

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
14th April 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and the March Council Meeting, having been
circulated and approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Allenby,
sec. Coun. Craig.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Seats The Chairman reported that R.A.O.B. Cliff Top Lodge are to meet with the N.Y.C.C.
Highways Dept. representative to discuss a suitable site for their presentation
seat.

Height Barrier - Car Park It was reported that this is to be operated by a District
Council employee. A copy letter to the Chief Executive H.D.C.
from Thirsk Museum and Tourist Information Centre was read to the meeting, putting
forward suggestions for improving car and coach parking in the town and car park.
Coun. Craig reported that the Leisure and Amenities Committee were considering making
the small car park, in the vicinity of Gillings Court, available for coach parking and
allowing the parking of coaches on the car park road. The Chairman stated that coach
parking on the highway should be allowed to prove whether there is a need for coach park-
ing and the road made 'one way'. It was agreed to write to the Chief Planner and Techni-
cal Officer requesting an 'update' on coach parking and also requesting a site meeting
with District and County Council officers and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the
Leisure and Amenities Committee.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates A letter from the Division General Manager of the Yorkshire
Water Authority Rivers Division stated that they have now
undertaken a ground survey of the boundary within the urban area of Thirsk and hope to
discuss certain aspects of this with the Internal Drainage Board in the near future.
In similar circumstances elsewhere they have found it equally effective and more
expedient to invoke the provisions of Section 68 of the Land Drainage Act which makes
provision for rate exemption without the need to actually change the boundary of the
District. Without prejudice to the question of a boundary review, the Council is asked
if representatives would be prepared to discuss the possible application of these
provisions at a joint meeting with representatives from the Water Authority and the
Internal Drainage Board. Members agreed that a meeting should take place.

Town Clock The Clerk had received a verbal quotation for a self starting motor for the
clock of £1,268.00. Members agreed that this cost could not be met. The
work on the clock face had been completed and the account presented for payment. Coun.
Stott submitted a written report stating that there is too much play between the clock
hands and the drive spindles. He had been unable to re-set the hands correctly and did
not recommend passing the account for payment. It was pointed out that there is a Year's
guarantee on the work. Wm. Potts & Sons to be asked to rectify the matter and the
cheque for payment to be signed.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Nothing reported.

Floral Decorations Coun. Craig had shown members a hanging basket of artificial flowers
at the meeting to discuss the Thirsk District Plan Position Statement.
Prop. Coun. Criag, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the Town Council meet the cost of three
hanging baskets if the Chamber of Trade will meet the cost of the remaining three.'
Agreed. Mr. Paul Turner, Chairman of the Civic Society, who had offered his services
free of charge to plant and maintain the White Mare Roundabout this year if the Council
provides the plants and materials, submitted his planting scheme. Members were pleased
to accept Mr. Turner's offer and scheme and agreed to meet the cost of mulch, fertiliser
and plants. Mr. Woods, N.Y.C.C. Divisional Surveyor, had informed the Clerk that £35.00
would be available towards the roundabout maintenance for the past financial year and
£70.00 for the present one. That, with the balance of the amount set aside for floral
decorations, would make £240.00 available for the roundabout scheme. The Council's
insurance to be checked for cover for Mr. Turner when working on the roundabout.

Road - Little Green to The Crescent Nothing reported.

Transport for Hospital Visiting Nothing reported.

Tree - Stockton Road Reply from N.Y.C.C. still awaited. A letter from Coun. Roberts stated that many trees have been planted in the verge of Stockton Road without permission and have enhanced the area. When the N.Y.C.C. has made up its mind, the Town Council should take responsibility for the tree when it is planted.

Public Payphones Coun. Craig reported on the meeting with a representative of Telecom and Mr. Johnson of H.D.C. Several sites had been viewed and considered. The Chairman told members that red telephone boxes are available if they are insisted upon and he has been told by H.D.C. that red boxes are to be provided for the Market Place. Members had received numerous complaints regarding the absence of public telephone facilities in the Market Place. Mr. Johnson to be asked when the situation will be resolved.

Notice Board - Sign Nothing reported.

Grass Cutting A letter from Mr. J. A. Boot of St. Mary's Walk told members that the cost of grass cutting could be reduced by the replacement of three grassed areas in St. Mary's Walk with tarmac. These grassed areas are being continually fouled by dogs. The Chairman told the meeting that these areas are the responsibility of the N.Y.C.C. and felt that if the N.Y.C.C. could waste public money by extending the path at the south side of Station Road which serves no useful purpose, they could spend money on replacing the grass verges of St. Mary's Walk. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor stating the Council's views on this footpath and also to Coun. Turton, asking him to attend the June Council Meeting to discuss this and other matters appertaining to the County Council.

Encroachment at Whitelass A copy letter from the Chief Planning Officer to the owners of 11, Whitelass Close stated that the Enforcement Officer had visited the garden and noted that quickthorn had been planted along the full length of the northern boundary. Reasonable steps had therefore been taken to comply with the planning condition. No information was to hand as to whether the wall had been removed.

Thirsk Local Plan Position Statement Minutes of the meeting, held to comment on the Position Statement were read.

Public Transport in North Yorkshire A letter had been sent to the County Surveyor expressing the Council's concern at the lack of public transport for evening hospital visiting at Northallerton.

Keep Northallerton Tidy Campaign It was reported that Coun. Davison had attended the A.G.M.

Planning Application - A. B. Rose Two letters were presented from Mr. R. Sharphouse, acting on behalf of Mr. A. B. Rose, regarding the comments made on the application for the erection of a silo for the storage of joinery waste at The Furniture Factory, 1, Sutton Road. The letters stated that the silo is part of a new heating/waste disposal plant, to replace a previous installation, which at some stage gave rise to complaint from people living nearby. The equipment concerned is the most advanced obtainable at the present time as regards efficiency, in particular air pollution. Members were told that the silo has already been erected and endorsed the comments made at the March meeting. It was reported that the west boundary wall of Mr. Rose's premises is in a dangerous state. A letter to be sent requesting, in the interests of public safety, that repairs be carried out.

Street Sweeping Programme Review Having considered the contents of the letter presented at the March meeting, it was decided to reply that the Council accepts the proposals in principle but request more information on how they are to be achieved.

Cemetery Cutters Coun. Loveden reported on the meeting at the Cemetery, held to discuss the grass cutters, and attended by himself, Coun. Craig, Coun. Bickers and the Clerk. Two cutters were available for inspection, the third was still at Harland (Garden Machinery) Ltd and not considered worth repairing. Coun. Loveden had made enquiries regarding the leasing of a grass cutter during the cutting season. A quotation of £10.00 + V.A.T. per week was received from Power Point Services. Coun. Roberts submitted details of grass cutters - one of which, according to the suppliers and if properly maintained should last for 10 years, mowing every day in the cutting season. Such a machine would cost around £500.00.

Coun. Roberts also advocated the use of a growth retarding spray on the Cemetery grass, which would slow down the growth of the grass so that it would not requiring such frequent cutting. After due consideration it was Proposed Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Craig 'to accept the quotation from Power Point Services and lease a grass cutter for the 1986 cutting season.' Agreed. It was also agreed to retain the three grass cutters and store in the Council's shed until it has been ascertained whether leasing a cutter is satisfactory.

Civil Defence Coun. Foxton reported that she and Coun. Loveden have completed a Community Adviser's Course. She stated that it is essential that the Emergency Plan is completed so that Thirsk can respond positively in any emergency. Coun. Foxton and Coun. Loveden will complete the Plan and present it to the Council. It was agreed that the Emergency Plan will be reviewed annually at the Annual Assembly.

Correspondence

Public Conveniences - Market Place A letter from Dr. M. Harrison endorsed remarks made by the Chairman and Coun. Davison at the Local Plan Position Statment meeting regarding the unhygienic state of the public conveniences which are now considered to be unnecessary since the provision of facilities on the Car Park. Dr. Harrison stated that the Market Place conveniences are a health hazard. It was agreed to forward the letter to the Chief Executive H.D.C. and request that the previous decision not to demolish the building be reconsidered.

Town Clock Letter presented from Wm. Potts & Sons requesting an increase in the Annual Maintenance charge for the present financial year from £38.00 + V.A.T. to £43.00 + V.A.T. and pointing out that the account is submitted at the end of the twelve month period and not at the beginning as with many other contract services. It was agreed to accept the increased charge.

Association of Local Councils Notice presented that as from 1st April, the Yorkshire & Cleveland Local Councils Association will be known as the Yorkshire Association of Local Councils, the Cleveland Branch having formed its own Association.

Yorkshire Day Letter presented inviting the Mayor to attend the Second Yorkshire Civic Procession to celebrate Yorkshire Day which is to be held this year at Ripon, and requesting a contribution of £25.00. It was agreed that Thirsk will not be represented.

Cemetery Superintendent It was agreed to award an increase in salary of 5% in line with the cost of living index and as agreed in the Cemetery Superintendent's contract. This to commence on 1st April and making an increase of £145.00 for the year.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Display of a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 8-12, Kirkgate for P. Odling.
No Representations.

Use of Part of Existing Shop as a Licensed Betting Office and Use of Existing Betting Office as a Shop at 69/71, Market Place for William Hill (N.E.) Ltd.

No Objections.

Use of Existing Shop Storeroom as a Chiropodists Surgery at 43A, Market Place for B. H. Wing.

Approve.

Details of the Construction of a Detached Bungalow on Plot 1, Cemetery Lane for D. G. Collinson.

Approve.

Alterations to Previous Planning Condition to Allow for Increased Opening Hours of Existing Restaurant at Stoneybrough Restaurant for Mr. A. Adron.

Recommend Refusal until the requested increased hours of opening are known.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Supermarket on Land to the South of Finkle Street and Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of, and Alterations to, Existing Buildings at Finkle Street/Market Place for Wright (Properties) Ltd.

A letter from Mr. M. Cresswell, and enclosing a copy of a letter sent to all the members of H.D.C. Planning Committee, was presented. The letter expressed Mr. Cresswell's fears for the future of his shop at 20, Finkle Street, the loss of his frontage, the demolition of listed buildings and the dangerous access/exit to the proposed site. Mr. Paul Turner, Chairman of the Civic Society, told the meeting that the demolition of listed buildings as proposed would devastate the

Plans cont.

Members made the following observations: The Council is totally opposed to the proposed entrance/exit in Finkle Street, an already busy and very narrow street. The proposed entrance/exit is in the vicinity of a hump backed bridge which impedes visibility. The Council is also totally opposed to the demolition of any buildings in Finkle Street, both listed and unlisted. A supermarket on the proposed site is not considered to be in the interests of the town.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved:

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge 4th Quarter 1985/86	- £ 31.12 ^
F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd	- 4 weeks Hire of Skip	- £ 13.80 ^
Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd	- Maintenance of Town Clock to 28.2.86	- £ 43.70 ^
Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd	- Refurbishment of Town Clock as per quotation	- £1060.30 ^
Yorks. Ass'n of Local Coun.	- Annual Subscription - Local Council Review & Stationery	- £ 124.20 ^
Anglia Building Society	- Transfer to Building Society Account	- £6000.00

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

Leslie Childs	Grave Space 15 D6	£25.00
Mary Childs	Grave Space 16 D6	£25.00
William & Jane Ann Postgate	Grave Space 14 D6	£25.00
Phyllis Bartram	Grave Space 6 D6	£50.00
Mary Thackray	Grave Space 7 D5	£25.00

Any Other Business

Tree Planting Coun. Foxton told the meeting that the Civic Society intends to plant trees in The Holmes, Mill Gardens, Ingramgate and in the grassed area outside Gillings Court. Permission was being sought from the bodies responsible for these areas.

Footpath - Biggins Hill Coun. Bickers reported that blue setts are being removed unlawfully from the footpath.

Heavy Lorries through Thirsk Coun. Allenby complained about the number of heavy lorries passing through the Market Place. It was agreed to ask the N.Y.C.C. what they are proposing to do following the many objections regarding heavy traffic.

Cutbacks in Public Transport Coun. Craig complained of the cutbacks in bus services, especially those between Thirsk and Northallerton.

Memorial Stone The Chairman told members that the memorial stone and plaque, erected in front of the tree planted by the late Mrs. Alice Metcalfe in her 100th year has been stolen. It was agreed to ask Mr. Collinson to provide another one.

The meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

19/5/86

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 19th May 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, E. R. Stott, F. N. Bickers, Mr. C. Lewis - Headmaster of Thirsk School.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Stott 'that Coun. Craig be elected Chairman.'

Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that Coun. Murkett be re-elected to the Chair.' Coun. Murkett stated that he was supporting Coun. Craig to be Chairman.

Voting - In favour of Coun. Craig 6. In favour of Coun. Murkett 3. Coun. Craig being duly elected, thanked members for their support and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Davison 'that Coun. Foxton be elected Vice Chairman.'

Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Stott 'that Coun. Roberts be elected Vice Chairman.'

Voting - In favour of Coun. Foxton 4. In favour of Coun. Roberts 4. On the casting vote of the Chairman, Coun. Foxton was elected.

Coun. Bickers was absent during the elections.

Appointment of Representatives

Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society It was agreed that Couns. Foxton, Roberts and Bickers being members of the Civic Society, should represent the Town Council.

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Coun. Davison re-appointed.

Charities Coun. Craig and Coun. Foxton re-appointed.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Craig appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Davison re-appointed.

Town Hall Committee Couns. Roberts, Bickers and Davison re-appointed.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden appointed.

Community Care Association Coun. Loveden appointed.

Yorkshire Association of Local Councils - Hambleton South Branch Coun Murkett and Coun. Loveden appointed.

Sub Committees

The Holmes, Greens & Mill Gardens Coun. Bickers and Coun. Brannon + the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Cemetery Coun. Bickers, Coun. Stott, Coun. Loveden + the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Planning Coun. Roberts, Coun. Stott, Coun. Brannon, Coun. Bickers, Chairman and Vice Chairman + any other interested Councillor.

Christmas Lights Coun. Craig, Coun. Bickers, Coun. Stott, Coun. Loveden, Coun. Roberts, Coun. Foxton.

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

Mr. Christopher Lewis, Headmaster of Thirsk School attended the meeting to tell the Council of his aims for the school.

He said that schools should reflect the best standards of the community and a good Comprehensive school should be rounding up standards. The atmosphere should be orderly and disciplined and the staff should care. Pupils should be taught to respect other peoples views and property. Schools should be open to the community and with frequent visits by parents. Mr. Lewis said that he is always available to pupils, staff and parents. Parents should be well informed about the school and bulletins are published for this purpose, copies of which will be supplied for the Council. Difficulties have been experienced due to industrial action by the teachers and staff are still not carrying out 'out of school' duties, but the situation is improving. Mr. Lewis stated that he wants staff support and understanding and welcomes constructive criticism and comment. To Coun. Foxton's request for his views on a Junior Civic Society, Mr. Lewis replied

Coun. Brannon suggested that members should visit the school and identify themselves to the pupils. Mr. Lewis felt that the 6th Form would like to receive the Council. On the question of pupils wandering around the town at lunchtimes, Mr. Lewis hoped that this situation would end when the teachers dispute is settled and lunchtime supervision in school available again. Regarding the litter problem, it was agreed that the adult public set a bad example. Mr. Lewis told members that if specific cases regarding litter or vandalism are reported to him, he will take action. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lewis for his attendance.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Seats A letter from the Secretary of R.A.O.B. Clifftop Lodge requested a meeting with members of the Council to discuss the siting of the seat that they had donated. A meeting was arranged for 7.00 p.m. on 22nd May on site. Coun. Murkett reported that the residents of No. 2, Alexander Close were pleased to agree to the siting of a seat on their land on Stockton Road from where the previous residents had demanded its removal.

Height Barrier & Coach Parking A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that the Leisure & Amenities Committee has arranged for the barriers at Millgate Car Park to be open from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. between April and October and from 7.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. between November and March. The Council has discussed the matter of parking in Thirsk but has not made any financial provision to cater for coaches, other than the use of Millgate Car Park. It was suggested to wait to see if any problems emerge from the use of Millgate for coach parking over the next two months before convening any joint meeting on the lines proposed by the Town Council. Members were not satisfied with this reply and it was agreed to request the meeting as a matter of urgency. Coun. Brannon stated that tour buses are parking on the area reserved for service buses on the Market Place and service buses are unable to find parking space. Coun. Murkett stated that buses should be allowed to park on the side of the road through the Car Park for a trial period and the situation monitored to prove the need for a Coach Park.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates The meeting with representatives of the Water Authority and the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board is to take place in the Town Hall on Thursday, 22nd May at 2.30 p.m. Coun. Murkett told members that he had invited Mr. Tyas, who had drawn up the petition, to attend. Members were in agreement.

Town Clock The Clerk reported that Wm. Potts & Sons had been to adjust the hands.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Coun. Foxton reported on a meeting with Mr. Robinson of the Chief Planners Department who was in agreement with the proposal and thought that help would be available from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

Floral Decorations It was reported that the Chamber of Trade had refused to co-operate by meeting the cost of three hanging baskets. Members were of the opinion that baskets of artificial flowers should be provided for the Council's lamp standards on the south side of the Market Place. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that the resolution to provide three baskets if the Chamber of Trade will also provide three' passed at the April meeting be rescinded.' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bickers 'that this Council meet the cost of six hanging baskets'. Voting - 8 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

Road - Little Green Nothing reported.

Transport for Hospital Visiting Nothing reported.

Tree - Stockton Road The Clerk had been informed that the N.Y.C.C. have now received replies from the statutory bodies and that Mrs. Elliott will be contacted regarding a suitable site for the tree.

Public Payphones A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the Post Office have declined to give British Telecom approval to the siting of the telephone kiosks on the eastern gable wall of the Post Office. Accordingly, British Telecom intend siting the kiosks on the western side of the Public toilets and they will be of the new design.

Notice Board - Sign The Clerk reported that a 'Thirsk Town Council' sign has been obtained at a cost of £4.00. Members approved this action.

Footpath - Station Road Coun. Turton had telephoned the Clerk to say that he is unable to attend the June meeting but that he will make enquiries about the footpath.

Encroachment at Whitelass Coun. Roberts reported that part of the wall has been removed.

Planning Application A. B. Rose Members were told that the planning application for the siting of a silo was being advertised even though the silo had already been erected. It was agreed that at its present height the silo is unacceptable and to request the planning department, on behalf of local residents, to insist that it is reduced in size to below roof level.

Street Sweeping Programme Review Nothing reported.

Cemetery Grass Cutter The Cemetery Superintendent had informed the Clerk that the new cutter is not satisfactory. Coun. Loveden had contacted Power Point who will exchange it for a high dome cutter at the same cost. Members agreed with this action.

Public Conveniences - Market Place A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the Environmental Health and Control Committee will be advised of this Council's views concerning the possible demolition of the conveniences. The Chairman, who is a member of that committee told members that he will press for demolition. A letter from Mrs. H. J. Fairwood of Sessay applauded the Council's efforts to have the conveniences demolished.

Tree Planting Coun. Foxton reported that oak and willow trees have been planted in The Holmes.

Footpath - Biggins Hill The Clerk told members that this is being investigated by the Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C.

Heavy Lorries through Thirsk Reply awaited from the County Surveyor.

Memorial Stone Coun. Bickers stated that the stone had not been stolen and was at a house in Norby. The Clerk told members that a new stone had been ordered.

Christmas Lights It was requested that this be deferred until the next meeting.

Correspondence

Seats - Ingramgate A letter from Lester & Hatch, Solicitors, stated that in the will of the late Mrs. Mabel Annie Shaw of 10, Ingramgate the following legacy was bequeathed: To the Town Council of Thirsk, sufficient funds to provide three seats in Ingramgate, Thirsk inscribed 'Gift of family of W. A. Johnson'. Mr. Hatch had told the Clerk that he envisaged teak seats. Coun. Foxton agreed to make enquiries of Mr. Jeffray of Sessay and Coun. Murkett to contact Mr. Pipes of Carlton Husthwaite regarding the making of 6' teak seats. It will be necessary to obtain permission for the siting of seats in Ingramgate.

Town Hall - Insurance A letter from the Secretary of the Town Hall enclosed a copy of a letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that the recommended cover for the Town Hall would be for £233,400.00 with a premium of £233.40. Cover of £200,000.00 is at present in force. It was agreed to request a representative of the insurance company to meet the Town Hall representatives of both Councils to discuss this matter.

Bryan Osborne Two letters presented from the Secretary, Yorkshire L.C.A., the first stating that Squadron Leader Bryan Osborne had died shortly after retiring as Assistant Secretary. The second letter stated that a retirement fund had been set up with a view to making a presentation but since his death it was felt that it would be right to set up some sort of memorial to Bryan Osborne. As this Council had previously considered making a contribution to a Presentation Fund, it was agreed to make a donation of £5.00 from the Chairman's Allowance, to the Memorial Fund.

Community Care Association Guide Letter presented from Yorkshire Publishing who have been asked by the Community Care Association to produce a Community Guide of 4,000 copies, with updated information, following two previous guides of only 500 copies produced by the C.C.A. It is the intention to provide one for every household in Thirsk and Sowerby. Financing of the guide will be through the sale of advertising space to local companies. The amount of editorial will be dependent /cont

C. C. A. Guide cont. upon advertising sales. To make the project as successful as possible, a lot of support is needed from local traders and it would be extremely helpful to know that they have the backing of the Town Council before approaching potential advertisers. Members agreed to give moral support to the project and wish it every success but regretted that financial support was not available.

Society of Local Council Clerks Reminder received that the subscription of £20.00 is overdue. It was decided not to meet this expense this year.

Consultation with Parish Councils concerning Planning Applications A letter from the Chief Planner stated that as from 1st May it is proposed that Parish/Town Councils should retain the copy of plans forwarded for their comments until after the application has been determined and their copy of the determination notice has been received. Plans should then be returned with any comments on current applications. It is envisaged that the plans will be returned within 14 days of receiving the notice of determination.

Council Responsibilities A letter from Mr. A. Palliser asked how much the Council has in hand, cash-wise, after paying the Clerk's salary, the Cemetery Superintendent's salary and the £2,000.00 part wages of the footpath sweeper. Sowerby P.C. pays just £500.00. Thirsk should not pay £2,000.00. It is not a public health authority or a highway authority. The Street Sweeper's wages should be paid out of the general rate, which would leave the Town Council with £2,000.00 to spend on Thirsk. It was agreed to reply stating that the Clerk's salary, the Cemetery Supt's salary and the part wages of the Street Sweeper are all considered to be necessary payments. Mr. Palliser was a member of the Council when the street sweeping percentage charge was accepted. If the Town Council refuses to pay its contribution towards the cost of street sweeping, it will be added onto the Parish Rate by the District Council. Sowerby P.C.'s payment last year was low due to the fact that they had overpaid in the previous year. Also Sowerby's hours of street sweeping are far less than Thirsk's and they do not have to bear the cost of the Market Place.

Market Place A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade stated that on Sunday, 18th May, a hot dog salesman and an ice cream salesman were engaged in retailing on the Market Place. The police were unable to take any action to prevent this. The Chamber of Trade feared that a small Sunday market could develop on the cobbles and asked for the Town Council's assistance in dealing with the matter. Coun. Craig told the meeting that he was aware of the situation and had taken up the matter with the Environmental Health Department of the H.D.C.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Extension to Existing Bungalow and Construction of a Domestic Garage at 'Trebornil' Felixkirk Road for Mr. R. Wilkinson. No Representations.

Display of a Non Illuminated Fascia Sign at 37 & 39, Westgate for British Gas. No Representations.

Extension to Existing Gas Showroom by incorporating the use of the ground floor of an Existing Adjacent Dwelling at 37 & 39, Westgate for British Gas. No Representations.

Extension to Existing Car Park & Alteration to Existing Vehicular Access at the Masonic Hall, Castle Garth for Mr. J. Bell. Would prefer to see the Car Park extended at the other end of the Masonic Hall, rather than it encroach onto Castle Garth. Suggest a site meeting to discuss this further.

Construction of a Detached Bungalow and Domestic Garage at Land to the rear of St. Giles Close for D. Garner & Sons Ltd. Approve but as the access road is so close to adjacent properties it should be fenced.

Alteration to Previous Planning Condition to Allow for Increased Opening Hours of Existing Restaurant at Stoneybrough for Mr. A. Ardron. Having been assured that the application is for increased Restaurant Opening Hours and not Licensing Hours, recommend Approval.

Use of Disused Bacon Factory and Slaughterhouse for Light Industrial Purposes for Grunta Ltd. Approve.

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Plans cont.

Revised Application for the Layout of Land and the Construction of a Building to provide Aged Persons Residential Accommodation at Gillings Court for Abbeyfield Thirsk/Sowerby Society. Draw attention to lack of sufficient bathroom facilities, and to W.C.s opening onto the bed sittingrooms.

Siting of a Diesel Storage Tank at the Ambulance Station for Northallerton Health Authority. No Representations.

Installation of 3 Condenser Units at the rear of 17, Central Buildings for National Westminster Bank. No Objections providing that there are no obnoxious fumes.

Extension to Existing Bungalow at 9, St. Mary's Way for Mr. W. J. Harm.
Object to window overlooking 10, St. Mary's Way.

A letter from the Chief Planner invited further comment on the 5 supermarket proposals following an exhibition by the developers in the Town Hall. Coun. Loveden questioned the need for another supermarket. 5 members agreed that it is not needed, this being a majority decision, Coun. Stott having left the meeting. The Planning Department to be informed that the decision of the Town Council is that they do not wish Thirsk to have another supermarket.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Hambleton District Council	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	- £143.28 ¹
F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80 ¹
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery Cutter	- £ 13.99 ¹
P. Smith	- Reimbursement of cost of Notice Board sign	- £ 4.00 ¹
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens & Mill Gdns - April	- £ 69.00 ¹

Additional Accounts

North Yorkshire P. F. A.	- Subscription	- £ 5.00 ¹
Hambleton Sports Council	- Subscription	- £ 2.00 ¹
L.C.A. Retirement Fund	- Donation to Bryan Osborne Memorial	- £ 5.00 ¹

(from Chairman's Allowance)

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

Florence Amelia Shuttleworth	Grave Space	22 D6	£ 25.00
John George Mackay	Grave Space	20 D6	£ 25.00

Any Other Business

Parking on The Green Coun. Brannon reported that the occupant of No. 88, The Green has parked a van on the grass. Letter to be sent asking for its removal.

Bakers Alley Coun. Loveden reported the bad state of the footpath in Bakers Alley. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this.

Letter Box It was reported that a letter posting box has been sited on the cobbles at the end of the bus shelter but presumed to be there as a temporary measure during alterations to the Post Office.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts reported that the footpath between Nos. 10 & 12, St. Mary's Walk is covered with rubbish. A resident has offered to keep the area tidy if the Council will arrange the removal of the rubbish. Coun. Roberts to make further enquiries.

White Line At the request of Coun. Loveden, N.Y.C.C. to be asked to renew the white lines on the road at the Westgate/Castlegate corner.

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.

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16/6/86

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 16th June 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Seats Members had met with a representative of R.A.O.B. Cliffe Top Lodge and agreed upon a site on the verge between the Millgate Car Park road and The Marriage. Permission has to be obtained from Hambleton District Council who own the verge. The Chairman is to meet an officer of H.D.C. on site before approval is given. It is anticipated that this Council will have to meet the cost of fixing the seat and for concrete slabs to be placed in front of it. It was reported that the seat, previously moved from Stockton Road, is now back in place.

Coach Parking The requested site meeting is to take place at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 17th June.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates At the meeting with representatives of the Yorkshire Water Authority and the Cod Beck Drainage Board it had been agreed that some properties subject to drainage rates should not be. Mr. Rukin of the Y.W.A. told the meeting that under the Land Drainage Act 1976 s.68(4), the Drainage Board could exempt certain persons from drainage rates and the Water Authority would recommend that this action be taken. There would still be 30 Thirsk properties within the drainage area that could not be exempt and the Drainage Board would be acting illegally if they did so, not matter how small the rate. The only means by which these properties could be de-rated would be for the Hambleton District Council to enter into a Section 81 agreement with the Water Authority and be responsible for the rate but they had always refused. Col. Consett, Chairman of the Drainage Board and a District Councillor, told the meeting that he would raise the matter again with H.D.C.

Town Clock The grant of £307.00 had been received from Hambleton District Council.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Letter presented from Mr. A. D. Robinson of the H.D.C. Planning Department, who had met with Coun. Foxton to discuss the scheme for the Cod Beck Footpaths. Mr. Robinson had also met a representative of the Yorkshire Water Authority and been told that the Authority require a 6 metre wide strip from the river bank to be kept largely free from obstacles such as newly planted trees and fences so to allow a wheeled machine access to the bank-side. Existing waterside trees and other features can be retained. The existing footpath from the wier to Stockton Road is badly in need of repair at its western end and should be treated as priority but it lies outside the Conservation Area and is not eligible for CAPE funding. South of the wier there is considerable bank undercutting. Construction of a more permanent path to replace the existing trodden way would create problems if undercutting took place and it was felt that perhaps this section should remain in its present state, although the Water Authority would raise no objections if the Town Council wanted to improve this path with a gravel or similar topping. Coun. Foxton told the meeting that she is to meet a representative of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers to discuss the scheme and will report on its outcome.

Floral Decorations Six baskets of artificial flowers had been supplied and are in place on the Council's lamp standards on the south side of the Market Place. A letter from Mr. Paul Turner, who is not charging for his labour, gave details of the work carried out on the White Mare Roundabout and the bushes and bedding plants along with fertiliser and mulch purchased at a cost of £172.67 to date. Mr. Turner also stated that in his opinion further mulch is required and this will cost between £45.88 and £56.88 depending on how much is needed. The total outlay will at most be £229.55 and that includes sufficient plants, fertiliser and mulch for the troughs in the Market Place. Members agreed that the further expenditure on mulch should be allowed. The Clerk told the meeting that a cheque for £70.00, towards the cost of maintaining the roundabout, had been received from the North Yorkshire County Council.

Road - Little Green It was agreed to enquire of H.D.C. if the planning application by F. D. Todd & Sons for residential development to the rear of 20.

Tree - Stockton Road A copy letter from the County Area Surveyor to Mrs. Elliott stated that he has now received the necessary information from the Statutory Undertakers regarding their apparatus within the verge affected. He also stated that he would be happy to meet Mrs. Elliott and a representative of the Town Council to agree a suitable position for the siting of a tree within the highway verge. After such a meeting has been held, a formal letter of approval will be sent to the Town Council setting out the conditions of approval. Coun. Roberts reported that she had met with Mrs. Elliott and the County Area Surveyor's representative and because of the amount of apparatus underneath the verge it had been agreed that representatives of the Statutory Undertakers should be invited to a site meeting in order to pinpoint the exact location of their apparatus so that a suitable site for the tree can be agreed upon.

Public Payphones It was noted that the new Public Payphones have been installed at the west side of the public conveniences in the Market Place.

Footpath - Station Road A letter from the County Surveyor stated that he notes the criticism regarding extension to the footpath on the south side of Station Road and has asked the Area Surveyor to look into the matter and respond direct to the Town Council in due course.

Encroachment at Whitelass Nothing further was reported on this matter. Coun. Roberts stated that residents of the Shire Park houses that front onto Stockton Road are contravening the planning conditions by making unauthorised accesses through the hedge. It was agreed to draw the attention of the H.D.C.'s Enforcement Officer to this.

Planning Application - A. B. Rose Nothing reported.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Public Conveniences - Market Place A further letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the concern expressed by the Town Council and Dr. Harrison has now been discussed by the Environmental Health and Control Committee. The Committee accepted that the conveniences are not altogether satisfactory and that underground conveniences are quite unsuitable for the disabled, but it could not agree that they are a health hazard and unhygienic. The conveniences were decorated throughout in 1985 and additional ventilation was provided in the Male Section. Coin-operated locks have been fitted in both the Male and Female Sections (except for one night cubicle in each Section) to give an improved standard. It is not denied that letters of complaint are received from time to time from both residents and visitors but recent inspections have revealed a satisfactory condition of cleanliness, though there is the continual problem of graffiti. The facilities are, however, conveniently situated for the bus parking area and particularly for long distance coaches and many views have been expressed that the conveniences provided at Millgate Car Park are too far away for use by passengers of the many buses and coaches which stop in the Market Place. The Committee has therefore concluded that as the circumstances now existing are no different from those which were current when the matter was last considered, that neither the closure nor the demolition of the conveniences should be entertained at the present time, particularly having regard to the requirements of visitors and residents alike in the central area of Thirsk. However, the Committee has suggested that when cleaning is undertaken, special efforts should be made to achieve a situation which will leave the conveniences in a much drier condition than is the usual practice and these comments will be passed on to the cleaners concerned. Coun. Craig, who is a member of the H.D.C. Environmental Health & Control Committee, stated that he was not present at that meeting but will take up the matter with the full Council, and request a deferment of their decision. It was agreed to accept Coun. Davison's suggestion that the Health and Safety Executive and Factory Inspectorate be asked to carry out a survey on the public conveniences in the Market Place.

Heavy Lorries through Thirsk A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the HGV origin and destination surveys, which were promised, will be carried out in early June. When the results of the survey have been collated and analysed he will be in a position to report more fully on the possibilities of implementing some form of control on heavy commercial vehicles travelling through the town.

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Memorial Stone The Clerk told members that it had been possible to cancel the order for the new stone and that Mr. Collinson had re-set the original stone on The Holmes.

Christmas Lights The Chairman told the meeting that a sub committee meeting had been held and another is being arranged.

Seats - Ingramgate Coun. Foxton had sought 2 quotations for 6' teak seats.
1. 5' teak bench - £327.87 + delivery. 2. 6' teak seat (free hand sketch submitted) - £375.00 + V.A.T. It was agreed to accept quotation No. 2 and order 3 seats from Albert Jeffray of Sessay. Permission is being sought from the North Yorkshire County Council regarding the siting of the seats in Ingramgate.

Town Hall Insurance A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 25th June when a representative of Municipal Mutual Insurance will carry out a survey on the Town Hall.

Baker's Alley A letter from the Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C. stated that the excavation of the footpath was carried out to locate the position of a stop tap. Arrangements have been made for the reinstatement to be carried out and the stop tap adjusted.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts told members that the occupier of No. 14, St. Mary's Walk had offered to keep the area tidy if arrangements could be made for the rubbish to be removed. The Chairman suggested that the gentleman write to the Environmental Health Department of H.D.C. which has the powers to remove rubbish. It was agreed that members inspect the area in question.

White Line A letter from the Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C. stated that a programme of white lining will be carried out in the near future when the lines in Castlegate and Westgate will be renewed.

Correspondence

Castlegate Youth Centre A letter from the Secretary of the Youth Centre stated that major building works are currently being carried out. The roof collapsed in August 1985 and the task of rebuilding proved to be more difficult than was first thought. The building work has been funded with the help of the Landlord, a firm of builders who have supplied nearly all the materials and a team from the Man-power Services Commission/Yorkshire Rural Community Council on a Community Programme. Building works are nearing completion and thoughts are turning to the interior decoration and furnishings. The letter continued by asking whether there is some way in which assistance could be given in getting the Club open again. Members agreed that this is a very worthwhile project. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that a donation of £100.00 be made to the Castlegate Youth Centre.' Agreed.

Register of Burials Members who had attended the meeting regarding the Cod Beck Drainage Rates had been informed that a new Register of Burials was required for the Cemetery and gave permission for one to be ordered. The Clerk reported that one had been purchased at a cost of £56.00 + V.A.T.

Audit The Clerk reported that the Audit of the Council's accounts had been completed and the Auditor had suggested that a better rate of interest could be obtained from a National Savings Bank Investment Account than in a Building Society. Enquiries are being made regarding this.

Cost of Photostating Members agreed that the cost of photostating the Minutes etc. which has previously been met by the Clerk, should be charged to the Council.

The Holmes The Clerk had been notified by Mr. John Bell of Thirsk Hall Estate that he had given permission to British Telecom to lop or remove some trees in The Holmes which were obstructing telephone lines. British Telecom will provide replacement trees.

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Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Amended Site Plan for the Construction of a Bungalow at Cemetery Lane for Mr. D. G. Collinson. No Representations.

Alterations to and Re-arrangement of Existing Shop and Betting Office at 69-71, Market Place for William Hill Organisation. No Representations.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign and a Set of Halo Illuminated Lights at The Royal for Wm. Younger Inns. No Representations.

Use of Disused Former Printing Works as Holiday Accommodation at 27, Ingramgate for Mr. J. Wilde. No Representations.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and Approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts,
sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery Cutter	- £ 18.54\
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80\
D. G. Collinson	- Quarterly Payment - April - June	- £758.75\
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June	£301.25\
	Administrative Expenses	£ 32.35\
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - The Holmes - May	- £ 75.90\
" "	- " " - The Greens & Mill Gardens - May	- £ 69.00\
John Bell	- 1 years rent - The Holmes - + 3 Wayleaves	- £ .42\

Additional Accounts

Mun. Mutual Ins.	- Inspection Service - The Holmes Play Equipment	- £ 23.04\
Yours Truly	- 6 Hang Baskets of Artificial Flowers	- £105.00\
Paul Turner	- Plants, Fertiliser etc. for White Mare Roundabout-	£172.67\
Shaw & Sons Ltd	- Register of Burials	- £ 64.40\
P. Smith	- Travelling Expenses - taking and collecting books-	£ 4.00\
	for Audit at H.D.C. Offices, Northallerton	
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter - 7 weeks	- £ 80.50\
Coun. Foxton	- Reimbursement of cost of flowers presented to	- £ 1.00\
	Mrs. Kelly	
Castlegate Youth Centre	- Donation	- £100.00\

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on the visit to Thirsk by Mike Kelly, a paraplegic, who was undertaking a wheelchair push from Fraserburgh to Sheffield to raise money for chronically sick and disabled children. Mr. Kelly had been welcomed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman on 11th June and 'seen off' on his journey on 12th by them, together with the Chairman of Hambleton District Council. Coun. Foxton had presented flowers to Mr. Kelly's wife.

Any Other BusinessMatters to be drawn to the attention of the Highways Authority:

Footpath - Cemetery to Newsham Road Coun. Brannon reported that this footpath is very overgrown.

Kerb Coun. Bickers reported a loose kerb on the corner of Bridge Street/St. James' Green.

Drain Coun. Bickers reported a blocked drain on the Little Green road.

Station Road Coun. Loveden stated that the surface of Station Road is very uneven following reinstatement after the laying of a new gas main.

Sutton Road Coun. Allenby reported that motorists are disregarding the speed limit when travelling towards White Mare Corner. This matter to be referred to the Police Traffic Section.

Mill Gardens Coun. Foxton requested a working party to tidy the Mill Gardens. The Chairman, Coun. Roberts, Coun. Davison, Coun. Loveden and the Clerk volunteered.

Ruboish - Market Place It was agreed to ask the Environmental Health Department to take action regarding the smell from rubbish outside Nelson's fruit and fish shop in the Market Place.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 21st July 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, D. S. Murkett, F. N. Dickers, A. J. Davison, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Miss J. Foxton, D. E. Loveden + 2 Members of the Public.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Seats The Chairman told the meeting that permission has been granted for the siting the R.A.O.B. seat on the Car Park verge, facing Biggins Hill. The Clerk reported that the insurance claim for repairs to the damaged seat outside 'Mind' has been settled.

Coach Parking Members were referred to the meeting of 17th June, held to discuss the lack of suitable coach parking facilities in Thirsk, and attended by Mr. Adams and Mr. Robinson of the Chief Planner & Technical Officers department, Mr. Cressey and Mr. Barker of the County Surveyors department, a representative of the Police, Coun. Mrs. M. Potter H.D.C., and members of the Town Council. Proposals to be put to the Hambleton District Council were made as follows: 1. The small Car Park should be designated for coach parking as a temporary measure. 2. The wide grassed verge between the road and the large Car Park should be removed and the area designated for coach parking in accordance with a plan presented by the Police. It was understood that funds are not available in the present financial year for the latter proposal but a request was made for provision to be made in the future. A proposal was made to put to the County Council that the road through the Car Park should be made 'one way', which would allow the parking of coaches at the roadside. A letter from the County Surveyor stated that arrangements have been made for traffic counts to be carried out on the pertinent section of the Millgate Car Park access road in the next few weeks. This will enable an assessment to be made of the amount of traffic which will be re-distributed around the town centre if a one-way system were to be introduced. A reply from the Hambleton District Council is awaited.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Nothing reported.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Nothing reported.

White Mare Roundabout The Clerk told the meeting that Mr. Paul Turner had notified her that despite being of very good quality and having been watered regularly, most of the plants had died or were dying. He had sent soil samples for tests in order to determine the cause. Coun. Murkett suggested that the roundabout should be 'flagged' with small areas left for the planting of hardy shrubs. It was agreed to await the results of the soil analysis.

Road - Little Green A letter from the Chief Planner H.D.C. stated that the Planning Committee had resolved to grant planning permission for the proposed residential development on land to the rear of 70, The Green for F. D. Todd & Sons subject to the views of the County Surveyor. There remain unresolved matters between the applicants and the County Area Surveyor and until such time as these have been settled the application cannot be determined. If the matters remain unresolved the application will need to be referred back to the Planning Committee for further consideration.

Tree - Stockton Road Nothing reported.

Footpath - Station Road A letter from the County Area Surveyor stated that the extension of the existing footway which runs along the south side of Station Road to cover the frontages of the very large and established industrial sites owned by Grunta Products and Austin Reed had been on the list of new footway proposals for some time. The road is both wide and busy at this location and the purpose of the footway extension was to minimise the need for pedestrians to cross and re-cross the road here. In addition to those living in the vicinity who would use the footway, consideration was being given to the employees and customers of the two industrial sites. There were no objections of any kind to the new footway from either Sowerby or Carlton Miniott Parish Councils and prior to the start of the work there had been considerable enthusiasm to see the work completed.

Footpath - Station Road - cont. Coun. Murkett stated that the extension would have been acceptable if it had joined up with the path at the Red House, but there is a gap of 150 - 200 yards and it is more dangerous to cross the road there, because of the bend, than where the footpath ended previously. It was agreed to request the County Council to take whatever steps are required to extend the footpath as far as the Red House.

Encroachment at Whitelass and Stockton Road A letter from the Chief Planning Officer stated that the Enforcement Officer will investigate the encroachment at Shire Park and reply in due course. Coun. Roberts reported that Shire Road has not yet been properly surfaced, kerbing has not been completed and the boundary hedge at No. 2, Shire Road, removed by the developers, has not been replaced. These matters to be brought to the attention of the Planning Dept.

Planning Application - A. B. Rose Notification received that planning permission has been granted.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Public Conveniences - Market Place The Clerk told members that the Health and Safety Executive and Factory Inspectorate is not the body to ask to carry out an inspection of the conveniences and advice had been sought from the Yorkshire L.C.A. A letter from the Assistant Secretary stated that he is not aware of any advisory body who may assist but suggested that the Council contact the Local Medical Officer of Health who is normally a local doctor. If his opinion is in agreement with the Town Council's views, then it may be that the conveniences constitute a 'statutory nuisance' within Section 92 of the Public Health Act 1936. Should it appear that there is a statutory nuisance, the Council has power to make a complaint to the magistrates against the District Council. It was agreed to ask the Local Medical Officer of Health to carry out an inspection of the conveniences. The Chairman and Coun. Murkett agreed to raise the matter of the public conveniences at the next Hambleton District Full Council meeting. Members were concerned that all the conveniences, with the exception of one male and one female section cubicle in the Market Place conveniences, are closed at 6.30 p.m. each evening. It was considered essential that all the facilities should be available in the evenings for the benefit of visitors to the town. It was agreed to make a request to H.D.C. that all the conveniences remain open until 10.00 p.m. and suggest that they could be locked by the person who is employed to lock the Car Park barrier.

Heavy Lorries through Thirsk Nothing reported.

Seats - Ingramgate The Clerk reported that 3 seats have been ordered from Albert Jeffray with delivery expected in September. Reply awaited from N.Y.C.C. regarding siting the seats.

Town Hall Insurance Following a meeting attended by Coun. Roberts, the Clerk and two members of Sowerby P. C. the Municipal Mutual Insurance Fire Surveyor carried out a valuation of the Town Hall and the opinion of the Insurance Company is that a figure of £266,426 should be placed on the Building for Insurance purposes. It was stressed that this figure is only a suggested amount and the Sum Insured on the building must be the decision of the Committee as the Company cannot be held responsible should the suggested amount prove to be inadequate in the future. The sum insured of £266,426 is the current re-building cost of the property (New for Old basis) and includes cover for removal of debris and Architects and Surveyors fees. The premium at the moment is £200,00 and if the Committee eventually decided to increase the Sum insured to the suggested figure then the yearly premium would increase by £66.43 to £266.43 per annum. It was agreed that the cover should be increased in November when the premium is due but if Sowerby P. C., as co-owners, wish it, the cover should be increased immediately.

St. Mary's Walk Members agreed to inspect the site and report to the next meeting.

Audit - Investment The Clerk had received information regarding National Savings Investment Accounts which require 28 days notice of withdrawals. It was felt that this could cause problems as money would not be readily available. It was considered that possibly an account could be opened when the Precept is received with a balance also being kept in the Building Society.

Highway Matters A letter from the Divisional Surveyor referred to the following:

Footpath - Cemetery to Newsham Road As soon as the N.Y.J.C. are on top of their grass cutting activities the overgrown footpath will be attended to.

Kerb The kerb in St. James' Green will be dealt with shortly.

Station Road The trench in Station Road is included in a contract for reinstatement to commence very shortly. In the meantime, NEGAS have been requested to ensure that the trench is maintained in a safe condition.

Speeding - Sutton Road A letter from the Chief Superintendent of Police stated that arrangements have been made for speed checks to be carried out. It pointed out that often the nature and character of the road distorts the speed at which vehicles are travelling and the perceived speed appears greater than the actual speed. Demands on the police to enforce speed limits have increased in recent years due to the introduction of many new speed limits and the level of attention which can be given to particular complaints of this nature have to be balanced against demands as a whole. Officers will however, carry out speed checks in the area as and when resources are available.

Mill Gardens The Chairman praised the efforts of Coun. Foxton, Coun. Roberts, the Clerk and Mrs. Margett in tidying up Mill Gardens. Coun. Foxton told members that there is still work to be done and more shrubs are required. Coun. Roberts agreed to obtain a shrub catalogue. The Chairman reported that the flower troughs in the Market Place and been repaired and re-planted. The troughs around Hambleton District Council's trees have been cleared out.

Supermarket Sites The exhibition in the Town Hall had attracted 1400 people, 940 of whom completed questionnaires with 856 in favour of a new supermarket. 401 members of the public favoured the Bamlett site, 218 the Long Street sites and 167 for The Nurseries. There was also a petition of 1400 signatures against The Nurseries site. The H.D.C. Planning Committee on a 12 - 6 majority resolved to accept the Bamlett site and the A.T.S. site on Long Street and reject The Nurseries. The full Council of H.D.C. overturned the Planning Committee's decision on a 20 - 11 vote with one third of the members absent.

Notice of Motion - Coun. Roberts Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Foxton 'This Council should inform Hambleton District Council that it is dismayed at the decision taken regarding supermarket sites.' Coun. Roberts stated that this Council is appalled and dismayed at the decision taken by H.D.C. regarding the siting of supermarkets in Thirsk. Having staged an exhibition and asking for the public's opinion, which opinion was endorsed by the Planning Committee. The whole Council then reversed the Planning Committee's decision and totally ignored the wishes of the people of Thirsk. The Planning Committee voted for what the people wanted and for the whole Council to go against that decision brings the whole idea of Local Government into disrepute.

A letter from Mr. A. Palliser referred to a letter to the Press from Mr. J. Bell who suggested that the people of Thirsk and Sowerby should make their opinions known by writing to the Secretary of State for the Environment. A letter from Mrs. V. Margett expressed concern over the recent planning approval by Hambleton District Council for a supermarket to be built on The Nurseries site. It was noted that Coun. Craig, as a District Councillor, had voted against The Nurseries site and Coun. Murkett in favour. All the members present, with the exception of Coun. Murkett, were against the siting of a supermarket at The Nurseries. Coun. Brannon stated that there should be a public enquiry. On an amendment to the motion - Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Allenby 'That there should be a public enquiry so that the public can express their opinions'. Voting - in Favour of the Amendment - 5. In Favour of the Motion - 4. Amendment carried.

A request to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for a Public Enquiry.

Report of the Christmas Lights Sub Committee Coun. Roberts reported that Mr. Campbell, Electrician, had been asked to inspect the lights and give an assessment of what can be done with them. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that Austin Reed have decorations that may be of use to the Town Council.

Correspondence

Citizens Advice Bureau A copy of the Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report presented.

Yorkshire L.C.A. Letter received from the Secretary of the Yorkshire L.C.A. regarding poor attendance at Branch Meetings and asking member councils to be represented at all meetings.

Yorkshire L.C.A. Notice received of the Training Weekend for Councillors and Clerks and A.G.M. at Askham Bryan College, York on 6th/7th September.

Civil Defence Notification received that Coun. Foxton and Coun. Loveden have completed a Civil Defence Community Adviser Course.

Yorkshire and Humberside Region of the Sports Council Letter received regarding the Annual Capital Grant Programme 1987/88.

Coun. Loveden arrived at the meeting at this point.

Litter A letter from Joyce and Mark Davidson of Canada stated that Thirsk was a 'must' on a trip to this country as they had read the James Herriot books. They were quite surprised when they found so much rubbish about, especially in the market square. It seemed so sad that such a lovely town should be treated with such disrespect, especially when tourism likely plays such an important part in the local economy. Coun. Brannon asked why the promised mechanical sweeper had not been provided. Coun. Murkett stated that there are funds available to provide one. Coun. Loveden stated that the person in charge of street sweeping should be taken around the town and shown the problems. Members commented on the amount of litter after the markets have been held. It was agreed to ask Mr. Parker, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Mr. Hayward, Cleansing Officer, and Mr. Adams, Principal Technical Officer, to meet members one Monday afternoon towards the close of the market to discuss the litter and street cleaning problems and other problems appertaining to the markets.

Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 - Appeal by D. Garner & Sons Ltd. A copy of the grounds of appeal against the H.D.C.'s refusal to grant planning permission for the construction of a bungalow at land to the rear of St. Giles Close. It was agreed to reiterate the original comments which were to recommend approval but as the access road is so close to adjacent properties, it should be fenced.

Hambleton District Council Accommodation Guide Preliminary notice received together with a price list for advertisements for the 1987 Guide, being published by Yorkshire Publishing of Easingwold.

Road Race Notification received of a road relay race of 1000 miles passing through 5 countries from Germany to Scotland. The runners will be passing through Thirsk at 7.00 a.m. on 31st July.

The Parish Councillor's Guide It was agreed to purchase, at a cost of £5.75 + 40p postage each, 2 copies of The Parish Councillor's Guide, a paperback of over 200 pages giving a comprehensive but easy to follow guide to the law and practice of Local Councils.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign and a Set of Halo Illuminated Letters at The Royal for Wm. Younger Inns. No Representations.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 1, Kemps Yard for Mr. J. Goldthorp. Approve.

Use of Disused Dwelling with Offices and Adjoining Land as Meeting Rooms with Car Park at 121, Long Street for Thirsk Congregation of Jehovah. Approve.

Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 28, 29 & 30, Hambleton Park, Phase II for Barratt Newcastle Ltd. No Representations.

Change of Use of Existing Dwelling with Shop to Offices with Residential Accommodation at 1, Norby Front Street for North Yorkshire East Federation of W. I's. Approve.

Plans cont.

Conversion of Disused Printing Works to a Dwelling at 27, Ingramgate for Mr. J. Wilde. No Representations.

A letter from the Planning Officer asked for comments on the request by Mr. Herrington of 22, Alexander Close for permission to replace the existing boundary hedge with a brick wall not exceeding 1.8 metres in height. The original planning permission stated the hedge shall not be topped, felled or removed without the prior express permission of the L.P.A. Members agreed that the removal of the hedge would be detrimental to the wild life of the area but would not object to it being lopped to a height of 6 - 7 feet. The Council would not object to a fence or wall being erected to the rear of the hedge on the applicant's own property.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Mun. Mutual Ins. Ltd	- Combined Insurance Policy Premium	- £203.92\
Yorks. Water Authy	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 1st Qtr.-	£ 37.03A
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 14.97A
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying of Skip & 4 weeks hire	- £ 39.10A
Audit Commission	- Audit Charges	- £ 93.44A
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Greens, Holmes & Mill Gdns - June	£144.90 \

L. C. Hopps	- Repairs to seat outside 'Mind'	- £ 42.36A
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Additional Accounts

Power Point	- 5 weeks hire of grass cutter	- £ 57.50A
Anglia B. S.	- Transfer to Investment Account	- £550.00A
Thirsk Military Images	- Plaque presented to Turnerschaft Band	- £ 6.88A
Yorks. L.C.A.	- 2 copies of The Parish Councillors Guide	- £ 12.30A

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

David Alan Lee	3 E1	£25.00
John Grey	4 AA Garden of Rest	£25.00
David A. & Patricia D. Lee	4 E1	£25.00
Mrs. J. Wilson	6 E1	£50.00
Ethel Simpson	5 E1	£25.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman told members of a visit to Thirsk by the Turnerschaft Band of Harburg, Germany which played in the Market Place on 7th July. The Chairman had been presented with a pennant. Coun. Loveden was thanked for supplying a plaque, depicting the Town Clock, which was presented to the band, being paid for out of the Chairman's Allowance. The Chairman asked councillors to help tidy up the town. The County Council to be asked to repair the raised areas around the lamp standards on the bus park and opposite the Golden Fleece. The Principal Technical Officer's attention to be drawn to the state of the cobbles when he attends the site meeting.

Any Other Business

Bus Shelter Coun. Allenby pointed out that the bus shelter has been vandalised again and was told that it is to be partly bricked up.

Christmas Lights Coun. Loveden stated that he had received a favourable response from the Chamber of Trade regarding Christmas Lights.

The Holmes Coun. Foxton asked that Mrs. Reynard be thanked for planting the flower troughs. It was agreed to plant two trees to commemorate the Royal Wedding. Coun. Brannon reported that he had contacted the Police regarding youths camping at Whitelass.

Car Park Coun. Roberts reported that Mr. Farouharson, whose premises face onto the Car Park has built a concrete ramp and tarmaced the footpath but has been refused permission by H.D.C. to tarmac a small untidy area of their land. The Chairman to take up the matter with H.D.C.

Garden - Little Green The Chairman asked for the Sub Committee to inspect the Council's garden on the Little Green.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
18th August 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, F. N. Bickers,
A. J. Davison, D. E. Loveden, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Mrs. M. Potter (H.D.C.) +
1 Member of the Public.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. J. Brannon.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Seat - Car Park Verge The Chairman reported that Mr. Collinson will fix the seat this
week, after which it will be officially handed over to the town
by R.A.O.B. Cliff Top Lodge.

Coach Parking Nothing reported.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Nothing reported.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Nothing reported.

White Mare Roundabout A report from the National Pesticides Residues Unit at Cambridge
stated that symptoms strongly suggest atrazine or simazine in
the soil. It was agreed to invite Mr. Woods, N.Y.D.C. Divisional Surveyor, and Mr. Turner
to the next meeting to discuss the future of the roundabout. The meeting to commence at
7.00 p.m.

Road - Little Green Further reply from the Planning Officer awaited. The Clerk had
received a complaint from the occupants of No. 89, The Green
regarding a hole in the roadway outside their house which had been caused when property,
acquired by Compulsory Purchase, had been demolished and Council houses erected. It
was agreed to ask the Principal Technical Officer to have the necessary repairs carried
out.

Tree - Stockton Road Nothing reported.

Footpath - Station Road A letter from the County Area Surveyor stated that the further
extension of the footpath as far as the Red House would involve
the acquisition of land. The Town Council's request would be discussed by the relevant
sub committee and would be dependent upon funds being available.

Encroachment at Stockton Road Reply awaited from the Planning Department.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Public Conveniences - Market Place A letter from Dr. Brackenridge, District Medical
Officer and Medical Officer, Environmental Health
H.D.C., stated that he will visit the conveniences but it will be as M.E.O.H. to H.D.C.
and his advice will be tendered to the District Council to whom he has a contractual
duty as their Medical 'Proper Officer'. A further letter stated that he visited the
conveniences in the company of the Chief Environmental Health Officer and a female
Environmental Health Officer. No other Officers or staff were notified of the visit so
as to ensure that no special cleaning or other arrangements were undertaken in advance.
A full report of the visit and advice is being sent to the Chief Executive H.D.C. The
advice as M.E.O.H. is tendered to the District Council and it will be a matter for the
District Council how far they feel they are able to comply with it. On the basis of
the visit Dr. Brackenridge stated that he cannot consider that the premises could in any
way approximate to a 'Statutory Nuisance' within Section 92 of the Public Health Act 1936
and he certainly could not urge the demolition or closure of the building. A letter
from the Chief Executive H.D.C. referred to the unscheduled visit and stated that the
District Council cannot accept the Town Council's assertion that the public conveniences
are unhygienic. Members commented that the improved conditions were due to the publicity
in the press. It was noted that painting had recently been carried out. It was agreed
to reply pointing out these facts and to request that the exterior be painted, the
interior modernised and adequate funds available for supplies of cleaning, disinfecting
and toilet materials.

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Heavy Lorries through Thirsk Nothing reported.

Seats - Ingramgate Reply still awaited from the County Area Surveyor.

Town Hall Insurance Sowerby P.C. had considered that cover should be increased immediately and this had been done.

St. Mary's Walk The Chairman stated that the path is not the responsibility of the Town Council. Coun. Roberts suggested seeking the advice of Mr. Woods on having it made a Public Footpath.

Supermarket Sites A letter from the Department of the Environment stated that the responsibility for the administration of normal day-to-day planning control rests with Hambleton District Council, as the democratically elected L.P.A. It is the general policy of the Secretary of State not to interfere in the exercise of these responsibilities unless matters of regional or national importance are involved. The Secretary of State has given careful consideration to the request for a public inquiry but on the information available he has decided that this would appear to concern local issues only and is not a case which he would wish to remove from the jurisdiction of the L.P.A. If it is considered that injustice has been caused by maladministration within the Council then the matter can be raised with the local ombudsman who will investigate the complaint. It was decided that this is not a matter for the ombudsman. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Chief Executive I.D.C. be asked to come and discuss the District Council's decision on supermarket sites with this Council and Sowerby Parish Council'. Agreed.

Market Place A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that repairs will be carried out to the surrounds of the lighting columns in the near future.

Garden - Little Green Nothing reported.

Meeting with Hambleton District Council Officers A meeting had taken place on Monday, 4th August with the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Cleansing Officer, The Principal Technical Officer and the Market Superintendent. Subjects discussed were the Markets and Litter, the general Litter problem, Street Sweeping and the Public Conveniences. A letter from the C.E.H.O. stated that the Market Superintendent has an extremely difficult job in keeping a balance between being fair with regard to the implementation of the Market Trading Conditions and Byelaws and keeping on good terms with the Market Traders. With regard to the 3' gap between stalls and the footpath, the possibility of a white line being painted on the Market Place will be investigated. Investigations will also take place into the possibility of purchasing plastic cards for display on stalls giving details of name, town of origin etc. of stallholders. Identification of the Market Superintendent presents a problem in that it presents a security risk and it is suggested that a letter box be added to the Superintendent's hut in case of any enquiries or queries being made in his absence. The cleansing of the Market Area is undertaken by three Environmental Health Dept. employees although some litter is inevitably trapped beneath parked cars. The answer as far as the weekend litter is concerned is to reintroduce weekend sweeping, Sunday A.M. at least. This matter will have to be dealt with by the Chief Planning and Technical Officer. A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the Council is looking into alternative ways of making the bus shelter as vandal-proof as possible, but before any decision is made he would be grateful for the Town Council's opinion on the matter. He would also be pleased to know if the Town Council would be willing to take over future maintenance of the bus shelter and what works would be required before doing so. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the present bus shelter should be replaced with a brick structure facing the Market Place'. Agreed. Members agreed that the Town Council will not accept responsibility for future maintenance at the present time.

Christmas Lights Members were told of a meeting between the sub committee and the Chairman and Secretary & a member of the Chamber of Trade together with a member of the Rotary Club. The Chamber of Trade offered to donate their lights and £100.00 a year for three years, with no strings attached, to the Town Council. They were told that it is intended to concentrate on the Town Clock this year. Members agreed to accept the offer in principle when it is received in writing.

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Christmas Lights cont/ Coun. Roberts told the meeting that the Rotary Club are investigating the possibility of replacing a dead birch tree in the Market Place, the property of I.D.C., with a spruce which would serve as a permanent Christmas Tree.

Town Hall Annexe Coun. Davison stated that the annexe will need replacing in the next few years and would involve a cost of £27,000 - £28,000. The Round Table had offered one year's income towards the cost. Coun. Roberts stated that the annexe will last for a good many years yet. Any replacement would have to be a joint project with Sowerby P.C. Coun. Davison asked for and was granted permission to privately explore finance for a replacement.

Correspondence

Extension of Hackney Carriage Controls Section 171 (4) Public Health Act 1975

Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Leisure and Amenities Committee intends to pass the following resolution:- 'In pursuance of Section 180 of and Schedule 14 Part II of the L.G.A. 1972, it is hereby resolved that Section 171 (4) of the Public Health Act 1975 shall apply throughout the area of the District of Hambleton. It is further resolved that application be made to the Secretary of State for approval of the above resolution.' The effect of the resolution is to extend throughout the District the application of the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 relating to hackney carriages, such as those with respect to the licensing of, and the making of byelaws for regulating hackney carriages.

The Holmes Play Equipment A report from the Municipal Mutual Insurance Inspector stated that the equipment is satisfactory with the exception of the Parallel Bars where the end caps are missing.

Hambleton District Guide Letter received from Yorkshire Publishing stated that the 1986 edition was so well received that extra copies had to be printed. There will be 15,000 copies of the 1987 print run. It was noted that the cost of an advertisement of the same size as the one inserted by this Council in the current edition has risen from £60.00 to £90.00. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Davison 'Not to subscribe to the 1987 edition.' Agreed.

North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council Letter received from the Regional Secretary stating that as the Gas Bill has now received Royal Assent, one of the consequences is the abolition of the existing National and Regional Gas Consumers' Councils and the establishment of a new Gas Consumers' Council, effective from 23rd August 1986. This Council's nominee, Coun. Allenby's membership of the N.E.G.C. ceases on that date. A new Gas Consumers' Council is being established and local members will be appointed. It is possible that the Town Council will be approached again about nominations to the new body in the future.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Notice received of a training conference 'It's Child's Play' to be held on 10th Oct. at New Sarwick for people involved in the design, selection and maintenance of play equipment. Coun. Roberts expressed her willingness to attend. It was agreed to pay the conference fee of £8.00.

Cemetery Water Supply The Clerk told the meeting that Mr. Collinson, the Cemetery Superintendent, who is building a dwelling at the rear of his Monumental Masons workshop, is obtaining his water supply from the Norby Estate, and had suggested that the Town Council might like to consider a new supply for the Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge at the same time. In view of the problems experienced with the present supply during a severe spell several winters ago it was agreed to meet with a representative of the Water Authority to discuss the matter.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Application for First Floor extension to Existing Bungalow at Plump Bank Bungalow for Mr. & Mrs. P. Adlington. No Representations.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Part Demolition of Existing Building at 64, Market Place for Calteale Ltd. No Representations.

Siting of 1 Additional Mobile Home at Land at Millbank Court for Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Parker. No Representations.

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Plans cont/

Outline Application for Residential Development at Land Adjacent to St. Mary's Walk and Dowber Way, Hambleton Park, for Barratt Newcastle Ltd. No Representations.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse and Construction of a Domestic Garage at 55, The Green for Mr. J. Chaudhry. No Objections provided that neighbouring properties and not obstructed. Suggest the N.Y.P.F.A. be contacted regarding access from Stammergeate.

Use of Existing Shop Unit as a Hot Food Take-Away at Unit 3, Bakers Alley for Mrs. N. Stott and Mrs. J. M. Raff. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the area and there are already sufficient take-away shops in Thirsk.

Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Box Sign at Victoria Wine, 20, Market Place. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that Illuminated Signs are not in keeping with a Conservation Area.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Building at 24, Finkle Street for Market Town Properties. The Town Council is totally opposed to the development of the Nurseries as a supermarket and the demolition of a Listed Building to suit the purposes of the developers.

Use of Parts of Existing Racecourse for Sunday Markets at Thirsk Racecourse for Messrs. Bosomworth and Anderson. Recommend Refusal on the following grounds: 1. The residents of Station Road would suffer inconvenience from litter, noise and additional traffic.

2. Businesses in Thirsk already have competition from Monday and Saturday markets.

3. Sunday Markets would be detrimental to local shops and official markets.

A letter from the Chamber of Trade drew attention to the above observations.

Accounts The following accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Davison,
sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol - Cemetery	- £ 16.19
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks Rental of Skip	- £ 13.80
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - The Greens, Mill Gardens	- £14.90
	& The Holmes - July	

Additional Accounts

Peat & Son	- Headed Notepaper	- £ 22.54
P. Turner	- Reimbursement of cost of Soil Analysis	- £ 10.50
N.Y.P.F.A.	- Conference Fee	- £ 8.00

Chairman's Report Coun. Craig drew attention to the state of the Dowber Way/Hambleton Place ditch where rats have been sighted and children who have been playing in the vicinity have been suffering from an illness which it is thought could have been caused by contamination from the ditch. It was agreed to again request the Principal Technical Officer to have the ditch culverted.

Any Other Business

Thirsk Railway Station Coun. Loveden reported that rumours are circulating that the station is being 'run down' towards eventual closure. It was agreed to write to British Rail regarding this.

Rats Coun. Allenby stated that he had seen a huge rat in the vicinity of the Public Conveniences in the Market Place. This matter to be reported to the E.H.O.

Disc Parking Coun. Roberts requested that N.D.J. be asked when Disc Parking will be implemented in the Market Place and stated that the parking situation is deterring visitors from coming to Thirsk.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Handwritten signature: Craig
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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th September 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon, D. E. Loveden, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers, A. J. Davison, Miss J. Foxton & Mr. M. Woods (Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C.)
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. D. S. Murkett.

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

White Mare Roundabout Mr. Woods attended the meeting to discuss the roundabout. He told members that total weed killer had been used to remove weed growth after the cotoneasters were removed two years ago and none had been used since that time. It was possible for faint traces to remain for up to twelve months. A supply of new soil had been put on the roundabout and at a later date ammonium sulphate had been added to reduce the ph content which was thought to have been one of the causes for the failure of the plants in 1985. Mr. Woods stated that there are plans to resurface the road at the roundabout and some kerbing will be involved. He offered to have all the soil removed from the roundabout and replaced with a new supply, to cover it with a thick plastic sheet to deter weed growth, followed by a layer of gravel. Small slits would be made in the gravel to enable the planting of low shrubs. The County Council will subscribe annually towards the cost of planting and maintenance if the Town Council will be responsible for maintenance. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Roberts 'to proceed along the lines as suggested by Mr. Woods.' Agreed. It was agreed that low growing conifers would be the most suitable type of shrub.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Seat - Car Park Verge The seat is now in place and will be officially handed over to the Town Council at 7.00 p.m. on 23rd September.

Coach Parking Nothing reported.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates A letter from the Division General Manager, Y.W.A., stated that the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board has agreed to make an Exemption Order for properties in the Barbeck area and the new estate on Stockton Road, both of which lie within the Drainage District but warrant exemption from rates in view of the height of the properties above the highest recorded flood level in Cod Beck. The Exemption Order will benefit many of the petitioners but others, for example in Finkle Street, are quite properly within the Drainage District and below the highest flood contour and therefore, will remain liable to a Drainage Rate as determined by the Board.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Coun. Foxton told the meeting that she is to meet a representative of the British Trust Conservation Volunteers to look at the scheme for The Holmes.

Road - Little Green Reply still awaited from the Planning Officer. It was understood that the Principal Technical Officer is arranging to have the road outside No. 89, The Green repaired.

Tree - Stockton Road Nothing reported.

Encroachment at Stockton Road Reply from Planning Department still awaited.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Public Conveniences - Market Place It was reported that £20,000.00 has been allocated for modernising and refurbishing the conveniences.

Heavy Lorries through Thirsk Nothing reported. Coun. Davison expressed concern that when the A1/Baldersby flyover is completed, traffic will be directed via the A61 through Thirsk to the A19 instead of using the by-pass. This to be brought to the attention of the County Surveyor.

Seats - Ingramgate The Clerk told the meeting that the seats have been completed and will be in place on the sites in Ingramgate, agreed with Mr. Woods, in the very near future.

St. Mary's Walk Mr. Woods agreed to inspect the path with Coun. Roberts.

Supermarket Sites Reply awaited from the Chief Executive H.D.C.

Bus Shelter The Principal Technical Officer had told the Clerk that it would be very expensive to build a new bus shelter and suggested that a 'see through' type of unbreakable material might be suitable.

Christmas Lights The Chairman told the meeting that a donation of £100.00 has been received from the Chamber of Trade together with the lights. It was agreed to invite local electricians to submit tenders 'to test existing equipment, erect the Christmas Lights on the Town Clock to the Town Council's specification and dismantle after the Christmas period.' Tenders to be received in time for the October meeting. Coun. Loveden agreed to show the equipment to the electricians.

The Holmes Play Equipment The Parallel Bars to be inspected by the sub committee.

Cemetery Water Supply The Clerk stated that a representative of the Water Authority had suggested that application be made for a new water supply in order for the cost to be assessed. The water meter would not be sited on Council land and it would be necessary for a trench to be dug for the new pipes to be laid. Mr. Collinson had indicated that he would be willing to carry out this work. It was agreed to submit an application for a new supply and await notification of the cost.

Ditch - Dowber Way/Hambleton Place The Principal Technical Officer had told the Clerk that he was considering putting a solid base in the ditch, as discussed with Coun. Craig, and he would ask for the matter to be on the agenda of the next Housing Services Committee meeting. It would not be possible to have the ditch culverted as this was a requirement of the Yorkshire Water Authority, so that it is open in the event of a flood. It was agreed to write to the Y.W.A. asking if it is still necessary for the ditch to remain uncultivated.

Thirsk Railway Station A letter from the Acting Area Manager, British Rail, stated that train services at Thirsk are not likely to change significantly in the foreseeable future, except for improvements planned for 1987 to put the train service on a regular two hourly basis.

Disc Parking The Principal Technical Officer had told the Clerk that after all the necessary consultations have taken place, it is anticipated that Disc Parking will be in operation in time for Easter 1987.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Proposed Amendment to One-Way System, Piper Lane

Letter presented from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. stating that the County Council intends to make a Traffic Regulation Order which would have the effect of reducing the length of Piper Lane's existing one-way limit. It was agreed to object on the grounds that the road is too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic. Consideration should also be given to residents of Piper Lane with garages.

Correspondence

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Thomas Albert Daffurn and Nigel Keith Akeroyd to apply for the transfer of the licence in respect of the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Municipal Mutual Insurance Letter received stating that it will be necessary to increase the Engineering premium and fees for inspection contracts by 5% for renewals due on or after 1st October 1986.

64, Market Place Notice received from Thresher Wine Merchants (incorporating Ashe and Nephew) of their intention to apply for the provisional grant of a Justices' licence in respect of 64, Market Place, Thirsk.

The Holmes Letter received from Mrs. K. Reynard expressing concern about a tree which appears to have been affected by the recent high winds and which she feared could blow down in the next high winds. The Chairman agreed to carry out an inspection.

Planning Applications - Supermarkets Letter received from Mr. A. Palliser expressing the hope that the Town Council will oppose the demolition of Listed Buildings and also the use of Chapel Street for further heavy traffic.

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following applications:

Revised Details of the Layout of Land for the Construction of a Detached Dwelling to Include an Amendment to Previously Approved Application at Plot 47 and Adjoining Land at Hambleton Park for Barratt Newcastle Ltd. No Representations.

Display of 2 Internally Illuminated Projecting Signs at White Horse House, Long Street for White Horse Office Systems Ltd. Object to Illuminated Signs on the grounds that they could be a distraction at the Zebra Crossing. No Objection to Non Illuminated Signs.

Extension to Existing Offices at White Horse House, Long Street for White Horse Office Systems Ltd. No Objections to the Extension but request a 4' wide path and kerb at the front boundary to protect pedestrians.

Conversion of Existing Disused Printing Works to a Dwelling at 27, Ingramgate for Mr. A. J. Wilde. Approve.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Buildings at 22, Finkle Street.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Buildings at the rear of 60/62, Market Place.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Public House and Restaurant to form 3 Shop Units with Covered Pedestrian Link at Golden Lion. Construction of a Retail Store with Associated Car Parking and Conversion of Ground Floors of Existing Public House and Existing Restaurant to 3 Shop Units at Land South of Finkle Street for Wright (Properties) Ltd.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Public House and Associated Buildings to Form 8 Shop/Office Units and Cafe at Golden Lion.

Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Existing Buildings at 'The Nursery', off Finkle Street.

Construction of a Retail Store with Associated Car Parking, Including the Conversion of Existing Buildings to Form 8 Shop/Office Units and Cafe at 60/62, Market Place for Market Town Properties Ltd.

Amended Plan for the latter application showing Limited Egress to Chapel Street. Members were totally opposed to Supermarket Development on The Nurseries and to Egress to Chapel Street from The Nurseries site.

Objections to Egress to Chapel Street: Chapel Street is too narrow to accommodate any additional traffic. Problems are already encountered with large vehicles servicing existing businesses. Additional traffic would hamper the passage of emergency vehicles to the Hospital, Health Centre and Old People's Home.

Additional traffic would be a hazard for the elderly and infirm crossing the road from Cherry Garth Old People's Home. The access/egress at the Castlegate/Westgate junction is too narrow for two vehicles to pass and vehicles frequently mount the pavement at this point. Vehicles turning right from Chapel Street have to cross a line of traffic on an already busy road and additional traffic would result in more hold-ups. Traffic leaving Chapel Street crosses the main pedestrian way to Sowerby via The Flatts walk.

Prop. Coun. Brannon, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that this Council totally opposes the demolition of any Listed Buildings in connection with supermarket development'

Voting - 5 in Favour - 1 Against - 2 Abstentions.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Power Point	- 5 Weeks hire of Grass Cutter (July/August)	- £ 57.50 ¹
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks rental of Skip	- £ 13.80 ¹
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 7.50 ¹
D. G. Collinson	- Quarterly Payment - July - Sept. £758.75	
	Int. Ivy Thompson Investment £ 13.43	
	Int. Bank Investment £ 7.96	- £ 780.14 ¹
P. Smith	- Salary - July - Sept. £316.25	
	Administrative Expenses £ 39.75	- £ 356.00 ¹
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - The Holmes, Greens & Mill	
	Gardens - August	- £ 144.90 ¹
Cod Beck Internal DB	- Drainage Rates	- £ 2.40 ¹

Additional Accounts

Coun. Loveden	- Travelling Expenses	- £ 18.80
Albert Jeffray	- 3 Teak Seats (Bequest of Mrs. M. A. Shaw)	- £1366.20
D. G. Collinson	- Fixing R.A.C.B. Presentation Seat on Concrete base	- £ 74.75
Power Point	- 4 Weeks Hire of Grass Cutter	- £ 46.00
Anglia B.S.	- Transfer to Investment Account	- £3300.00

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Arthur Heptonstall 10 £1 £ 25.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that 15 trees had been blown down in The Holmes during the recent storms. He had arranged for their removal. This action was approved by members. There are also trees down in Whitelass and an inspection is to be carried out by The Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Any Other Business

Mill Gardens Coun. Foxton suggested a final clean up of Mill Gardens before winter. The Chairman stated that H.D.C. are providing a new large litter bin for the Gardens.

White Horse Cafe Coun. Bickers reported a loose flagstone outside the cafe.. He was told by the Chairman that it is on private land and is being attended to.

Market Place Coun. Roberts reported that tanks had been driven onto the cobbles recently. The matter to be brought to the attention of the Principal Technical Officer.

Castlegate Youth Centre Coun. Foxton told the meeting that the Youth Club has reached the Village Ventures final.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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APPLICATIONS NOS. 2/86/152/0309D/L/T/G - WRIGHT (PROPERTIES) LTD.

COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE APPLICATIONS FROM THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Thirsk Town Council is totally opposed to the demolition of any Listed Buildings in connection with supermarket development and to Access/Egress at Finkle Street.

Plan 8164.18 shows a window projecting on the west gable wall of the Chinese Restaurant over the pavement on the access road to the Three Tuns Hotel yard. The pavement at this point is only 2'3" wide and this would be a hazard, causing pedestrians to step off it into a narrow road.

There is no mention of the consecrated ground near the Salem Chapel.

Plan 18 shows the Chinese Restaurant incorporated into the development. Plan 25 shows it in its present state. Clarification is needed.

There is no entry to the yard behind the Nurseries shop. It is understood that there is a mistake on the plan and the boundary of the supermarket should be further from the Nurseries buildings to allow access, as at present, with parking space for cars.

There is only one entrance to the supermarket building and this is as far away as possible from the car park. It would be preferable to also have an entrance near the car park and one near the Finkle Street end.

There is no provision for the disabled and elderly to park even temporarily near the entrance. Not everyone is capable of pushing a trolley from the entrance to the car park.

There does not appear to be any provision for trolley parking.

APPLICATIONS NOS. 2/86/152/0309H/J/K/ - MARKET TOWN PROPERTIES

COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE APPLICATIONS FROM THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL

Thirsk Town Council is totally opposed to the demolition of any Listed Buildings in connection with supermarket development and to Access/Egress at Finkle Street.

The whole building is completely out of character and does not fit in with Thirsk at all. The towers have been likened by many people to searchlight towers on concentration camps and the colonnade to the public conveniences in Redcar. The glazed entries to the arcade and the arcade itself are in no way reminiscent of the 'backlands of Thirsk' as stated in Drawing 21.

There is no provision for vehicular access to the Nurseries shop.

A footpath to the Market Place is shown across the Three Tuns yard - this yard is private property and there is no public right of way.

The service yard is too near the Nurseries house, the Three Tuns bedrooms and the office block for noise to be kept out.

There is no indication as to the actual boundary of the site.

Striped brickwork is not in keeping with Thirsk.

The entry towers do not appear to have any function other than for small children to run up and down the spiral staircases, the accumulation of litter and walls for graffiti.

The cafe is not required. The present level of cafe accommodation in Thirsk is sufficient. Several have found that business is falling off even now, due to the number of cafes in the town.

The same comment can be made concerning the shop/office accommodation. There are at present a number of shop premises in Thirsk standing empty and a small development of lock-up shops which were granted planning permission some time ago have yet to be built.

There is no indication as to the height or construction material of the western boundary. There is no indication of the position of the western boundary and no drawing of the western elevation.

Inaccuracies in Plan 813 13 have been corrected in Plan 813 13 B with the exception of the library, the shape of which is wrong and its alignment to the road incorrect.

The developer appears to be treating the library in very cavalier fashion, moving the parking area away from the building and disregarding the parking area for the disabled.

COMMENTS FROM THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL ON PROPOSED NEW DRIVING EGRESS
INTO CHAPEL STREET

Thirsk Town Council is totally opposed to egress into Chapel Street from the Nurseries site for the following reasons:

Chapel Street is too narrow to accommodate any additional traffic.

Problems are already encountered with large vehicles servicing existing businesses.

Additional traffic would hamper the passage of emergency vehicles to the Hospital, Health Centre and Old People's Home.

Additional traffic would be a hazard for the elderly and infirm crossing the road from Cherry Garth Old People's Home.

The access/egress at the Castlegate/Westgate junction is too narrow for two vehicles to pass and vehicles frequently mount the pavement at this point.

Vehicles turning right to go into the Market Place have to cross a line of traffic on an already busy road and additional traffic would result in more hold-ups.

Traffic leaving Chapel Street crosses the main pedestrian way to Sowerby via the Platts walk.

For Thirsk Town Council
15th September 1986

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 20th October 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), J. J. Allenby, D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, F. N. Bickers, Miss J. Foxton, A. J. Davison, D. S. Murkett.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. F. M. Roberts.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

White Mare Roundabout The Clerk reported that Coun. Roberts has removed the begonias from the roundabout, to be stored for next year. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Paul Turner for all the work he has put in on the roundabout.

Seat - Car Park Verge The seat has now been officially handed over to the Council. It was reported that vandals have attempted to move it from its base.

Coach Parking The Chairman told the meeting that a 'Coach' sign is to be erected at the Car Park at the entrance to the area where coaches may park. It was reported that the entrance to the 'Buses Only' area on the Market Place is being blocked by parked cars. It was agreed to invite a police representative to the next meeting to discuss this and any other problems appertaining to the police.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Coun. Foxton reported on a meeting with Conservation Volunteers regarding the Riverside Walk scheme. A team of Conservation Volunteers from Richmond will start clearing the Whitelass area on 26th October at a possible cost of £25.00 - £35.00 per day. Whitelass is not in the Conservation Area. There is to be a 10 day programme of work on the Waterfall to Iron Bridge footpath at a possible cost of £450.00. It may be necessary to provide some form of accommodation for the Volunteers. The Chairman and Coun. Murkett to make enquiries at H.D.C. regarding the use of Norby Community Centre for this purpose. It was reported that the Rotary Club would like to be involved with a tree planting scheme.

Road - Little Green Nothing reported on this road. A letter from the Principal Technical Officer in reply to a request for the hole in the road outside No. 89, The Green to be repaired stated that he understands that the land referred to is for communal use of all the adjacent property owners and does not belong to H.D.C. A reply to be sent repeating the fact that the hole in the road was caused by heavy vehicles during renovations to nearby houses, acquired by the District Council under a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Encroachment at Stockton Road Reply from Planning Department still awaited.

Street Sweeping Review It was reported that an order has been placed for a mechanical sweeper.

Heavy Lorries Through Thirsk The County Surveyor to be asked for the result of the HGV origin and destination surveys which was carried out in June.

Seats - Ingramgate The seats are now in place. The Clerk reported that insurance cover has been arranged for these seats together with the R.A.O.B. seat and increased cover has been obtained for the existing seats. This action was endorsed by the members.

St. Mary's Walk Due to the absence of Coun. Roberts, no information was available.

Bus Shelter A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that he will be submitting a report to the Leisure and Amenities Committee regarding the future of the bus shelter. The Committee will be asked to consider the alternatives of repair/replace or remove without replacement the existing bus shelter. A reply to be sent stating that a bus shelter is essential in the Market Place. The Chairman, who is a member of that Committee stated that he will fight for a replacement.

The Holmes Play Equipment Inspection has not yet taken place.

The Holmes The Chairman reported that more damaged trees require attention and he has arranged for this to be done.

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Ditch - Dowber Way/Hambleton Place A letter from the Northern Area Engineer Y.W.A. stated that it is his understanding after consulting the files that it was not a requirement of Yorkshire Water to leave the drain open to act as a storm water storage area. It is on record that they wished the watercourse to be culverted due to the problems associated with open drains in urban areas. However, Barratt Developments felt that this would be too expensive and therefore proposed the existing scheme with its flow reduction and storage and a 400mm diameter pipe. If the watercourse were to be culverted, it would require an 850mm diameter pipe. A letter from the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C. referred to the Y.W.A. letter and stated that allowing the ditch to be culverted with an 850mm diameter pipe is contradictory to what the Authority and its predecessor, the Yorkshire River Authority, have said to the Council in the past. The scheme was first proposed before Local Government reorganisation in 1974 by the then Thirsk Rural District Council. The requirements for the ditch/washland area was identified by the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council and the River Authority to accommodate possible flood water in times of heavy storms. The ditch and adjacent land were the subject of an Appeal in 1979 and the Inspector for the appeal concluded that he agreed that the ditch must be retained for its eventual purpose, which was to act as a water storage area in times of heavy storm. There is no record that the Y.W.A. would accept an 850mm culvert to replace the ditch, but if they are saying that this is acceptable, the information will be put to the Council's Housing Committee asking if they require the ditch to be filled in. Details will be required from Y.W.A. regarding the adequacy of an 850mm pipe along the Council's section of land. The section of ditch in Barratts ownership cannot be piped by the Council. It was agreed to request the Principal Technical Officer to take the necessary action to have the ditch culverted.

Mill Gardens The new litter bins still awaited. Coun. Foxton stated that more shrubs are required for the gardens.

New Water Supply for Cemetery Lodge A quotation of £416.16 was received from Yorkshire Water to fit a new connection in the same trench as Mr. Collinson's and provide and fit a meter and pit. The cost also includes all necessary excavation and reinstatement in the public highway at Norby. A separate supply would cost £561.00. The Clerk and the Cemetery Sub Committee had met with a Y.W.A. engineer who explained that the meter would be at the edge of the public highway in Norby and the Council would be responsible for taking the supply to Cemetery Lodge. The route for the supply would be across Mr. Collinson's land and Wetlands Lane. A 'wayleave' would be required from Mr. Collinson and permission from Thirsk Hall Estate with regard to Wetlands Lane. Mr. Collinson agreed to obtain a quotation for the supply and laying of the pipe from Norby to Cemetery Lodge. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to accept the quotation of £416.16' Agreed. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Chairman be given authority to accept a quotation for the supply to be taken across to Cemetery Lodge'. Agreed.

Christmas Lights A letter from Mrs. Monica Loveden of 'Down To Earth Healthfoods' in Chapel Street offered a sum of money towards the Christmas Lights equal to the energy cost of the 1985 decorations. This offer was gratefully accepted. The Clerk reported that 5 local electricians had been contacted and only 1 had submitted a quotation.

To supply 50 metres of cable, 140 coloured lamps and 1 isolator switch + Labour £240.00 + V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that this quotation submitted by Mr. Guy Johnston be accepted.' Agreed.

Mr. Johnston pointed out that the North Eastern Electricity Board had requested that an Isolator Switch be provided inside the clock.

Mr. Johnston also pointed out that on the grounds of Health and Safety, N.E.E.B. will not accept the cable feeding the lights coming through the old fountain entrance. It must be higher up the clock tower out of reach of the general public. The quotation does not include drilling the stonework.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Collinson if he will drill the necessary hole.

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Cod Beck Drainage Rates Following the exemption from Drainage Rates of properties in the Drainage District but above the highest recorded flood level of Cod Beck, Coun. Loveden stated that the remaining ratepayers, with properties below the highest flood contour should also be relieved from that burden. These ratepayers, in Bridge Street, Finkle Street and The Green pay a total of approximately £178.00 per year. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that Hambleton District Council be asked to absorb the Cod Beck Drainage Rate in the same way as other District Councils do in their areas.' Agreed

Disc Parking The Hambleton District Council's scheme for Disc Parking was presented for comment. Members were in agreement with the scheme but were totally opposed to areas of the cobbles being designated for the placing of tables and chairs. The area in front of 85 - 89, Market Place should be a 'No Parking' zone in the interests of public safety. Vehicles parking on the area to the west of the Post Office should be prohibited from being driven on or off by way of the area reserved for Public Service Vehicles. It was suggested that the parking places could be marked with studs in preference to white lines.

Correspondence

National Key Scheme for Toilets for Disabled People Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer H.D.C. stating that this scheme will operate from 1st October. A spare key can be obtained from the Three Tuns Hotel and a notice will be displayed at the toilet block with this information. Keys, at a cost of £2.50 each, can be purchased from the H.D.C. Planning and Technical Department at Stone Cross, Northallerton.

Seat - Barclays Bank Letter presented from the Manager, Barclays Bank, referring to the Council's decision to resite all seats outside banking premises in the interests of security. One seat, which has now been daubed with a white solution, still remains outside Barclays Bank. The Manager would be grateful for assurance that the Council's decision will be implemented without delay. It was agreed to look for an alternative site on the south side of the Market Place.

Thirsk Parish Church Restoration Appeal Letter presented from the Appeal Director stating that he had previously been told that the Council felt that they supported the Church as much as they were able through the annual grant for graveyard maintenance but that he understood that the Chairman is prepared to raise the matter again in the hope of now gaining some support. The Appeal Fund is still £17,000 short of its target. Members were of the opinion that further support could not be given. It was pointed out that this year's grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard has not yet been made. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Allenby 'to forward the £200.00 so that it can be allocated to either churchyard maintenance or the Appeal Fund'. Agreed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Liberal Group Letter presented from the Chairman of the newly formed group regarding the following matters about which he has written to the Hambleton District Council: 1. Traffic problems and in particular a suggestion for a speedy implementation of a disc parking scheme on the Market Place and provision of parking facilities for tourist coaches. 2. Opposition to a supermarket on The Nurseries site. 3. The problem of litter and the Market Place toilets. It was agreed to reply stating that all these matters have already been taken up with H.D.C. on many occasions.

Revenue Estimates Letter from the Treasurer H.D.C. stating that he requires this Council's revenue estimates no later than 28th November. The product of 1p rate for 1987/88 is estimated at £3,700.00.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A copy of a letter from the Community Care Association to the Chief Executive H.D.C. expressed concern that no land has yet been acquired for recreation purposes at Hambleton Estate. A copy memo from the Chief Executive to the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that he has asked the District Valuer for his observations on the acquisition of the land as a matter of urgency. It is known that the owners of O.S. Field 3459 are somewhat reluctant to proceed with the disposal and it would seem that for the matter to be concluded expeditiously, a Compulsory Purchase Order may be more effective. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive and request that the land be acquired by

Community Guide Letter presented from the Community Care Association stating that after lengthy discussions with the Round Table, who are helping to finance the project, it has been decided to produce a guide along the same lines as the previous one which is principally a list of cluns and societies and will not serve the purpose of a tourist guide. If the Councils contemplate initiating a tourist guide, the C.C.A. would be willing to help with information. Members agreed that the Hambleton District Guide is adequate as a tourist guide for Thirsk.

L.C.A. Meetings Notification from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association that Hambleton South Branch meetings in 1987 will be held on 4th February, 10th June and 21st October.

Mr. Megson A note from Mr. Megson drew attention to the seats, cemetery footpaths, need for repair to the wooden fence round the tree outside the Lord Nelson and a suggestion that belts should be used instead of ropes for the lowering of coffins. The Chairman stated that a report on the seats will be given at the next meeting.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Extension to Existing Bungalow and Construction of a Car Port at 9, Dowber Way for Mr. & Mrs. Smith. No Representations.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Disused Dwelling to Form Meeting Rooms with Car Parking Space at 121, Long Street for Thirsk Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Approve.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 3, Ingramgate for Mr. & Mrs. P. McGovern.

No Representations.

Installation of a New Shop Front at 64, Market Place for Thresher Wine Merchants.

No Representations.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 64, Market Place for Thresher Wine Merchants. Object to Illuminated Sign as not being appropriate in a Conservation Area. Would not object to Non Illuminated Sign.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and Approved. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Accounts as Circulated

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 2nd Quarter	- £ 35.25^
Hambleton D. C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year	- £143.28^
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying & 4 Weeks Rental of Skip	- £ 39.10^
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 8.12^
North Yorkshire C. C.	- Fixing Seats in Ingramgate	- £ 50.00^
M. T. Shipton	- Grass Cutting - Holmes, Greens & Mill Gdns	- £144.90^
	September	
Municipal Mutual Ins.	- Cover for New Seats & Additional Cover for Existing Seats	- £ 39.81^

Additional Accounts

Yorkshire Water Authority	- Connection Charge for new Water Supply for Cemetery Lodge	- £416.16^
St. Mary's P. C. C.	- Donation	- £200.00^

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

Ivy Calvert	8 E1	£ 25.00
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Chairman's Report The Chairman told members that urgent repairs are needed to the Cemetery walls.

Any Other Business

Cobbles - Market Place It was reported that a taxi and a coach had been hit by flying cobbles in the Market Place.

Long Street Members regretted the fact that Moss's Garage petrol pumps are being closed by B. P. because sufficient petrol is not being sold.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th November 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, J. J. Allenby, Miss J. Foxton, F. N. Bickers, A. J. Davison, E. R. Stott, Mrs. F. M. Roberts + Inspector Brewer - North Yorkshire Police.

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

Inspector Brewer was invited to attend the meeting primarily to discuss vandalism and illegal parking. The Chairman told the meeting that the R.A.O.B. seat had been covered with a white substance which made it impossible to use. Other seats in the town had been similarly vandalised. Inspector Brewer told members that the public can assist by reporting incidents when they occur. Coun. Brannon stated that cars and taxis, parking on the cobbles on the area designated for bus parking, were obstructing buses. Inspector Brewer replied that this is not a police matter. On the subject of litter, Inspector Brewer stated that the litter laws are enforced and minor offenders cautioned. Cycling on pavements, cars parking with lights in 40 m.p.h. speed limit areas and without lights in 30 m.p.h. areas and lorries parking on the Car Park were also discussed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking Nothing reported.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Coun. Foxton told the meeting that the Richmond Conservation Volunteers have started to clear the Whitelass area and submitted an account for expenses to date. It was agreed to leave tree planting in the area to the Volunteers - 30 willows in The Holmes near the beck and 1 other tree to replace the hawthorn near the road.

Road - Little Green A letter from the Chief Planning Officer stated that the planning application for development at the rear of 70, The Green is still being held in abeyance pending negotiations between the applicant and the County Area Surveyor regarding access. The Clerk stated that the Principal Technical Officer is arranging for the hole in the road outside No. 89, The Green to be repaired.

Encroachment at Stockton Road The Clerk told the meeting that another letter had been sent to the Planning Department regarding this matter but no reply received.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the surveys were carried out and the analysis is just being finalised. It was agreed to enquire whether the traffic using the newly opened York by-pass was taken into account in the surveys.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts stated that she had not yet contacted Mr. Woods.

Bus Shelter The Chairman stated that the H.D.C. Leisure & Amenities Committee had considered various options regarding the bus shelter for demolition and replacement or repair. It had been decided that the Town Council is responsible for the bus shelter and an ultimatum is to be given for this Council to assume responsibility or for it to be demolished. It was agreed to wait until this is received in writing and to invite the Principal Technical Officer to the December meeting to discuss the matter.

Ditch - Dowber Way/Hambleton Place The Chairman reported that this matter is to be discussed at the next H.D.C. Housing Services Committee, of which he is a member.

Cemetery Water Supply A quotation of £317.30 to dig and refill the trench, supply 110 metres of alkathene pipe and disconnect old and connect new supply had been received from Mr. Collinson. As agreed at the previous meeting, the Chairman had accepted the quotation. Thirsk Hall Estate had given verbal consent for the pipe to cross Wetlands Lane and the L.C.A. had been contacted regarding the drawing up of wayleaves for crossing the lane and for crossing Mr. Collinson's land.

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Christmas Lights It was agreed to ask the electrician to decorate the clock as near as possible to the weekend 6th/7th December.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Reply awaited from Hambleton District Council.

Disc Parking A copy of a letter from the Civic Society to the Chief Planner and Technical Officer suggested as an alternative to the marking out of 208 parking bays on the cobbles the introduction of disc parking for a trial period of one year utilising the current blocks that are marked on the cobbles, or as another alternative, the use of studs. It was agreed to discuss disc parking with the Principal Technical Officer at the next meeting.

Seat - Barclays Bank A further letter from the Manager of Barclays Bank reminded the Council of the decision taken in January 1985 that seats should be removed from outside banking premises in the interests of security. Coun. Loveden stated that there is a need for a seat outside the C.A.B. office at the Town Hall for members of the public awaiting consultation. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Allenby 'that the Town Hall Committee should be responsible for the seat.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that a letter be sent to the Town Hall Committee asking if they will agree to maintain the seat if it is sited there and Sowerby Parish Council, as co-owners of the Town Hall, be asked if they will agree to the seat being sited on Town Hall land.' Voting in Favour of the Amendment - 6. Amendment carried.

St Mary's Church A letter from the Appeal Secretary stated that the £200 will have to be used for the upkeep of the churchyard and expressed disappointment that the Council is unable to help restore such an important landmark and historic building. It was agreed to consider making a grant in the Estimates.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Estimates - Financial Year 1987/88 The Clerk presented a breakdown of Estimated Income and Expenditure for the current financial year and Estimated Expenditure for the Financial Year 1987/88.

A quotation of £880.90 was received from Mr. Collinson to build 8 buttresses to support the Cemetery walls. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that in view of the dangerous state of the walls, the quotation be accepted and work carried out in this financial year.' Agreed.

A letter was received from Thirsk and Sowerby Bowling Club requesting financial assistance towards their new bowling green which will be available for use by the general public.

It was agreed to allow a 6% rise in salary for the Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent with extra funds in the event of employing a new Superintendent, an additional £50.00 for Christmas Lights, an additional £25.00 for the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard, £500.00 for the Town Hall, an additional £100.00 for Mill Gardens & White Mare Roundabout, £250.00 for seat repairs, an additional £100.00 for renovation of the Town Clock, £200.00 for The Holmes, to increase the Chairman's Allowance by £25.00, to keep £100.00 in reserve for the Flatts Preservation Trust, to make provision of £100.00 towards St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund and to make a grant of £50.00 to Thirsk & Sowerby Bowling Club. It was agreed to make the grant at this meeting.

Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Stott 'that £13,500.00 be requested by way of Precept for the Financial Year 1987/88'. Agreed.

Taxi Rank Coun. Brannon stated that in view of the encroachment by taxis onto the bus parking area on the Market Place, there is a need for a designated Taxi Rank. The Chairman told the meeting that this is being taken into consideration along with proposals for Disc Parking.

Signs A letter was presented from the owners of properties with rear access onto the Right of Way from Millgate to Finkle Street, requesting a sign denoting their presence, in view of the fact that there is a sign indicating 'Riverside Mews', and also requesting that the road be made up beyond the stretch at the side of Riverside Mews. The Chairman stated that this is not a matter for this Council. The Riverside Mews sign had been allowed because motorists were unable to see the sign on the wall of the building and the road had been made at the expense of the developer.

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Pets Cemetery The Chairman told members that he had been approached on several occasions regarding the provision of a Pets Cemetery at Thirsk, the nearest one being at York. He was of the opinion that the area previously used for rubbish in the Cemetery could be utilised but had been told that it was consecrated ground. Members did not favour the suggestion that the Council provide a burial ground for pets. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that the provision of a Pets Cemetery should not be considered by this Council'. Voting - 8 in Favour - 1 Against.

Correspondence

Footpath - Town Hall Letter presented from Mr. A. Palliser stating that having been informed that Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils are responsible for the footpath alongside and leading to the side entrance of the Town Hall he suggests that the Chairman of the Councils should meet with the Chairman of the Conservative Club to discuss maintenance of the footpath which is in a bad state of repair. The Clerk stated that the deeds of the Town Hall are being obtained with a view to a meeting being held.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes Letter presented from the Chief Planner stating that having recently embarked on a number of successful conservation area enhancement schemes, the Council are now considering schemes for 1987/88 and requesting that details of proposed schemes be submitted before 31st December 1986. It was agreed to discuss this at the December meeting with a view to submitting a scheme for the stonework of the Town Clock.

Appeal Notification received that the appeal by D. Garner & Sons Ltd, against the H.D.C.'s refusal to allow the erection of a bungalow at land to the rear of St. Giles' Close, has been allowed.

Public House Licence Notification received of the intention of Mrs. C. Williams to apply for a Public House Licence in respect of the Maltese Knight Restaurant.

Transfer of Licence Notification received of the intention of Frederick David Pickford to apply for the transfer of the Licence of the Red Bear and to apply for a permit for an Amusement with prizes machine.

Transfer of Licence Notification received of the intention of Brian David Robinson to apply for the transfer of the Licence of the Black Swan, Norby and to apply for a permit for an Amusement with prizes machine.

Transfer of Licence Notification received of the intention of Frank Peel and Ian Smith to apply for the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of No. 65, Market Place.

Transfer of Licence Notification received of the intention to apply for a Final Order in respect of 64, Market Place for Thresher Wine Merchants.

County Structure Plan Letter received from the County Planning Officer regarding the proposed second alteration to the County Structure Plan Minerals, Oil/gas and Waste Disposal Policies.

Plans The following Planning Applications were presented and Observations made:
Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 'Presto! Market Place for Argyll Stores Ltd. Object to Illuminated Sign as being inappropriate in a Conservation Area.

Conversion of First Floor Retail Area of Offices at 64, Market Place for Malteagle Ltd. No Representations.

Use of Existing Storage Building as an Osteopathic and Associated Health Care Clinic at 31, Market Place for John Roberts-James. No Representations.

Change of Use of Existing Dwellinghouse to a Chinese Take-Away at 42, Long Street for Mr. Ping F. Chan. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that it is situated in a dangerous position near the junction to Hambleton Place, there is already a Fish and Chip shop in the vicinity, to which objections were also made, and there is insufficient parking.

A letter from nearby residents was forwarded to the Planning Officer.

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Plans cont.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 2, Megson Place for Mr. & Mrs. R. Cowton.

No Representations.

Outline Application for the Construction of a Retail Store at Market Garden Nursery for Bladewheat Ltd. Recommend Refusal on the same grounds as all the previous applications for the construction of supermarkets on this site.

It was agreed to draw the Planning Department's attention to Projecting Illuminated Signs at Granada Television and Smiths Cleaners, for which it is believed no planning consent has been applied for or granted.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 8.52 ¹
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80 ¹
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	- Half of Cost of Insurance Cover	- £133.21 ¹

Additional Accounts

R.B.L. Poppy Appeal	- Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	- £ 7.90 ¹
Richmond Cons. Volunteers	- Expenses to date - Clearing Whitelass	- £ 25.78 ¹
Thirsk & Sowerby B.C.	- Grant towards new Bowling Green	- £ 50.00 ¹

Any Other Business

White Mare Roundabout At the suggestion of Coun. Roberts, it was agreed to remove the shrubs from the roundabout, to clear the troughs in the Market Place and remove the hanging baskets.

Bus Service Coun. Stott stated that the new Sowerby/Thirsk to Northallerton service is very satisfactory but suggested that it could be extended to include the Norby and Hambleton Estates. It was agreed to request a review of the Northallerton bus service.

Crematorium Coun. Loveden expressed concern that there is not a crematorium in the Hambleton District and was told that the provision of such a facility had once been considered by the District Council. It was agreed to write to H.D.C. regarding this matter.

Advertising Boards Coun. Roberts drew attention to the increasing number of advertising boards on the footways around the town and on the cobbles in the Market Place. It was agreed to write to the County and District Councils suggesting a concerted effort to rid the town of this menace.

Open Forum Coun. Foxton informed the meeting that the Civic Society is organising an Open Forum style of Debate in the Town Hall on 2nd December, attended by Planning Officers and District Councillors, to discuss supermarkets.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

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Estimated Expenditure

	<u>Financial Year</u>		<u>Financial Year</u>	+	-
	<u>1986/87</u>		<u>1987/88</u>		
	£		£		
Rates - Cemetery Lodge	288		320		
Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge	150		170		
Cemetery Lodge	200	(200)	200	200	
Cemetery Paths	250	(250)	250		
Cemetery Water Supply	750				
Cemetery Wall Repairs	880	(Quotation)			
Cemetery Grass Cutter - Hire	350		400		
Petrol & Oil	120		150		
Cemetery Superintendent	3035		3222	1000	
Clerk	1265		1335		
Administration & Audit	250		280		
Printing & Stationery	150		150		
Travelling Expenses	25		30		
Insurances	300		300		
Street Sweeping	2300		2500		
Christmas Lights	300		300	50	
Subscriptions	50		50		
N.C.A. Subscription	118		125		
St. Mary's Churchyard Upkeep	200		200	25	
Youth Club	100			100	
Town Hall	1500	(1500)	?	500	
Mill Gardens, Flower Baskets & White Mare Roundabout	400		400	100	
Seats	300	(170)	?	250	
Town Clock	1100	(300)	50	100	
Hire of Court House	86		90		
The Holmes	500	(500)	?	200	
Play Equipment	200	(200)	?		
Advert in Hambleton Guide	100	(100)			
Chairman's Allowance	25		25	25	
Greens	100	(100)	?		
Grass Cutting	870		1000		
Removal of Cemetery Rubbish	300		350		
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St. Mary's Restoration Fund				100	
Thirsk & Sowerby Bowling Club				50	
Flatts Preservation Trust				100	
				2800	

Income 1986/87

Balance as at 31/3/86	3085
Interest (Estimated)	300
Precept	13750
Refund of V.A.T.	561
Burial Board Income (Estimated)	1200
	<u>18896</u>

Estimated p.r.p. 1987/88 £3,700

The amounts shown in brackets have not yet been spent.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 8th December 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), E. R. Stott, Miss J. Foxton, D. S. Murkett, F. N. Bickers, Mrs. F. M. Roberts. Also Present Mr. P. Starling - Chief Planner H.D.C. - and Mr. P. Johnson - Senior Legal Assistant H.D.C.- attending to discuss the Bus Shelter and Disc Parking.
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. D. E. Loveden, J. J. Allenby, J. Brannon.

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

Bus Shelter The Chairman told the meeting that he had been informed by the H.D.C.'s Treasurer that maintenance should have been charged to the Town Council.

Mr. Starling accepted that the bus shelter is most unsatisfactory as part of a conservation area. Its present state, with 36 broken panes, is a disgrace but to install vandalproof glass would be very expensive. It is the only bus shelter maintained by the District Council and the Leisure and Amenities Committee are not in favour of H.D.C. paying for a bus shelter primarily for Thirsk. It will be brought up to a reasonable standard if the Town Council will then undertake to maintain it. The alternative would be to have it removed.

Coun. Murkett stated that the District Council has accepted responsibility for 12 years and cannot opt out now. A large profit is made from the Market Place and the bus shelter is used mainly by people from the hinterland and not by residents of Thirsk and Sowerby. The bus shelter stands on H.D.C. land.

Coun. Roberts asked what works H.D.C. are prepared to do, suggesting that the front wall be bricked up to eye level. Mr. Starling replied that the shelter would be handed over fully glazed and decorated. To brick up the front wall would not be viable and such work goes beyond maintenance and repair. If a new shelter is required, the Leisure and Amenities Committee would refuse.

Reglazing was not acceptable to members as it would be vandalised immediately.

Mr. Johnson told the meeting that the H.D.C. are acting as agents regarding the bus shelter which belongs to the Town Council and wish to terminate the agency.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that this Council takes no action and does not accept responsibility.' Agreed.

Disc Parking Mr. Johnson explained the Thirsk (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 1986 to the meeting, pointing out that the Town Council's suggestion of No Parking in front of 85 - 89, Market Place had been implemented. Timber bollards are to be erected to prevent vehicles, parked on the area at the west end of the Post Office, from being driven over the Public Service Vehicles area. Regarding the areas outside The Golden Fleece and The Royal, designated for the placing of tables and chairs during the summer months, all cafe, hotel and public house owners had been approached and these were the only ones requesting the facility. It is for a trial period and subject to a 7 day licence. There are no licensed taxis in Hambleton District at the present time and no specific provision will be made for taxi parking until it is proved to be required. Firms in the area have private hire vehicles with no right to ply for trade on the Market Place. Parking of cars can be done in blocks and it is not necessary for individual bays to be marked out. A recommendation is going before the Personnel Sub Committee for the employment of Car Park Enforcement Officers who would operate 6 days weekly. It is anticipated that Disc Parking will be introduced on 16th April 1987 in time for Easter and in the new financial year. Members made the following observations on the proposals: Cars parked at the front of the Royal Oak should be at an angle. An access from the road at the east side of the Golden Fleece is unnecessary. Car parking should be permitted facing the footpath at the front of 28 - 38, Market Place, an area not designated on the plan for parking.

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Cobbles Asked about the future maintenance of the cobbles, Mr. Starling stated that the Market Place surface is unsatisfactory and costly to maintain and it may be necessary to discuss its future with the previous owner.

Chinese Take-Away Coun. Roberts told Mr. Starling that much ill feeling has been caused by the Planning Committee's decision to grant planning permission for a Chinese Take-Away in Long Street despite opposition from the Town Council and nearby residents.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking Nothing reported.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes Nothing reported.

Road - Little Green Nothing reported.

Encroachment - Stockton Road Nothing reported.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk A letter from the County Surveyor stated that any effect of York Outer Ring Road would not be apparent from the Thirsk surveys but, from surveys carried out in October on York Outer Ring Road and at Easingwold, it should be possible to deduce whether additional traffic has been drawn through Thirsk. When the York and Easingwold surveys have been analysed the conclusions will be made known to the Town Council. A letter regarding the Flyover - A1/Baldersby stated that there is no intention to direct heavy commercial traffic via the A61 instead of using the bypass to reach the A19. The highways signing will remain much as it is at present, the County Council being committed to signing the A61 as a primary route, however, it could well be that the layout of the grade separated junction will deter some traffic from actually turning off the A1 at this location and it is not envisaged that the provision of the flyover will increase the amount of heavy commercial traffic.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts stated that she has not yet contacted Mr. Woods.

Ditch - Hambleton Place/Dowber Way Nothing reported.

Cemetery Water Supply The Clerk reported that the trench is being dug and the pipe laid. Advice regarding wayleaves is still awaited from the Yorkshire L.C.A.

Christmas Lights The Town Clock has been decorated and the lights switched on. The Clerk reported that it had been necessary for the electrician to provide a time switch as the one in the clock operates the lighting of the clock face for street lighting. Coun. Murkett stated that a request had been made for two of the trees in the Market Place to be illuminated and that some funds were available if the Town Council would also contribute. The electrician had submitted a quotation of £300.00 to provide and erect lights on the trees. It was agreed that this Council has up to £150.00 available for this purpose. Coun. Murkett to carry out the necessary negotiations. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that a scheme involving all the premises in the Market Place should be drawn up and the owners approached to meet the cost of illuminating their section for next Christmas. It was agreed that the sub committee should consider this in the New Year.

Seat - Barclays Bank A letter from Sowerby Parish Council agreed to the placing of a seat outside the Town Hall. It was reported that the Town Hall Committee will accept responsibility for the seat and will meet the cost of it being varnished before placement. It was agreed to seek a quotation from Mr. Hopps to treat and repair as necessary the Barclays Bank seat, two seats outside the White Horse Cafe and three seats in the Bus Shelter. It was also agreed that the seat to be placed outside the Town Hall should be one of those presently in the Bus Shelter.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Pets Cemetery The Chairman reported that there is a Pets Cemetery at Catton.

Footpath - Town Hall It was reported that at the Town Hall Committee meeting it had been agreed that responsibility for the path lies with the Conservative Club, Mr. W. Calvert and the Town Hall Committee.

Bus Services It was reported that these are to be reviewed in January 1987.

Crematorium Reply awaited from Hambleton District Council.

Advertising Boards A letter from Mr. Woods stated that it is his intention in the very near future to deal with unauthorised signs within the highway when the owners will be approached.

Open Forum - Supermarkets Notification received that this will now take place at the Golden Fleece on Tuesday, 9th December.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes - 1987/88 It was agreed to invite Mr. Collinson and F. Kendall & Son to tender for the work of cleaning and repairing the stonework of the Town Clock before submitting a scheme to H.D.C.

Correspondence

Parish Government Course Notification received of the Yorkshire Rural Community Council's Parish Government Weekend Course to be held at The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate from Friday, 27th February to Sunday, 1st March at a fee for Residents of £62.00 and Non-Residents £39.00. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that if Coun. Loveden wishes to attend the course, this Council pay the fee of £39.00 as a Non-Resident.' Agreed. It was noted that bookings must be made by 28th January 1987.

Thirsk Museum and Tourist Information Centre A letter from the Secretary stated that the Centre is not supported by any official body and in view of the useful service provided to visitors and the cost of providing service, asking if the Town Council would make a donation towards the running costs. It was agreed to request a balance sheet before making a decision.

Civil Defence Community Adviser Course 1987 Notification received that the next course will be held at County Hall, Northallerton on 5th and 19th February, 5th and 19th March and 2nd and 15th April 1987.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Frank Peel and Kevin Weatherhead to apply for the transfer of the licence in respect of 65, Market Place. The previous application has been withdrawn because of a change of staff.

Town & Country Planning Act, 1971 - Appeal by Mrs. N. Stott & Mr. A. D. Parkinson

Notice received of the intention to appeal against the Hambleton District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for a Hot Food Take-Away at Unit 3, Baker's Alley on the grounds that it would be out of character with the area and would be detrimental to the general amenities of the Town Centre, by virtue of the activity, smell and litter likely to be generated by such use.

Grounds for Appeal 1. The unit for the proposed pizza take-away will be designed to fit in with adjoining units and the shop front fitted with a Victorian style bay window and door and in keeping with the era of the building. 2. It is hoped to encourage a wide range of people, both local and tourists to whom can be offered an alternative hot food take-away. Market research shows that the food to be offered is very much in demand by all generations and the nearest pizza take-away is at Northallerton. A local delivery service will be offered. 3. There will be only limited smell from the pizza ovens which will be counteracted by means of an adequate ventilation system. 4. Most of the packaging will be large and bulky which will probably be taken home. In order to help prevent the litter problem in the Market Place a member of staff will be delegated at regular intervals to collect any litter belonging to the proposed pizza take-away and litter bins will be provided inside and outside the premises.

It was agreed to support the appeal in view of the care and thought that has gone into the proposal and the obvious intention to conform to the rules regarding litter.

Planning - Unauthorised Signs - 48 & 48A, Market Place A letter from the Planning Officer stated that the Enforcement Officer has notified the Managers of the shops that planning applications must be made for the signs in order that a decision can be made.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Change of Use of Existing Restaurant to a Wine Bar at The Maltese Knight for Mrs. C. Williams. No Objections to Change of Use but consider that it should be subject to an 'On Licence' only.

Construction of a Detached Dwellinghouse with Domestic Garage at The Willows, York Road for Mr. N. Hunt. No Representations.

Use of Disused Buildings as a Ground Floor Shop with First Floor Cafe at Rear of 87, Market Place for Mr. P. Bertenshaw. Question the safety of access from Finkle Street and object to the parking of vehicles for the purpose of unloading there.

Change of Use of 2 Existing First Floor Osteopathic Consulting Rooms to Hair-dressing Salon at 43A, Market Place for Mr. P. Brimelow. No Representations.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and Approved. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Stott.

Accounts as Circulated

D. G. Collinson	- Quarterly Payment - October - December	- £758.75^
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£316.25
	Administrative Expenses	<u>£ 36.80</u> - £353.05^

Additional Accounts

F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks Rental of Skip	- £ 13.80^
Power Point	- 10 weeks Hire of Grass Cutter	- £115.00^

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial

Doris Tasker	7 E1	£25.00
Frances & Graeme Cooper	31 G6	£25.00

Chairman's Report The Chairman told members that he had carried out an opening ceremony at The House of Troy, Thirsk's new card and gift shop.

Any Other Business

Chinese Take-Away At Coun. Roberts' request, it was agreed to send a letter of protest to H.D.C. regarding the Planning Committee's decision to grant planning permission for a Chinese Take-Away in Long Street.

Lights - Public Rights of Way Coun. Bickers stated that there is a need for a light on the public right of way through the Red Bear Yard. It was agreed to request H.D.C. to provide one and to improve the lighting in the White Swan Yard and on the public footpath from Kirkgate to Gillings Court.

Roads and Footpaths in Thirsk Parish At Coun. Bickers' request, it was agreed to place this on the Agenda for the January meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th January 1987 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that it appears from the files that agreement was reached, at the time of local government re-organisation that the shelter and the clock were retained by the parish. The District Council, apparently, agreed to act as agent in maintaining the shelter and the position is now that it wishes to terminate that agency agreement, taking the view that the shelter is provided for the benefit of Thirsk people rather than residents in the district as a whole, and accordingly the cost of its maintenance should be borne by Thirsk rate-payers. The District Council has never insured the structure and the Town Council should perhaps take appropriate steps in this regard. The views of the Town Council will be reported at the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting on 22nd January. Members agreed that the bus shelter is used by people coming into the town to shop and not by local residents. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the Town Council will accept responsibility for the bus shelter on condition that 10% of the market profits is passed to the Council'. Agreed.

Disc Parking Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. with a revised car parking layout plan, showing that the Town Council's recommendations have been implemented. From a report for the relevant District Council committee, it appeared to be the intention to mark out individual parking spaces despite Mr. Johnson's assurance that this would not be necessary when it was discussed at the December meeting. It was agreed to write to H.D.C. strongly objecting to the marking out of individual parking bays.

Coach Parking Nothing reported.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes Letter presented from the Chief Planner stating his concern with the slow progress in preparing the submission for the Cod Beck Footpaths scheme although he understands that the delay is due to the problem of establishing the owner of the land between Cod Beck and Millgate Car Park. He is pleased to note the work carried out at Whitelass (outside the Conservation Area and not eligible for grant aid), by the Richmond Conservation Volunteers. It is essential to have costs for footpath works and tree planting in The Holmes as soon as possible. Coun. Foxton told the meeting that she has discussed this matter with Mr. Robinson of the Planning Department. Coun. Murkett and Coun. Brannon agreed to approach the owner of the land between Cod Beck and the Car Park.

Road - Little Green Further reply still awaited from H.D.C.

Encroachment - Stockton Road A letter from the Chief Planning Officer stated that the Enforcement Officer has visited the site and letters have been sent to the owners of the properties which have created accesses onto Stockton Road. A report will be submitted to the next available meeting of the Planning Committee seeking members' instructions on this matter.

Street Sweeping Review Coun. Brannon asked when the mechanical street sweeper would be available and was told by Coun. Murkett that it is to be purchased in the current financial year. Members agreed that there should be prosecutions and sensible fines for litter offences. Coun. Loveden had been told that it has to be proved that an offender intended to leave litter. Coun. Murkett stated that parliamentary candidates should be lobbied to bring in stricter penalties for litter offences.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk Nothing reported.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts has not yet contacted Mr. Woods.

Ditch - Hambleton Place/Dowber Way Coun. Craig reported that the District Council owned length is to be culverted and Barratts are to be requested to culvert their section.

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Cemetery Water Supply A letter from the N.A.L.C., together with a draft wayleave, suggested that the advice of an 'on the spot' solicitor could be advisable. The Clerk to put the matter in the hands of Mr. Peter Hatch.

Christmas Lights The Chairman thanked Coun. Murkett for his efforts towards getting the Market Place trees illuminated. Coun. Murkett stated that the donations towards the cost of the tree lights will soon be to hand. The Chairman had been given a donation of £10.00 towards the 1987 illuminations by Mr. Neesome of Carlton Miniott. It was agreed that plans for the 1987 Christmas Lights should be made in the near future. The Clerk told the meeting that Mr. Johnston is obtaining details of decorations. It was agreed to hold a meeting when these are available.

Seats Quotations received from Mr. Hopps as follows: 3 Bus Shelter Seats - Repair
1 seat - Clean and Treat (2 coats) 3 seats - £31.20 + V.A.T.
2 Seats outside White Horse Cafe + 1 Seat outside Barclays Bank - Clean and Treat
(2 coats) - £24.40 + V.A.T. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'to accept the quotations.' Agreed. It was agreed that the cost of treatment of the seat to go outside the Town Hall should be borne by the Council.

Crematorium A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the question of a Crematorium within the District was considered some years ago and it was decided that it could not be justified, one of the reasons being that the facilities provided in neighbouring districts were adequate and satisfactory. There is no information to suggest that this decision should be changed. The Council has no plans to reconsider the provision of such facilities and there is no reason to expect the matter to be raised at all in the foreseeable future.

Advertising Boards Nothing reported.

Thirsk Museum and Tourist Information Centre Letter received from the Treasurer together with a copy of the 1985 Balance Sheet, the 1986 Balance Sheet not yet being to hand. It was agreed that in view of the healthy balance shown, not to make a donation but to consider assisting if difficulties are encountered in the future.

Lights - Public Rights of Way Reply awaited from H.D.C.

Town Clock No quotations for the repair and cleaning of the stonework received. It was agreed to ask Mr. Marshall of Ripon to quote and to obtain details of the stonemasons working on St. Mary's Church.

Footpaths and Roads in Thirsk Parish Letter received from Coun. Bickers, in his absence, suggesting that the footpaths, yards and roads should have nameplates displayed for the benefit of visitors and future generations. Also that all commercial premises in the Market Place should bear a number for easy identification. It was agreed to invite Coun. Bickers to go through the town to ascertain what is required and put his observations on paper for consideration.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding the proposed provision of recreational land in East Thirsk and stating that the Leisure and Amenities Committee will consider making a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the land. Having advised the relevant owners of the land of the Council's intentions, they have now indicated a further willingness to recommence negotiations, and the District Valuer has been instructed to seek agreement, hopefully, before the end of the current financial year. When the land is acquired, in accordance with the District Council's normal policy it would be leased to the Town Council for a term of 99 years, in order that it could lay out and provide suitable playing field facilities, and maintain the same for the benefit of the local residents. The Community Care Association, in conjunction with the East Thirsk Community Association have approached the District Council with a view to securing the provision of part of the site for the purposes of constructing a community centre, utilising the grants that may be available. Where such a venture is to be provided, it would appear that the Town Council would need to sub-let the land to the Community Association and then enter into some appropriate arrangement with the District Council for the financial implications to be considered.

Recreation Land cont/

Prior to the acquisition of the land, the Town Council is asked to confirm that it would be willing to enter into a 99 year lease and to execute any relevant works upon the land to ensure that it is properly laid out as a playing field. It was agreed to request that the District Council implement the procedures as soon as possible to obtain the land by Compulsory Purchase. The Town Council is willing to enter into a 99 year lease and to carry out any relevant works it considers necessary. With regard to land for a site as a community hall, Coun. Foxton stated that there is no need for a hall. Coun. Murkett had suggested that the E.T.C.A. should use the facilities at the Primary School to ascertain if there is such a need. Coun. Loveden was in favour of making a site available now. Members were reminded of the previous decision that the 3.28 acres of land is to be used solely as a play area for the young children of the Estate and that consideration of an area for a community hall will not be given until the whole seven acres are available. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'That when the 7 acres are in the Town Council's hands, consideration will be given to allocating 1 acre to the East Thirsk Community Association. The Town Council will accept a 99 year lease and carry out work considered necessary.' Voting 7 in Favour - 1 Against.

Correspondence

The Black Bull Hotel Notice presented of the intention of Beryl Hammond to apply for the Full Transfer of the licence in respect of the Black Bull.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Letter presented with details of a Playground Inspection Service which would be carried out under contract by the N.P.F.A. Playground Services. It was agreed not to pursue this matter as the Council's playground equipment is inspected twice yearly by the Municipal Mutual Insurance Engineering Department.

Planning Appeal Notice received of the Appeal by A. C. Bamlett Ltd. & City and Northern Properties Ltd. against the Hambleton District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of a supermarket. The Appeal to be heard at a public enquiry on 10th March 1987 at 10.00 a.m. at The Friends Meeting House. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that this Council does not make any representations on this matter'. Voting - 7 in Favour - 1 Against.

Teapots, Bakers Alley, Thirsk Notice received of the intention of Christopher George Williams to apply for a Restaurant Licence for 'Teapots Cafe'. It was agreed not to make any objections.

Darlington & Stockton Times Letter presented from the Editor of the D. & S. Times regarding his 'Editorial' on the supermarket issue which had been rumoured to have been written by Mr. M. Cresswell, reporter, whose property is involved. Members agreed with the Editor that Mr. Cresswell has reported the matter fairly and impartially throughout.

Plans Only 1 planning application had been received since the December 1986 meeting, a delegated matter which had been perused by the Chairman, Coun. Roberts and Coun. Loveden.

Alterations to Shop with Dwelling to Form a Meeting Room with Ancilliary Facilities and First Floor Residential Accommodation at 1, Norby for North Yorks. East Federation of Women's Institutes. No Representations.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented for payment and Approved.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Yorkshire Rural Community Council	- Parish Government Course Fee - Coun. Loveden	- £ 39.00
North Yorks. County Council	- Hire of Court House - 1986	- £ 86.40
Guy Johnston	- Work on Christmas Lights as quoted + purchase of Time Clock	- £325.49
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks rental of Skip	- £ 13.80

Additional Accounts

Yorks. Water	- Water Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - 3rd Qtr.	- £ 36.44
Peat & Son	- Printing Meeting Notices	- £120.01

Additional Accounts cont.

Guy Johnston - Illuminating trees in Market Place - £345.00^
 (part of be reimbursed)
 Richmond Consercation Volunteers - 9 Man days, trees and transport - £ 81.42^

Any Other Business

White Mare Roundabout & Ingramgate Coun. Allenby drew attention to broken kerbs on the roundabout and the driving of vehicles across the grass verge in the vicinity of the Frankland Arms. It was agreed to ask Mr. Woods to meet Coun. Allenby and the Chairman on site.

Public Conveniences - Market Place Coun. Davison referred to a report in the D. & S. Times which incorrectly stated that Thirsk Town Council wished to retain the porcelain in the Market Place conveniences. The Chairman told members that he had expressed the wish for it to be retained, at a District Council meeting, as a District and not a Town Councillor.

Town Hall Annexe Coun. Davison stated that he had been commissioned by the Town Hall Committee to look into ways of modernising or replacing the annexe and enquired about what grants would be available from the District Council. Coun. Murkett advised finding out costs before applying for grants.

Community Care Association Coun. Loveden suggested inviting a representative of the C.C.A. to a meeting to speak about the problems of the aged. It was agreed to invite a speaker to the February meeting.

Venue for Council Meetings Coun. Murkett raised the subject of holding Council Meetings in the Town Hall and was told that it had already been decided to remain at the Court House. Coun. Roberts stated that the Town Hall facilities are not suitable for Council meetings.

Tree - Stockton Road Coun. Roberts stated that the tree, for the planting of which permission had been applied for on behalf of Mrs. Elliott of Shire Road, has been planted.

Shire Road Coun. Roberts reported that the 'Shire Road' sign has disappeared.

Fish and Chip Shop - Long Street Coun. Roberts reported on the traffic problems caused by indiscriminate parking on the hard shoulder and road by cars and lorries at the Fish and Chip Shop. It was also pointed out that this could be dangerous for passing schoolchildren during daytime opening hours. It was agreed to write to the police drawing their attention to this matter.

Lights The Chairman told members that cards are available on which to report 'out of order' lights.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 16th February 1987 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), J. Brannon, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, F. N. Bickers, D. S. Murkett, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Miss J. Foxton.
Apologies for Absence 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. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter Reply from Hambleton District Council awaited. Coun. Murkett told members that the District Council intend to remove the remaining panes of glass, paint the bus shelter and hand it over to the Town Council. Members agreed that the bus shelter is of no value to the Town Council and is used by ratepayers of the district. It was agreed that the Chairman and Coun. Murkett fight the District Council's decision at the next meeting of the full Council. It was decided not to take any action in the event of being forced to assume responsibility for the bus shelter until the proposed alterations to the Post Office have been carried out. It was agreed to ask the Head Postmaster when the work is to be done.

Disc Parking Coun. Murkett reported that 2 part time Car Park Enforcement Officers are to be appointed.

Coach Parking A letter from the County Surveyor stated that traffic counts had been carried out in order to assess the implications of making the north western part of the road through Millgate Car Park one way (in a north westerly direction). Banning entry into the car park from Kirkgate and forcing the traffic to negotiate Kirkgate, Market Place and Millgate before entering the car park from the opposite end could result in the eastbound flow in the Market Place being increased by 20-25%, depending on the day of the week. During the summer tourist season, particularly at weekends, serious congestion is experienced in the Market Place and the one way system, as proposed by the Town Council, would significantly worsen the traffic delays on A61 eastbound through the town centre and on B1448 Kirkgate. It would appear that the extra circulation of traffic through the Market Place is an extremely high price to pay to accommodate, at the most, parking for six coaches. Additionally, restricted waiting requires a continued Police presence which, unfortunately, is not readily available and the Traffic Warden coverage at the present time is merely part time. In the circumstances the Police could not support the introduction of a one way system on part of the access road to Millgate car park. It was recommended that in view of the limited number of coaches involved and the potential traffic problems in the Market Place, the proposed one way order and on-street parking order for (part of) the Millgate Car Park access road be not proceeded with. Members were extremely disappointed at this decision. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'to accept the decision of the County Council and to monitor the situation during the summer.' Agreed.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes Nothing reported.

Road - Little Green Coun. Murkett had been told by Mr. Todd that he has not yet been informed by the County Council what work has to be done but there had been a suggestion that a first class road with a footpath at either side would be required. It was agreed to ask the County Council to consider a road compatible with the environment in a conservation area and not a public highway.

Encroachment - Stockton Road A letter from the Chief Planner referred to previous correspondence regarding the non-compliance with conditions at the PLC Homes development, and stated that a report was submitted to the January 1987 Planning Committee meeting when Members were advised that having taken legal advice it was considered that as there was no clear indication as to the correct interpretation of the phrase 'access requirements', the wording of the condition was not sufficiently clear to sustain the issue of an Enforcement Notice for breach of condition. It was, therefore, recommended that no further action be taken. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council is disgusted at the inefficiency which caused this to happen and suggesting that it is ensured that future planning conditions are enforceable.

Street Sweeping Review Nothing reported.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk Nothing reported.

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St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts has not yet contacted Mr. Woods.

Cemetery Water Supply The Clerk reported that Mr. Hatch is drawing up the documents for signing and that Thirsk Hall Estate are willing to grant a Wayleave for a 'once and for all' payment of £20.00.

Christmas Lights Members were shown photographs of mounted decorations. The Clerk stated that Mr. Johnston is obtaining a clearer set of photographs and a price list. It was agreed that when these are available a meeting of the sub-committee should be held to discuss the matter with Mr. Johnston and that a representative of the Chamber of Trade should be invited and a decision made regarding approaching traders etc. in the town with a view to them contributing towards the cost of purchasing decorations.

Seats Letter received from the Manager of Barclays Bank thanking the Town Council, Sowerby Parish Council and the Town Hall Committee for agreeing to the re-siting of the seat. Mr. Hopps had told the Clerk that the seats, presently sited in the bus shelter are not suitable for siting outside. The seats from outside the White Horse Cafe require small repairs which were not quoted for. It was agreed that the Chairman can sanction this work.

Thirsk Museum and Tourist Information Centre A further letter from the Treasurer stated that the Information Centre is running at a loss and it is only as a result of Museum activities that the Tourist Office is viable. In view of this, the Town Council is requested to give further consideration to the financial request in view of the benefits that are helped to create Tourist wise in the District. It was agreed to leave the matter on the table until it is ascertained what help the District Council intend to give.

Lights - Public Rights of Way A letter from the District Council's Lighting Officer stated that he is arranging to carry out a survey of the various areas in the near future after which the Town Council will be notified of what action he is able to take.

Footpaths and Roads in the Parish Coun. Bickers stated that he has not yet completed his survey.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate The Chairman stated that a Compulsory Purchase Order is to be made to acquire the land.

White Mare Roundabout and Ingramgate The Chairman and Coun. Allenby had met Mr. Woods who had agreed to the erection of bollards near the Frankland Arms. The roundabout is being kerbed, the old soil removed and replaced with new soil. Plastic sheeting and gravel are to cover the soil and shrubs planted.

Town Hall Annexe Costs of replacing the annexe not yet to hand.

Fish and Chip Shop - Long Street The complaint regarding traffic is being investigated by the Police.

Town Clock A quotation for the complete renovation of the Town Clock at a cost of £6457.00 was received from Frank Marshall of Ripon. Members were of the opinion that the work should be carried out. Coun. Murkett stated that it may be possible to borrow the money from the District Council to be repaid over two years and he would make enquiries from the Treasurer. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that this matter be dealt with by Coun. Murkett'. Agreed. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding organisations to which application can be made for grant aid. It was agreed to make application to the District Council for a grant under the Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme.

Local Bus Services The Chairman told the meeting that inconvenience is being caused to the public by the Thirsk to Northallerton buses not being routed through the Hambleton Estate and by the lack of a bus service from Northallerton between 12.00 and 5.00 p.m. It was agreed to write to the Transport Officer N.Y.C.C. requesting an early reply to this Council's letter sent in November asking for consideration of the routing of buses through both the Norby and Hambleton Estates.

Grass Cutting 1987 It was agreed to invite tenders for the grass to be cut on the same basis as in 1986, with a maximum of 7 cuts.

Correspondence

Consultation with Parish Councils on Planning Applications A letter from the Chief Planning Officer stating that following a review of procedures it is now proposed to allow 21 days for response to consultation for both delegated and committee applications. The L.P.A. would like to be informed as soon as possible when it is considered that comments on a delegated item might result in that application being presented to Committee and an early telephone call would be of great assistance.

It was agreed to request that Town/Parish Council comments be circulated to the Planning Committee with the agendas.

It was also agreed that the Planning Sub Committee be empowered to make observations on planning applications if they are required before the Council meeting.

Local Council Administration 1981 Edition It was agreed to order a copy of the Supplement at a cost of £4.80 + V.A.T.

Application for Justices Licence Notice received of the intention of Jonathan Prendergast to apply for a Justices Licence in respect of the Regent Bingo and Social Club.

Seismic Survey Letter presented from the Compagnie Generale de Geophysique regarding a Seismic Survey to be carried out in the surrounding area.

Bus Service Deregulation Letter presented from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council regarding bus service deregulation and stating that the period up to 26th January 1987 has been a freeze period and if any changes are to be made after that date, views taken to the right quarter could be instrumental in ensuring a change for the better. It was agreed that this matter be left in the hands of the Chairman. It was pointed out that the letter was dated 15th December but had not been received until 7th February.

Sports Centre Letter presented from Sowerby Parish Council suggesting that the now dis-used Bamlett factory would make an ideal indoor sports centre and asking for the Town Council's support in their approach to the District Council. Members were in favour of the suggestion but considered that as the matter is of District significance all neighbouring parishes should be invited to a meeting to discuss this. It was agreed to reply suggesting that such a meeting is called.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 99, Norby for Mr. & Mrs. R. Hall.

Suggest that a rear wall should be erected to safeguard the privacy of nearby houses.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at 42, St. Mary's Walk for Mr. J. Matthews.
No Representations.

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

Accounts as Circulated

N. E. Electricity Board	- Connection, Disconnection and Energy for Christmas Lights	- £79.80\
Lester & Hatch for Thirsk Hall Estate	- Wayleave - Cemetery Water Supply	- £20.00\

Additional Account

F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks hire of skip and emptying of skip	- £39.10\
The sum of £58.53 received from Mrs. M. Loveden to cover the cost of energy for the Christmas Lights.		

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Hugh & Caroline Casey	30 G6	£25.00
Hilda May Collier	12 E1	£25.00
Benjamin Atkinson		£25.00

Any Other Business

Free Butter Coun. Foxton told the meeting that information regarding free E. E. C. butter

Markets Coun. Bickers stated that complaints were being made because market stalls are now being sited 6' from the footpath instead of the previous 3'. The Chairman stated that he is meeting with Mr. Hayward to discuss this matter.

Public Conveniences - Millgate Coun. Roberts reported that she had been invited by the cleaner of the ladies toilets to view the toilets which had toilet paper strewn all over the floor and the walls and ceiling were covered with graffiti. Only two hours are allowed each morning and afternoon for cleaning, which is not sufficient. It was agreed to write to H.D.C. stating that the Town Council is not complaining about the cleaner but requesting that more hours should be allocated for cleaning, with the possibility of employing an extra person.

Trailer on The Green Coun. Brannon stated that a trailer has been parked on the grass of the Little Green. It was agreed that when its owner is identified a letter be sent requesting its removal.

Cemetery Superintendent Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the Council go into Committee to discuss a letter from the Cemetery Superintendent.' Agreed.

Letter presented from Mr. Collinson tendering his resignation as Cemetery Superintendent, three month's notice coming into effect at the end of February.

It was agreed to invite applications for a self employed part time Cemetery Superintendent and to advertise the post in the Thirsk Advertiser and North Yorkshire News.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 16th March 1987 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers, the Clerk + 2 Members of the Press.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. J. Brannon.

Coun. Allenby Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman paid tribute to the late Coun. Allenby, who died on 17th February, and members observed a short silence.

Minutes The Minutes of the 1986 Annual Assembly were read to the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Industrial Park Coun. Murkett stated that the Industrial Park is proving quite a success despite the fact that no rebates or relocation grants are offered.

Chairman's Report In his report the Chairman referred to the road from Little Green to Todds which is encroaching onto the grass. The Market Place footpaths are being repaired and with the acquisition of a mechanical sweeper, the Market Place is cleaner. Work has started on improving the Market Place public conveniences. The new water supply has been connected at Cemetery Lodge. The Hambleton Place ditch is to be culverted at a cost to the District Council of £14,000.00. Work on the White Mare Roundabout is almost complete. The Chairman thanked Coun. Foxton for her work on The Holmes Conservation Scheme.

Matters Arising from the Chairman's Report

Footpaths Mr. Woods to be reminded of his offer to drop kerbs when footpath repairs are being carried out, for the benefit of wheelchairs and prams. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to the 'Barratt' advertising board at the junction of Long Street/Hambleton Drive which is dangerous for pedestrians.

Litter Bins Coun. Murkett suggested that H.D.C. be requested to consider a scheme whereby traders buy a litter bin on which they are allowed to advertise and with the facility of it being emptied by the District Council, which could solve the problem of advertising boards on the Market Place which are usually in connection with businesses in the streets off the Market Place.

The Holmes Environmental Scheme Coun. Foxton stated that the Richmond Conservation Volunteers had cleared Whitelass opening up the footpath from the waterfall to Stockton Road. An inspection of The Holmes footpaths is to be carried out. It had been decided that formal footpaths would be eroded by flood water. Hambleton District Council is anxious for the walks to be completed.

Reports from School Governors

Thirsk County Primary School A written report submitted by Coun. Craig mentioned successful school events - Bring and Buy Sale, Christmas Fayre and Carol Service - a new 'Choice Menu' system of school meals and Extra Curricular Activities.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Roberts referred to the school establishment of nine teachers plus the headmaster. There are 244 pupils - 101 Infants in 4 classes and 143 Juniors in 5 classes. Coun. Roberts also referred to School activities and, since the ending of the teachers work to rule and strikes, the many out of school activities. The Governors have discussed the N.Y.C.C.'s proposal to change the school year to give 4 terms of equal length.

All Saints' R.C. Primary School Mrs. Greensit's written report mentioned school activities, curriculum and charities. In a letter Mrs. Greensit referred to the happy atmosphere in the school and the polite and cheerful attitude of the children.

Parochial Charities Coun. Foxton reported that £48.00 had been distributed.

Matter Raised by an Elector of the Parish

Favenfield Road A resident of Favenfield Road had approached Coun. Foxton regarding the road which has not yet been brought up to standard due to a mistake

Abstract of Audited Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1987

General

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.86	2527.56	Clerk's Salary	1250.00
Precept	8750.00	Administration	396.55
Interest	675.30	Audit	93.44
Christmas Lights	318.53	Christmas Lights	750.25
Ingramgate Seats	1188.00	Insurances	202.37
Refund of V.A.T.	556.74	Donations & Subscriptions	510.08
Donation to Refurbishment of Clock Face (H.D.C.)	307.00	Shrubs, Flower Baskets & White Mare Roundabout	395.37
Grant to Maintenance of White Mare Roundabout (N.Y.C.C.)	70.00	Purchase of Ingramgate Seats (Inc. V.A.T.)	1366.20
Insurance Claim for Seat Repairs	36.84	Seat Repairs	167.11
		Town Clock Face	1104.00
		Grass Cutting	793.50
		Street Sweeping	2218.75
		Town Hall Ins. (Half cost)	133.21
		Balance	5049.14
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Burial Board

	£		£
Credit Balance 1.4.86	764.57	Payment to Cemetery Superintendent	3076.67
Precept	5000.00	Insurance	64.40
Refund of V.A.T.	182.89	Hire of Grass Cutter	356.50
War Graves Commission	10.35	Fuel for Grass Cutter	87.83
Dividends & Interest	41.67	Emptying & Hire of Skip	241.50
Refund on Water Meter	126.50	Rates & Water Charges for Cemetery Lodge	426.40
Burial Board Income	1500.50	Register of Burials	64.40
		New Water Supply	770.81
		Advertisement re: Cemetery Superintendent	21.85
		Balance	2516.12
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Summary

	£		£
General Account	5049.14	Current Account	240.43
Burial Board Account	2516.12	Deposit Account	140.12
		Deposit Investment Account	207.00
		Anglia Building Society	6977.71
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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
HAMBLETON PLACE
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Mr M F PAXTON
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THIRSK 24349

Report - Mr. H. D. Craig - 16th March, 1987

Thirsk County Primary School now has 242 children on roll with 10 to start in reception classes after the Easter Holidays.

The Nursery Unit has 24 children attending each morning and 24 in the afternoon.

School Events

Bring and Buy Sale held in Aid of the Blue Peter Eight Savers Appeal in November.

A very successful Christmas Fayre was organised by the Friends of Thirsk County Primary last December. Father Christmas had a busy evening and a good time was had by all present.

The Carol Service was this time held in St. Mary's Parish Church when Readings and Musical items were provided by the Choir and Orchestra. Rev. Lewis officiated.

Children are now busy rehearsing for the Area Musical Festival, in which eight local primary schools are taking part. This is to be held at Thirsk School on Saturday, 21st March at 7.00 p.m.

School Meals

A new 'Choice Menu' system was introduced in November 1986. This appears to be popular with the children and has encouraged more to stay for school lunches.

School Building

A new school sign has been erected near the main entrance gate. Internal painting was carried out during 1986.

Bewerley Park

A party of 40 children and 4 members of staff is planning to visit Bewerley Park Centre for Outdoor Education for five days at the end of April.

Extra Curricular Activities

The following weekly activities continue:-

Gym Club	Percussion Group
Country Dancing	Brass Group
Recorder Groups	Choir
Football	Orchestra
Computer Club	

Curriculum

The teachers are putting in much extra time planning the curriculum and continue to aim that each child should reach the high standards of which they are capable.

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

REPORT APRIL 1986 - MARCH 1987.

ESTABLISHMENT

HEAD - Mrs. B.I. Rushton.

Two full time assistants

Two part-time assistants

One non-teaching assistant.

Secretary,

Cook and assistant

Two dinner supervisors

Caretaker.

NO. ON ROLL - 96 More than half bused from Northallerton
A small number of non-catholics attend.

85% of 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 to 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, Topcliffe and Carlton Miniott Schools
Inter School Swimming Gala
School Swimming Gala
Road Safety Trophy - 2nd place
Christmas performance of "Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs"
All children took part.
Outing to Beamish Museum.
Open Evenings are held each year - 100% attendance
Children attend All Saints' Church for Mass on Liturgical Feasts
Regular visits by School Doctor, Dentist and School Nurse

Charities: Catholic Child Welfare Society - £76.30p.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
16th March 1987 at 7.45 p.m.

Present Couns. H. D. Craig (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison,
Miss J. Foxton, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, F. N. Bickers, + 2 members of the Public.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. J. Brannon.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter Confirmation still awaited of the District Council's intentions regarding
the bus shelter. Members were of the opinion that removing the remaining
glass and painting the shelter prior to handing it over to the Town Council is not
acceptable. Various options were considered - demolition of the existing shelter and
eventual replacement with a modern vandalproof structure or renovation until funds are
available for a new structure, were discussed. It was also suggested that there could
be a centre opening in the existing shelter with both ends blocked up. Coun. Davison
produced a sample of unbreakable material which could be used for window replacement.
It was agreed not to take action until the Post Office's intentions are known. Reply
from the Head Postmaster still awaited.

Disc Parking Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Thirsk
(Off Street Parking Places) Order 1987 has been made, and pointing out
that provision on the Market Place for the siting of tables and chairs has been deleted.
A further letter confirmed that Car Park Supervising Officers will be appointed who
would not merely be acting to enforce the Order with a view to prosecuting in the first
instance but would, ideally, be used for directional or guidance purposes by motorists,
seeking to ensure effective regulation over the Market Place, but would also act as a
point of reference to any incoming tourists seeking particular advice about Thirsk and
its environs.
Coun. Roberts expressed concern about Clause 21C of the Order regarding eating in parked
vehicles.

Coach Parking The Chairman produced letters from the Chamber of Trade, John Smiths
Coaches and George Bell Travel, regarding the effect on the town's trade
if tourist coaches stop visiting Thirsk because of the lack of coach parking facilities.
The Chairman was of the opinion that the small car park in Millgate would be suitable
for coaches. Coun. Murkett stated that coaches on that area would disturb the elderly
residents of Gillings Court. Members agreed that the grass at the Millgate entrance to
the Car Park should be used for coach parking as suggested by the Police but turned
down by the District Council because of the cost. The Chairman to press for this at
the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting. Members also felt that the road through
the Car Park could have been made one-way, for a trial period, to allow roadside parking
of coaches. County Councillor Turton to be asked to attend the April meeting to discuss
this.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes Nothing reported.

Road - Little Green A letter from the County Area Surveyor stated that the planning
application by F. D. Todd & Sons for residential development at the
rear of 70, The Green has been refused for the following reasons: 1. The L.P.A. considers
that the roads leading to the site are not of a sufficient width or suitable construction
and layout to cater for any traffic which would be likely to be generated by this proposal.
2. It is the policy of the County Council that where a street is to be developed to
serve four or more properties it shall be laid out to a standard fit for adoption as a
highway maintainable at public expense. The 'streets' leading to the site have not been
included as part of this application and the layout of the proposed site does not
demonstrate a suitable form. The letter continued that details of the adoptable road
necessitated by this development has yet to be agreed and any registered land which may
be required for provision of this access road must firstly be deregistered by request
of the applicant. Members considered that a meeting of all the parties concerned could
be advantageous to Todds but it was agreed to ask County Councillor Turton to discuss
the highway aspect at the April meeting.

Street Sweeping Review It was reported that the mechanical sweeper is now in use.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk Nothing reported.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts to meet Mr. Woods in the near future.

Encroachment at Stockton Road A letter addressed to Coun. Murkett, from a resident of Whitelass Close who was at the meeting, was presented. The writer requested, for security reasons, that its contents should not be reported by the Press. This was not acceptable to the Press. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the Council go into Committee to discuss a matter of confidentiality, security and not being in the public interest.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 1 Against. The members of the Press left the meeting.

It was agreed to forward the letter to the Chief Planner H.D.C. and request that the Enforcement Officer insists that the gaps in the hedge are blocked.

Christmas Lights It was agreed that the sub committee meet with Mr. Johnston who has obtained a sample Christmas decoration. Representatives of the Chamber of Trade and the Rotary Club to be invited.

Seats It was agreed that the seat from outside Barclays Bank should remain on the Market Place and that a 'Lions' seat should go to the Town Hall. It was reported that the R.A.O.B. seat has been badly vandalised.

Lights - Public Rights of Way Nothing reported.

Footpaths and Roads Coun. Bickers report to be considered at the next meeting.

White Mare Roundabout It was reported that the work is almost completed.

Town Hall Annexe Nothing reported.

Town Clock Coun. Murkett stated that the cost of repairs and renovation can be borrowed from the District Council, repayable over two years and interest free.

Reply awaited from the L.C.A. regarding organisations to whom application for grants can be made. A letter from the Chief Planner stated that a grant may be available from the Councils Urban Conservation Fund and requested a second opinion on the amount of work required.

Local Bus Services Reply awaited.

Consultation with Parish Councils on Planning Applications A letter from the Chief Planner stated that reports for Planning Committee are written ready for input into the computer 2 weeks prior to the Committee date. All information to hand at the time is included in the report and comments of the relevant Parish/Town Council are included at this stage. Parish Council comments received after the deadline for report, but before the Committee date relating to applications to be considered at that meeting are reported at the meeting.

Public Conveniences A letter from Mr. Flanagan of the Technical Department stated that the cleaners have been working their various hours for some considerable time and he is surprised that they are not now considered sufficient.

Cemetery Superintendent The Clerk reported that there has been a lot of interest in the vacancy.

Wayleaves for New Water Supply to Cemetery Lodge The Wayleaves, prepared by Lester & Hatch, and signed by Mr. John Bell of Thirsk Hall Estate and Mr. Donald and Mrs. Margery Collinson, were presented for signing by the Chairman and two members of this Council. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the documents be sealed.' Agreed.

Tenders for Grass Cutting

The following tenders were submitted:

1. <u>The Holmes</u>	£66.00 per cut.	2. <u>The Holmes</u>	£60.00 per cut.
<u>The Greens</u>	£43.00 per cut.	<u>The Greens</u>	£40.00 per cut.
<u>Mill Gardens</u>	£17.00 per cut.	<u>Mill Gardens</u>	£15.00 per cut.
	+ V.A.T.		+ V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Loveden 'that Tender No. 2 - submitted by Mr. Paul Turner - be accepted. Agreed.

Cemetery Grass Cutter It was agreed to seek a quotation from Power Point for the hire of a grass cutter for the Cemetery.

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Correspondence

International Year of Shelter for the Homeless Letter presented from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council stating that 1987 has been designated by the United Nations as International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. To co-ordinate activities in the U.K. a Trust has been formed. 50 local groups have been established and the North Yorkshire IYSH Group was launched on 29th Jan. The various aims of the North Yorkshire group were listed. It was agreed not to take any action.

Temporary Closure of Kirkgate Two Notices of Temporary Closure of Kirkgate were received covering the periods 24th March to 14th April and 22nd April to 13th May 1987. The road will be open to traffic each Monday (Market Day) and access for pedestrians will be maintained at all times.

Parish/Town Council Elections - 7th May 1987 Notice received that nomination papers will be available from 20th March - 6th April - the latest date for delivery of nomination papers to the Returning Officer being Noon on 6th April. Recent changes in electoral law now enable the provision of poll cards for Parish elections subject to individual Parish Councils requesting them. It is also possible for notice of Parish elections to be included on the poll cards for district elections at a shared cost. In the event of there being a contested Parish election but no District Council election, poll cards could be produced at a cost of 15p per card. In the event of a combined District/Parish election, a reference to the Parish election on the District poll card could cost 8/9p per card. It was agreed that as all the District Council seats are being contested in Thirsk, there is no need for Parish election poll cards nor for any reference to be made on the District poll cards.

Yorkshire Day Notice received that the Yorkshire Day Civic Procession and Service is to take place at Wakefield on 1st August. Authorities being represented are asked to make a contribution of £25.00. It was agreed not to be represented.

Thirsk Local Plan Notification received that a Public Exhibition is to be held in the Town Hall from 2nd - 6th April. There will also be a public meeting to discuss the plan at 7.30 p.m. on 6th April.

Britian in Bloom 1987 Notification and details received of the 1987 Britian in Bloom competition. It was decided not to take any action.

Teapots - Bakers Alley, Thirsk Notice of Application for affirmation of a Provisional grant of a licence for licensed premises at Teapots which is to be known as Slicks Bistro, presented.

H.D.C. Housing Department Notice received that a sub office is located at 14A, Market Place - at the rear of the Yorkshire Bank.

Civil Defence A copy of 'Civil Protection' received from the County Emergency Officer.

Posters re: Dogs Fouling Footways It was agreed to share the cost of purchasing 50 posters with Sowerby Parish Council.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Renewal of Outline Consent for the Construction of a Detached Dwelling and Domestic Garage at Plot adjacent to 176, Hambleton Place for Mr. F. Wilson.
It was agreed to request a site meeting with a Planning Officer as it is considered that because of its location, access from the site could be dangerous.

Conversion of Part of Existing Tyre Depot to a Dwelling with Domestic Garage in Lieu of 2 Approved Dwelling Units at 19, Long Street for Shaw Brothers.
No Representations.

Layout of Land and Construction of a Building to Incorporate 4 Self Contained Flats and a Terrace of 3 Dwellinghouses at Land off Piper Lane for Lexington Payne Homes Ltd. No Representations.

Erection of a Non Illuminated Hanging Sign at 91, Market Place for K. R. Surgey.
No Representations.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Lester & Hatch	- Fees re: New Water Supply for Cemetery Lodge	- £ 17.25\
City of Wakefield		
M.D.C.	- Stationery from Yorks. Purchasing Organisation	- £ 20.27\
Ackrill Newspapers	- Advertisement re: Cemetery Superintendent	- £ 21.85\
Hambleton D.C.	- Estimated cost of Street Sweeping 1986/87 + Balance owing from 1985/86	- £2218.75\
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£316.25
	Administrative Expenses	£ 43.51
D. G. Collinson	- Quarterly Payment - Jan. - March	£758.75
	Interest on Bank Investment	£ 6.85
	" " on Ivy Thompson Investment	£ 13.43
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks Rental of Skip	- £ 13.80\


Additional Accounts

Yorkshire L.C.A.	- Local Councils Administration Supplement	- £ 5.00\
D. G. Collinson & Son	- Laying new Water Supply to Cemetery Lodge as per quotation	- £ 317.40\

Any Other Business

Junction - Stammergate/Long Street Coun. Roberts drew attention to the lack of indication to motorists leaving Stammergate, where the speed limit is 30 m.p.h., that they are entering a 40 m.p.h. zone in Long Street, which could create a dangerous situation. The County Surveyor to be requested to erect a suitable sign.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.


13/4/87