.

Coun. Megson withdrew a resolution regarding Market Stalls and Parking Facilities on the Market Place.

Correspondence

Easingwold Town Council Letter presented from the Clerk to Easingwold Town Council stating that it is considering making a request to the N.Y.C.C. for the provision of a by-pass of Easingwold and asking for this Council's views in connection with the Thirsk by-pass from a trade and environmental point of view. Coun. Whitton volunteered to attend a meeting at Easingwold to speak on the subject and it was agreed that he should do so as Secretary of the Chamber of Trade.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received of the Annual General Meeting to be held at New Earswick on 20th October.

Tourism Promotion in Hambleton District Letter presented from the Chief Planner H.D.C. stating that the Council is undertaking a package of measures aimed at improving the information available to visitors and will include a promotional leaflet, a mini-guide and tourist information points. It is the intention to provide display maps at focal points with town centre plans, information and advertising. This Council was asked for suitable sites within its own control which would be suitable for displaying maps. As the Town Council does not own a suitable site it was agreed to suggest the bus shelter, owned by H.D.C., and to request that there should be only local advertising on the maps.

Hambleton Official Guide Copies of the Hambleton Official Guide had been received with a request that they be made available as widely as possible.

Yorkshire Water Authority A list of the membership of the North & East Division Consumer Consultative Committee received. It was noted that Coj. M. C. W. P. Consett is the local representative.

The Holmes - Play Equipment Report on the equipment received from the Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that the Commando Ladder is satisfactory. The end caps are missing from the Parallel Bars and require replacing. On both sets of swings it stated that the bath waste type plastic pipe being used as an anti-twist device is splitting and could cause a hazard to users. A better solution to the problem should be sought with the help of the manufacturers. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until Spring.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Alterations and Extension to 2 Existing Dwellings to form 1 Dwellinghouse and Construction of a Domestic Double Garage at 1 & 2 Cemetery Road for Major P. Bell.

Application for Listed Building Consent in connection with the above application. Approve.

Outline Application for Residential Development at York Road for Mr. A. Dale. Approve.

Display of a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 18, Kirkgate for Mr. R. Bennett. Approve.

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Relaxation of a Restrictive Condition to allow Prize Bingo in Addition to a Limited Number of Amusement with Prizes Machines at 63, Market Place for Mr. N. Shaw.

Recommend Refusal on same grounds as on previous application.

Outline Application for Residential Development at Part O.S. 9370, 8564 & 9454 off Stockton Road for Property & Land Securities Ltd. Recommend Refusal because of dangerous access at Shire House contrary to the Thirsk Interim Town Plan.

Extension to Existing Building to Include a Showroom and Storage Space in connection with an Existing Cabinet Maker's business at 15, Millgate for Mr. J. K. Pollard.

Conversion of Existing Storage Building to a Shop at 15, Millgate for Mr. J. K. Pollard. Approve but recommend a restriction on hours of working for the benefit of residents of nearby Gillings Court.

Provision of 2 Door Canopies at 3, Market Place for Regent Bingo and Social Club.

No representations.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Sign at 3, Market Place for Regent Bingo and Social Club. Recommend Refusal - Not in keeping with a Market Place in a Conservation Area.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Roberts.

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £110.80.
J. T. Thompson	- Grass Cutting - The Holmes	- £ 42.55.
GSM Graphic Arts	- Notices for The Holmes	- £ 64.40.
Society of L.C. Clerks	- Postage Etc. on Clerks Manual	- £ 3.00.
Coun. Murkett	- Reimbursement of cost of refreshments after site meeting - Coach Parking - Chairman's All.	£ 4.90.

Additional Accounts

M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gardens - Sept.-	£ 59.80.
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 7.20.
D. G. Collinson	- Supplying & Fixing Stands for Notices - The Holmes	- £ 50.60.

Burial Grants (Exclusive Right of Burial)

Derek Torr	16 D5	£ 15.00
John Pullan	13 D5	£ 30.00
Sam Horsley	18 D5	£ 15.00

Memorials It was noted that one of the memorials submitted for approval exceeded the height permitted by the Cemetery rules. Mr. Collinson to be asked to rectify the matter.

Any Other Business

Elm Tree - Cemetery The Chairman told members that an elm tree in the cemetery will need to be felled in the near future. It was agreed to ask Mr. Gormley of Treske Ltd if he is interested in acquiring it.

Sutton Bank Coun. Whitton gave notice that at the next meeting he intends to propose that the N.Y.C.C. be asked to consider banning articulated lorries from Sutton Bank.

Tree - The Holmes Members attention was drawn to an uprooted tree in The Holmes.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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19/11/84

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th November 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. Whitton, County Coun. G. Turton + 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence were received from Couns. D. S. Murkett & E. R. Stett. In the absence of the Chairman, the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig.

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

Coun. Turton Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Roberts and agreed that matters appertaining to Coun. Turton should be the first business of the meeting.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Coun. Craig stated that he had received numerous complaints that the crossing is dangerous and badly lit and even in daylight frequently ignored by motorists. Coun. Allenby stated that the solution at night would be to have spotlights shining onto the road. Coun. Roberts stated that the solution to the problem would be a Pelican Crossing. Since the Zebra Crossing was installed the speed limit has increased from 30 to 40 m.p.h., there are more children crossing Long Street since the new school was built on the Hambleton Estate and with the amount of building that has taken place over recent years at the east side of Thirsk there are many more people crossing Long Street. The lights of a Pelican Crossing would be more visible to motorists. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Brannon 'that the Town Council press for a Pelican Crossing to replace the Zebra Crossing in Long Street.' **Voting was 5 in Favour - 2 Against.** Coun. Turton was not optimistic that the N.Y.C.C. would agree to the provision of a Pelican Crossing.

Back Lane - Norby Replies had been received from the N.Y.C.C. and the H.D.C. stating that as a private road, Back Lane is not their responsibility and declining to send a representative to a site meeting. Coun. Turton stated that he had taken the matter up with the Highways Department and been told that the responsibility for the road lies with the owners of the properties fronting onto it. It was agreed to notify Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Reynard of the situation and invite the comments and co-operation, on making the road more negotiable for pedestrians, of Dennis Teasdale Motor Cycles and Ebor Windows whose properties also front onto Back Lane.

Sutton Bank Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Brannon 'that the N.Y.C.C. be asked to consider the banning of articulated lorries from Sutton Bank.' Coun. Whitton stated that in view of the delay caused when such vehicles have jack-knifed on the Bank and the danger when they have to stop, especially with a procession of traffic behind, in order that a lorry on the way down can pass, he is of the opinion that they should be prohibited from using that route. Visibility for lorries coming from the top of the Bank is poor. Coun. Turton stated that in view of the objections received by the N.Y.C.C. when they proposed to ban lorries and coaches, in addition to the caravans now banned, he did not think the request would meet with any success. The Police would not support it. **Voting on the resolution was - 6 in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention.**

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Concessionary Fares Reply awaited from H.D.C. Coun. Allenby reported that the matter did not receive any support at the L.C.A. meeting.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A report from the H.D.C. Leisure & Amenities Committee stated that Barkers (Ryebeck Farms) Ltd are not prepared to negotiate for the sale of their land until their appeal has been determined since it will have an important bearing on the eventual valuation of the land. The Solicitor for the other owner has also indicated that his client is not prepared to negotiate the sale of his land until the appeal has been determined also, but did indicate that part of his client's land may be available if the L.P.A. were prepared to grant approval for residential development on the balance.

Advertising Boards Nothing reported.

Amusement Arcade It was noted that the application for the Relaxation of a Restrictive Condition had been refused.

Kerb - Car Park Nothing reported.

Prohibition of Driving - Market Place Nothing reported.

Market Stalls Coun. Craig reported that his plan for the re-location of the market stalls had been rejected by the H.D.C. The Chief Environmental Health Officer had recommended that the layout of the Thirsk Market should not be changed at the present time and this had been accepted by the Committee. Coun. Craig stated that the Chief Environmental Health Officer had requested the Town Council's views in writing and had suggested a meeting of representatives of the bodies who had commented on the markets. It was agreed to write to the Chief E.H.O., accordingly.

Mortuary & Chapel of Rest Coun. Craig & Coun. Allenby reported that negotiations between the undertakers and the H.D.C. are progressing.

The Holmes - Play Equipment After consideration, it was agreed that the plastic piping should be removed from the swing chains. Mr. Shipton to be asked to do this. The Clerk stated that to equip all the swings with Rotating Swing Bearings, which prevent the chains from being wrapped round the bars, would cost in the regions of £400.00.

Memorial - Cemetery Letter presented from Mr. Collinson asking for consideration of the application to erect a memorial exceeding the height permitted in the Cemetery rules. It was agreed that the Sub Committee meet at the Cemetery to discuss this and report back to the next meeting.

Elm Tree - Cemetery Letter presented from Mr. Gormley stating that it is likely that he could use the bottom 7 or 8 feet of the tree but that he has no felling facilities. He suggested that Mr. A. M. Duckworth, with whom he works, could fell and clear the tree and sell the wood to him. The Clerk to contact Mr. Duckworth.

Tree - The Holmes Members to inspect this following the meeting at the Cemetery.

Mill Gardens Members who had inspected the Mill Gardens had decided that all the slabs at the base of the bridge wall should be removed and the area laid with concrete to match that already there. It had also been decided that a barrier should be erected to prevent cyclists from riding along the wall. Coun. Markett & Coun. Whitton had been promised large stones by Mr. Woods at the Highways Depot and Coun. Craig stated that H.D.C. would provide some when available. As repairs to the wall were considered to be a matter of urgency, the sub-committee had accepted a quotation of £143.00 + V.A.T. from Mr. Kendall to lay 9 yards of concrete and to recover coping stones from the river and re-fix to the low wall. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the action taken by the sub-committee be approved.' Agreed. Letter presented from Mr. Burns asking if provision has been made for the continued maintenance of the grass and borders since the improvements agreed upon had been completed.

Enhancement Scheme A scheme of Riverside Walks was submitted following a joint meeting of members of the Town Council and the Civic Society. Coun. Whitton suggested a scheme to improve the Millgate Car Park and surrounding area. It was agreed to hold a site meeting to discuss this.

Millgate Car Park Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that the Town Council express its dissatisfaction with the Hambleton District Council's handling of the problem of lorries on the Millgate Car Park.' Coun. Brannon stated that he has been pressing for the banning of lorries from the Car Park for the past three years. Even though an order has been made prohibiting lorries from the Car Park and notices erected to this effect, lorries are still parking there in large numbers and no action is being taken against them. Nearby residents are again being subjected to noise from refrigerated wagons and it is their intention to apply to the H.D.C. for free double glazing and a reduction in rates. Coun. Craig stated that a decision on the erection of barriers to prevent lorries from entering the Car Park will be taken by H.D.C. in January. Voting on the resolution - 7 in Favour - 1 Abstention. It was agreed to notify H.D.C. of the resolution and send a copy to the N.Y.C.C.

Correspondence

North Yorkshire Village Ventures 1984 Letter presented from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council inviting two representatives to attend the presentation of prizes for the North Yorks. Village Ventures 1984, to be held at the Golden Fleece Hotel on 21st November. It was agreed that Couns. Craig & Foxton should attend.

Obstruction of Footpath - Jet Garage Letter presented from Mr. A. Palliser, together with a copy letter to Leon Brittan Q.C., M.P., in which he referred to previous correspondence and stated that the Secretary of State should tell the garage owners and the N.Y.C.C. to stop breaking the law as it is a very bad example to set. Members agreed with the contents of the letter. It was agreed to write to the Planning Officer and enquire what action has been taken regarding this.

Red Bear Hotel Notice received of the intention of Mr. Peter R. Cartman to apply for the transfer of the licence of the Red Bear, Market Place, Thirsk.

Civil Defence Community Adviser Scheme Letter presented from the County Emergency Officer referring to the course held in the Spring of 1982 and stating that a further course of Community Adviser Lectures will be commencing on 16th January 1985 in Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall and inviting interested members to attend. None of the members present wished to attend the course.

Scarborough Course Notice received of the 28th Scarborough Course for Councillors & Clerks, to be held from 15th - 17th February 1985 at a cost of £42.00 per person. It was agreed not to be represented.

Cemetery The Clerk reported on correspondence from Leon Brittan, Q.C., M.P., regarding a letter from a constituent who had wished to have kerbs erected around a grave in the Cemetery and who had been told that it is against the Cemetery Rules. Members were told that the Chairman intended to visit the bereaved family to explain the situation. Members approved this action.

Claim for Damage to Seat Letter presented from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that an error was made and an incorrect excess deducted from a claim for damage to a seat and a refund of £15.00 will be forthcoming.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Alterations and Extensions to 2 Existing Dwellinghouses at 44 & 46, Long Street for Mr. L. Preston. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that demolition of the properties would be necessary to provide access to the site to the rear.

Outline Application for Residential Development at 121, Long Street for Exors. of S. Calvert. Approve.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Domestic Garage at 27, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell. Approve.

Alteration to Existing Shop Fronts at 8 & 10, Kirkgate for Mr. P. Odling & Application for Listed Building Consent. Approve.

Details of an Extension to Existing Factory at Sutton Road for A. B. Rose & Co. Approve.

Construction of a Temporary Storage Building at 1, Sutton Road for A. B. Rose & Co. Approve with the proviso that it should be demolished when the extension is completed.

Accounts Coun. Whitton had obtained details of a Deposit Account Scheme at the Anglia Building Society which at present offers an interest rate of 7½% and facilities to reclaim Income Tax. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Whitton 'that an account be opened with Anglia Building Society with the signatures of any three members, including the Clerk, required to make withdrawals.' Agreed.

The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Bickers, sec. Coun. Roberts.

Accounts as Circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 2nd Qtr.	- £ 27.16,
Harland Garden Machinery	- Repairs to Mountfield Mower	- £ 20.70.
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 11.08.
<u>Additional Account</u>		
Anglia Building Society	- Amount to open Deposit Account	- £5000.00

Purchase of Exclusive Rights of Burial

Anthony Bradley	21 D5	£15.00
Græme Christopher Smith	22 D5	£30.00
Elsie Todd	19 D5	£15.00
Eric Simpson	1 D6	£15.00
Mrs. L. Simpson	2 D6	£15.00

Any Other Business

Red Bear Yard Coun. Megson reported on the need for a light in the Red Bear Yard. It was agreed to request H.D.C. to provide one.

Castle Garth Coun. Megson stated that in wet weather water stands in the gateway at the Station Road entrance to Castle Garth. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this.

Scaffolding - The Green It was reported that scaffolding obstructing the footpath is a danger to pedestrians at night. The contractor to be asked to provide a light.

Seat Coun. Roberts stated that, with the approval of other members, she had obtained a very substantial seat suitable for siting in an outside location and would submit the account at the next meeting.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Whitton expressed concern at the report that H.D.C. intend to impose a charge for parking in the Millgate Car Park and stated that it will be a burden for the public who travel by car to work in Thirsk and for other local ratepayers, unable to park on the Market Place, who park there when shopping etc. It was agreed to ask H.D.C. to consider the provision of free or concessionary parking for local ratepayers.

Drains - Market Place Coun. Roberts reported that the handles are broken on the drain covers in the vicinity of the N.F.U. office and the Three Tuns Hotel, making them impossible to lift. H.D.C. to be notified.

Light - Nick's Yard It was agreed to request a brighter light to replace the present one.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Whitton
10/12/84

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 10th December 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, H. Whitton, H. D. Craig, F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Apologies for Absence were received from Coun. J. J. Allenby

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that he has looked at the possibility of flood lighting the crossing but all the technical advice is against this type of measure. A copy of a letter to County Councillor Turton earlier this year explained the situation. A supplementary pedestrian warning sign on Long Street was erected in July of this year. On the question of converting the zebra crossing to a pelican crossing, pedestrian/vehicle counts had been carried out in mid-summer and they demonstrated that the criteria for the provision of a pelican crossing are in no way met. Members were dis-satisfied with this reply and decided to carry out their own census and forward the results to the County Surveyor. It was agreed to ask if the lighting in Long Street is sufficient for a pedestrian crossing in a 40 m.p.h. speed limit area.

Back Lane, Norby Letter presented from Lester & Hatch, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr Dennis Teasdale, stated that the surface of the lane is quite adequate for his purposes and he has no plans to spend money on the road. It is their recollection that the surface was broken up by the transporting of gravel before the Council houses were built and has stood up very well to use since then. Reply from Ebor Windows still awaited.

Sutton Bank Letter presented from the County Surveyor stating that within the last twelve months the County Council have carried out a very detailed investigation into the possibility of implementing a lorry ban on Sutton Bank, including very wide ranging consultations. The Committee resolved to proceed with a caravan ban but not to implement a lorry ban. The alternative route is inadequate to carry the commercial traffic which uses the Principal Road A170. The A170 is part of the primary route network and despite local difficulties at Sutton Bank is far more suited to carry articulated commercial vehicles than the alternative routes through the villages to the south.

Concessionary Fares Reply still awaited from H.D.C.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Amusement Arcade It was noted that a further application for the Relaxation of a Restrictive Condition had been made.

Kerb - Car Park It was reported that a step had been made and handrails and fencing erected. The path to the street sweeper's hut had been tarmaced. Members were very pleased with the finished result.

Prohibition of Driving - Market Place Nothing reported.

Bus Parking Nothing reported.

Market Stalls The Clerk had ascertained by a telephone call to the Chief Environmental Officer that the recommendations for the market stalls, put forward by the Town Council, were to be implemented and this was confirmed in a letter read to the meeting. It had, therefore, not been necessary for a meeting of representatives of the bodies who had commented on the markets to be held. The C.E.H.O. to be informed that some traders are hanging garments over the 3' gap between stall and pavement.

Mortuary & Chapel of Rest The Chairman reported that an offer from the undertakers is being considered by H.D.C.

The Holmes - Play Equipment The plastic piping has now been removed from the swing chains.

Elm Tree - Cemetery Letter presented from A. M. Duckworth & Partners stated that the tree had been inspected on behalf of Mr. J. Gornley of Treske who

is no longer interested in acquiring the timber. A quotation of £95.00 + V.A.T. to fell and remove the tree was given. Coun. Craig stated that he knows someone who will fell and remove the tree free of charge. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until the next meeting.

Tree - The Holmes Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens Coun. Whitton reported that Mr. Woods had supplied and arranged delivery of a boulder and kerbs for fixing in Mill Gardens. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Woods. Mr. Kendall had not yet completed his work in the gardens. Coun. Whitton was given authority to purchase stone paint for the kerbs.

Millgate Car Park Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Leisure and Amenities Committee has considered the problem of lorries on two occasions this year but has been unable to find a solution acceptable to all parties. A further report is to be submitted in January in the hope that a solution can be found. As an interim measure the Chief Constables's assistance has been sought in trying to dissuade lorry drivers from using the car park, although a similar request in the past was declined. A further letter was read from the Chief Executive enclosing copies of correspondence forwarded to the owners of lorries using the car park on the evening of 29th November, in which information regarding the drivers was requested. If such information is not provided within 14 days the result could be a fine not exceeding £50.00. Members expressed satisfaction at this course of action. The Chairman stated that members of the public could assist by taking details of lorries parked on the Car Park which would be forwarded by Coun. Craig or himself to the Chief Executive H.D.C. who had promised to take appropriate action.

Obstruction of Footpath - White Horse Service Station Letter presented from the Chief Planner stating that the erection of a wall, provision of a derv pump and re-positioning of an existing illuminated sign were approved in 1983. It was subsequently established that the land approved for this purpose and on which development has now taken place, is in the ownership of the Ministry of Transport and not the applicant. Although the new information does not invalidate the planning decision, it has necessitated, on the part of the Highways Department, correspondence with the owner of the property. In a letter by the County Surveyor, dated 28th November 1983, it was noted that a previous request for all work to cease had been ignored and that construction had continued over the weekend resulting in the disturbance of the footpath along the frontage of the existing garage forecourt. The matter has been referred to the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Council. Any further queries should be made to Mr. Bruce at County Hall.

Cemetery The Chairman reported that the bereaved family had reluctantly agreed to abide by the Cemetery Rules regarding kerbs.

Red Bear Yard - Light Reply awaited from H.D.C.

Castle Garth Letter from Mr. Woods stated that hopefully remedial works will be carried out within the next 2 - 3 weeks.

Scaffolding - The Green It was reported that a light had been provided.

Millgate Car Park - Charges Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Town Council's comments will be put to the appropriate Committee but that the proposal at present under consideration, whilst introducing modest car parking charges for Millgate Car Park would not involve charging elsewhere in Thirsk and that together with the introduction of some disc parking in the Market Place, the overall effect should be better management and use of car parks in the town. The Chairman stated that at the H.D.C. Policy & Resources Committee he had proposed that there should not be charges in Thirsk or Northallerton and that only one member had disagreed. He felt sure that his resolution would be passed in full Council.

Report of Cemetery Sub Committee Coun. Craig reported that the sub committee had inspected the site of the proposed memorial which at present exceeds the height allowed by the Cemetery Rules, and had come to the conclusion that it should be allowed. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Megson, 'that the Rules be amended to increase the permitted height of memorials from 4'6" to 5'.' Agreed. Coun. Craig stated that the footpaths in the Cemetery are in need of repair. It was agreed to make provision for this in the next estimates.

Meeting to Discuss an Enhancement Scheme for Millgate Car Park Coun. Whitton stated that members had failed to attend the meeting. It was agreed that Coun. Whitton and Coun. Roberts draw up a scheme to be submitted to the Chief Planner for consideration together with the one from the Civic Society. A letter from Mr. P. H. Tyas commended the scheme as reported in the D. & S. Times but feared that if the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board is asked to carry out improvement works there would be an unfair burden on himself and 59 other householders who pay drainage rates. It was considered unlikely that the Drainage Board would be involved in the scheme but it was agreed to enquire how the drainage rates are imposed and calculated.

Thirsk Post Office The Chairman stated that because of the long queues and the waiting time involved for customers at the Post Office, he had asked the Clerk to write, on behalf of the Town Council, to the Head Postmaster at York. Copies of the letter had been sent to the Postmaster at Thirsk, County Councillor Turton and Leon Brittan M.P. Mr. Brittan had asked for a copy of the Head Postmaster's reply. Coun. Turton had telephoned the Head Postmaster to back up the complaint and was assured that steps had been taken to alleviate the problem by sending an extra counter clerk from York who would remain at Thirsk until after Christmas. The Thirsk office had recently been employing two counter clerks who have just returned from courses and it takes time for them to become acquainted with the many tasks required at a Christmas rush period and they are also faced with extra work due to the D.H.S.S. strike. A reply from the Head Postmaster to the Town Council stated that the matter is being looked into and a further letter will be sent when enquiries are complete. Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Whitton 'That this Council seek the support of the County Council and the Hambleton Council for improved facilities for the customers at Thirsk Post Office.' Coun. Megson stated that now the sorting office has been moved to new premises an entrance for customers should be made through the old office which would provide a level access for the elderly and disabled who have difficulty negotiating the steps to the present entrance. It was agreed to write to the County and District Councils asking what the long term plans for the Post Office at Thirsk are and to notify Leon Brittan M.P. of this. Coun. Roberts stated that the outside posting box at the Post Office is often so full that it is possible to touch the mail inside. It was agreed to ask, in the interests of security, for it to be emptied more frequently. Coun. Roberts requested that the Planning Officer be asked if landscaping was featured in the Planning Application for the new sorting office at Castle Garth.

Correspondence

Barclays Bank Letter presented from the manager of Barclays Bank referring to an exchange of correspondence between the Town Council and his predecessor regarding the siting of public seats outside the bank and stating that the bench seat fixed to the pavement outside his office is used as a platform for youths to view the Market Place and to look into his office. The litter bin between the bench and the other seat is not accurately utilised. It is also the intention of the bank to install four hanging flower baskets as their effort towards the 'Britain in Bloom' contest which will entail nightly watering which would inconvenience people sitting below. In view of these reasons consideration was requested for the resiting of the bench seat. Prop. Coun. Whitton, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to reply stating that agreement had been reached with his predecessor regarding the bench seat and not agreeing to the request for it to be resited. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Police.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'to leave the letter on the table.' Voting on the amendment - 2 in favour - 7 against. For the resolution - 7 in favour - 2 against.

Seat - White Mare Corner Letter presented from Mrs. H. Bowes of 1a, Sutton Road regarding the mis-use of the shelter over the seat on White Mare Corner. Mrs. Bowes stated that youths climb onto the shelter roof and from there onto the walls of adjoining properties. Repairs to the shelter roof seem to be abortive as the last time it was repaired it was smashed again two days later. Coun. Craig stated that the roof is again in need of repair. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the canopy over the seat should be removed and the seat remain.' Voting - 7 in favour - 2 against. Mr. Hopps to be asked to remove the canopy. It was agreed to review the matter of the seat remaining at its present site, in Spring.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of Harry Peel and Harry L. Cruickshank to apply for the licence in respect of 65, Market Place.

Cemetery Letter presented from Mr. Collinson stating that the heap of soil and stones need removing. Mr. Shipton to be asked for a price for this work.

Britain in Bloom Letter presented from Flowers in Thirsk and Sowerby suggesting ways in which help can be given towards entering Thirsk in the Britain in Bloom contest. It was agreed that the Town Council's flower baskets should be brought into use again and to consider other suggestions at the next meeting.

Cross Ditch - Whitelass Beck Letter presented from Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society asking the position regarding the clearing of the cross ditch. It was agreed to reply stating that if the ditch has not been cleared under the Community Service Scheme by February and further approach will be made.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:
 Use of Existing Building for Motor Vehicle Repairs at Chapel Street for Mr. M. J. Wernyz. Approve.
 Use of Vacant Shop as a Pet Shop at 5, Kirkgate for Mr. P. Cleverley. Approve.
 Amended Plans for Residential Development at 121, Long Street for Exors of S. Calvert. Approve.
 Relaxation of a Restrictive Condition to Allow Prize Bingo in Addition to a Limited Number of Amusements with Prizes Machines at 63, Market Place for Mr. N. Shaw.
Recommend Refusal for same reasons as on previous applications.

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

Accounts as Circulated.

Harland Garden Machinery	- Mountfield M4 18" Rotary Mower less Part Ex.	- £211.25
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - October - December	- £687.50
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£287.50
	Administrative Expenses	<u>£ 25.11</u>
Royal British Legion	- Poppy Wreath	- £ 7.20

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 14.37
M. T. Shipton	- Removing piping from swing chains	- £ 10.35
Coun. Roberts	- Reimbursement of cost of seat	- £ 50.75

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Martin Ferguson	3 D6	£ 15.00
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Chairman's Report The Chairman commented on the fact that when Thirsk Police Station is closed, members of the public are advised by recorded message to ring Ripon Police Station but no telephone number is given, and suggested that there should be some means of calls being switched directly from Thirsk to Ripon. Coun. Murkett thanked Mr. Mike Cresswell of the D. & S. Times for his professional and accurate reporting of Council Meetings and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Editor in this context. Coun. Murkett stated that he hoped Coun. Turton would attend Town Council meetings every second month.

Any Other Business

Lights Lights were reported out of order in the Sutton Road telephone kiosk and on Sutton Road and Dowber Way.

Sewage Coun. Stott reported an overflow of sewage opposite the pumping station in Finkle Street.

High Kerb - Ingramgate At Coun. Craig's suggestion, it was agreed to seek easier access for pedestrians on the kerb on the bridge footpath near Petter's Garage.

Town Hall Coun. Bickers asked for the Town Hall to be given consideration in the next precept.

Street Sweeping Coun. Brannon asked what had happened regarding the proposal to provide a street sweeping machine for Thirsk and was told by the Chairman that he hoped to persuade H.D.C. to purchase a street sweeping machine that could be used throughout the district.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Murkett

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 21st January 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, H. Whitton, Miss J. Foxton, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.
Also present - Coun. Mrs. M. Potter & Mr. M. Hodgson during discussion on Planning Applications.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. C. J. Megson.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Zebra Crossing - Long Street A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the traffic count on Long Street had been taken during the school holidays in the summer period when traffic was not affected by adverse weather conditions. The lighting in Long Street is to Class A roadway lighting and is very adequate for the conditions on this length of road. It was agreed to ask Coun. Turton to attend the next meeting to discuss this further.

Back Lane - Norby Reply from Ebor Windows still awaited. It was reported that one of the residents intends to seek the assistance of Leon Brittan M.P.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Amusement Arcade It was noted that the further application for the Relaxation of a Restrictive Condition has been refused.

Prohibition of Driving - Market Place Letter received from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that the proposed Order has been amended to become a prohibition of driving at any time except for deliveries before 10.30 a.m. and after 4.00 p.m. and excluding Bank Holidays.

Mortuary and Chapel of Rest It was reported that the sale to the three local undertakers has been completed.

Elm Tree - Cemetery It was agreed to seek a further quotation for felling the tree.

Mill Gardens Due to adverse weather conditions the work has not yet been completed.

Millgate Car Park The Chairman stated that the matter of lorries being parked on the Car Park will be discussed at a Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting on 29th January. A letter from a resident of St. James' Green complained of the misuse of the river banks by lorry drivers.

Footpath Obstruction - White Horse Service Station Copy of a letter from Leon Brittan M.P. to the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. read to the meeting, in which Mr. Brittan stated that he hoped the N.Y.C.C. will not agree to a stopping up order. It was agreed to ask Coun. G. Turton to discuss this at the next meeting.

Light - Red Bear Yard Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that the request for a light has been added to the programme of additional lighting, but in view of the large number of prior requests outstanding, it will be some considerable time before the unit can be provided.

Millgate Car Park - Charges The Chairman stated that it is unlikely that a charge will be implemented.

Drainage Rates Details of how the charges are imposed and calculated, received from the Clerk to the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board. Members were of the opinion that it is an unfair imposition on a small section of the community. The Chairman of the Drainage Board to be notified of this.

Post Office Letter received from the Assistant Head Postmaster Administration explaining the reasons for the slow service at the Post Office and the steps taken to alleviate the situation over the Christmas period. The letter also stated that consideration was being given to closing the office for approximately one hour at lunch-time in order to give a better service over the remainder of the lunchtime period and asking for the Town Council's comments. Members were totally opposed to this suggestion and pointed out that the only convenient bus service from and to the Hambleton Estate operates at this time. It was agreed to ask a representative of the Post Office to meet with members of the Town Council to discuss suggestions for a new entrance to the office

either through the old sorting office or to the rear of the building. Replies from N.Y.C.C. and H.D.C. stated that they had no knowledge of the long term plans for Thirsk Post Office. A plan received from the Planning Officer invited comment on the proposals for landscaping the new sorting office. Members approved the proposals but suggested consideration of landscaping along the security fence at the side of the Castle Garth footpath.

Police Station A letter from the Chief Superintendent stated that the recording at Thirsk Police Station does give the Ripon Police Station telephone number but due to a malfunction of the tape it had been consistently returning to the starting point and omitting this information. Steps have now been taken to rectify the problem. Arrangements for accepting incoming calls at Ripon by automatic transference is not so easy to achieve because of financial and technical implications but the Town Council's remarks will be brought to the attention of the department concerned. It was agreed to forward copies of the correspondence to Leon Brittan M.P. to acquaint him of the situation.

Kerbs - Ingramgate Letter received from Mr. Woods stating that arrangements will be made to carry out works to make the kerbs easier to negotiate.

Precept - 1985/86 A financial report was circulated to members showing, for the current financial year, an estimated expenditure of £10,800 and income of £11,450 which included a balance of £1,289 from the year 1983/84. A balance of £650 is anticipated at the end of the current financial year. It was agreed to allocate £400.00 for the maintenance of Cemetery Lodge, £500.00 for repairs to the Cemetery footpaths, £200.00 for Britain in Bloom which includes the cost of the hanging flower baskets, £500.00 to improve The Holmes, £100.00 for The Greens, and to increase the donation towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard by £50.00. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the Cemetery Superintendent and the Clerk be given a cost of living increase of 5%' Agreed. Christmas Lights - Prop. Coun. Stott sec. Coun. Whitton 'that only the Town Clock be decorated and illuminated next Christmas and only £300.00 be allocated towards this as against £750.00 in the current year.' On an amendment - Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Craig 'that disco type lighting be implemented' Voting - in favour of the amendment - 4. In favour of the resolution - 5. Town Hall - Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that £300.00 be allocated for the Town Hall'. Voting - 7 in Favour - 2 Abstentions. It was agreed to ask Sowerby P.C. what allocation they have made towards the Town Hall. A quotation from Shaw Bros. of £260.00 + V.A.T. to make a soil box for the Cemetery was accepted. It was decided not to make provision for a new mower for the Cemetery. With an estimated expenditure of £12,300.00 for the financial year 1985/86, it was agreed that with the balance in hand and income from the Cemetery, a precept of £10,500.00, the estimated product of a 3p rate will be required.

Quotations for the Removal of Soil, Stones & Rubbish from the Cemetery It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

Seats - Market Place A further letter from the Manager of Barclays Bank requested reconsideration of the decision not to move the bench seat from outside the Bank. A letter was presented from the Chamber of Trade requesting the Town Council to consider moving all the seats, at present located outside banking premises, to new sites, because of the security aspect. Members of the Chamber of Trade were reluctant to use the Night Safe facilities when seats close by are occupied. It was agreed that new sites should be found for the seats and that the seat presently sited outside Lloyds Bank should be relocated next to the bollards near the Post Office. The Post Office to be asked if a seat can be placed next to the wall at the west end of the building. It was also agreed that two seats should remain on the south side of the Market Place and it was hoped that shopkeepers will offer sites outside their premises.

Correspondence

Diversion of a Public Footpath at Hambleton Park, Thirsk A letter, requiring a reply by 21st January, had been received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding a proposed diversion of the public

footpath from St. Mary's Drive to Dowber Lane. A reply had been sent repeating the Town Council's previous objections to the stopping up of a pleasant country walk in favour of a path through a housing estate. Members approved this action.

Planning Committee Site Visit Invitation received for two members to attend a site meeting regarding a planning application for residential development at 121, Long Street. It was agreed that Coun. Roberts and Coun. Whitton attend.

Transfer of Licence Notice presented of the intention of John J. Blair to apply for the transfer of the Black Lion public house.

Seat - White Mare Corner Coun. Stott requested reconsideration of the decision made at the last meeting to have the canopy removed from the seat on White Mare Corner. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to stand by the decision of the December meeting.' Voting - 8 in Favour - 1 Against.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Construction of a building to incorporate 6 self contained flats at Gillings Court for Hambleton District Council. Approve.

Change of Use of ground floor of existing hotel to 7 shop units at Royal Oak Hotel for Mr. & Mrs. M. Hodgson. Approve and welcome the proposed development.

Extension to existing dwelling at 33, Long Street, for Mr. H. Wick. The Chairman & Vice Chairman had visited the site as observations were required by 17.1.85, and approved the proposal but recommended that a window on the north side of the extension should not be allowed.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Brannon.

As circulated

Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation - Stationery - £15.73.

Additional Account

North Yorkshire County Council - Hire of Court House - 1984 - £72.00.

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

John Francis Ryan	40 G5	£15.00
Marjorie Powell	1A D6	£15.00

A request to erect a wooden cross on Grave 1A D6 was granted.

Any Other Business

The Green Coun. Brannon reported that a lorry had caused several holes in the grass near the Lord Nelson.

Ingramgate Coun. Allenby reported that a lorry had reversed over the grass verge outside the Frankland Arms. Details to be forwarded to the County Highways Dept.

Stammergate Coun. Roberts expressed concern at motorists reversing their vehicles along the footpath on the north side of Stammergate in order to park outside their residences and suggested that the road could be widened to form parking bays. Coun. Turton to be asked to discuss this at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Whitton
18/2/85

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
18th February 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton,
J. Brannon, H. Whitton, F. N. Bickers, County Councillor G. Turton.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts, C. J. Megson,
E. R. Stott.

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

County Councillor Turton attended the meeting to discuss the following matters:

Stammergate Coun. Turton had informed the County Surveyor of the Town Council's concern
regarding cars being driven and reversed on the footpath. The County
Surveyor had replied that although the footpath is wide enough to allow parking, he was
concerned at the reversing manouvres and would draw the matter to the attention of the
police. To the suggestion that the footpath could be narrowed to allow the provision
of a parking bay, Coun. Turton was of the opinion that motorists leaving a layby at
the point in question could be dangerous but he would forward the suggestion to the
Highway Department.

Obstruction of Footpath at White Horse Service Station Coun. Turton told the meeting
that following the encroachment
on a section of the highway at the White Horse Service Station, an inspection had been
carried out by members of the No. 1 Area Highways Sub Committee in August 1984. It had
then been decided that application should be made to the Magistrates Court for a
stopping up order on that part of the footpath that had been taken into the garage
forecourt. This would be subject to the garage owner meeting all reasonable costs
incurred, including re-positioning the N.E.E.B. and Telecom services.
A letter from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stated that although the No. 1 Area Highway
Sub Committee did not condone the action of the garage owner, there were no real
highway objections to the forecourt extension. In particular an adequate visibility
splay was left at the junction of Stammergate with Long Street and there was still a
path of adequate width around the forecourt extension. The Council consequently
offered to make application to Thirsk Magistrates Court for an order to stop up the
area of highway encroached upon subject to certain conditions. 1. The garage owner
should meet the costs of the Court application. 2. The garage owner should meet the
cost of removing statutory undertakers apparatus if they were unwilling to leave it
under the forecourt extension. 3. The land concerned should be purchased from the
Council. 4. The path remaining around the new boundary wall should be made good to
the satisfaction of the County Surveyor at the garage owners expense. There had been
protracted negotiations with the statutory undertakers but it now seems that agreement
has been reached in principle with British Telecom whereby they would leave their
apparatus under the forecourt extension if the garage owner enters into a suitable
legal agreement to guarantee them access to it. It will be open to the Town Council or
any objector to inform the Chief Executive of their objection which will be reported to
the Magistrates.

Coun. Whitton stated that he had received complaints from pedestrians whose visibility
was impaired by the many signs on the forecourt, making crossing the road dangerous.
Coun. Whitton also stated that the matter could be settled amicably if the wall could
be moved back a short distance and some of the signs moved to improve the safety aspect.
It was agreed that a deputation of Town Councillors should meet the garage owner to
discuss this matter. All the members present agreed that the Town Council should take
no further action if satisfactory agreement is reached with the garage owner.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Coun. Turton stated that he did not consider that there
is any chance of the Zebra Crossing being replaced by a
Pelican Crossing as the criteria had not been met. Members again expressed concern at
the danger to schoolchildren and residents of Hambleton Estate crossing the road. The
lighting at the crossing is poor. It was also considered that the crossing is wrongly
sited. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Whitton 'to request that the Zebra Crossing be
moved to a site in the vicinity of Piper Lane.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 1 Against.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Back Lane - Norby Letter presented from Ebor Windows stating that whilst they would
dispute the suggestion that they are wholly or in part responsible
for the existing state of the lane in so far as accelerating its deterioration they

share the concern of the residents, and to some extent their desire to see it improved. They would support any initiative taken by the residents, directed towards whoever is responsible for maintaining the lane's surface, to achieve some improvement. Having sought legal advice, Ebor believe they have no liability regarding the lane's surface or its maintenance. Coun. Craig agreed to raise the problem of Back Lane with H.D.C. Housing Committee. It was also agreed to ask H.D.C. for proof of the fact that they have given up responsibility for Back Lane which, prior to the building of the housing estate, was the only access into Norby.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Amusement Arcade It was noted that yet another planning application was being made for the relaxation of a restrictive condition.

Mill Gardens Work not yet completed.

Drainage Rates Letter received from the Chairman of the Drainage Board stating that he and all the members of his board consider that the rate is an unjust imposition which should be discontinued but until Parliament can be persuaded otherwise those unfortunate enough to have property within the drainage district have to pay the rate however unjust it is considered to be.

Post Office The Clerk reported on a telephone call during which she had been told that consideration is being given to making an access through the old sorting office. It was hoped to have a meeting with members of the Town Council at a future date. Members expressed concern at the length of time customers are still having to wait for service in Thirsk Post Office. It was agreed to write to the head office drawing attention to this matter.

Thirsk Police Station Letter received from Leon Brittan, Q.C., M.P., enclosing a copy of a letter from the Chief Constable regarding the problems encountered by members of the public telephoning Thirsk Police Station when the office is closed. The Chief Constable explained that answering machines have been installed at 7 Police Stations throughout the county which are not continuously manned. The machines purchased at a cost of £49.95 each resulted in the discontinuation of service from British Telecom at £20.00 per quarter achieving considerable financial savings. To provide automatic transference to Ripon Police Station would involve an approximate cost of £4,100.00. The measures taken at Thirsk do not affect the 999 facilities. Members were of the opinion that good service is not being provided for ratepayers.

Kerbs - Ingramgate It was reported that the path on the bridge, near the garage, has been sloped to make it easier to negotiate.

Town Hall It was reported that Sowerby Parish Council has not made provision for the Town Hall in its precept. It was agreed to reserve £300 in the event of assistance being required for the Town Hall.

Seats Letter presented from Barclays Bank thanking the Town Council for its consideration and solution to their potential problem. As there had been no offers from traders on the south side of the Market Place to have seats sited outside their premises, it was agreed to move the wooden presentation seat to a site near the bollards at the Post Office and to put the bench seat into store until a suitable site is found.

Quotations to remove surplus soil, stones and rubbish from the Cemetery

Quotations were received as follows:

1. £260.00 + V.A.T. + any tipping charges involved. 2. £135.00 + V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Allenby, Sec. Coun. Whitton to accept Quotation No. 2 from F. D. Todd & Sons. Agreed. A letter from F. D. Todd & Sons suggested that the Council may be interested in having a skip permanently on site to hold the spoil at a hire rate of £3.00 per week + V.A.T. plus an additional £22.00 for each tipping. Members agreed that a skip should be hired. The Clerk had been informed that there is a scheme in operation whereby tipping charges can be reclaimed from the County Council and was investigating the matter.

Elm Tree - Cemetery A quotation had been received from a contractor covered by Public Liability Insurance but it was decided to confirm that there was also cover for damage in the cemetery before considering the quotation.

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Height Barrier - Millgate Car Park Letters presented from the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and members regarding the proposed height barrier for Millgate Car Park to be erected to prevent lorries gaining access to the Car Park. The letters expressed concern that coach operators will be dissuaded from bringing visitors to Thirsk if parking is not available. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that the Car Park will be open to coaches seven days a week. It will be open during the day and locked each evening to bar lorries. The height barrier is only intended as a short term measure until the problem of the Car Park is solved to everyones satisfaction. There will still be the Bus Station on the Market Place.

Correspondence

Processional Cross Letter presented from Revd Bindoff, Secretary of the Thirsk & District Council of Churches, asking permission to erect the processional cross in the Market Place during the Easter period and suggesting a site near the Post Office or the Christmas tree site. It was agreed to reply stating that the Market Place is the responsibility of H.D.C. but agreeing that a site near the Post Office or Town Clock would be suitable.

Grass Cutting It was agreed to ask for tenders for grass cutting to be submitted in time for the March meeting.

Plans The following planning applications were presented and observations made:
Application for Listed Building Consent for Demolition of Existing Building and Extension to Existing Factory at Sutton Road for A. B. Rose & Co.
Approve with the proviso that there should be a restriction to normal working hours and the wall adjoining the bungalow at White Mare Corner should be sound proofed.

Details of the Conversion of Part of Ground Floor of Existing Former Clinic to a Flat at Little Green for Mrs. Kermack. Approve.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Conversion of Ground Floor of Existing Hotel to 7 Shop Units at Royal Oak Hotel for Mr. & Mrs. M. Hodgson.
Approve.

Conversion of a Disused Plumbers Store to a Dwelling at Brnetts Yard for S. R. Ballard. Approve.

Use of Additional Ground Floor Room of Existing Dwelling as a Picture Gallery at 18, Kirkgate for Mr. R. Bennett. Approve.

Construction of 4 Holiday Cottages at Stoneybrough for Mr. T. M. Singh.
Object because of proximity to nearby dwellings.

Relaxation of a Restrictive Condition to allow Prize Bingo in Addition to a Limited Number of Amusement with Prizes Machines at 63, Market Place for N. Shaw.
Object for same reasons as on previous applications.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Craig,
sec. Coun. Brannon.
Yorkshire Water Authority - Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge 3rd Qtr. - £ 24.15.
Martin S. Bingham & Co - Supplying, Erecting & Dismantling - £862.50.
Christmas Lights & Decorations
Coun. Murkett - Travelling Exps. L.C.A. Meeting - £ 3.46.
Additional Account
Peat & Son - Headed Letter Paper - £ 19.43.

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

James Strom	4 D6	£15.00
Leslie Charles Woodrow	5 D6	£15.00
Frances Jane Sands	22 D5	£15.00

Reports Coun. Craig reported that he understands it is the intention of Hambleton District Council to request the Town Council to assume responsibility for the bus shelter, it being the only one for which the H.D.C. is at present responsible. It was noted that there are twenty broken panes of glass in the bus shelter and members were of the opinion that the Town Council might consider taking it over if all the repairs and renovations were carried out beforehand.

Any Other Business

The Green Coun. Brannon reported that cars are again encroaching on The Green. He had asked Mr. K. Todd for large stones to place on the edge of the grass and had been promised some when available.

Whitelass Beck Coun. Craig stated that he had been asked if the Town Council would allow a B.M.X. track at Whitelass. Members unanimously rejected the request. Coun. Bickers reported a number of fallen trees. The Chairman stated that he would carry out an inspection and told the meeting that he had authorised the removal of a tree which had fallen across the Stockton Road entrance to Whitelass.

Chapel Street Coun. Bickers drew attention to holes in the roadside in Chapel Street. Mr. Woods to be notified.

Christmas Lights Coun. Whitton expressed dis-satisfaction with the Christmas Lighting and stated that they had not been erected at the time requested and had been out of order for a considerable time over the Christmas period.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Whitton
18/3/85

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 18th March 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Brannon, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, the Clerk, 2 Members of the Press & 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts & E. R. Stott

Minutes The Minutes of the 1984 Annual Assembly, which had been approved on 16th April 1984, were read to the meeting.

Chairman's Report The Chairman regretted that unemployment in the Thirsk area is now 13.2% but was pleased to report that of 35 young people on the Youth Training Scheme, 34 are now employed and 1 has gone on to Further Education. Appreciation was expressed for the part played by the Austin Reed Group in the scheme. The Chairman expressed concern over The Holmes where young trees have been vandalised. It was agreed that the sub-committee should carry out an inspection. Commenting on the rubbish and litter in and around the Market Place, which was no reflection on the street cleaner, the Chairman stated that some of the market profits should be spent on improved cleaning such as the provision of a mechanical cleaner. The extension to Gillings Court and the Abbeyfield development were welcomed. Three buildings are now open on the Industrial Park and four more are being erected.

Reports from School Governors

All Saints' R. C. School Mrs. Greensit submitted a written report mentioning the school curriculum, activities and contributions to charities. Mrs. Greensit had indicated to the Clerk that she wishes to continue as the Town Council's representative for only one more year. The Clerk stated that a new appointment may have to be made in May this year, it being the year of the County Council elections.

Thirsk County Primary School Coun. Craig's report referred to the size of classes and the Nursery Unit which is thriving and gives an excellent start to the children's school life. Due to the retirement of Mrs. Snowden through ill health, there is now an acting Headteacher and it is hoped that a new Head will be appointed for the Autumn Term. It was agreed to write to Mrs. Snowden regretting her early retirement.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Roberts' written report mentioned the difference in staffing levels between the former North Riding schools and those of former East & West Riding and York Schools but stated that an attempt is now being made to improve the situation. Highlights of the year have been dramatic and musical productions. These and other activities including sports involve many out of school hours work by the staff. Various charities have benefited from funds raised by the pupils. Coun. Roberts stated that in spite of cuts in Education Funding, the school continues to go from strength to strength due to the enthusiasm of the teachers, the support of parents and the leadership of the Headmaster.

Charities Coun. Craig reported that he and Coun. Foxton had distributed a total of £96.00 at Christmas, 48 people each receiving £2.00.

Any Other Business

The Greens Coun. Brannon stated that large stones had been provided by F. D. Todd & Sons and sited around the Green to prevent parking on the grass.

Footpaths Coun. Craig reported that the footpath on Sutton Road had sunk following reinstatement after work by statutory bodies. There is a need for kerbs to be dropped in Hambleton Place to facilitate the movement of prams and wheelchairs. Mr. Woods to be reminded of his promise that when kerbs need renewing, dropped kerbs will be provided.

Swan Lane Coun. Bickers stated that no action has yet been taken regarding slippery setts in the path.

The meeting closed at 7.44 p.m.

Murkett
15/4/85

Allenby

ALL SAINTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREEN LANE EAST, SOWERBY, THIRSK.

APRIL 1984 - MARCH 1985

ESTABLISHMENT

HEAD - Mrs. B. I. Rushton.

Two full time assistants *MRS A. ELDERS. MISS McVEY.*

One part-time assistant *MRS BACKHOUSE*

One non-teaching assistant *MRS COLE*

Secretary - Mrs. O. Henry

Cook - Mrs. P. Lofthouse - Assistant Mrs. L. Taylor

Caretaker - Mrs. E. Garbutt

Dinner Supervisors Mrs. Garbutt and Mrs. Wedgewood.

NO. ON ROLL - 83 More than half bused from Northallerton.
A small number of non-catholics attend.

85% of the children stay to school dinner which is served in the Hall at one sitting. The remainder of the children bring a packed lunch which is eaten in the Hall at the same time.

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

All Juniors go swimming at Thirsk baths.

Curriculum: R.E.
Basic skills of Reading, Writing and Maths.
History, Science, Geography, Art, P.E. and Swimming

Activities: Chess
Competitive Games Matches with Sowerby C.P. and Dishforth C.P.
Inter School Swimming Gala
School Swimming Gala

Christmas celebrations included a performance of "Robin Hood" in which all children took part presented to parents.

Outings are taken. This year to York Museum and York Railway Museum

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

On Liturgical Feasts children attend All Saints' Church for Mass.
13 children made First Holy Communion.

Visits by School Doctor, Dental and Hygiene inspections are held regularly.

Charities: Family Fast collection £10.50
Catholic Child Welfare Society £49.
Good Shepherd Fund £189.

Baskets of fruit were sent out with Meals on Wheels to Thirsk and Sowerby as part of Thanksgiving for Harvest.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Headmistress:
Mrs. N. A. SNOWDEN
Telephone:
THIRSK 24349

THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
HAMBLETON PLACE
THIRSK
NORTH YORKSHIRE
YO7 1SL

Numbers - Spring Term 1985 - Number on roll 13/3/85 = 258

Class sizes:	Reception	24
	Class 1	27
	Class 2	28
	Class 3	28
	Class 4	29
	Class 5	30
	Class 6	32
	Class 7M	29
	Class 7T	31

Rising fives to enter reception class after Easter holiday = 10 children.

Predicted class sizes after Easter holiday.

	Reception	27
	Class 1	30
	Class 2	30
	Class 3	30
	Class 4	29
	Class 5	30
	Class 6	32
	Class 7M	29
	Class 7T	31

The Nursery Unit is thriving and gives an excellent start to the childrens' school life. Not only does it prepare them socially but in a variety of ways the children are much more able when they enter the reception class. For example, of the 16 children who moved from the Nursery to Reception at Christmas, 11 of these had already started reading books of the infant reading scheme.

At present there are 24 on roll in the morning,
26 on roll in the afternoon.

As children move up into the reception class, children on the waiting list for Nursery places enter the Nursery so that numbers are maintained at approximately 25 morning and 25 afternoon.

Staffing - School - Acting Head + 9 staff.
Nursery - Scale 2 teacher + Nursery Nurse.

Mrs. Snowden has now officially retired due to ill health. The present situation (i.e. Mr. Paxton acting Head and Mrs. L. Brown acting Deputy) will continue until the end of the Summer Term. The Education Authority are hoping to appoint a new Headteacher as from the Autumn Term 1985.

Sowerby Primary School.

Sowerby Primary School continues to function in a very lively fashion. Very high academic standards are reached and pupils progress to the senior school well able to hold their own among the children from all the other schools in the locality.

At the present moment there are 247 children in the school, in 8 classes.

Two teachers have retired in the last 12 months:- Mrs Readman for many years deputy head, and Mrs Whybrow who was with the Infants school before the amalgamation of Infants & Juniors. Mrs Readman's successor last September was Miss Gannard & Mrs Whybrow has been temporarily replaced by Mrs. Weston.

One of the main subjects under discussion this year has been staffing levels, as reported previously the staffing level of schools in the old North Riding area of N. Yorks has been lower than that of schools in the old West & East Ridings & York City. Following some very heated exchanges at a meeting in Northallerton last summer between the Education Committee, its officers & parents & teachers & governors of ~~the~~ N. Riding Schools some attempt is now being made to improve the position (The N.Y.C.C. would no doubt maintain that these improvements were in the pipeline anyway) and Sowerby School have ~~now~~ been allocated an extra teacher for 15 hours a week. ~~next term~~. This is still not up to the old W. Riding standards but it is an improvement.

Some of the highlights of the year have been the various dramatic & musical productions. The standard

of singing, playing & acting is very high, and the staff must be congratulated on these achievements.

The school currently field a football team & two netball teams, who play the other junior schools in the area, other out of school activities include Country Dancing, Badminton, gymnastics, Chess, Recorder playing & weather recording. All these activities are only possible because of the interest & dedication of the staff, an local proof that teaching is not a 9 - 4 job.

The children are also encouraged to think of others less fortunate than themselves. Over the year they have raised money by burs & burs sales & other means for the National Childrens Home, the Ethiopia Disaster Fund, UNICEF, & others.

Altogether I find it inspiring that in spite of cuts in Education Funding this school continues to go from strength to strength, due to the enthusiasm of the teachers & the ~~unwavering~~ support of the parents & the leadership of the Headmaster.

Freda Roberts.

18/3/85.

Abstract of Audited Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1985

GENERAL

	£
Precept	5500.00
Refund of V.A.T.	444.68
Deposit Account Interest	163.70
Donation to purchase shrubs from Chamber of Trade	50.00
Municipal Mutual Ins.claim for damage to seat - less excess	33.48
Balance	794.45

6986.31

	£
Debit Balance 1.4.84	216.69
Salary	1131.25
Administration	243.20
Subscriptions & Donations	283.10
Insurances	141.57
Grass Cutting	444.47
Christmas Lights	862.50
Play Equipment - Purchase	610.14
painting & repairs	
Open Spaces	29.18
Mill Gardens	216.20
Seat Repairs	860.31
Seat	50.75
Audit Fee	101.20
Members' Travelling Exps.	26.35
The Holmes (Notices etc. re: No Parking etc.)	126.50
Street Sweeping	1642.90
	<u>6986.31</u>

BURIAL BOARD

	£
Credit Balance 1.4.84	1712.69
Precept	3000.00
Refund of V.A.T.	56.05
Dividends & Interest	40.35
Burial Board Income	1221.90

6030.99

	£
Salary, Dividends & Int.	2790.35
Insurance	64.40
Rates - Cemetery Lodge	221.60
Water Rates - Cemetery & Cemetery Lodge	100.93
New Mower less part exchange	211.25
Mower Repairs	216.65
Fuel for Mowers	130.63
Removal of Rubbish	73.60
New Soil Box	299.00
Balance	1922.58
	<u>6030.99</u>

SUMMARY

	£
Burial Board Account Cr.	1922.58
General Account Dr.	794.45

1128.13

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Current Account	405.32
Deposit Account	115.81
Deposit Account	207.00
Investment	
Anglia Building Society	400.00
	<u>1128.13</u>

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
18th March 1985 at 7.45 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Brannon, J. J. Allenby,
Miss J. Foxton, F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, + 1 Member of the Public.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts & E. R. Stott.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Parking in Stammergeate Nothing reported.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Letter presented from the County Surveyor noting the
Town Council's concern for the safety of pedestrians
using the Zebra Crossing, which fortunately has not been translated into recorded
personal injury accidents. Bearing in mind the Council's comments regarding the siting
of the crossing, further counts will be carried out later in the year to clarify the
exact movements of pedestrians from the Hambleton Estate across Long Street to see
whether relocating the Zebra Crossing from its present position can be justified. It
is anticipated that the traffic counts will be carried out in the late Spring/early
Summer and the Council will be contacted when all the investigations have been
completed. Regarding the night-time conspicuity of the crossing, an extra warning
sign has been provided on the approach from South Kilvington and the possibility of
providing brighter lanterns in the globes, within the regulations, is being investigated.

Back Lane - Norby The Chairman stated that the Legal Department of Hambleton District
Council is of the opinion that Back Lane is a highway but
documentary proof of vehicles using the lane in the far distant past is needed. If such
proof is available, the District Council can then require the Highways Department of
N.Y.C.C. to maintain it. The Chairman had asked the Thirsk Hall Estate if they have
any evidence and they are investigating.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Notification received that the appeal by Barkers
(Ryebeck Farms) Ltd I.V.L. against the certificate
issued by the Hambleton District Council has failed. The Inspector for the Secretary
of State for the Environment stated that there is evidence of a substantial supply of
land for housing development including land within the part of Thirsk where the appeal
site is located. It was noted that there is available the right to appeal to the High
Court against the decision.

Amusement Arcade Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens It was reported that Mr. Kendall had completed his work and presented his
account. A cheque for £50.00 had been received from the Chamber of Trade
for the purchase of shrubs.

Post Office Letter received from the Assistant Manager, Counters, stating that the
Town Council's complaint is being investigated. The staff are still
working under additional pressure due to the DHSS dispute, pension and allowance
transactions taking up to three times as long to complete. Efforts are continuing to
provide improved accommodation at the Thirsk Office.

Seats The Chairman stated that the bench seat from outside Barclays Bank is at present
in the hut on the Green. A new site is required for it where it can be fastened
to the ground. By a vote of 6 to 1 in favour, it was agreed that it should be sited at
Gillings Court if Coun. Craig can obtain permission from the Hambleton District Council.
It was agreed that the remaining presentation seat outside Barclays Bank should be sited
near the Town Clock.

Elm Tree - Cemetery Information regarding Insurance still awaited.

Height Barrier - Millgate Car Park This matter is to be discussed by the H.D.C. at a
meeting on 21st March.

Whitelass The Holmes sub-committee to inspect the trees. Coun. Bickers reported two
rails missing from the waterfall bridge.

Chapel Street Letter presented from Mr. Woods stating that repairs will be carried out
in Chapel Street.

Tenders for Grass Cutting The following tenders were submitted:

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| No. 1 | The Holmes | - £58.00 per cut + V.A.T. |
| | The Greens | - £40.00 per cut + V.A.T. |
| | Mill Gardens | - £15.00 per cut + V.A.T. |
| No. 2 | The Holmes | - £40.00 per cut + V.A.T. |

Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that Tender No. 2 for The Holmes (J. Thompson) and Tender No. 1 for The Greens and Mill Gardens (M. T. Shipton) be accepted.' Agreed.

Obstruction of Footpath at White Horse Service Station Couns. Whitton, Roberts and Bickers had met the garage owner, together with his solicitor and County Councillor Turton. Due to the absence from the Council meeting of Couns. Roberts and Whitton, a conclusive report was not available but it appeared that the request for signs to be removed had been complied with, thus improving the visibility. A letter from the County Solicitor gave notice that, under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, it is the intention of the County Council to make application to the Magistrates' Court on 22nd April 1985 for an order to stop up a section of highway at Long Street. Coun. Brannon stated that he had evidence from the Ramblers' Association that the Town Council has the power to veto the court application. Prior notice of this not having been given, it was not possible to check this at the meeting. Coun. Brannon's resolution 'that this Council, having been served by the N.Y.C.C. with notice of a proposed stopping up order at Long Street/Stammergate, do object to the aforesaid order and do require the N.Y.C.C. not to proceed therewith' was not supported.

Prop. Coun. Megson, sec. Coun. Craig 'that this Council objects to the diversion of the footpath and request it to be reinstated to its former route. Voting - 3 in Favour - 4 Abstentions.

Correspondence

Former Infants School - Thirsk The Clerk reported that a request had been received for the Town Council to re-nominate Mr. Thomas Bumby and Mr. William Rukin as Trustees of the Infant School Charity. This was agreed.

Town & Country Planning Act, 1971 Notice received that Mr. C. F. Cowton & Mr. G. B. Hiley are appealing against the H.D.C.'s decision to refuse planning permission for the construction of a workshop for the maintenance of motor vehicles at 60, Long Street, Thirsk. It was agreed not to make any representations.

Application for Grant Letter presented from Mrs. M. Bendelow of the Mandini Showstoppers asking if it is possible to give her a grant towards the expenses of staging musical productions or advice on where to obtain assistance. Members agreed that the Showstoppers provide a splendid service but could not make a grant. Couns. Murkett and Craig agreed to advise Mrs. Bendelow on making application for assistance.

Cemetery Fees A copy of the Table of Fees of the Northallerton & Romanby Joint Burial Committee had been received showing fees more than double those at Thirsk Cemetery. It was agreed that the Cemetery Sub Committee should meet in the near future to review the fees.

North Yorkshire County Council - Divisional Structure Letter presented from the County Surveyor regarding the reorganisation of the Divisional Structure within the County.

Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers Letter presented from the Thirsk & Sowerby Harriers together with a copy letter to the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding the proposed building of a running track within the Hambleton District and which they understand will probably be built at Stone Cross, Northallerton. The Harriers consider that Thirsk should be chosen for the track, having the only affiliated Athletic Club in the Hambleton District and where there are several possible suitable locations. Members agreed to give the Harriers their support and notify the Chief Executive H.D.C. of this.

Resignation Letter presented from Coun. Whitton tendering his resignation as a Town Councillor due to other commitments. Coun. Whitton to be thanked for his services to the Council. A Casual Vacancy was declared, to be filled by co-option if a bye-election is not claimed by 10 electors of the parish within 14 days, not counting Saturdays and Sundays, Bank Holidays and the day preceding and following the Bank

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Use of Existing Hotel Reception as an Office at Royal Oak Hotel for Mr. M. D. Parker. Approve on condition that the application for 7 shop units has been allowed.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 11, Market Place for Trustee Savings Bank. Object on the grounds that it is unsuitable in a conservation area.

Alterations to Ground Floor of Existing Dwelling for use in conjunction with Existing Adjacent Shop and Formation of a First Floor Self Contained Flat at 72/74, Long Street for Mr. P. J. Moss. Approve.

Conversion of Existing Light Industrial Building to 10 Flats at 26A, Long Street for Ebor Building Products. Concerned for the safety of pedestrians on the footpath.

Details of the Layout of Land and the Construction of a 10 place Aged Persons Residential Accommodation Building at Gillings Court for the Thirsk and Sowerby Abbeyfield Society. Approve but note washbasins not shown in toilets of flats 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Construction of a Building to Incorporate Stores, Showroom, Office, Shop and Toilet Facilities and Construction of a Canopy and Siting of Petrol Pumps at Bridge Garage. Approve but request that brickwork should blend with the bridge.

Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Commercial Garage Building and Storage Building at Bridge Garage. Approve but stress that the public footpath must be protected and unobstructed.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and Relocation of Existing Pole Mounted Sign at Bridge Garage. Object to the Illuminated Fascia Sign on the grounds that it is not acceptable in a conservation area.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Cragg, sec. Coun. Foxton.

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Estimated Cost of Street Sweeping £1695 less £52.10 overpaid in 1983/84	- £1642.90.
L. C. Hopps	- Removing Canopy from White Mare Corner & renovating wall	- £ 54.45.
Lester & Hatch	- Charges for removing gypsies from The Holmes	- £ 11.50.
D. G. Collinson	- Salary - January - March £687.50 Interest on Bank Investment £ 7.67 Interest on Ivy Thompson Inv. £ 13.43	- £ 708.60.
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March £287.50 Administrative Expenses £ 22.61	- £ 310.11.

Additional Accounts

F. Kendall	- Work on Mill Gardens as quotation + approved extras.	- £ 216.20.
Shaw Bros.	- Soil Box for Cemetery	- £ 299.00.

The Precept for 1985/86 was signed.

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Mr. Wylès.	24 A6	£ 30.00
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Any Other Business

Footpath - Long Street It was reported that the footpath from Shire House to the White Horse Service Station is in need of repair.

Mill Gardens Coun. Bickers requested and was given permission to purchase tools, out of the money allocated for Britain in Bloom, in order to carry out work in the Mill Gardens.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall on Friday, 22nd March 1985 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, C. J. Megson, E. R. Stott, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts + 5 Members of the Public.

The main reason for the meeting was to discuss the assertion by Coun. Brannon, at the meeting of 18th March, that the Town Council has the power to veto the application by the N.Y.C.C. to the Magistrates' Court for a Stopping-up Order for Highway Land at Long Street, and the fact that it appeared to be so.

Coun. Roberts, who had been absent from the 18th March meeting, was invited to give a report on the site meeting at White Horse Service Station. An objection by Coun. Brannon was overruled.

Coun. Roberts stated that the site meeting had been attended by Mr. & Mrs. Howells, the garage owners, their solicitor, County Councillor Turton, Coun. Bickers, Coun. Whitton and herself. Mr. & Mrs. Howells had been most co-operative and removed signs which had been obstructing the visibility of pedestrians. They had told Coun. Roberts that the land in dispute is shown on their deeds as being in their ownership. Coun. Roberts produced a sketch showing the original wall and the new wall and pointed out that the narrowest part of the footpath, on the corner, is still of the same dimensions. It was also pointed out that with the repositioning of the derrick pump the movement of vehicles within the forecourt would be much less dangerous than at present. The position of the new wall would entail an additional walk of approximately seven yards for pedestrians using the footpath.

A letter to the Members of the Town Council, from Mr. A. Palliser, regarding the power of veto was read.

Previous correspondence, recorded in earlier minutes, was read to the meeting, followed by a letter of today's date from the County Solicitor, in reply to an enquiry from the Clerk, stating that:

'Section 116(3) of the Highways Act 1980 provides that for an order relating to any highway other than a classified road the highway authority must give the district and parish council at least two months notice of their proposals and the application to Court cannot be made if either of these councils refuse to consent. However, as Long Street is a classified road, this provision does not apply in this instance.

In such a case the district and parish council are entitled to receive at least 28 days notice of the Magistrates' Court hearing and they have the right to be heard by the Court.

I would ask you particularly to draw the attention of the Town Council to the contents of my letter to you of 7th February. This sets out the conditions on which the County Council has been prepared to make the application.'

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Megson 'that Standing Orders be suspended to allow discussion on this.' Voting was 8 in Favour - Coun. Brannon objecting.

Coun. Megson and his seconder withdrew the resolution of the 18th March meeting.

Prop. Coun. Stott, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that this Council objects to the Stopping-up Order'.

Coun. Brannon requested a Recorded Vote.

In Favour of the Resolution: Couns. Craig, Megson, Stott, Bickers, Brannon.

Against the Resolution : Couns. Murkett, Allenby, Roberts, Foxton.

Resolution carried.

The outcome of the meeting to be made known to the County Solicitor who will report to the Magistrates.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

D. Murkett
15/4/85