

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
13th April 1987 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton, D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, J. Brannon, A. J. Davison,  
E. R. Stott, County Councillor G. Turton.  
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts & H. D. Craig.  
In the absence of Coun. Craig, the meeting was conducted by the Vice Chairman,  
Coun. Miss J. Foxton.

Coun. Bickers Members observed a short silence to the memory of the late Coun. Bickers.

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and the Council Meeting held on 16th March,  
having been circulated and approved, were signed by the Vice Chairman,

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden.

County Councillor Turton attended the meeting to discuss Coach Parking and the refusal  
of the planning application, submitted by F. D. Todd & Sons,  
for development to the rear of 70, The Green.

Coach Parking Referring to the District Council's decision to utilise the small car  
park at Millgate for coach parking, Coun. Turton stated that the surface  
of the area is not suitable for heavy vehicles and could only be used for a short time.  
He also considered that the small car park will be required for long stay parking when  
disc parking is introduced on the Market Place. The County Council favour the grassed  
island between the link road and the large car park for coach parking, as recommended  
by the police; the land which has a hard core base could be converted at a cost of  
£5,000 - £6,000. Coun. Loveden stated that the noise and fumes from coaches will cause  
a nuisance for the residents of Gillings Court. Members agreed to notify Hambleton  
District Council that they will accept the use of the small car park by coaches for a  
maximum of six months and to make a formal request for the provision of coach parking  
facilities on the grass island as recommended by the police. Coun. Davison suggested  
that the possibility of the car park being extended to land to the rear should be  
explored. It was agreed that this should be left until after the elections in May.  
It was agreed to request Hambleton District Council to designate a taxi rank on the  
Market Place to prevent taxis from encroaching onto the coach parking area.

Road to 70, The Green Referring to the County Council's insistence that the road be  
made up to highway standard, Coun. Murkett suggested that the  
material used could be setts, of the same type used at Riverside Mews, and that there  
was a need for a footpath at only one side. This would not be a 'through' road as it  
ends at Todds. Coun. Turton stated that he has urged the Highways Department to be as  
flexible as possible and had asked for a meeting, on site, of all the parties concerned.  
The Clerk told the meeting that this has been arranged for 30th April at 11.00 a.m.  
and the Town Council invited to send a representative. It was agreed that Coun. Loveden  
represent the Town Council and Coun. Murkett will attend as a District Councillor.

Mechanical Sweepers Coun. Loveden enquired whether there is any co-ordination between  
the County and District Councils regarding street sweeping with  
mechanical sweepers and was told that the County Council sweeps the roads and the District  
Council the footpaths and the Market Place.  
Coun. Turton was thanked for his attendance.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes Annual Assembly

Advertising Boards A letter from Mr. Woods stated that during the past weeks, a number  
of traders have been approached and requested to either remove or  
re-position their advertising boards and the response has been generally good. The few  
which remain, including the 'Barratt' sign, will be attended to in the near future.  
A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer H.D.C. stated that the issue of  
advertising boards has been referred to the Chief Planner & Technical Officer for his  
attention.

Sponsored Litter Bins The letter from the Chief E.H.O. informed the Council that the  
Cleaving Officer is initiating a sponsored litter bin scheme  
in the District whereby local businesses/organisations are being invited to fund litter  
bins with advertising plates attached. Depending upon the response of the businesses  
and organisations (approx 100), the Environmental Health Committee will be asked to  
endorse such a scheme. Details of the type of bins and prices were enclosed.

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Sponsored Litter Bins cont/ It was considered that the cost of the litter bins at £88.50 each + V.A.T. with an additional charge for a sponsorship plaque and for artwork and a stencil is too expensive and it was felt that the costs should be shared by the District Council. It was agreed that Coun. Murkett and Coun. Craig take up the matter with the District Council.

Dropped Kerbs A letter from Mr. Woods stated that included in the schedule of works for the coming financial year are footpath works along Castlegate, which will be carried out in late summer or early autumn. At the same time, the opportunity will be taken to provide any further 'dropped' kerbs around the Market Place. Mr. Woods suggested that a member of the Council meet him to agree on the exact locations for the 'dropped' kerbs and Coun. Murkett agreed to attend this meeting.

Thirsk Industrial Park Coun. Murkett produced figures showing that there are now 9 companies operating on the Industrial Park with a total of 67 jobs and 3 more companies will be located there in 1987.

### Matters Arising from the Council Meeting

Bus Shelter - Market Place A letter from the Post Office's District Manager at Leeds, who is responsible for Counter Services in the Thirsk area, stated that planning permission for alterations to Thirsk Post Office counter was never progressed owing to lack of funds allocated for improvements. A review of Counter Services is being carried out and the Town Council will be informed as soon as a decision is made concerning improvements at Thirsk. A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated 'I am writing to give formal notice to your Council of my own Council's intention to terminate its agreement to maintain your bus shelter forthwith'. The letter continued that whilst points raised by the Town Council were communicated to members, it was resolved to adhere to their earlier decision with regard to the future of the premises. It was noted that the remaining glass has been removed and the structure painted. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of replacing or altering the present structure. Coun. Murkett agreed to ask a local architect if he will provide a plan for altering the bus shelter.

Disc Parking A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that paragraph 21(c) of the Order is intended to catch the individual, or individuals, who use the parking spaces for picnics, to excess, and to the detriment of other users of that car park. It would be impossible to define with any accuracy any excessive user, which is why a general prohibition is imposed, with the car park superintendent using his discretion should it be considered that that particular clause warrants enforcement. The letter also stated that the reason for the slight increase in the gross weight of vehicles that are permitted access to the Market Place was upon a recommendation from the North Yorkshire County Council and the police.

Members had received complaints regarding the bollards, erected on the Market Place to prevent vehicles being driven over the Public Service Vehicle area. Chains have been hung between the bollards and it was felt that members of the public, crossing that area, during the hours of darkness, which is not well lit, could fall over the chains. The Clerk was instructed to telephone H.D.C. regarding this and suggesting the removal of the chains and the siting of extra bollards.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes Nothing reported.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk Nothing reported.

St. Mary's Walk Coun. Roberts has now met Mr. Woods.

Encroachment at Stockton Road Letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer referring to previous correspondence and stating that with reference to the request for street lighting, a copy of the letter has been forwarded to North Yorkshire County Council's Highways Dept. Road Lighting Unit for their attention. A letter from the Chief Reporter of North Yorkshire News referred to the fact that the Press were asked not to report on the above item at the March meeting and enclosing a copy of the public's rights contained in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. The Clerk told the meeting that she had spoken to the Chief Reporter about the contents of his letter.

Christmas Lights The sub committee had met with Mr. Johnston and had been shown a lantern decoration. The meeting had been attended by the Chairman

Christmas Lights cont/ of the Chamber of Trade who had been asked to request his members to consider participating in the scheme. The sub committee had drawn up a letter, inviting every business in the town to participate and including the prices of the decorations available. A letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade to this Council meeting stated that a sub committee of the Chamber had considered the suggestions and have decided that the £300 over the 3 year period should be adhered to; the Chamber of Trade are 100% behind the Town Council's idea of approaching every business, association and group in the area to assist in raising the money considered necessary.

Seats Coun. Davison has taken the vandalised R.A.O.B. seat for repair to the Manpower Services Centre at Billingham.

Lights - Public Rights of Way Nothing reported.

Footpaths and Roads The survey on the footpaths, roads and yards in the Parish, carried out by the late Coun. Bickers, was read to the meeting. It was agreed to keep it with the Council records and to forward a copy to the Museum.

White Mare Roundabout A letter from Coun. Roberts stated that she had spoken to Mr. Cartman (Nurseryman) about low growing conifers to plant on the roundabout. There are 2 sizes available - large ones which are 3' across at a cost of £12 - £14 each and small ones at £2 - £3 each. He had offered to inspect the roundabout and estimate how many trees would be needed and can supply a variety of colours, and would deliver direct to the site. It was agreed to plant only a few conifers initially in case there are problems with the soil, and to leave the planting to Coun. Foxton and Coun. Roberts.

Town Clock In view of the fact that the cost of the repair and refurbishment of the fabric of the clock can be borrowed from H.D.C. interest free and repayable over the next two financial years, it was agreed that the work should be carried out. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Loveden 'to accept the quotation submitted by F. Marshall of Ripon and request him to carry out the work in the near future.' Agreed.

Local Bus Services A letter from the County Surveyor stated that certain changes have been agreed upon for the Thirsk to Northallerton Service. An additional journey on Monday to Saturday will depart from Thirsk to the Hambleton Estate at 0841 and return to the Market Place to enable passengers to travel on the 0905 departure to Northallerton. The 1200 Northallerton to Thirsk journey will be extended to serve the Hambleton Estate. Additional journeys on Monday to Friday are to be provided on service 155 departing Thirsk at 1400 with a return journey departing from Northallerton at 1555. It has not been possible to provide a service to serve Norby Estate, there being no suitable turning facility for a public service vehicle within the estate and insufficient time within the current schedule requirement to obtain an acceptable diversion to make a turnaround possible.

Coun. Loveden stated that he understands that since de-regulation, bus companies are able to make changes at short notice and without notifying the local Councils. It was agreed to ask that the Town Council be notified by the County Council of any proposed changes that would affect Thirsk as soon as they have the information to hand.

Public Conveniences It was reported that the Market Place public conveniences are in the process of renovation.

Cemetery Superintendent The meeting was told that the sub committee had interviewed four applicants for the post of Cemetery Superintendent and have appointed Mr. Jonathan D. Barr. Mr. Hatch is to be consulted on the drawing up of an Agreement with Mr. Barr as a self employed contractor.

Cemetery Lodge Couns. Foxton, Murkett and Loveden, together with the Clerk, had carried out an inspection of Cemetery Lodge to decide upon the location of the Burial Board office. Mr. Collinson had pointed out the state of the window frames and dampness on the walls of the kitchen extension. A damp course had been included in the specifications for the alterations to the kitchen when the Lodge was altered in 1974 but it was evident that it had not been included in the work carried out. It was agreed that work would have to be carried out to cure the dampness as a matter of urgency and that prices would be sought for replacement windows which may have to be done over a longer period of time.

Grass Cutting Letter received from Mr. M. T. Shipton, who had submitted an unsuccessful tender, pointing out that during the last grass cutting season he had done extra work which obviously had not been appreciated by the Council. Reply to cont/

Grass Cutting cont/ be sent aporeciating his work but stating that it could not be taken into account when considering tenders. When public money is being spent, the lowest tender must be accepted unless there is good reason for it not to be.

Cemetery Grass Cutter It was agreed that a grass cutter be hired from Power Point at a cost of £11.00 per week + V.A.T. It was also agreed to ask Power Point and Thirsk Power Tools if they would be interested in purchasing the existing grass cutters at the Cemetery.

Junction - Stammergate/Long Street A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the requirements for signing a junction where two different speed limits exist are that there should be, in the case of Long Street and Stammergate, a 40mph repeater sign in Long Street on both sides of the junction. The two repeater signs should be within 100 metres of Stammergate. The present position is that there are repeater signs in Long Street within the required distance, and so there is no requirement for any 40 mph sign in Stammergate.

Long Street A letter from Chief Inspector Whittaker, regarding the problems caused by vehicles as the fish and chip shop, stated that observations have been kept by patrolling officers throughout February and although at times it has to be accepted that the area is busy, there have been no specific offences committed by drivers using these premises. As well as looking at these premises, attention was given to other similar establishments in Thirsk and there would appear to be a greater traffic problem in Westgate than Long Street. Officers will continue to pay attention to all areas of activity which generate a road safety hazard including the premises mentioned and the new Chinese Take-Away in Long Street when it is opened.

Thirsk Local Plan - Draft Written Statement Most members had attended the exhibition in the Town Hall and some had attended the Public Meeting to discuss the Thirsk Local Plan. The following observations were made to be forwarded to the Chief Planner H.D.C.:

Industry A split of the Bamlett site into smaller industrial units should be encouraged.

Tourism Because of the high unemployment rate in Thirsk, James Herriot's name should be used to encourage tourism and create jobs. Thirsk should be promoted as the town where James Herriot's veterinary practice is located.

Environment Thirsk should be given all the backing necessary for it to be the subject of a 'Town Scheme'.

### Correspondence

Applications for Listed Building Consent to Demolish Nos. 22 & 24, Finkle Street, Thirsk

Notifications recieved that applications to demolish Woolybacks, 22, Finkle Street and Halifax Building Society Office, 24, Finkle Street are going to be decided by the Secretary of State for the Environment after having a public local enquiry. The enquiry is to be held at 10.00 a.m. on 2nd June at The Golden Fleece Hotel and attendance is invited or alternatively representations can be sent to the Chief Executive H.D.C. before 27th April or direct to the Department of the Environment. It was agreed not to make a decision regarding representations until the new Council meets in May.

Play Equipment - The Holmes A report from Wicksteed Leisure stated that the surface under the swings is in poor condition and the grass round about requires removing. A new seat is required for one of the swings. It was agreed to order 1 Flat Swing Seat at a cost of £12.00 + V.A.T. & Carriage.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association A letter from the N.Y.P.F.A. gave a reminder that the subscription is now due and it has been necessary to raise the minimum subscription rate to £10.00. It was agreed to pay the increased subscription.

Tape Recorders at Council Meetings Letter presented from Coun. Murkett regarding the use of tape recorders by the Press at Council meetings which could be used without Council knowledge. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the use of tape recorders at Council meetings is not allowed unless permission is sought in writing, and granted.' Agreed.

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Footpath - Hambleton Estate A letter from Coun. Roberts referred to a hedge overhanging a footpath. As the exact location was not indicated it was not possible to request Hambleton District Council to take any action.

Bridge Garage A letter from Coun. Roberts stated that she has received complaints about the state of the river bank to the rear of the new building at Bridge Garage where builders have deposited rubble, and which is an eyesore when viewed from Finkle Street Bridge and the Library. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board and also to mention the state of the bank on the opposite side of the river at the rear of the coal depot. Coun. Roberts also stated that there are complaints about the footpath from Ingramgate to Duckett Ings which is churned up due to the driving of vehicles over it. This to be drawn to the attention of the Footpaths Officer N.Y.C.C.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Substitution of Dwelling Types at Phase II, Hambleton Park for Barratt Newcastle.

No Representations.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20, Market Place for Victoria Wine. No Representations.

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to Include a Domestic Garage to Replace Existing Garage at 4, Barbeck for Mr. J. Molner. No Representations.

Use of Existing Building for Car Repairs at O.S. 1842 Adjoining Football Field at Thirsk Junction for Mr. T. Cree. No Representations.

Construction of a Domestic Garage at Gillings Court for Abbeyfield Society.

No Representations.

Variation of a Condition to Allow Weekday Opening until 11.00 p.m. at Existing Fish and Chip Shop at 62A, Long Street for Mr. S. Tempest. No Representations.

Use of Existing Agricultural Land for Recreation Purposes at O.S. Field 3459 and Part O.S. 5968 Thirsk for Hambleton District Council. Recommend Approval.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd	- Maintenance of Town Clock	- £ 49.45
L.C. Hopps	- Repair and Treatment of Seats	- £ 89.81
Yorkshire L.C.A.	- Subscription and Local Council Review	- £129.00
Thirsk Advertiser	- Advertisement re: Cemetery Superintendent	- £ 15.36
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks Rental of Skip	- £ 13.80

Additional Accounts

Gillings Court Amenity Fund	- Donation for Use of room for Interviews	- £ 5.00
N. Yorks. P.F.A.	- Subscription	- £ 10.00
Anglia Building Society	- Transfer to Investment Account	- £6700.00

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

John Gordon Reynolds	43 G5	£ 50.00
John James Allenby	13 E1	£ 25.00

Any Other Business

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Coun. Loveden requested that H.D.C. be asked for a reply to the Council's request for them to absorb the drainage rate still payable by a small number of ratepayers in Finkle Street, Bridge Street and The Green.

The Flatts Coun. Davison reported glass in the empty paddling pool on The Flatts. The attention of Sowerby Parish Council to be drawn to this.

Ingramgate Coun. Davison referred to the inconvenience caused by the parking of vehicles on land at the front of No. 7, Ingramgate.

Coun. Murkett congratulated Coun. Foxton on the manner in which she had conducted the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 18th May 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, Miss J. Foxton, A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, P. J. Tate, Mrs. P. J. Simpson, D. S. Bentley, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, + 1 Member of the Public.

All Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that Coun. Foxton be elected Chairman.' 'There being no other nominations, Coun. Foxton made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

Election of Vice Chairman Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Davison 'that Coun. Roberts be Vice Chairman'. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that Coun. Loveden be Vice Chairman.' Voting - in Favour of Coun. Roberts 6 - in Favour of Coun. Loveden 2. 2 Abstentions. Coun. Roberts duly elected.

Term of Office of Chairman Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Davison 'that the term of office of the Chairman be for one year only and being succeeded by the Vice Chairman in normal circumstances.'

On an Amendment Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that no Councillor may take the Chair for more than two consecutive years and being succeeded by the Vice Chairman in normal circumstances'.

Voting - in Favour of the Amendment 5. In Favour of the Proposal 5. The Amendment was carried on the Chairman's casting vote. It was agreed that this should become a Standing Order.

#### Appointment of Representatives

Thirsk and Sowerby Civic Society Coun. Tate appointed.

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

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

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Hall appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Davison re-appointed.

Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts, Coun. Davison and Coun. Simpson appointed.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden re-appointed.

Community Care Association Coun. Simpson appointed.

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

#### Sub Committees

The Holmes, Greens and Mill Gardens The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig and Coun. Bentley.

Cemetery The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig, Coun. Loveden and Coun. Hall.

Planning The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Davison, Coun. Tate and Coun. Hall.

Christmas Lights The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Craig, Coun. Loveden, Coun. Simpson and Coun. Bentley.

Town Clock In response to Mr. E. R. Stott's offer to continue to look after the Town Clock it was agreed that Mr. Stott be appointed 'Official Clock-keeper' and to re-imburse him for the cost of telephone calls to the Speaking Clock. Mr. Stott who was present at the meeting agreed to train Coun. Loveden as his deputy.

Home Defence It was agreed that Coun. Bentley be the Home Defence representative.

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

Coach Parking A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the Town Council's request for the grassed island between the link road and the car park to be designated for coach parking will be considered by the Leisure and Amenities Committee in due course.

**Taxi Rank** A copy of a letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. to all the hackney carriage firms in the area, was read to the meeting. The letter stated that when the Thirsk (Off Street Parking Places) Order was advertised, there had been no requests for the provision of an area specifically for use by hackney carriages. Attention has now been drawn to the fact that the area of the Market Place set aside for use by scheduled Public Service Vehicles is being used from time to time by hackney carriages plying for hire. The use of that area contravenes the Order and could lead to the person using the vehicle being liable for a fine of up to a maximum of £100. Should a hackney carriage stand now be requested, it could only be provided by the making of a Byelaw and if part of the Market Place is to be set aside for that purpose, the Thirsk (Off Street Parking Places) Order will need to be amended. If a stand is provided, it could not be in any area specifically set aside for scheduled bus services picking up or setting down passengers. Members agreed that there should be a stand in order that members of the public are aware of where to find a taxi. It was agreed to request H.D.C. to provide a taxi stand and to suggest that the area in front of Rukins and House of Troy as a suitable site.

**Advertising Boards** Nothing reported.

**Sponsored Litter Bins** The relevant H.D.C. Committee has not yet held a meeting.

**Bus Shelter** Coun. Murkett stated that a plan is being drawn.

**Disc Parking** Members agreed that the Disc Parking scheme is receiving more praise than criticism. It was also agreed that more parking space is needed at Millgate Car Park. Hambleton District Council to be told that steps should be taken now to extend the Car Park regardless of the fact that there may be parking spaces available if planning permission is given for a supermarket at The Nurseries. Coun. Murkett had received complaints that disabled drivers, who also use wheelchairs, experience difficulties when parking on the allotted sites to the east of the Town Clock, as there is insufficient space for the unloading of wheelchairs. It was agreed to request that two of the spaces for car parking, parallel to the pavement, at the front of Fine Fare be allocated for disabled parking. This would allow for the unloading of wheelchairs directly onto the pavement.

**Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes** It was reported that the owner of the land to the rear of Millgate Car Park had agreed to allow a footpath through his land and H.D.C. were also agreeable to their land being included. The Chairman agreed to contact the Richmond Conservation Volunteers regarding the making up of the footpath. Coun. Murkett stated that the Rotary Club wished to be involved in the scheme. The Chairman to arrange a meeting of interested parties.

**Heavy Goods Vehicles Through Thirsk** It was reported that a traffic census was being carried out in the Market Place this day.

**St. Mary's Walk** Coun. Roberts stated that she and Mr. Woods had surveyed the area and is now awaiting the outcome of the enquiries regarding ownership that he intended to make. It was agreed to make application for this section of path, which is an unofficial link from St. Mary's to the Barratt Estate, to be designated as a public footpath.

**Christmas Lights** The meeting was told that all businesses with premises fronting onto the Market Place and side streets had been circulated regarding the proposed Christmas Decorations and so far there had been a fair response. The closing date for replies was the last day of May. It was agreed that the Sub Committee meet with Mr. Johnston, the electrician, on 4th June.

**Seats** A quotation for repairs to the R.A.O.B. seat had been received from the Employment Service Agency Rehabilitation Centre, Billingham at a cost of £35.00 - being the cost of materials plus 25%. A claim had been made to the Insurance Company for this amount plus the cost of delivery to Billingham and return.

**Lights - Public Rights of Way** Nothing reported.

White Mare Roundabout Coun. Roberts stated that two conifers have been donated for planting on the roundabout and with the promised grant of £50 from the N.Y.C.C. the cost to the Town Council this year should not be very high.

Town Clock A letter from the Yorkshire L.C.A. stated that they are unable to find any clearly defined source of funding for repairs to the clock, other than the District and County Councils although it may be possible to obtain a grant from the local tourist board. A letter from the Chief Planner H.D.C. stated that the Planning Committee have resolved to offer a grant of £500 from the Council's Urban Conservation Fund and payment will only be made on completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Chief Planner & Technical Officer. Members who had met with the stonemason had been told that additional work is required at the top of the clock tower and a price will be submitted. The members who had been present had agreed that if the work is essential it will have to be carried out. A letter from Mr. Stott referred to the vandalism that had been perpetrated on the clock face by vandals scaling the scaffolding and suggested that Messrs. Potts be asked to remove the external pointers until the repairs are completed. It was agreed to ask Messrs. Potts to do this and to give a quotation for making good the damage. At the suggestion of Coun. Murkett, it was agreed to write to the Queen inviting her to make a donation to the cost of repairs to the clock which was erected by public subscription to celebrate the wedding of her grandparents.

Local Bus Services A letter from the County Surveyor's Department stated that it would not be practicable to consult Town/Parish Councils on individual changes to local bus services but it has been agreed that Annual Liason Meetings will be held with Town/Parish Councils on an Area/District basis to discuss Public Transport matters, and when dates have been agreed Thirsk Town Council will be invited to attend.

Cemetery Superintendent An agreement between the Town Council and Mr. Barr had been drawn up and prepared for signing. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Agreement, drawn up by Lester and Hatch, be signed by the Chairman, a Member of the Council and the Clerk as required.' Agreed.

Cemetery Lodge - Burial Board Office Mr. Barr had suggested that an outbuilding could be converted into an office instead of using part of the large downstairs room in the Lodge. The sub committee had agreed to seek quotations for converting the outbuilding and for restoring the original Burial Board Office in the Lodge. The following quotations were received:

<u>Office in Cemetery Lodge</u>	1. £353.00	2. £578.79 + V.A.T.	3. £447.00 + V.A.T.
<u>Office in Outbuilding</u>	1. £760.00	2. £1255.39 + V.A.T.	3. £976.00 + V.A.T.

Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that quotation No. 1 - to restore the Burial Board Office in the Lodge - of £353.00 submitted by Mr. J. D. Barr, be accepted.' Agreed. It was noted that electrical work was not mentioned in the quotation and if any is necessary, the total cost for all the work in converting the office must not exceed £450.00.

Cemetery Lodge - Damp Proofing Quotations had been received from two contractors for this work. These were not considered to be sufficient and it was agreed to seek quotations from Hambleton Hygiene Services and Rentokil. A meeting of the Cemetery Sub Committee will be held to consider all the quotations.

Cemetery Grass Cutters An offer of £170.00 for the 3 cutters was received from Power Point. The Clerk had been informed by telephone that one cutter is worthless and £10.00 was being offered for it. The remaining two cutters were equal in value. A letter from Thirsk Athletic Club offered £100.00 for the cutter numbered 1. It was agreed to accept the Athletic Club's offer and to sell the other cutters to Power Point.

Public Enquiry - Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of Nos. 22 & 24, Finkle Street

It was pointed out that it is too late to send a written representation to the D.O.E. A debate took place as to whether the Town Council should send a representative to speak at the enquiry. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that a representative be sent to the enquiry to state that the Town Council does not want a supermarket and does not want the demolition of listed buildings.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 2 Against - 2 Abstentions.

Public Enquiry cont/ The representation will be in the form of a written statement, drawn up by the 6 members who voted in Favour, and read out at the Enquiry by Coun. Tate.

Play Equipment - The Holmes A report on the Play Equipment, from Municipal Mutual Insurance, stated that it is satisfactory except that the end caps are missing from the Parallel Bars. The Clerk reported that the replacement swing seat is now to hand.

Footpath - Hambleton Estate Coun. Craig reported that this matter has been dealt with.

Bridge Garage Reply awaited from the Cod Beck Drainage Board. Mr. Fawcett, the N.Y.C.C. Footpaths Officer, had offered to meet representatives on site to discuss the footpath from Ingramgate to Duckett Ings. Coun. Foxton and Coun. Roberts agreed to meet Mr. Fawcett.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Reply from H.D.C. awaited.

Development at 70, The Green Coun. Murkett reported on the meeting, held to discuss the road to 70, The Green, and had been told that the road would be on Common Land and that sufficient other land must be provided to replace that taken up by the road. There is additional land at Pinfold Place and if this is not enough, Mr. Todd has offered land to make up the deficiency. The Highway Authority will be satisfied with an Environmental road if it is for access only.

A letter from Mrs. P. Hunt of 86, St. James' Green stated that she objected to the suggestion that a road might be constructed to the rear of her home but welcomed the idea of the present road to 70, The Green being brought up to standard which would alleviate the problems of dust during very dry spells.

Litter at Gillings Court Coun. Loveden drew attention to the disgusting amount of litter at the back of Gillings Court which is never cleared by the street sweeper. It was agreed to request H.D.C. to take the necessary steps to have the area cleaned up and that regular attention is given to it.

Mill Gardens Coun. Foxton told members that Mill Gardens is in a state of decline and that a working party to tidy it up is urgently needed. It was agreed to hold a site meeting on Friday, 22nd May at 7.00 p.m.

### Correspondence

Audit Notice received that the Town Council's books will be audited at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton commencing on 1st June 1987.

The Open Spaces Society Letter received stating that the minimum subscription has risen from £7.50 to £10.00 and hoping that the Town Council will continue its support. It was agreed to pay the increased subscription.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Koon Hing Cheng to apply for the transfer of the licence in respect of the Hung Moey Restaurant which is presently held by Tin Fat Cheng.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Allan David Spree and Norman Edward Mortimer to apply for the transfer of the licence in respect of the Victoria Wine Off-Licence which is presently held by Brian Hyde.

Planning Committee Site Visits Letter presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the Planning Committee is to visit O.S. Field 1842, Thirsk Junction in connection with a planning application for the Maintenance of Motor Cars and inviting not more than two representatives of the Town Council to be present at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th May.

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following planning applications:

Variation of a Condition Restricting Opening Hours of Existing Restaurant and Use of First Floor Accommodation for Permanent Residents at The Stoneybrough for Mrs. M. Dinsley. Recommend Approval.

Alteration to Existing Forecourt Shop at Thirsk Motors, Long Street for Mr. D. Howells. Recommend Approval.

Planning Applications cont/

Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign and Listed Building Consent at 48, Market Place, for Granada T.V. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that Internally Illuminated Signs are not in keeping with a Conservation Area.

Application for a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development in Respect of Land at O.S. 5968 (Part) Thirsk for D. Myers, F. D. Bendelow and H. Swales. Object on the grounds that this is part of the land designated as public open space in the Thirsk District Plan and required for recreation land for the Hambleton Estate.

Extension to Existing Public House at The Red Bear, 47, Market Place and Listed Building Consent for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery. The Council is concerned that the proposed extensions would reach the road to Gillings Court and request that the Planning Committee include this in their site visits on 27th May.

Alteration to Existing Shop Front at 50, Market Place and Listed Building Consent for Alteration to Existing Shop Front and Display of a Non Illuminated Fascia Sign at 50, Market Place for Mister Minit Shops Ltd. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the present window is an attractive feature in a listed building in a Conservation Area.

Change of Use of Existing First and Second Floor Residential Accommodation to Office Use at 50, Market Place for Babsave Ltd. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that it will mean the loss of valuable living accommodation in the Market Place.

Construction of a Pair of Semi Detached Dwellinghouses at 121-127, Long Street for S. & B. Construction. No Objections but point out that care will need to be taken with the uneven gable wall of No. 127.

Installation of a Cash Dispensing Machine at 11, Market Place for Trustee Savings Bank. Recommend Approval.

Installation of a Satellite Dish and Listed Building Consent at 8-12, Kirkgate for Mr. P. Odling. Point out that the Dish is already in place and ask what the District Council's policy is regarding Satellite Dishes.

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Dwellinghouse at Plump Bank Bungalow for Mr. & Mrs. P. Adlington. Recommend Approval.

Change of Use of Disused Ground Floor Betting Shop to Office Use with Building Society Agency at 6, Market Place for Mr. P. Davison. No Representations.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Paul Turner	- Grass Cutting as per Quotation	- £115.00
Wicksteed Leisure	- Replacement Seat for Swing	- £ 16.08
Hambleton D. C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	- £158.64
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80
D. G. Collinson	- Payment to 31.5.87 - date of termination of Contract	- £537.00

Additional Accounts

Yorkshire Water	- Metered Charges - Cemetery & Lodge - Final A/c.	£ 29.56
Yorkshire Water	- Water Charges based on Rateable Value - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year	£ 60.44
Lester & Hatch	- Fee for drawing up Agreement - Cemetery Supt.	£ 11.50
E. R. Stott	- Reimbursement of Telephone Calls - 1985/86/87	£ 1.49
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	£ 16.33
Power Point	- 4 weeks hire of Grass Cutter (+ V.A.T.)	£ 50.60

Any Other Business

Recreation Land Coun. Murkett suggested that the old playing field at Norby should be obtained for use as recreation land.

The meeting closed at 11.00 p.m.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
15th June 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden,  
A. J. Davison, P. J. Tate, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, Mrs. P. J. Simpson.  
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. Craig, sec. Coun. Loveden.

Chairman Before continuing with the meeting, the Chairman thanked Coun. Craig for the  
work he carried out during his year in the 'Chair' and for his help to her  
when she was Vice Chairman.

The Chairman referred to the unusual length of the previous meeting, stating that it  
had been due partly to an inexperienced Chairman, a lengthy Agenda, explaining matters  
to new Councillors and the somewhat unruly behaviour of some members. The Chairman  
requested members to address all matters to the 'Chair' and not to deviate from the  
subjects under discussion.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking Nothing reported.

Taxi Rank and Parking for the Disabled A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated  
that for any part of the Market Place covered  
by the Thirsk (Off Street Parking Places) Order 1987 to be utilised for a Hackney  
Carriage stand or for parking exclusively by the disabled, it would necessitate a  
modification of the existing Order of which the procedural requirements of the relevant  
Regulations dictate that at least 3 Committees must elapse before any such amendment can  
finally be made. The Hambleton District Council is looking into the possibility of  
providing the Swimming Baths car park as an Off Street car park and for the disc parking  
scheme to be extended to that area. Where it is feasible, it would seem sensible, rather  
than incur increased expenditure on repeated amendments of the existing Order, for all  
such amendments or modifications to be made if the disc parking scheme is to be extended  
to the Swimming Baths car park.

The Chief Executive also stated that he will be interested in the Town Council's views,  
consequent to being advised of discussions with certain Hackney Carriage operators.  
None of the 4 firms licensed to run Hackney Carriages within the Thirsk area, have  
responded to a letter by indicating that they wished for a Hackney Carriage stand to be  
provided. Bencabs and Reynard Taxis have indicated that they do not wish to operate  
from a stand and have intimated that once the current licences expire they may then  
consider the relevance of renewing the licences as most of their trade comes via the  
telephone. When the licences expire in January 1988 and they decide they do not wish  
them to be renewed, it could be that a Hackney Carriage stand has been provided without  
Hackney Carriages. It would then prompt a further amendment to the Off Street Car  
Parking Order to enable the stand to be used for Disc Parking. Members agreed that as  
there had been no response to the District Council, it was obvious that a taxi rank is  
not required at the present time, but that vehicles for hire, without Hackney Carriage  
licences, should not be allowed to ply for trade on the Market Place.

Coun. Roberts stated that the doctors at the Pick's Lane surgery had enquired if the  
disc parking scheme could be extended to Pick's Lane for the convenience of their  
patients who are unable to park due to long stay parking by other motorists. It was  
agreed that members would survey the area and discuss at the next meeting whether to  
make application for restricted parking on that road.

Advertising Boards & Sponsored Litter Bins A letter from the Chief Planner stated that  
he shares the Town Council's concern at the  
proliferation of advertising boards in the Market Place but does not think that the  
display of advertisements on litter bins would offer a solution. The proposal would  
entail the introduction of further street furniture into an already cluttered area and  
is one he could not support. One possible solution would be the establishment of an  
Area of Special Control of Advertisements whereby a higher degree of control of adverti-  
sments could be achieved. The Thirsk Local Plan Draft Written Statement proposes that  
consideration be given to this is Policy E.16.

Bus Shelter Due to the absence of Coun. Murkett nothing was reported on this matter.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes The Chairman is to contact the  
Richmond Conservation Volunteers.



Heavy Good Vehicles Through Thirsk Nothing reported.

St. Mary's Walk - Footpath Mr. Fawcett, N.Y.C.C. Footpaths Officer, had told Coun. Roberts that the Town Council can make application for the path to be designated as a Public Footpath. Mr. Fawcett had also told the Clerk that a review of Public Footpaths is to take place in the near future and the Council can make application at that time.

Christmas Lights The Sub Committee had met to discuss the replies received from business people in the town and had been disappointed at the response. Messrs. Woodhead & Lowe, Chemists, had agreed to a decoration being erected on their shop for inspection and the Chairman and Coun. Bentley are to personally approach all business people who have not replied to the letter which had been circulated. A report will be given at the next meeting.

R.A.O.B. Seat Coun. Davison reported that he had collected the repaired seat which is at present being stored in Mr. Collinson's workshop. Coun. Craig told the meeting that the site where the seat had previously been placed may be incorporated into a coach parking area. It was agreed not to place the seat until further information is available. The Clerk reported that the total cost of repairing and transporting the seat had been met by the insurance company. Coun. Bentley told the meeting that the landlord of the Black Lion public house may agree to a seat being sited outside his premises on the south side of the Market Place.

White Mare Roundabout Coun. Roberts reported that she and Mr. Paul Turner have planted shrubs on the roundabout at a cost of £81.00. The sum of £50.00 has been promised by Mr. Woods of N.Y.C.C. towards the maintenance of the roundabout.

Town Clock A quotation for essential extra work to the top of the clock was received from Mr. Marshall. It had been agreed that this work would have to be carried out and was endorsed at the meeting.

A letter from the Deputy Keeper of the Privy Purse stated that the Queen was sorry to hear about how expensive the restoration is going to be and naturally understands the wish to see the clock restored. The Council will appreciate that the Queen receives so many very urgent requests for assistance that it is impossible for Her Majesty to accede to them all. It is hoped that the Council will understand and not be too disappointed that it has not been found possible to send a contribution.

A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade stated that some members of the public wish to contribute to the clock fund. The members of the Chamber of Trade would be willing to accept contributions to forward to the Town Council if the Council is willing to accept assistance. It was agreed to reply welcoming the Chamber of Trade's offer.

Cemetery Lodge Damp Proofing With the Council's authorisation, the sub committee had considered the following quotations for removing kitchen units, removing plaster, installing a damp proof course, replastering, & replacing skirting boards and kitchen units:

1. £942.00      2. £920.00      3. £710.00      4. £626.10      5. £1110.00

Quotation No. 4, submitted by Hambleton Preservation Services had been accepted. This action was endorsed by the Council meeting. It was reported that the work has been completed.

Cemetery Superintendent The Cemetery Superintendent had reported the following works required to Cemetery Lodge before he moves in. 1. Broken window pane in the kitchen. 2. Blocked drain in the yard. 3. Faulty lock on the front door. It was agreed that the Cemetery sub committee would visit the Lodge to look into these complaints. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the sub committee be empowered to authorise the necessary works and to purchase the tools necessary for the Cemetery Superintendent as previously agreed.' Agreed.

Bridge Garage The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met Mr. Fawcett, N.Y.C.C. Footpaths Officer, who had not considered the footpath to be in a poor condition. Mr. Fawcett had offered to attend a Council meeting to talk about his work and on how the public can be involved in a Footpaths Watch Scheme. Coun. Roberts suggested that Thirsk School may like to be involved in such a scheme along with the proposed new Junior Civic Society. It was agreed that Coun. Roberts raise the matter at the next Civic Society Committee meeting and report back at the next Council meeting.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Reply from Hambleton District Council still awaited.

Litter at Gillings Court A letter received from the Chief Environmental Health and Housing Officer referred to a report in the Press which stated that Mr. C. Hayward, the Cleansing Officer, was to be approached regarding the litter problem at Gillings Court, and pointed out that responsibility lies with the Chief Planner & Technical Officer's Department and not with Mr. Hayward. The Clerk told the meeting that the correct department had been contacted and that the problem was being looked into.

Mill Gardens The Chairman reported that Mrs. K. Reynard of Norby had tidied the Mill Gardens. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks. Coun. Bentley suggested that someone should be employed to tend the gardens. It was agreed to put Mill Gardens on the next agenda and consider the suggestion then. It was reported that 2 slabs are missing from the wall.

Satellite Dishes A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that the Council has no specific policies regarding the erection of Satellite Dishes, each application being treated on its own merits. However, reference will be made in such cases to the General Development Order of 1987, as amended in 1985, setting out the type of development which is permitted without requiring Planning Permission.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Coun. Craig referred to the North Yorkshire County Council's agreement in November 1985, that the crossing should be re-sited north of Hambleton Place, but which was deferred because of the proposed supermarket development. It was agreed to request that N.Y.C.C. proceed with the re-siting now that the planning applications for supermarkets on Long Street have been refused, and also to ask that consideration be given to the replacement of the Zebra Crossing by a Pelican Crossing.

Home Defence Councillors Foxton, Loveden, Bentley and Tate have all completed courses as Community Advisors in connection with Home Defence. Coun. Bentley told the meeting that there is a need for a new Central Information Post now that The Limes is no longer available. Coun. Tate stated that the Community Advisor Course that he had attended was not acceptable and the information given was incorrect. Coun. Loveden stated that the course was not solely in connection with Nuclear War but also in the event of major disaster. With a main line rail service and major roads through Thirsk, on which toxic loads are transported, it would be remiss of the Town Council not to be aware of what resources are available. It was agreed that Coun. Bentley <sup>+</sup> formulate a plan of action for major disasters and form a sub committee of interested parties.

Complaints from Residents of the Barratt and P.L.C. Estates Coun. Roberts stated that she had received many complaints regarding raised manhole covers, incomplete kerbing and unfinished road surfaces on the Estates. Coun. Craig advised that the dis-satisfied residents apply for rate rebates to the Hambleton District Council who would then press the County Council to make the developers complete the work. It was reported that an inadequate sewage pumping station on the Shire Park Estate is causing problems. Coun. Loveden suggested that details of the type of pump installed should be obtained. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Craig 'that P.L.C. Homes be asked for details of the type and manufacturer of the pump.' Agreed.

The Venue, Day and Times of Council Meetings This item was included on the Agenda at the request of Coun. Bentley who <sup>+</sup> ~~requested~~ <sup>to move</sup> meetings commencing at 7.00 p.m. in winter and considered that the meetings should be held in the Town Hall. Coun. Tate considered that meetings should commence at 7.30 p.m. throughout the year. Prop. Coun. Craig, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the Council adhere to the existing venue, day and times of meetings.' Voting - 7 in Favour - 2 Against.

Coun. Davison stated that he considered it an impertinence that 2 new members should wish to dictate to the Council.

Coun. Tate wished it to be recorded that suggestions from new members are not regarded as impertinence.

#### Correspondence

Abbeyfield Letter received stating that the address of the new building will be Abbeyfield, Thirsk & Sowerby Society, Mitchell House, Gillings Court Road, Thirsk.

Community Advisers in Hambleton Letter received from the County Emergency Officer stating that Mr. & Mrs. J. McDermott of 22, Carlton Avenue, Sowerby, Mr. J. Turney of 34, Alexander Close, Thirsk and Mrs. M. Naylor of Southwold, Stockton Road, Thirsk have recently completed a Community Adviser Course.

Community Care Association Notice received that the A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, 17th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Friends Meeting House.

East Thirsk Community Association Notice received that the A.G.M. will be held in Thirsk Primary School at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25th June and inviting nominations for officers and committee. It was agreed to nominate Coun. Simpson for Vice Chairman and Coun. Loveden to represent the Council on the committee.

Appeals A copy of the Secretary of State's decision in respect of Appeals by (1) A. C. Bamlett Ltd and City and Northern Properties Ltd and (2) A. C. Bamlett Ltd at Station Road, Thirsk was presented, showing that the appeals have been allowed.

Second Alteration to the County Structure Plan Minerals, Oil/Gas and Waste Disposal Policies Letter presented from the County Planning Officer stating that the County Council has undertaken consultation with interested parties concerning the Alteration to the Structure Plan. The Alteration as amended will be submitted to the Secretary of State on 15th June 1987 and certified copies will be on deposit at District Council Offices and Libraries until the end of July.

Byelaw A copy of Hambleton District Council's byelaw in respect to Hackney Carriages has been received.

Fine Fare Notice received of the intention of John Trevor Sheldrake and David Garbutt to apply for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of Fine Fare, which is presently held by Clive Pointon and Anthony Stephen Brooker.

Back Lane, Norby Letter received from Mrs. K. Reynard complaining about the condition of Back Lane, Norby, together with a copy letter from the Chief Executive N.Y.C.C. to Leon Brittan, M.P. Members agreed that as in the past, there is nothing that the Town Council can do, Back Lane being a private road. The Chairman had discussed the matter with County Councillor Turton who had stated that he would do all he could to assist but the County Council consider that the path is adequate. The Chairman had been told that the deeds of properties in Back Lane state that the owners are responsible for the path. The N.Y.C.C. had offered road planings which could have been used to make up the path but the person who was to collect them had arrived too late. It was thought that there may be others available if a request is made to the N.Y.C.C. Depot at Norby.

Audit The Clerk reported on a satisfactory Audit and had been told that the Council should now consider raising the Burial Board Fees and also make provision for the Gratuity due to the Clerk on retirement.

Planning Applications The Planning Application of Revised Details of the Formation of a Vehicular Access, in Connection with a Proposed Retail Store, at Land Adjacent to Bridge Garage, Ingramgate for Market Town Properties Ltd. was discussed at a special Council Meeting held in the Town Hall on 12th June, which was attended by members of the public who had been invited to view the plan. Mr. Barry Dixon, Development Officer N.Y.C.C., told the meeting that the plan, as presented, is not acceptable for highway requirements. He had spoken with the applicants who will be submitting an amended plan. Observations made on the plan: The Council is unable to make considered observations until a more detailed plan has been submitted. Further comments: Notice has not been served on the owners of all the properties included in the site. The developer will need to re-apply for planning permission for the Nurseries site. Listed Building consent will be required for any proposed alterations to New Bridge.

Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

Layout of Land and Construction of 65 Detached Dwellinghouses with Domestic Garages at Land Accessed from Dowber Way for McLean Homes North East Ltd. The Landscaping should be enforced. There should be no alteration allowed to the layout or dwelling types. Two building plots should be removed to allow for a play area.

Planning Applications cont/

Construction of a Replacement Forecourt Shop & Canopy, Re-siting of Existing Car Wash and Installation of an Additional Car Wash, Installation of 2 Additional Underground Storage Tanks and Form Display Area. Demolition of Cottages at Station Road for Woodhead & Bray. Recommend Approval and suggest a Landscaping Scheme.

Application for Listed Building Consent for Demolition of Existing Dwellings at Station Road for Woodhead & Bray. Recommend Approval.

Display of 2 Externally Illuminated Signs at 121, Long Street for Thirsk Jehovah's Witnesses. No Representations.

Outline Application for Residential Development at the Old Corn Mill Site and Land to the Rear of A.T.S. Garage, Long Street for Hambleton District Council. Recommend Approval.

Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 79/81, Market Place for Renton & Renton. No Representations.

Alterations and Extension to Existing Dwelling to Form a Self Contained Living Unit at 27, Kirkgate for Mr. & Mrs. M. Dodds. No Representations.

Outline Application for Residential Development at Field to Rear of Stoneybrough, Stockton Road for Mr. C. Pollitt. Recommend Refusal on the grounds that there is sufficient building land in that area for development at the present time. It is included in the Thirsk Interim District Plan but should be left until the end of the development period.

Construction of a Detached Dwellinghouse with Domestic Garage at The Willows, York Rd, for Mr. N. Hunt. Further details required before observations can be made.

Use of Approved Shop Unit as a Restaurant in Conjunction with an Existing Adjacent Cafe at 29, Baker's Alley and Unit 1, Royal Oak Hotel for Mr. C. G. Williams. Recommend Approval.

Extensions to Existing Dwelling at 7, Barbeck for Mr. N. Fox. No Representations.

Revised Details for the Construction of a Pair of Semi Detached Dwellinghouses at 121-127, Long Street for S & B. Construction. The Building Line of the street should be adhere to.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Coun. Davison	- Reimbursement of Account paid for Repairs to R.A.O.B. - £ 55.00	
	Seat + Cost of Transport to & from Billingham	
Hambleton Sports Council	- Subscription	- £ 2.00
P. Smith	- Salary - April - June	£316.25
	Administrative Expenses + Travel Exps. to	£ 64.67
	Audit at Stone Cross	- £380.92
J. D. Barr	- Payment for Services as Cemetery Supt. - June	- £265.00
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery Cutter	- £ 8.75
R. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80

Additional Accounts

Yorkshire L.C.A.	- 3 Copies of 'Standing Orders'	- £ 3.45
John Bell	- 1 Year's Rent - The Holmes - + 4 Wayleaves	- £ .60
J. Cartman	- Shrubs for White Mare Roundabout	- £ 81.00

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

Francis Nigel Bickers	14 E1	£ 25.00
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Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that a Joint Meeting had been requested between this Council and Sowerby Parish Council to discuss the Town Hall Annexe would will cost in excess of £20,000 to replace. The Chairman also told members that the Castlegate Youth Centre is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 27th June commencing at 11.00 a.m.

Members' Reports

Public Enquiry Coun. Roberts reported on the Public Enquiry into the proposed demolition of Nos. 22 & 24, Finkle Street at which she had made a statement on behalf of the Town Council. The Inspector had been very thorough in his investigation of Thirsk and the result of the enquiry is expected to be announced in September.

Chairman Coun. Davison stated that the Chairman is not being addressed in the correct manner and suggested that 'Madam Chairman' would be the appropriate title.

Coun. Foxton told members that she would prefer not to be addressed as 'Madam Chairman' but that 'Chairman', 'Chairperson' or 'Chair' would be acceptable to her.

Meeting - Town Hall Coun. Hall expressed concern at the meeting held to discuss the planning application for revised access to the Nursery site, which he felt should not have been attended by members of the public and which could have got 'out of hand'. It was explained that it had not been the intention for the public to participate in the meeting but just to view the plan. Unfortunately, a Press report had mistakenly stated that the public would be welcome to comment. Coun. Tate stated that he was pleased to see so many people attend.

Any Other Business

Post Office Sorting Office Coun. Roberts requested that the Post Office be asked if the access to the Sorting Office at Newsham Road can be widened to facilitate parking for motorists wishing to use the posting box outside the premises. It is necessary at present to park on a narrow and dangerous part of the road.

Market Place It was agreed to draw the Principal Technical Officer's attention to the broken chains between the bollards on the Market Place, erected to prevent motorists from driving over the Public Service Vehicle area, and suggest again that the provision of additional bollards would eliminate the need for chains.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
20th July 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, D. S. Bentley,  
P. J. Tate, A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.  
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. H. D. Craig & Mrs. P. J. Simpson.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking - Millgate Car Park It was reported that the Hambleton District Council  
wish to provide areas for coach parking at the side  
of the road at the Norby end of the Car Park. The cost would be £25,000 and it would  
be two years before finance is available. Coun. Bentley stated that the Chamber of  
Trade are submitting a planning application for the formation of coach parking areas  
at both sides of the road within the Millgate entrance of the Car Park. It was  
stated that if an area for coach parking is classed as a 'layby' it can be administered  
by the Police. Coun. Murkett was of the opinion that the period of usage for coach  
parking on the small car park should be extended until official coach parking is  
provided. Members agreed that the car park as a whole should be extended. At the  
suggestion of Coun. Tate, it was agreed that the Chief Executive H.D.C. should be asked  
to meet a delegation of Town Councillors to discuss coach parking and the extension of  
the Car Park.

Taxi Rank A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that his Council is aware  
of the alleged infringement of the disc parking scheme by taxis and the  
Car Park Superintendents have been specifically advised to watch for any infringement  
of this nature. The difficulty in ensuring that Hackney Carriages do not ply for hire  
is in securing sufficient evidence that this is in fact occurring on the Market Place.  
The Superintendents are in close contact with the taxi drivers, regularly advising them  
of the terms of the Order and it is hoped that with the passage of time strict adherence  
to the Order may follow.

Bus Shelter Coun. Murkett stated that the matter is in hand.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes The Chairman reported that she has  
not yet been able to arrange a  
meeting with the Conservation Volunteers.

Heavy Goods Vehicles through Thirsk Nothing reported.

R.A.O.B. Seat The Clerk reported that Mr. Collinson had been asked to fix the seat on  
its original site.

Town Clock The Clerk reported that the account has been received from the stonemason,  
the loan has been forwarded from Hambleton District Council and the grant  
of £500.00 awaited. A form on which to claim for the damage to the clock pointers is  
still awaited from the insurance company. The account for repairs to the pointers has  
not yet been received.

Cemetery Superintendent Tools have been purchased from Sam Turner & Sons for use by  
the Superintendent in the Cemetery as agreed at the June meet-  
ing.

Cemetery Lodge The Sub Committee had visited Cemetery Lodge to discuss the causes of  
complaint with the Superintendent. It had been agreed that the faulty  
lock on the front door should be replaced, a new window pane fixed in the kitchen and  
the blocked drain attended to in the yard. Mr. Barr agreed to carry out this work.  
Mr. Barr submitted a quotation of £83.62 to decorate the Burial Board Office and it was  
agreed that this should be accepted.

Public Footpaths - Junior Civic Society Coun. Roberts reported that the Civic Society  
is liaising with the Headmaster of Thirsk School.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Reply from N.Y.C.C. awaited.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates A letter from the Treasurer H.D.C. stated that the problem of the payment of drainage rates by the District Council has been raised several times since reorganisation and on each occasion the Council has declined to do so. Although in the case of Thirsk, the cost appears quite trivial, in the District as a whole, with many Internal Drainage Districts, the charges become quite substantial. In 1974, on reorganisation and merger of the various Councils, only Easingwold District Council paid individual drainage rates and charged the cost against the General Rate. In the other areas, including Thirsk, this power was not taken up and the new Hambleton District agreed that they would similarly not do so. There does not seem to be any likelihood that the policy adopted in 1974 and confirmed on several occasions since that date, is likely to be changed. It was agreed to write to the Yorkshire Local Councils Association requesting that the subject of Drainage Rates be placed on the Agendas of the Hambleton South and North Branch meetings.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley stated that he has not yet organised a meeting of interested parties. The Home Defence Emergency Committee will pay the cost of hiring a meeting room.

Pumping Station - P.L.C. Homes A letter from P.L.C. Homes stated that the pumps at the Shire Park Estate were manufactured and supplied by and are maintained by Flygt Pumps Ltd of Colwick, Nottingham. It was agreed to write to Flygt Pumps and to the Principal Technical Officer H.D.C. regarding the problems with the pumping station and asking for their comments and suggestions as to how they can be overcome.

Parking - Post Office Sorting Office The Clerk reported that a member of the sorting office staff had suggested that a solution to the problem could be for the posting box to be re-sited near the gates. A letter had been sent to the Head Post Office at York and a reply awaited.

Bollards and Chains - Market Place A reply from the Principal Technical Officer awaited.

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Notice of Motion - Coun. Tate 'To formulate a Policy or List of Objectives for the Town Council to Adopt for the next Twelve Months.'

This was seconded by Coun. Bentley. Coun. Tate stated that the Town Council is the most important and democratic organisation in the town and the mainspring of events. In addition to carrying out the normal Town Council business, the Council should set objectives to be carried out, making them known to the members of the public and being judged on the performance. Coun. Tate stated his objectives as being: 1. Including more people in Town Council affairs. 2. The Town Council involving and concerning itself in housing matters. 3. Encouraging a survey of the footpaths around Thirsk to be carried out. Members agreed that the idea in principal was good and all had other objectives in view. Voting on the resolution - 6 in Favour - 1 Against - 1 Abstention. It was agreed that each member should put forward one objective for the Council for the next twelve months, for discussion at the next meeting. The objectives to be submitted to the Clerk in time for a list to be circulated with the Agendas.

Christmas Lights Coun. Bentley<sup>e</sup> reported that he and the Chairman had visited 25% of the business premises in and around the Market Place and had met with a certain amount of apathy towards the scheme. Some traders intend to put up their own lights and decorations and it is hoped to liase with them. The remainder of the premises will be visited before the Sub Committee meeting which was arranged for 6th August. It was agreed to invite representatives of Rotary, Round Table and the Chamber of Trade to attend the meeting.

Mill Gardens It was agreed that Mill Gardens are in need of attention. Coun. Roberts recommended the winter planting of shrubs which would have more chance of becoming established when the gardens are not being used by the public. Coun. Tate suggested that a local organisation be asked to take over the maintenance of Mill Gardens. Coun. Murkett stated that he will suggest to the H.D.C. Finance Committee that income from the Bottle Banks be used for a scheme to keep villages etc. tidy, which could include Mill Gardens. Coun. Bentley had asked Mr. Shipton to submit a price for two sessions putting the gardens in order. Coun. Murkett was given permission to invite Mr. Dennis from Kirby Moorside to give advice on the gardens.



**Parking - Pick's Lane** Coun. Roberts reported that since the disc parking scheme came into operation in the Market Place, patients visiting the doctors' surgery in Pick's Lane are unable to park due to long stay parking by other motorists. Coun. Davison stated that the same problem applied in Kirkgate in connection with the veterinary and dental practices. It was considered that some form of waiting restriction should be imposed. The Clerk told the meeting that this was a matter for the County Council. It was decided to raise the matter with the Chief Executive H.D.C. when members meet with him.

### **Correspondence**

**Local Bus Services** Letters from the Chief Executive H.D.C. invited observations on an application by Intacab of York in connection with a service between Thirsk and Easingwold and an application by S. Reynard in connection with a shared hire car service between Baldersby and Thirsk. Details of the cost of the services, timetable and number of passengers using the service were attached. It was agreed not to make any comment.

**Transfer of Licence** Notice received of the intention of George Edwin Dennis Jackson to apply for the Full Transfer of the licence in respect of The Frankland Arms, Ingramgate.

**Victoria Wine Off-Licence - 20, Market Place** Notice received of the intention of the Victoria Wine Company to apply for the Restriction on Sunday Trading to be removed.

**Hambleton Visitor Guide - 'Come and Stay in Herriot Country'** Letter received from Yorkshire Publishing inviting the Council to take advertising space in the 1988 edition of the Guide. Costs are - Quarter Page £69.00. Half Page £122.00. Full Page £223.00. After discussion, it was agreed not to take advertising space in the Guide.

**Leisure in the Southern Part of Hambleton District** A letter from the Secretary of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association stated that at the June meeting of the Hambleton South Branch, many of those present felt that it was not considered right that such a large amount of funds should go into a new swimming pool at Northallerton and that the money would have been better spent divided between Northallerton, Thirsk and Easingwold. It was also indicated that the people of Northallerton were unsure about the wisdom of putting the proposed new swimming pool so far outside the town centre. The point had been made that if a smaller amount of money was spent on refurbishing the existing pool in Northallerton, the remaining funds could then be allocated to Thirsk and Easingwold. At the branch meeting, the Secretary was requested to write to member councils seeking support for the view expressed and pointing out that it is essential to ensure that the elected members of the District Council are made fully aware of the strength of feeling on this subject. It was agreed to write to Hambleton District Council registering this Council's strong protest against the proposed expenditure of £1.9m on a swimming pool at Northallerton and endorsing the points made in the Secretary of the Y.L.C.A.'s letter.

**Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe** Letter received from the Clerk to Sowerby Parish Council expressing the desire of the members of the Parish Council to meet with the Town Council to discuss the state of the Town Hall Annexe. The suggested date was Wednesday, 16th September at 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Members agreed that this date would be convenient and it was agreed to request details of the lettings and income from the Annexe for the past twelve months and also that the account books and Treasurer's report be available at the meeting.

**Yorkshire L.C.A. - Training Weekend and A. G. M.** Notice received of a Training Weekend for Councillors and Clerks to be held at Askham Bryan College, York on 5th/6th September and the A. G. M. to be held on 5th Sept.

**Planning Applications** Coun. Bentley requested that Planning Decisions be recorded in the Minutes.

2/87/152/0150A	Mr. C. G. Williams	Granted.
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2/87/152/0267B	Lexington Payne Homes Ltd	Granted
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2/87/152/0334 & A	Granada T. V. Ltd	Refused
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2/87/152/0058B	S. & B. Construction	Granted
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Planning Decisions cont/

2/87/152/0099B	Mr. & Mrs. P. Adlington	Granted
2/87/152/0043K	Mr. D. Howells	Granted
2/86/152/0311	Castlegate Youth Club	Granted
2/87/152/0019G	T.S.B. England & Wales PLC	Granted
2/87/152/0060A	Mr. P. J. Davison	Granted
2/87/152/0225D	Mr. S. Tempest	Granted
2/87/152/0245F	John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery Ltd	Granted

Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

<u>2/87/152/0337</u>	Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 48A, Market Place for Jas. Smith & Sons (Cleaners) Ltd. <u>Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that an Internally Illuminated Sign would be Detrimental to the Amenities of the Conservation Area.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0042A</u>	Use of Former Vehicle Repair Workshop for the Storage of Builders and Domestic Vehicles and Storage of Builders Equipment at 79, The Green for Mr. J. W. Barker. <u>The Council is Opposed to Continued Commercial Use in a Residential Area. The Access is not an Official Road.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0338</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Part of Existing Ground Floor Shop to Form a Revised Access to Existing First Floor at 15, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell. <u>No Objections.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0058C</u>	Construction of 3 Detached Bungalows with Domestic Garages at 123-125, Long Street for S. & B. Construction. <u>Strongly Recommend Approval of this Application which will tidy up a Derelict Site. Landscaping as shown on the Plan should be Enforced.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0146H</u>	Increase in Height of Existing Chimney of Waste Furnace from 8 metres to 14 metres at Furniture Factory, Sutton Road for A. B. Rose & Co. Ltd. <u>No Representations.</u> It was agreed to write to the Environmental Health Dept. asking if the proposed increase in the height of the chimney will eliminate the fumes from the effluent.
<u>2/87/152/0335A</u>	Amended Plan for the Alteration of the Shop Window at 50, Market Place for Mister Minit Shops Ltd. <u>Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that the present window is an Attractive Feature in a Listed Building in a Conservation Area.</u>

Accounts The following Accounts were presented and approved. Prop. Coun. Markett,  
sec. Coun. Tate.

Accounts as Circulated.

Municipal Mutual Insurance	- Combined Insurance Policy	- £ 255.63
" " "	- Inspection Fees - Holmes Play Equipment	- £ 24.19
Thirsk Military Images	- Plaque presented to Mr. Collinson	- £ 7.07
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee	- £ 119.14
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter 12.5.87 - 7.7.87	- £ 101.20
Hambleton Hygiene Services	- Damp Proofing Cemetery Lodge as per quotation	£ 720.01
J. D. Barr	- Burial Board Office as per quotation	- £ 373.10
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 16.70
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying & 4 weeks Hire of Skip	- £ 39.10
F. Marshall	- Renovation of Town Clock as per quotations	- £8099.45
J. D. Barr	- Services as Cemetery Superintendent - July	- £ 265.00

Additional Accounts

Paul Turner	- Cutting The Greens - May (1) June (2)	- £120.00
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd	- Tools for Use at Cemetery	- £ 92.94
J. D. Barr	- Line for Strimmer £ 2.28	
	Repairs to Cemetery Lodge £88.88	
	Refixing Coping Stones -	
	Mill Gardens Wall £18.74	- £109.90

Coun. Murkett expressed disappointment with this season's grass cutting. It was agreed that The Greens and Holmes Sub Committee will carry out an inspection of the grassed areas.

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Annie Margaret Witcomb	15 E1	£ 25.00
Ema Pennock	1 E1	£ 25.00

Reports

Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden reported that he had attended a meeting of the Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau where it had been stated that the number of enquiries at the Thirsk office during the past year has increased from 167 to 184. Coun. Loveden suggested that the Town Council give a donation to C.A.B. Coun. Bentley stated that the C.A.B. benefits through the low rental paid for the office at the Town Hall. It was agreed to invite a speaker from C.A.B. to attend at Council meeting at a later date.

Badge of Office Coun. Loveden stated that a record of Chairmen of the Town Council should be kept by means of the addition of small 'name bars' on the ribbon of the Badge of Office.

Town Scheme Coun. Tate reported on a Civic Society meeting where a Town Scheme for Thirsk had been discussed. The Civic Society is preparing a case to be submitted to Hambleton District Council for Thirsk to be the subject of a Town Scheme and would appreciate the support of the Town Council. After discussion, Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to support the Civic Society in the application for a Town Scheme for Thirsk.' Agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.



14/8/87

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th August 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, P. J. Tate, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, Mrs. P. J. Simpson, Mrs. F. M. Roberts.  
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. H. D. Craig & A. J. Davison.

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

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Coach Parking A letter from the Deputy Clerk to H.D.C. stated that the matter of coach parking and the extension to the Car Park is due to be considered by the Leisure and Amenities Committee on 17th September in conjunction with the response received from all the interested parties regarding the District Council's proposals for the provision of two laybys at the Kirkgate end of Millgate Car Park. The Town Council has been asked to comment on these proposals and their views will be reported to members along with the views received from other interested parties. At this stage it might be better to delay holding a meeting between the Council and Mr. Spencer until after 17th September. The Clerk reported that the Town Council has not been asked to comment on the District Council's proposals and the District Council had been notified of this. A further letter from the Deputy Clerk stated that at the present time details of the proposals are in the course of preparation and hopefully the Town Council will be receiving the appropriate information within the course of the next few days. The only further information received was a copy of a letter which had been circulated to the Chamber of Trade, the County Council and Mr. J. Bell - a relevant map had not been included. A planning application for the formation of coach parking facilities on two areas within the Millgate entrance of the car park, submitted by the Chamber of Trade, was presented for comment. Coun. Hall reported that the Chamber of Trade had been requested to submit a more detailed plan. It was agreed to request a meeting with Mr. Spencer before 17th September so that the Leisure and Amenities Committee can be made aware of the Town Council's views when making their decision regarding coach parking areas.

Bus Shelter Nothing reported.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes The Chairman reported that she is to meet with the British Conservation Trust Volunteers on 28th September.

Town Clock The Clerk reported that she had made a statement to the Police regarding the vandalism and understood that charges had been made. A claim had been made on the Insurance Company and the grant of £500.00 had been received from the District Council.

Public Footpaths Survey - Junior Civic Society Nothing reported.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street A letter from the County Surveyor suggested a site meeting. The Clerk had ascertained convenient dates for the meeting from Mr. Appleton, the County Surveyor's representative, and it was arranged for 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 28th August.

Parking - Pick's Lane Nothing reported.

Leisure in Hambleton South & Proposed New Swimming Pool at Northallerton A letter from the Chief

Executive H.D.C. stated that his Council is absolutely satisfied that there is no real alternative other than to provide a new swimming pool of some sort in Northallerton. The existing pool is not owned by the District Council but is managed by them and the land on which it is erected is owned by Northallerton Town Council in a charitable trust capacity. It is not practicable to either replace the existing pool at or around the same site within a reasonable time span nor to produce an acceptable form of preservation for the building which is currently in Northallerton. The Stone Cross site was originally intended for recreational use and when the decision was taken to build the new Civic Headquarters it was decided that the remainder of the site should be used for recreational purposes. Car parking has already been provided on the site which is believed to be ideal for a facility intended to serve Hambleton as a whole, not merely Northallerton. Leisure pools such as the one proposed, regularly have a catchment area of up to forty miles and the facilities will be such as to attract users from all parts of the District. It is hoped to attract people from further afield and provide, an cont.

Proposed New Swimming Pool cont/ indoor tourist facility for which it is hoped to obtain capital grant from the Tourist Board as well as the Sports Council. The leisure pool is to take priority on the list of recreational schemes of District significance, the next item being a sports hall at Easingwold which it is hoped to start in three years time. The Council recognises the concern about the pool in certain parts of the District. There is no real choice in Northallerton. Either the existing pool in its deteriorating state is retained or a new one is built. The only choice is whether the new pool should be a leisured or traditional pool and for a difference in cost of less than £2M the Council believes that the general revenue and likely number of users fully justifies the leisured facility. It was agreed to request details from the District Council of the projected financial involvement and to write to all members of Hambleton District Council stating the opinion of Thirsk Town Council on the proposed new swimming pool at Northallerton.

Town Hall Annexe The date of the joint meeting has been changed to Tuesday, 15th Sept.

Cod Beck Drainage Rates Letter received from Mr. Peter Tyas stating that he has been notified by Leon Brittan M.P. that the Ministry of Agriculture have confirmed the Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board (Exemption from Rates) Order 1987, the effect of which means that approximately 50 Thirsk householders cease to be liable for Drainage Rates as from 1st April 1987.

Home Defence The meeting has not yet taken place.

Pumping Station - Shire Park A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the system is presently in the ownership of the developer of the estate. The Council have contacted the developer to ascertain whether he wishes the drainage system, including the pumping station, to be adopted as a public sewer. Details have been received and are being considered. If the details are satisfactory, the sewerage system will be adopted within the next few months. The suitability of the pumping equipment is one of the items being considered. A letter from Flygt Pumps stated that they have not maintained the pumps having no contract with P.L.C. Homes but they have been called to the site on numerous occasions to unblock the pumps. The blockages had been caused by rags, dishcloths and a large towel being put into the sewage system. It was agreed to send a copy of this letter to the Principal Technical Officer.

Parking - Post Office Sorting Office A letter from the Head Delivery Manager, York, stated that a survey has been carried out which showed that the post box in its present location is adequately situated to serve all users whether on foot or by vehicle. The moving of the box would restrict access by Postal vehicles by other vehicles parking in front of the office entrance.

Bollards and Chains - Market Place A letter from the Principal Technical Officer stated that the Council will continue to use the bollards and chains and provide better fixing arrangements for the chains to the posts so that they cannot be removed so easily. The situation will be monitored and reassessed at a later date. Members were concerned that the chains had caused accidents to pedestrians and a cyclist. It was agreed to seek the advice of H.M. Factory Inspectorate or the Health and Safety Executive regarding the use of chains in this manner.

Mill Gardens In the absence of Coun. Murkett, it was not known if he had obtained advice on Mill Gardens.

Planning Application - A. B. Rose A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stated that a dispute arose between A. B. Rose & Co. and the District Council regarding the height of the chimney and an appeal was lodged and determined in favour of the Council's proposals that the chimney height should be increased to 14 metres to comply with the provisions of the Clean Air Acts. The height has been calculated as being the minimum required to dissipate the products of combustion so as to minimise any nuisance potential that the chimney may have. A copy of a letter to the Chief Executive H.D.C. from Mr. Peter Tyas, objecting to the proposed increase in the chimney's height, was read to the meeting.

#### Objectives for the Town Council for the next 12 Months

The following Objectives were put forward for consideration, in addition to those submitted by Coun. Tate at the last meeting:

Coun. Bentley: To draw up a Local Guide for Thirsk and Sowerby.

Objectives cont/ Coun. Bentley told members that the type of Guide that he envisaged would list businesses, facilities, local organisations etc. and be issued to every household in Thirsk and Sowerby. It was pointed out that both the Community Care Association and the Museum publish guides.

Coun. Loveden: To Take Action regarding the Litter and Filthy State of Thirsk.

Coun. Loveden stated that he is disgusted with the state of Thirsk and suggested meeting with the supervisor of street sweeping to point out the problems.

Coun. Roberts: To Persuade the District and County Councils to spend money in places other than Northallerton. Coun. Roberts stated that Thirsk is part of the Hambleton District and that money should be spent improving the town instead of the large amounts being lavished on Northallerton.

Coun. Foxton: To Promote Thirsk Town Council. Coun. Foxton stated that Councillors should make themselves known to the ratepayers and listen to their problems. She suggested that Councillors hold 'surgeries' for this purpose. It was suggested that the East Thirsk Community Association caravan and the Town Hall could be used for this purpose.

It was agreed to accept Coun. Bentley's objective inasmuch as he was empowered to liaise with the Community Care Association and other organisations in the drawing up of their guides and the Town Council would give support.

The objectives put forward by Coun. Loveden and Coun. Foxton were also accepted.

Coun. Tate agreed that his objective regarding the involvement of more people in Town Council affairs could be incorporated with that of Coun. Foxton.

Christmas Lights Coun. Bentley reported that an order for 56 half decorations has been placed with the manufacturer, consisting of 41 actual orders + one half decoration for each monetary donation + 3 extras. The Chairman stated that the decorations are to be painted by members of the Castlegate Youth Centre. Coun. Bentley also reported that more money is needed for lights to supplement decorations. There are still business premises in the town to be approached so more donations may be forthcoming. A sub committee meeting was arranged in order to draw up a letter to send to business persons who have not participated in the scheme.

Additional Finance for Christmas Lights At the previous sub committee meeting, ways of raising extra revenue for the Christmas Lights had been discussed. Coun. Roberts had suggested holding a Car Boot Sale on the Swimming Baths Car Park. A letter had been sent to Hambleton District Council regarding the use of the Car Park for this purpose. A reply from the Deputy Clerk of the Council stated that the proposal had been discussed with the Baths Superintendent who is also Secretary of Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust, the owners of the Car Park. The Superintendent, Mr. Currie, had stated that as far as he is aware the Flatts Trust is unlikely to object. As far as the District Council is concerned, no problems are envisaged but enquiries are being made and if necessary the matter can be discussed at the Baths Management Committee on 3rd September. In the meantime it is suggested that the Town Council liaise direct with Mr. Currie. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Currie and the suggested date for the Car Boot Sale was 27th September. Coun. Roberts to obtain information regarding advertising, charging etc.

Grass Cutting Members agreed that this season's grass cutting is not up to the standard of last year's. Coun. Bentley suggested that this Council adopt the District Council's method of tendering. Hambleton District Council to be asked for a copy of their tendering document.

### Correspondence

Appeal Notification received that an Appeal by White Horse Office Systems Ltd against Hambleton District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the display of two internally illuminated projecting signs, has been dismissed.

Football Trust Grants Details received of Football Trust Grants that are available to Local Authorities.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association - Your Job as a Parish Councillor Details and enrolment forms presented for a series of evening meetings for Parish or Town Councillors, organised by the Yorkshire L.C.A. The meetings are aimed at newly-elected Councillors but are also of value to longer serving members.

Public Lighting Alterations - Piper Lane Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer inviting comment on a request by Lexington Payne Homes Ltd for the resiting of the existing public lighting column in connection with a development site off Piper Lane. It was agreed that the Chairman inspect the area and pass comment.

Public Lighting - Newsham Road Letter presented from the Secretary of Thirsk Athletic Club regarding the necessity for street lighting on Newsham Road for the safety and convenience of members of the Club during the winter months. It was agreed to request Hambleton District Council to provide lighting on that stretch of Newsham Road and to invite the support of the Ambulance and Fire Services, whose stations are in the near vicinity.

### Planning Decisions

2/87/152/0335B	Babsave Ltd	Granted
2/87/152/0279D	P. Odling	Refused
2/87/152/0279E	P. Odling	Refused
2/87/152/0102E	Woodhead & Bray	Granted
2/87/152/0102F	Woodhead & Bray	Granted
2/87/152/0320B	Thirsk Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	Granted
2/87/152/0336	C. Pollitt	Granted

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following planning applications:

2/87/152/0105A	Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at Wells Cundall with J. H. Burns at 19, Market Place. <u>Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that an Internally Illuminated Sign would be Detrimental to the Amenities of the Conservation Area.</u>
2/87/152/0338A	Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Part of Existing Ground Floor Shop to Form a Revised Access to Existing First Floor at 15, Kirkgate for Mr. J. Bell. <u>No Objections.</u>
2/87/152/0321A	Amended Plans for McLean Homes at Land Accessed from Dowber Way. <u>No Objections but Insist that the Hedge must be Replaced and the Grassed Areas Maintained.</u>
02/87/152/0005F	Siting of a Mobile Classroom at Thirsk County Primary School for N.Y.C.C. Education Committee. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
2/87/152/0339	Formation of Coach Parking at Areas A & B, Millgate Car Park for Thirsk Chamber of Trade. <u>The Town Council Strongly Recommend Approval of this Application and are unanimously in Favour. There is an Urgent Need for a Centrally Located Coach Park. This Scheme would involve considerably Less Expenditure than that suggested by the District Council. The Land is currently Unused other than for Illegal Parking on the Grassed Area. Coach Parking on this Area would Revitalise the Town Centre.</u>



Planning Applications cont/2/87/152/0334B

Display of an Internally Illuminated Sign and an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 48, Market Place for Granada T.V. Rental.

2/87/152/0334C

Listed Building Consent for the above application.  
Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that Internally Illuminated Signs would be Detrimental to the Amenities of the Conservation Area.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Yorkshire L.C.A.	- Course Fee - Askham Bryan - Couns. Loveden - £ 40.00 & Foxton (Repaid)	
Wm. Potts & Sons Ltd	- Removal, Repair and Replacement of Town Clock Hands	- £612.95
Peat & Son	- Printing Letter Heads & Compliments Slips	- £ 40.01
Sowerby Parish Council	- Purchase of Posters re: Dogs Fouling Pavements	- £ 3.50
Power Point	- Head for Strimmer	- £ 17.25
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 11.73
F. D. Todd & Sons Ltd	- 4 weeks Skip Rental	- £ 13.80
J. D. Barr	- Payment for Services as Cemetery Supt. August	- £265.00

Additional Account

Power Point	- 4 weeks Hire of Grass Cutter	- £ 50.60
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Cemetery It was agreed that the Cemetery Superintendent must obtain sanction before ordering spare parts or authorising repairs for tools and machinery.

A Sub Committee was arranged for 2nd September at 7.00 p.m. at the Cemetery.

Reports

Yorkshire L.C.A. Coun. Loveden reported that the Yorkshire L.C.A. are contemplating splitting into three groups - North, South and West - in order to gain more representation on the National Council - which would result in there being six representatives instead of the present two. If this takes place, all the groups will still come under one Executive Committee.

Any Other Business

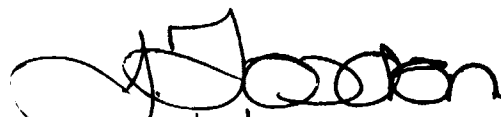
Thirsk Promotional Sign It was reported that the signboard, advertising Thirsk's facilities, which was situated at the side of the southbound carriageway outside Kilvington, is no longer there although the frame is still in place. It was agreed to ask the District Council to replace it.

Shire Park It was agreed to draw H.D.C.'s Planning Officers attention to the fact that a site, designated as a play area, at Shire Park is being used as a rubbish dumping ground.

22, Alexander Close Coun. Roberts drew attention to the fact that all the hedge has now been removed and the unauthorised archway and gate are still in place. The Enforcement Officer to be notified.

Dowber Way Coun. Tate requested that the proposal to build bungalows at Dowber Way be included on the next Agenda for discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.



Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 14th September 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, D. S. Murkett, R. S. Hall, H. D. Craig, D. S. Bentley, Mrs. P. J. Simpson, A. J. Davison, P. J. Tate.  
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. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter Coun. Murkett stated that the architect needed details of the type of bus shelter envisaged before drawing up a plan. It was agreed that it should be of brick with a pitched roof, built-in seats, perspex end windows and a two thirds open front facing the Market Place.

Town Clock A letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance stated that the Insurance Policy covers the theft and damage to the clock hands subject to the £25.00 excess applicable. The Policy does not cover the cost of removing the hands to prevent further vandalism. It was agreed to reply stating that if the other hands had not been removed, they would also have been subject to vandalism and a claim far in excess of the account from William Potts & Sons would have been made.

Public Footpath Survey Nothing reported.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr. Appleton of the County Surveyor's Department where it had been agreed that the Zebra Crossing will be moved to a site north of Piper Lane.

Parking - Pick's Lane Nothing reported.

Swimming/Leisure Pool at Northallerton Letters presented from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that he had seen a copy of the letter circulated to all Members of the District Council and assuring the Town Council that their general concern is known and appreciated but before the decision to proceed with the project was made, very extensive exercises were carried out by the District Council involving inspection of new swimming pools in various parts of the country and two days of presentations from almost every firm of specialists in this field. There was also very extensive debate, both at Committee and Council level. A report of the Chief Executive, Treasurer and Chief Planner & Technical Officer, which had been submitted to the Policy and Resources and Leisure and Amenities Committees was also received. Coun. Murkett reported that when the proposal for the new pool was put to the District Council, it was carried by 30 votes to 4. All the Parish Council members of the L.C.A. Hambleton South branch unanimously objected to the proposed pool but they did not receive the support of their District Council representatives. Letters were received from two members of the District Council, in reply to this Council's letter, disagreeing with the Town Council's views.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley stated that he hopes to hold a meeting in the near future.

Pumping Station - Shire Park Letter received from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that P.L.C. Homes have recently requested the District Council to adopt the foul and surface water drainage system which serves the site and have also submitted a video film of the existing conditions. The comments received from the Town Council will be taken into account when the proposed agreement is placed before the Council. Coun. Murkett requested that the District Council's attention be drawn to the fact that on several occasions recently, foul sewage has been in the river near the pumping station at Finkle Street Bridge.

Bollards and Chains - Market Place A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that the matter is being looked into and a report will be submitted to the next Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting. Members referred to the fact that Coun. Tate had removed the chains. Coun. Murkett regretted that a member of the Town Council had taken matters into his own hands and felt that the District Council will dig in their heels and replace the chains. The Chairman pointed out that Coun. Tate had acted as an individual and not as a representative of the Town Council. Coun. Craig stated that such action left the door open for any individual to take the law into their own hands. Coun. Tate stated that he had received support from members of the public and did not regret his actions.

Mill Gardens Coun. Murkett stated that he hopes an inspection will be carried out in the near future.

## Objectives

Promoting the Town Council The Chairman stated that the meeting at Stone Cross had been 'promoting' the Town Council and that the first 'surgery' will be at the Car Boot Sale when Councillors will be present to meet members of the public.

Litter It was agreed to request a copy of the schedule for the Town Sweeper and to request a site meeting with the Officer responsible for Street Sweeping.

Christmas Lights Coun. Bentley reported that a draft letter is being finalised to be sent out thanking participants for their sponsorship, requesting the promised payment and reminding non-participants that money is still required for extra strings of lights to complete the illumination of the town. A request had been made to the District Council for the replacement of the socket and rings on the cobbles outside the Golden Fleece in order that a Christmas Tree can be erected. A reply is awaited.

Public Lighting - Newsham Road A letter from the Chief Planner stated that a scheme for the provision of a system of lighting in Newsham Road has been included in the Footway Lighting Capital Programme for implementation during the 1989/90 financial year. It was agreed to request that the scheme be brought forward in view of the large number of young people using the road to visit the Athletic Club in winter.

Grass Cutting A copy of the District Council's tendering specification received.

Thirsk 'Promotional' Sign A letter from the Chief Planner stated that tourism signs, designed to advise motorists of the services available in by-passed towns, have been re-designed in the new white on brown colour scheme which will apply to all official highway tourist-related signposting. The replacement of the two signs on the A168 will cost in the order of £2,000 and it is hoped that this will be carried out in the next financial year in time for the tourist season. There are three elements to the signs, as shown on an enclosed example. 1. Place name. 2. Brief description (not more than three words). 3. Local services followed by the standard symbols for those facilities available in the town. The Town Council are invited to give consideration to the three-word description that they would like to see on the sign. It is hoped to have the content of the sign approved by the Department of Transport in time to submit an order to the manufactureres towards the end of the current financial year. It was unanimously agreed that the three-word description should be 'JAMES HERRIOT'S TOWN'. Mr. Wight to be notified of this.

Shire Park A letter from the Chief Planner stated that the site has been inspected by the Enforcement Officer and the developers of the estate have been requested to supply details of their intentions regarding this area. They have been advised that the Planning Permission contained an agreement requiring them to create and maintain a play space on the estate.

22, Alexander Close A letter from the Chief Planner stated that an inspection of the site by the Enforcement Officer found that the archway of the boundary wall exceeded 2m in height and therefore required planning permission. The owner of the property has been given the necessary forms on which to apply for planning permission. He intends replacing the hedge with a similar type of hedging.

Meeting at Stone Cross The meeting with the Chief Executive Mr. Spencer, the Principal Technical Officer Mr. Adams, and the Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee Coun. Weighell, was attended by Couns. Foxton, Loveden, Hall, Tate, Davison, Murkett and Craig and the Clerk. A Planning Officer Miss Ashley was also present. Mr. Spencer told the meeting that the Estimates for the next financial year will include £25,000 for coach parking on a unspecified site in Thirsk, and if approved, the work should be completed in time for the 1988 tourist season. The District Council preferred site, for a coach parking lay-by, at the Kirkgate end of the Millgate Car Park could involve the need to acquire a small area of land from Thirsk Hall Estate. Coun. Hall put forward the Chamber of Trade's view that the sites for which they had applied for planning permission would be less costly than the District Council's scheme but was told by the Planning Officer that the County Surveyor had recommended refusal of planning permission.

Meeting at Stone Cross cont/ Members had requested that a long term view be taken of car parking in Thirsk and that part of the grassed area of Millgate Car Park be removed to provide additional parking spaces. A discussion had taken place on the proposed new swimming/leisure pool at Northallerton and the same replies received as in correspondence on the subject. At this Council's meeting, Coun. Hall expressed concern that if the District Council is unable to procure any additional land from the Thirsk Hall Estate that may be required to provide a coach parking lay-by on the preferred site and the Planning Committee accept the County Surveyor's recommendation to refuse the Chamber of Trade's planning application, Thirsk will still be without coach parking facilities. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive pointing this out and requesting that all options be kept open and all possible areas pursued to ensure that Thirsk will get its much needed coach parking area in early 1988.

Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting The Chairman reported on the meeting which had been attended by Couns. Roberts, Loveden and Hall and the Clerk. The Cemetery Fees had been discussed and it had been agreed that they should be increased. A further meeting will be held and the recommendations put before the Council. Complaints had been received that the grass cutting was not up to standard but the Superintendent had been working under difficult conditions. It was agreed that regular sub committee meetings will be held and any complaints passed to the Superintendent. The strimmer had been sent in for repair. Following complaints, it had been agreed that a tree near the wall separating the Cemetery from the allotments should be removed.

Bungalows at Dowber Way Coun. Tate stated that he had heard that building might be going to take place at the area where the ditch had been culverted and he felt that the area should be used for recreation. Coun. Craig stated that there had been no planning application for this area but he was of the opinion that it could be built on. It was pointed out that the area is designated for landscaping in the Thirsk District Plan.

### Correspondence

Access for the Disabled A letter from the Chief Planner drew attention to the recent designation of the Senior Assistant Building Control Officer, Mr. David Bunch, as Access Officer for the Council, whose main role is to act as a link between the disabled community and those able to influence their environment and to try to represent their interests in a wide range of activities. These activities include housing (public and private), public buildings and facilities, highway improvements and car parking, commercial developments, shops, offices and factories.

Hambleton Visitor Guide A letter from the Chief Planner expressed disappointment that Thirsk Town Council does not intend to take an advertisement in the 1988 Guide as Thirsk is probably the most popular destination for visitors to the District. Bedale, Northallerton and Great Ayton are all using the Guide to promote their towns and offer a welcome to visitors. It is hoped that the Town Council may wish to reconsider the decision and join in the promotion of tourism which can bring income and employment to the town. It was agreed to adhere to the original decision not to advertise in the Hambleton Visitor Guide.

Town & Country Planning Act 1971 Notification received of the intention of Mr. T. Cree to appeal against the Hambleton District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the use of a storage building for car repairs at O.S. Field 1842, Thirsk. It was agreed to support the appeal.

Byelaws Copies of the Hambleton District Council's Byelaws in respect of Tattooing, Acupuncture, Ear Piercing and Electrolysis received.

### Planning Decisions

<u>2/87/152/0146H</u>	A. B. Rose & Co. Ltd	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0077F</u>	Renton & Renton	Granted

Planning Application Observations were made on the following planning application:

<u>2/87/152/0279F</u>	A application for the Erection of a Satellite Dish at 8 - 12, Kirkgate for P. Odling
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Recommend Approval (Voting 8 in Favour of the application) *Furk*

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

Accounts as Circulated

Sowerby Parish Council	- Half of the Account from Sillars Road Const. for the Councils' Share of the cost of resurfacing around the Town Hall (excluding V.A.T.)	- £431.17 ✓
Cod Beck Internal D. B.	- Drainage Rates	- £ 2.40
P. Smith	- Salary - July - September	£333.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 59.42
J. D. Barr	- Payment - Cemetery Superintendent - September	- £265.00

Additional Accounts

Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 20.17
Power Point	- 4 Weeks Grass Cutter Rental	- £ 50.60
F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 Weeks Skip Rental	- £ 13.80
Anglia Building Society	- Transfer to Investment Account	- £300.00

Reports

The Chairman reported on the L.C.A. Training Weekend where she had attended a workshop on Footpaths. It had been suggested that a Council Rights of Way Committee be formed with three meetings each year in order to walk and survey the public footpaths. Members favoured the suggestion.

Coun. Loveden reported that at the Yorkshire L.C.A. Annual General Meeting it had been agreed to apply to the National Association for the Yorkshire Association to be split into three groups - North, South and West.

Coun. Hall reported that mobile traders had been trading on the Market Place until they were refused permission and that neither the Town Council or Chamber of trade were aware of this activity until it was reported in the Press. Coun. Craig to make enquiries at Hambleton District Council.

Any Other Business

Parking - Market Place Coun. Hall queried parking restrictions on the area at the west end of the Post Office building and was told that the studded area on the cobbles is Post Office property.

Parking - Market Place and Millgate Car Park Coun. Bentley expressed concern at the haphazard parking of vehicles in the Market Place and parking on the grassed areas of the Millgate Car Park.

Market Place Coun. Davison expressed the opinion that the Market Place cobbles should be replaced with square setts.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts

Vice Chairman.

19/10/87

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

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, D. S. Murkett, D. E. Loveden, P. J. Tate, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Miss J. Foxton & A. J. Davison. In the absence of Coun. Foxton, the Chair was taken by Coun. Roberts, Vice Chairman.

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

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter Coun. Murkett told the meeting that he had been given an estimated cost of £3,150.00 for a new bus shelter but stated that he did not consider a new bus shelter as a priority project. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until the Post Office's intentions are known and to enquire what progress has been made regarding the proposed alterations, pointing out the inconvenience suffered by the public with the current facilities.

Town Clock Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance stating that the policy only provides an indemnity in respect of loss or damage and does not cover the cost of taking preventative measures. It was reported that a person has been convicted of stealing one clock hand and damaging another, and ordered to pay £80.00 compensation. Coun. Roberts had been advised that the Insurance Company should be notified.

Parking - Pick's Lane It was agreed that this item be deleted from the agenda.

Swimming/Leisure Pool It was reported that the cost of the proposed pool has risen from £1.9m to £2.3m. Coun. Murkett stated that the final decision will be made on 20th October and that he and Coun. Craig will be voting against the building of such a pool.

Home Defence The meeting has not yet taken place.

Bollards and Chains - Market Place It was reported that the District Council has agreed to install additional bollards.

Mill Gardens Coun. Murkett stated that a plan for the gardens is being prepared.

White Mare Roundabout It was agreed that more shrubs are needed on the roundabout.

Flower Troughs Coun. Roberts was given permission to buy bulbs for the flower troughs.

Car Boot Sale The sale had been attended by Couns. Foxton, Roberts, Craig and Davison. The Town Council stall had raised £8.40 and receipts from cars was £40.00.

Outgoings were £2.00 for printing posters and £6.90 for an advertisement in the North Yorkshire News. A profit of £39.50 was made for the Christmas Lights fund.

Christmas Lights Fibreglass decorations have been delivered and are being stored at the Castlegate Youth Centre. Insurance cover has been arranged.

Coun. Bentley reported that letters have been sent out to all traders in the town. A reply to the request for a Christmas Tree to be sited outside the Golden Fleece is still awaited but the Principal Technical Officer had indicated that permission would not be given for that site and suggested a site adjacent to the Town Clock. Coun. Bentley stated that this site is not acceptable. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'to accept the site suggested by the District Council.' On an amendment Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Tate 'that an alternative site be sought.' Voting - In Favour of the Amendment - 3. In Favour of the Motion - 4. Motion carried. Coun. Murkett to take up the matter of the site with the Chief Executive H.D.C. A sub committee meeting to be held when the Chairman returns from holiday. Publicity for participants in the Christmas Lights scheme to appear in the December issue of the Thirsk Advertiser.

Public Lighting - Newsham Road A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that although the Leisure and Amenities Committee appreciate the urgent need for lighting in Newsham Road, two other schemes were considered to have greater priority and it was decided that the Newsham Road scheme should be included within the 1989/90 programme. Coun. Craig agreed to press for earlier implementation of the scheme. It was decided to request an extension of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on Newsham Road to the junction with Cemetery Road, pointing out the lack of a footpath and the number of pedestrians visiting the Athletic Club.

Cemetery It was reported that work on the Burial Board Office has not yet been completed. A Sub Committee was arranged to take place in the Office on 3rd November. Mr. Barr to be told that the work on the Office must be finished and the Office in use before that date. Complaints had been received from the public that the general state of upkeep of the Cemetery is not up to standard. Coun. Craig had received complaints from funeral 'bearers' about the ropes used to lower coffins. It was agreed to obtain a price for webbing harness. It was agreed to pay the account for the installation and connection of a telephone service to Cemetery Lodge along with the rental which was agreed previously. It was decided to purchase a telephone to replace the one currently rented. Coun. Loveden agreed to obtain one.

Report on Meeting re: Street Sweeping Couns. Roberts, Loveden and Davison and the Clerk had met with the Principal Technical Officer and the Cleansing Officer, who has recently taken over responsibility for Street Sweeping, together with his assistant. It was suggested to the Officers that the Street Sweeping programme be re-appraised, with more time being spent on sweeping the Market Place and less on emptying litter bins. Coun. Loveden requested that there be more supervision and that hours of work and terms of reference be tighter. It had been agreed that the Street Sweeper will be allowed to sweep the snickets from where litter blows onto the Market Place. It was agreed to allow time for the re-organisation to be established and to leave Street Sweeping on the Agenda.

Coach Parking The H.D.C. Planning Committee had held a site meeting on Millgate Car Park, to inspect the Chamber of Trade's application site and the District Council's preferred site. Representatives of the Chamber of Trade and the Town Council had been invited to attend. It had been stated that Mr. Bell will not relinquish land to accommodate the District Council's plan. Coun. Hall reported on a discussion which had taken place with the Principal Technical Officer after the site meeting, at which a plan had been produced showing a coach park on the large car park which would involve the loss of grassed area and would meet all requirements. Members were shown a copy of the plan and were unanimously in favour. It was agreed to request implementation of the scheme as a matter of urgency. Concern had been expressed that lorries would park on the coach area. Coun. Murkett stated that if the area is a designated coach park, it will come under the jurisdiction of the police.

Joint Meeting to Discuss the Town Hall Annexe Coun. Roberts reported that those present at the meeting had agreed that funds are not available for a new annexe at present. The condition of the annexe is reasonable, new fire doors have been installed. Rewiring is necessary and the exterior requires painting. The cost of these works will be met from funds set aside by the Councils. An account had been received for the new fire doors and roof repairs. Coun. Bentley stated that Sowerby Parish Council is willing to meet half of the cost from its Town Hall allocation if the Town Council will do the same. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'to meet half the cost of the account.' Agreed. The Town Council will pay the total account and reclaim half from Sowerby Parish Council.

### Correspondence

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme - The Holmes A letter from Coun. Foxton stated that the British Conservation Trust Volunteers have suggested that rather than lay a formal footpath along the riverside through Calvert's field, a stile be erected at either end to ascertain if the path is used. Coun. Murkett agreed to seek Mr. Calvert's agreement. The Volunteers will also landscape the piece of District Council land at the end of the Car Park and remove dead trees from the river.

70, The Green Letter received from Lester & Hatch, Solicitors, expressing concern at the failure of the District Council to issue an approved Planning Consent for residential development for F. D. Todd & Sons at land to the rear of 70, The Green and maintaining that the road in question is a 'highway'. It was agreed to reply stating that a further planning application is necessary in view of the fact that the previous one was refused.

Local Bus Services Letter of consultation received regarding the weekday service which departs from Thirsk at 1400 hours and from Northallerton at 1555.



Review of Local Boundaries Letter received from Ripon City Council regarding a proposal they intend to submit to the Commissioners for the alteration of Local Government Boundaries and inviting representatives to attend a meeting.. A questionnaire was included for completion asking if the Town Council would consider joining a new District. It was agreed that this Council is not interested.

Play Equipment A report from the Municipal Mutual Insurance Engineer stated that the End Caps are missing from the Parallel Bars, one seat is damaged on the Set of Four Flat Swings and that the Commando Ladder and Set of 4 Cradle Swings are In Order.

Flatts Preservation Trust A letter from the Secretary of the F.P.T. asked if the Town Council and Sowerby Parish Council will consider defraying the cost of regular grass cutting of the neglected areas of the Flatts field, estimated at about £350.00 per year. It was agreed to consider this in the Precept.

Stoneybrough Notice received of the intention of Mrs. P. A. Barker to apply for a Protection Order in respect of Stoneybrough Restaurant.

St. Mary's Church Letter presented requesting a grant towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard. It was agreed to make a grant of £200.00 as allowed in the current year's estimates and to forward the £100.00 to the Restoration Fund for which provision was also made in the estimates.

Tourism in the Thirsk Area Letter presented inviting representatives to attend a meeting of all parties interested in tourism, to be held in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 11th November.

Revenue Estimates Notification received that the District Council need to know by 27th November, the amount required for Revenue Expenditure in 1988/89. The product of a 1p rate is estimated at £3,750.00. Election Expenses were £425.68. A sub committee of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Murkett and Coun. Loveden was formed.

#### Planning Decisions

2/87/152/0042A	Mr. J. W. Barker	Refused
2/87/152/0058C	S. & B. Construction	Granted
2/87/152/0065B	Mr. N. Fox	Granted
2/87/152/0284B	Mr. & Mrs. M. Dodds	Granted
2/87/152/0321A	McLean Homes North East Ltd	Granted
2/87/152/0334B	Granada TV Rental	Granted
2/87/152/0334C	Granada TV Tentel	Granted
2/87/152/0337	Jas Smith & Sons (Cleaners) Ltd	Refused
2/87/152/0338	Mr. J. Bell	Granted
2/87/152/0338A	Mr. J. Bell	Granted

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following planning applications:

<u>2/87/152/0141A</u>	Formation of a New shop Front at 65/67, Market Place for North Yorkshire Co-operative Society. <u>No Representations.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0141B</u>	Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 65/67, Market Place for North Yorkshire Co-operative Society. <u>Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that an Internally Illuminated Sign would be detrimental to the amenities of the Conservation Area.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0141C</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for the Formation of a New Shop Front and Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 65/67, Market Place for North Yorkshire Co-operative Society. <u>Recommend Refusal of Sign as Above.</u>
<u>2/87/152/0279G</u>	Application for Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a Satellite Dish at 8/12, Kirkgate for P. Odling. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>

Planning Applications2/87/152/0227A

Alterations and Extensions to Existing Public House and Restaurant for form 2 Shop Units at 60/62, Market Place for Wright Properties Ltd.

Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that the development would not enhance the Conservation Area. The shop fronts would not be in keeping with that area of the Market Place. The size of the shop units is too large. They would require servicing by large articulated vehicles, thus causing traffic problems in Finkle Street.

2/87/152/0227B

Application for Listed Building Consent for Above.  
Observations as Above.

2/87/152/0340

Use of Existing Shop as an Estate Agents Office at 85, Market Place for M. D. Parker.

Recommend Refusal to maintain the 'mix' in the Structure Plan. Premises should be retained as a Retail Shop.

2/87/152/335

Amended Plan for Shop Window at 50, Market Place for Mister Minit Shops.

No Representations other than to point out that the plan is for the window as existing.

2/87/152/0341

Use of Existing Opticians Premises as an Estate Agents Office at 2, Finkle Street for Lester Wright Property Service.  
Unsuitable as an Estate Agents by reason of the narrow footpath on which prospective clients would have to stand in order to look in the window.

2/87/152/0105A

Resubmitted Scheme for a Sign at 19, Market Place for Wells Cundall. Externally Illuminated Wooden Fascia Board.  
Recommend Approval.

2/87/152/0336A

Details of the Construction of 2 Detached Bungalows with Domestic Garages at O.S. Field 1584, Stockton Road for Mr. & Mrs. C. Pollitt.  
Recommend Approval.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Paul Turner	- Grass Cutting - Mill Gardens - 6 Cuts @ £15.00	- £ 90.00 ✓
Paul Turner	- Grass Cutting - The Greens - 3 Cuts @ £40.00	- £120.00 ✓
Paul Turner	- Grass Cutting - The Holmes - 6 Cuts @ £60.00	- £360.00 ✓
Ackrill Newspapers	- Advertisement re: Car Boot Sale	- £ 6.90
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol & Oil	- £ 10.43
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying of and 4 Weeks Rental of Skip	- £ 39.10

Additional Accounts

J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - October	- £265.00
Hambleton District C.	- Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Half Year less Refund for period when Lodge was unoccupied	- £ 86.70
St. Mary's P.C.C.	- Grant towards upkeep of Churchyard	- £200.00
St. Mary's Restoration Fund	- Grant towards Restoration of Church Fabric	- £100.00
D. G. Collinson & Son	- Repairs to Cemetery Walls - as per quotation	- £880.90 ✓
British Telecom	- Installation/Connect Charge for Telephone System & Rental Charges - Cemetery Lodge	- £112.88
L. C. Hopps	- Supply & Installation of New Fire Doors at Town Hall - Half of cost to be reimbursed by Sowerby Parish Council	- £425.66

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Richard Alfred & Hilda May Chapman	18 E1	£50.00
Wendy Anne Chapman	19 E1	£50.00
Ronald Turner	16 E1	£25.00

Reports

Coun. Bentley stated that the office at the Town Hall, currently occupied by the Citizens Advice Bureau, could be used as a joint office for Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils for sub committee meetings, storage and for 'surgeries'. It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Coun. Loveden reported that he has been elected onto the Yorkshire Local Councils Association Keep Britain Tidy Committee.

Any Other Business

The Green Coun. Craig stated that vehicles are churning up the grass in the vicinity of property renovated and owned by the District Council.

The Green Coun. Tate reported that a vehicle is permanently parked on the grass, the owner being the occupant of No. 88, The Green. Letter to be sent, requesting its removal.

Footpaths Coun. Loveden requested that Mr. Woods attention be drawn to the deteriorating state of the footpaths in the vicinity of the Regent Bingo Hall and the Royal Oak Hotel.

C.C.A. Guide Referring to the Council's 'Objectives', Coun. Tate told the meeting that the C.C.A. Guide is nearly ready for issue and suggested that the Town Council assist with the Tourist Information Centre's Tourist Guide. It was agreed to suggest this at the meeting which is to be held to discuss tourism.

Street Light Coun. Murkett had received complaints that the street lamp at Gillings Court/White Swan Yard is unlit. Hambleton District Council's Lighting Department to be notified.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

16/11/87

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

**Present** Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, D. S. Bentley, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, P. J. Tate, Mrs. P. J. Simpson, R. S. Hall.  
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. Loveden, sec. Coun. Craig.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Bus Shelter/Post Office** A letter from the Personnel & Services Manager, Post Office - Leeds - stated that the review of Counter Services is continuing and when the network review is completed the Town Council will be notified.

**Town Clock** A letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance requested that they be advised of any developments which may affect their interest in the matter of compensation. The Clerk reported that £4.00 has been received from the Clerk to the Justices as part compensation for damage to the clock.

**Swimming/Leisure Pool** Coun. Craig reported that the District Council has decided to proceed with the project. Coun. Bentley requested that the District Council be asked if there will be the provision of extra transport to Northallerton from within the predicted catchment area in order for members of the public to travel to use the facilities at Stone Cross.

**Home Defence** The meeting has not yet taken place.

**Mill Gardens** Coun. Murkett to be asked for a report for the December meeting.

**White Mare Roundabout** A letter from Mr. Woods referred to weeds which had grown on the roundabout and which have been removed by County Council personnel. The letter also pointed out that the Town Council had agreed to carry out the routine maintenance on the roundabout, which included removing weeds etc., in return for an annual payment of £50.00. If the Council be unable to carry out this work, then the agreement may have to be reviewed or brought to a conclusion. Mr. Woods suggested that members may wish to discuss the matter with him.

**Christmas Lights** The Chairman reported on a Sub Committee meeting attended by herself, Coun. Roberts and Coun. Loveden. The decorations are to be painted by members of the Castlegate Youth Centre. Mr. Johnston intends to start putting up the decorations on 1st December and it is hoped to have them illuminated 2/3 weeks before Christmas. It had been suggested that the Christmas Tree should be a minimum of 20 feet high. Confirmation of the tree site awaited from the District Council. Coun. Bentley registered his objection to the suggested tree site after resigning from the Christmas Lights Sub Committee. Publicity for everyone participating in or contributing towards the Christmas Decorations Scheme will appear in the December issue of the Thirsk Advertiser.

**Public Lighting/Extended Speed Limit - Newsham Road** Reply awaited from County Surveyor.

**Street Sweeping** Coun. Loveden had been told by Mr. Hayward, the Officer in Charge of Street Sweeping, that all the matters discussed are in hand.

**Coach Parking** The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with Mr. Adams, Principal Technical Officer, who had stated that it is the intention to make a coach parking layby on the District Council's preferred site. The boundaries had been agreed with the Thirsk Hall Estate and the area would provide parking for four coaches with the footpath continuing behind the coach parking area. The Town Council's seat, presently located in the centre of the proposed parking area will be relocated. Members referred to a press report which stated that the District Council's scheme would cost £25,000 whereas the scheme involving the large car park would cost £40,000. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive expressing dismay at the total disregard of the Town Council, Chamber of Trade and Civic Society. It had been understood that the plan submitted following the site meeting had been acceptable to all parties. It was agreed to question the cost £40,000 quoted for this scheme. The District Council's preferred site is an area of special landscaping and would not provide sufficient parking spaces - 4 being considered to be inadequate. It was agreed to request that Coach Parking be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the H.D.C. Full Council and that the letter from the Town Council be read to the meeting.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Due to the absence of Coun. Murkett, it was not known if Mr. Calvert's agreement has been obtained. A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer invited applications and details for schemes for the year 1988/89.

The Green It was reported that the vehicle parked on the grass outside No. 88, The Green has been removed. The Chairman reported on complaints received about an unlicensed car which has been parked outside No. 36, The Green for a considerable time. Two letters of complaint had been received, in addition to telephone calls, and it appeared there was a vendetta against the car owner. The owner had been approached and had assured the Chairman and the Clerk that the car will be removed by the end of the month. It was pointed out that if the byelaws are enforced, all cars will have to be removed from The Greens. It was agreed to consider, at the next meeting, amending or updating the byelaws. The Yorkshire L.C.A. to be asked for advice on this matter.

Footpaths A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that routine repairs will be carried out on areas in need of attention in the near future. Kerbing and resurfacing will be carried out in Castlegate in the new year.

Rights of Way Committee A Committee was formed, consisting of The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Tate and Coun. Craig.

Seats Members were requested to carry out a survey of the seats in their areas.

Room for Council Use at the Town Hall Coun. Bentley stated that there is a need for a room for Council use at the Town Hall which could be used for storage, surgeries, sub committee meetings, the availability of plans for inspection by the public and for shared office equipment e.g. a photo copier. He considered that we may be able to use the office occupied by the C.A.B. who use it on only two days each week. Coun. Loveden stated that he agreed in principle but could not accept that the C.A.B. office could be used. To the suggestion that the small room behind the Ladies' cloakroom might be suitable, it was pointed out that this is used by both C.A.B. and C.C.A. for storage and interviews. Coun. Roberts and Coun. Davison were of the opinion that an office could be incorporated if a new annexe is built. It was agreed to discuss the matter again at the January 1988 meeting.

Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting The Chairman reported on the meeting which had been attended by herself, the Vice Chairman, Coun. Loveden and the Clerk. The decoration of the Burial Board Office had been completed and a desk and filing cabinet are needed before the office can be brought into use. The Chairman is hopeful of obtaining a desk at a reasonable price. The Clerk stated that a filing cabinet can be obtained from the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation at a 60% discount. Permission was given to order one. The increases and amendments to the Cemetery Fees, as recommended by the Sub Committee were presented to the meeting. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the recommendations of the sub committee be accepted and brought into operation on 1st January 1988.' Agreed. It was agreed that the fees be revised on an annual basis. The Cemetery Superintendent had pointed out that the windows of Cemetery Lodge are in need of replacement and had obtained a quotation for replacement of all the windows with double glazed U.P.V.C. units at a cost of £2,500. It was agreed that further quotations be sought and to consider the replacement of the windows when discussing the Precept.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street It had been necessary to reconsider the proposed re-siting of the Crossing because of the proposed housing development by the District Council the entrance to which would conflict with the proposed Crossing site. The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr. Appleton of the County Surveyor's Department and Mr. Woods, Divisional Surveyor N.Y.C.C. It had been agreed to resite the Crossing halfway between the present site and Piper Lane. The lighting and paintwork of the Crossing will be enhanced and the footpath will be defined with white lines. The Headmaster of Thirsk Clunty Primary School, who had complained about the present Crossing, had attended the meeting and had been satisfied with the outcome. It was agreed to request the erection of 'School' signs on the approaches to the Zebra Crossing. A letter to be sent to the County Surveyor accepting the recommendations made at the site meeting.

Revenue Estimates - 1988/89 The Clerk presented a breakdown of Estimated Expenditure and Income for the present financial year together with the Sub Committee's recommendations for the year 1988/89. Recommendations for the current financial year included an additional £500.00 for Christmas Lights, a donation of £100.00 towards the Community Minibus Fund and the implementation of a Clerk's Gratuity Fund as recommended by the Auditor. Recommendations for 1988/89 included an allocation of £2,500.00 for replacement windows at Cemetery Lodge, an increase in the Clerk's salary, an increase in the Cemetery Superintendent's remuneration and extra funds for grass cutting. Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Loveden 'to accept the Recommendations of the Sub Committee and request £15,000.00 for revenue expenditure in 1988/89.' Agreed.

### Correspondence

Thirsk Swimming Baths Notice received from the Charity Commissioners regarding the transfer of the Trusteeship of the Swimming Baths from the Flatts Preservation Trust to the Hambleton District Council. This is being carried out in order that the car park can be designated for off street parking and subject to the same restrictions as those in operation in the Market Place. Coun. Davison was named as the Town Council's representative on the Trustees.

Black Swan - Norby Notices received of the intention of Alan Field to apply for the Temporary and Permanent Licences of the Black Swan, Norby and for a Permit for an Amusement Machine.

Pets Cemetery Letter presented from Mr. W. A. Greaves requesting the Council to give consideration to allowing a piece of land on The Holmes, opposite to the play area and on the other side of the river, to be used as a Pets Cemetery. The letter stated that Thirsk Hall Estate, from whom The Holmes is leased, have no objection to the land being used for this purpose. Members referred to a previous decision that the Council should not consider the provision of a Pets Cemetery. Coun. Davison offered to discuss the matter with Mr. Greaves and to enquire about facilities for the burial of pets in the area. It was suggested that the Gerry Green Foundation at Catton may be able to assist.

Boundary Reviews Letter presented from Sowerby Parish Council requesting support to their request to the Hambleton District Council for a review of the boundaries of Sowerby, Thirsk and Bagby and with the suggestion that an area of land between York Road and the Cod Beck should be transferred from Bagby to Sowerby and that Thirsk and Thirsk Industrial Park should be transferred to Thirsk Parish, also from Bagby. It was agreed to send a letter to Hambleton District Council supporting the suggestions of Sowerby Parish Council.

Engineering Insurance New Policy document received in respect of the Engineering Insurance in respect of The Holmes Play Equipment together with a letter stating that there will be an increase of 5% in Engineering Insurance and Inspection Fees as from 1st October 1987.

Planning Committee Site Visits Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. inviting two representatives of the Town Council to attend a site visit to inspect a satellite dish at 8 - 12, Kirkgate, at 11.30 a.m. on 20th Nov.

Thirsk Local Plan Copy of the Thirsk Local Plan received, to which objections or other representations should be made before 18th December. The Local Plan document to be circulated and comments made at the December Council Meeting.

L.C.A. Meeting Dates Notice received that the dates for the meetings of the Hambleton South Branch in 1988 will be 10th February, 22nd June and 26th October, the June meeting being the A.G.M.

### Planning Decisions

<u>2/87/152/0335</u>	Mister Minit Shops Ltd	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0335A</u>	Mister Minit Shops Ltd (as amended)	Granted
<u>2/87/580/0031C</u>	N. Hunt	Refused
<u>2/87/152/0105A</u>	Wells Cundall (as amended)	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0339</u>	Thirsk Chamber of Trade	Refused

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

- 2/87/152/0080E Extension to Existing Shop at Rear of 15, Millgate for Mr. J. K. Pollard.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/87/152/0342 Construction of an Office and Storage Building at Land to the Rear of 9, Market Place for Woodhead & Lowe.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/87/152/0105B Alterations and Improvements to Existing Offices and Residential Flat at 19, Market Place for Wells Cundall.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/87/152/0035D Formation of a Vehicular Access and Use of Existing Vacant Land as a Car Park at Rear of Lloyds Bank for Lloyds Bank PLC.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/87/152/0262B Construction of a Pair of Semi-Detached Houses on Land adjacent to 176, Hambleton Place for Moody Bros.  
The positioning of these dwellings would not enhance neighbouring properties. Recommend that the original planning permission, for one Detached House and Domestic Garage be adhered to.
- 2/87/152/0101X Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 22, Market Place for Nationwide Anglia Building Society.  
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that Internally Illuminated Signs are detrimental to the amenities of the Conservation Area.
- 2/87/152/0343 Conversion of Existing Ground Floor Shop to Additional Living Accommodation at 5, Chapel Street for C. A. Lightfoot.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/87/152/0102G Display of an Internally Illuminated Pole Sign, to Replace Existing Illuminated Sign, at Woodhead & Bray, Station Road for Sadler & Co. Ltd.  
No Representations.

It was agreed to question why an application for Internally Illuminated Signs at Granada TV was allowed and a similar application at Jas. Smiths Cleaners was refused.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Guy Johnston	- Christmas Decorations	- £1884.02 ✓
Coun. Loveden	- Reimbursement of Cost of Telephone for Cemetery Lodge	- £ 15.95
Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter to 15.10.97 - 6 weeks	- £ 75.90

Additional Accounts

F. D. Todd & Sons	- 4 weeks Skip Hire	- £ 13.80
Yorks. Water Authy	- Water Charges - Cemetery Lodge - 2nd Ints. less refund for period when Lodge unoccupied	- £ 30.37
J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - November	- £ 265.00
Shaw & Sons	- Account Book	- £ 23.12
J. D. Barr	- Decoration of Burial Board Office	- £ 83.62

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

Arthur McKinlay	44 G4	£ 50.00
Mary Matthews	6 AA	£ 50.00

Reports

Coun. Loveden reported that he is now officially in charge of the Town Clock with Mr. Stott acting as 'second man'. He had carried out the first of his duties when 'Summer Time' ended on 25th October.

Coun. Bentley reported on the meeting of organisations concerned with tourism in Thirsk at which he had been appointed to the Steering Committee as the Town Council's representative. It had been decided that publicity leaflets about Thirsk are needed and it was hoped that the cost of printing these would be met by the Town Council, Sowerby Parish Council, the Chamber of Trade etc.

Coun. Tate reported that the Civic Society are concerned at the proposal to widen the bridge at Skipton on Swale and are objecting to it. The District Council are also opposed. Coun. Roberts told the meeting that before the decision to widen the bridge had been made, a letter had been sent from this Council requesting the imposition of a weight restriction on the present bridge in order to prevent heavy traffic coming through Thirsk. It was agreed to send a further letter to the County Surveyor objecting to the plan to widen the bridge, which, if carried out, will encourage even more heavy traffic to use the route through Thirsk to the A19 instead of using the bypass.

Any Other Business

Market Place Having read press reports that extensive works are to be carried out on the Market Place surface, Coun. Hall requested that the District Council be asked for details.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Referring to the 3.1 acres of land, purchased by the District Council for recreation purposes, on the Hambleton Estate, Coun. Tate requested that H.D.C. be asked what plans they have for it before it is handed over to the Town Council.

Objectives Coun. Tate requested that the Objectives of 'Litter' and 'Promotion of the Town Council' be put on the agenda for the December meeting.

Press Reports The Chairman referred to articles which have appeared in the Thirsk Gazette where true facts have not been reported and which have given bad publicity to the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

11/12/87



Estimated Expenditure  
Allocated or Carried  
Forward  
Financial Year  
1987/88

Sub Committee  
Recommendations  
for Expenditure  
Financial Year  
1988/89

	£		£	+	-
Rates & Water Charges - Cem. Ld.	500		550		
Cemetery Paths	500	(500)			
Cemetery Walls	880			150	
Tbols for Cemetery	90				
Cemetery Lodge	1600	(100)	2500		
Hire of Grass Cutter	400		500		
Petrol & Oil	150	(40)	150		
Removal of Cemetery Rubbish	350	(50)	325	25	
Cemetery Superintendent	3220		3340		
Clerk	1335		1800		
Administration & Audit	450		500		
Stationery	150	(75)	100		
Travelling Expenses (Members')	25	(25)	25		
Insurances	315		350		
Street Sweeping	2500		2750		
Christmas Lights	350		500		
scriptions (including L.C.A.)	175	(20)	175		
St. Mary's Churchyard	225	(25)	225		
St. Mary's Restoration Fund	100				
Town Hall	1865	(1114)	500		
Castlegate Youth Centre	100	(100)			
Mill Gardens, Flower Troughs +	200	(180)	300		
White Mare Roundabout					
Seats	420	(290)	210		
Town Clock	8800		50		
Court House - Hire of	90		90		
The Holmes	700	(700)			
Play Equipment	200	(180)			
Advertising	100	(100)			
Chairman's Allowance	50	(43)	50		
Greens	100	(100)			
Grass Cutting	1000	(200)	1000		
Thirsk & Sowerby Bowling Club	50				
Flatts Preservation Trust	100	(100)	100		
Miscellaneous	100		100		
	27190	(3942)	16190		
Christmas Lights (additional exp)	500				
Clerk's Gratuity Fund	750		750		
Community Minibus	100				
				175	
			175		
Election Expenses			425		
Repayment on Loan for Town Clock			2750		
	28540		20290		

Balance as at 31.3.87	7300
Precept	13500
Loan for Clock	5500
Grant for Clock	500
Insurance Claim - Clock	190
Refund of V.A.T.	1480
Sale of Grass Cutters	190
N.Y.C.C. - Roundabout	50
Interest (Estimated)	650
Parial Board Income (Estimated)	1300
	30660

Amounts in brackets - allocated and not yet used.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
14th December 1987 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, D. S. Murkett,  
A. J. Davison, P. J. Tate, D. S. Bentley + 1 Member of the Public.  
Apologies for Absence received from Couns. D. E. Loveden, R. S. Hall, H. D. Craig.

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

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Hambleton Leisure Pool A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. confirmed that the  
Council has decided to go ahead with the project and the  
Consultants are presently preparing plans which will be presented to the appropriate  
Committee in due course. The facility is intended to serve the whole of the Hambleton  
District and beyond and steps will be taken at the appropriate time to maximise patron-  
age. Thought has not yet been given to requesting extra transport but the situation will  
be considered nearer the time.

Home Defence Nothing reported.

Mill Gardens Coun. Murkett stated that he has not received a report on the gardens.

White Mare Roundabout It is hoped to receive professional advice on this.

Christmas Lights The Chairman told the meeting that minor problems had been experienced  
but the decorations were now in place and Mr. Johnston had done an  
excellent job. Hambleton District Council had received estimates for making sockets in  
the Market Place for a Christmas Tree and supports which were considered to be too  
expensive and it had been decided not to proceed with them. Coun. Roberts had con-  
tacted Mr. Harry Woodhead who had offered a tree, container and support ropes. H.D.C.  
had given permission for holes to be made for spikes to which to attach the ropes. The  
tree is now illuminated and many complimentary comments have been received. The  
Chairman thanked Coun. Roberts and all concerned with the tree. It was agreed to await  
public reaction before seeking an alternative permanent site for future Christmas trees.

Extended Speed Limit - Newsham Road A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the  
length of road referred to does not satisfy the  
speed limit criteria set by the Department of Transport and it is therefore not possible  
to recommend that such a speed limit is introduced. It is considered that it would now  
be appropriate to extend the speed limit on Newsham Road to a point immediately to the  
north of its junction with Masonic Lane/Picks Lane thereby covering the fire station and  
the remainder of Picks Lane itself. It is intended to report this proposal to the next  
meeting of the No. 1 Area Highway Sub-Committee in February 1988 and the Town Council's  
comments would be appreciated before the matter is considered by Members of that  
Committee. It was agreed to seek the support of the Police regarding Newsham Road and  
await their comments before replying to the County Surveyor.

Coach Parking The Clerk reported on a telephone call from Coun. Hall in which he stated  
that the Chamber of Trade's plans for the Coach Park, with spaces for  
6 coaches and 4 additional car spaces, are being submitted for the January 1988 planning  
meeting, together with costings of £15,000 + V.A.T. Members expressed the hope that  
this will be accepted by the District Council.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Coun. Murkett has yet to contact Mr. Calvert  
regarding the erection of stiles but does not  
anticipate any problems.

The Green Coun. Tate reported that the trailer which had previously been parked on the  
grass at 88, The Green and then removed, is back on the grass again. After  
discussion it was decided that action should be taken against the trailer's owner who  
has ignored requests by Coun. Tate and a letter from the Council requesting its removal.  
Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the Council's solicitor be instructed to  
prosecute if the owner fails to remove the trailer within 24 hours.' Voting -  
3 in Favour - 2 Abstentions. The Clerk to consult Mr. Peter Hatch.

Seals At the request of the Chairman this was deferred until the next meeting.

Cemetery Lodge & Burial Board Office No further quotations for replacement windows at Cemetery Lodge have yet been received. The Clerk reported that a four drawer filing cabinet has been ordered for the Burial Board Office at a cost of £58.30 - this being at a 60% discount through the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation. The Clerk also reported that samples of 'webbing' for the lowering of coffins had been obtained and one type had been selected and ordered at a cost of approximately £25.00.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Nothing reported.

Pets Cemetery Coun. Davison stated that he had been making enquiries and had approached Thirsk Hall Estate regarding the provision of a small area of land for a Pets Cemetery.

Boundary Reviews Coun. Murkett stated that Bagby Parish should be compensated if it is agreed that Thircon and Thirsk Industrial Park are transferred to Thirsk Parish.

Town Clock Keeper A letter from Mr. Raymond Stott stated that he is no longer able to attend to the Town Clock as 'first man' and has handed over those duties to Coun. Loveden but is willing to be 'second man' and take over for holidays etc. It was agreed to write to Mr. Stott thanking him for his attention to the clock.

Skipton on Swale Bridge A letter from the County Surveyor stated that the members of No. 1 Area Highways Sub-Committee have resolved to approve the cantilever widening of Skipton Bridge after considering the proposal against other alternatives including the implementation of a weight restriction. A weight restriction is not justifiable on a bridge which is structurally capable of taking all traffic and it is unlikely that such a restriction would receive the support of the Police. A further letter from the County Surveyor noted this Council's opposition to the proposed bridge widening on the grounds of a feared increase in heavy traffic and stated that the Highways and Transportation Committee will, on 18th December, decide whether or not to accept the recommendation to widen the bridge and such an acceptance would then be followed by an application for Listed Building Consent. In a report to the Committee all the various points raised by several objectors will be included.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. suggested that when the contents of the letter are discussed, the press and public should be excluded. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to accept the suggestion.' Voting - 4 in Favour - 1 Against. It was agreed to defer discussion until the other business of the meeting had been concluded.

Market Place A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stated that the Leisure & Amenities Committee considered a report on the condition of the cobbles and the problem of insurance claims made against the Council because of accidents caused by loose cobbles. The report identified three alternatives which were: 1. Form additional access across the cobbles (similar to that which is made up of red setts near the clock). 2. Replace all the cobbles with other materials which would be less vulnerable to damage by vehicles. 3. Prepare a programme of refixing the cobbles over the whole of the Market Place. The Committee has recommended to the full Council that Item 1 be pursued after further consultation with the former landowner and that Item 3 be locked into further by H.D.C. staff. The report will be considered on 15th December. Coun. Murkett to ask, at the meeting on 15th December, for the recommendations to be implemented.

Byelaws - St. James' Green The Clerk had been sent, by a member of the public, an extract of the Law of Property Act 1925 regarding Common Land and the Prohibition of driving motor vehicles elsewhere than on roads. It was agreed not to take any further action with regard to the byelaws until guidance is received from the Local Councils Association.

Local Plan The following observations were made on the Thirsk Local Plan Written Statement. There is a need for more housing for the elderly and sites should be allocated for this purpose near the town centre i.e. Waterside. The Plan should be changed in order to designate the Golden Lion Yard for Residential as well as Commercial use, which would enable that site to be allocated for elderly persons dwellings. The widening of the road on the Hambleton Estate from Hambleton Place to Dowber Way is considered necessary to allow the free flow of traffic which is impeded at the present time by vehicles parked on the road. The provision of bus laybys on that

**Objectives** Coun. Tate questioned whether the Council's objectives regarding Litter and Promoting the Town Council were being pursued. As the subject of Litter was Coun. Loveden's objective it was agreed to leave this until the next meeting. The Chairman stated that the Council is being promoted through the involvement with the Christmas Tree and Decorations and attending various functions. Coun. Roberts stated that the Council is being promoted through representation on Committees and members carrying out duties to which they have committed themselves.

**Closure of Local Hospitals** The Chairman told the meeting that she had been approached by a member of the public regarding the concern expressed by local doctors that the Lambert Memorial Hospital may be on the list of local hospital closures following the closure of the Rutson Hospital at Northallerton and other proposed cutbacks in hospital services. It was agreed to write to the Area Health Authority stressing the benefits derived from the Lambert Hospital to residents of Thirsk and the surrounding villages and stating that any proposed closure would be strongly opposed. Coun. Murkett proposed that the Council liaise with the League of Friends and suggested the setting up of a 'fighting fund' in the event of proposed closure, with a donation of £1.00 from every household in Thirsk and surrounding villages. The Chairman to contact the League of Friends.

**Tourist Signs** Coun. Bentley enquired whether confirmation had been received that the requested signs would be erected. The Clerk stated that the District Council's Tourist Promotion Officer had told her that the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding finance for the signs, had been awaited before submitting, the content of the signs to the Department of Transport for approval. Coun. Markett told the meeting that the finance had been approved.

**Financing of the Thirsk and Sowerby Tourist Guide** A letter from the Secretary of the Museum and Tourist Information Centre stated that Thirsk Museum Society, Tourist Information Centre, Civic Society, Chamber of Trade, together with representatives of Thirsk Town Council, Sowerby Parish Council and Hambleton District Council have formed a Joint Committee to promote Thirsk and Sowerby and District for Tourism and intends to produce Tourist Information publicity for distribution to encourage visitors to the area. The Committee wish to produce a modest brochure in the form of a single folded sheet in two colours containing a map, street plans and local information. The cost of printing 15,000 copies will be in the order of £400 which the Committee wishes to finance by obtaining sponsors from within the local area. The Town Council is asked to consider contributing towards the cost of the project which will bring considerable benefit to the Town and area. A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade stated that at a meeting of the Steering Committee, he had said that he believed £200 would be available for a one page advert, listing in alphabetical order the names of the members of the Chamber of Trade, but the offer had been withdrawn when Councillor Bentley had stated that some councillors had expressed the view that money from the Council was contingent upon the leaflet being non-commercial. Coun. Murkett stated that Coun. Bentley could not speak for the Council as the Town Council had not appointed a representative to the Committee. Nominations were invited - Coun. Bentley was nominated and agreed to represent the Town Council on the Committee. Coun. Murkett reminded members that the Council's policy is to support commercial venture as it had done when the previous town map and publicity guide was published. It was agreed to reply to the request for assistance by stating that the cost of printing should be raised by advertising but that the Town Council will underwrite any loss up to £50.00.

### Correspondence

**2, Shire Park** Reply received from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer to this Council's complaint that a tree in the hedge at 2, Shire Park has been cut down. The letter stated that the site has been visited by the Enforcement Officer when it was seen that the tree had been cut down to hedge height. Condition No. 3 of the planning consent referred to the retention of boundary hedges on the site and in view of the fact that the hedge has not been removed, it is the opinion that there has been no breach of the conditions of planning consent. Members were of the opinion that this is an unsatisfactory situation and the matter will be taken up by Coun. Murkett with the Chief Planning Officer.

**Loan Sanction Allocation 1988/89** Return received for completion.

Black Swan, Norby Notices received of the intention of Davis William Berry to apply for the transfer of the Licence of the Black Swan, Norby and for a permit for an Amusement Machine.

The Royal, Thirsk Notice received of the intention of Stephen Parker to apply for the transfer of the Licence of The Royal.

Parish Government Course Notice received of the Parish Government Course to be held at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate 4th/6th March 1988. Closing date for bookings being 27th January.

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust A letter from Sowerby Parish Council stated that they have agreed to contribute £150.00 towards the cost of grass cutting/maintenance of the Flatts Recreational Area for 1988. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Davison 'that his Council should also make a contribution of £200.00'. Agreed. It was agreed to point out to the Secretary of the Flatts Trust that stiles on the Flatts are in need of repair.

#### Planning Decisions

<u>2/87/152/0340</u>	Mr. M. Parker	Refused
<u>2/87/152/0341</u>	Lester Wright Property Services	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0279F</u>	Mr. P. Odling	Granted
<u>2/87/152/2279G</u>	Mr. P. Odling	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0309M</u>	Market Town Properties Ltd	Withdrawn
<u>2/87/152/0227A</u>	Wright (Properties) Ltd	Withdrawn
<u>2/87/152/0227B</u>	Wright (Properties) Ltd	Withdrawn

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/87/152/0345 Outline Application for the Construction of a Dwelling at The Paddock, 2A, Sutton Road for Mr. H. Lee.  
No Representations.

2/87/152/0344 Use of Disused Ground Floor Shop and 1st & 2nd Floor Living Accommodation as Offices at 4, Finkle Street for Slouard Ltd.  
Recommend Refusal on the proposal is contrary to the provisions of the Local Plan Written Statement. Point out that the property is unsuitable as an Estate Agents by reason of the narrow path on which prospective clients would have to stand in order to look in the window.

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

#### Accounts as Circulated

Power Point	- Hire of Grass Cutter to 19.11.87 (5 weeks)	- £ 63.25
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol	- £ 8.00
J. B. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - December	- £265.00
Thirsk & District Community Minibus	- Donation (as agreed at November meeting)	- £100.00
Royal British Legion	- Poppy Wreath	- £ 9.00
Parish Appeal		
P. Smith	- Salary - October - December	£333.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 58.44
		- £392.19
Councillor Foxton	- Reimbursement of cost of Paint etc. for Christmas Decorations	- £ 14.10
Councillor Foxton	- Travelling Expenses to L.C.A. A.G.M. at Askham Bryan	- £ 12.00

#### Additional Account

Marshall Mutual Ins. - Additional Premium on Christmas Decorations - £ 23.96

Reminiscence

Th. [unclear] reported that she had been invited to, and attended a concert by the Royal British Legion Band who are to visit and perform in Austria next year. The Chairman stated that they are worthy of support and proposed, sec. by Coun. Murkett 'that this Council make a contribution of £50.00 to the band.' Agreed.

Coun. Roberts reported that a parishioner, Mrs. Fernandes, has recently attained her 100th birthday. It was agreed that, as in other cases, the Council recognise the occasion. The Chairman and Vice Chairman to visit Mrs. Fernandes and present her with a bouquet.

Coun. [unclear] reported that a limited edition of 'James Herriot' plates is on sale and that Thirsk is not depicted on them.

Coun. Murkett reported that in the 'Sunday Times', Thirsk is listed as a desirable area in which to live.

Any Other Business

The Greens Coun. Murkett suggested that a scheme of 'edging' the Greens in the same as that being carried out in Sowerby, could be carried out. The Greens sub-committee to carry out an inspection.

Magistrates It was agreed, at the suggestion of Coun. Murkett, to send a letter to the Chairman of Thirsk Magistrates Court with congratulations on the recent steps taken against disorderly conduct in the town.

Footpath Coun. Roberts commented on the state of the footpath in front of the Post Office, which is Post Office property, and suggested that this should be included in the scheme of Market Place improvements. It was agreed to write to Hambleton District Council regarding this and to request them to take up the matter of the proposed scheme of improvements to Thirsk Post Office which have not been carried out.

Cars At the request of Coun. Roberts, it was agreed to draw the District Council's attention to two apparently abandoned cars on the Swimming Baths Car Park and to the dilapidated state of the garage at the bottom of Chapel Street.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the Council go into committee to discuss this matter, as recommended by the District Council'. Agreed. A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that a formula for the purchase of 3 acres of land has been agreed upon and it is hoped that the land may be acquired before or just after Christmas. The financial implications of acquiring the remainder of the land were explained and it is the intention for a report to be put before the next Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting. Members agreed to accept the 3 acres and to leave the matter of the remaining land in the hands of the District Council. The Clerk reported that she had been told that it will be the responsibility of the Town Council to carry out any necessary works or improvements to the land.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
18th January 1988 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, D. S. Murkett, A. J. Davison, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, P. J. Tate + 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. P. J. Simpson.

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

Home Defence Coun. Bentley stated that he had not yet been able to arrange a meeting of people concerned with Home Defence and pointed out that since the District Council sold The Limes, Thirsk and Sowerby have been without a Central Information Post. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding this and suggesting that the Community Centre at Norby could be designated for this purpose. It was also agreed that Home Defence should be on the February Meeting Agenda.

Mill Gardens & White Mare Roundabout Coun. Murkett stated that he has arranged a meeting with the person who will advise on the gardens and roundabout.

Christmas Lights The majority of members agreed that the site for the Christmas Tree had been a success and should be permanent. This was endorsed by Coun. Hall on behalf of the Chamber of Trade. There had been no vandalism to the tree. Coun. Murkett congratulated the Lights Sub Committee on their hard work. A meeting of the Committee to be arranged for the near future.

Newsham Road A letter from Inspector Brewer stated that he must support any application to improve Road Safety standards in the Thirsk area. The problem of poor lighting standards in Newsham Road has been accepted by the District Council as funds have been allocated for the future. When the lighting has been installed, the Council should re-examine the criteria set by the Department of Transport in connection with the speed limit situation. It was agreed to again request the District Council to bring forward the date of the lighting scheme and to request the Police to support this. It was also agreed to support the proposal to extend the speed limit on Newsham Road to a point immediately to the north of its junction with Masonic Lane/Pick's Lane but to make it clear that it is still considered that the speed limit should be extended to the junction with Cemetery Road.

Coach Parking The Chamber of Trade's plans for coach parking submitted to this meeting.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Coun. Murkett told the meeting that Mr. Galvert has no objections to the erection of stiles on his property.

Seats The survey of seats not yet completed. The Clerk reported that a quotation of £41.48 + V.A.T. had been received for the repair of the R.A.O.B. seat and it had been forwarded to Municipal Mutual Insurance for approval.

Cemetery Lodge & Burial Board Office It was agreed to seek quotations for replacement windows for Cemetery Lodge. The filing cabinet for the Burial Board Office has been delivered. Coun. Murkett stated that the District Council is disposing of chairs which may be suitable for the Office. The Clerk to make enquiries. The Clerk reported that a query had been received regarding charges when a memorial is erected on the Garden of Rest. It was agreed to investigate this matter at a Sub Committee meeting arranged for 22nd January and report back to the next Council meeting.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street A letter from the County Surveyor stated that arrangements have been made to re-site the Zebra Crossing as agreed. The use of 'School' warning signs are intended to warn motorists of the presence of a school and not schoolchildren crossing at a recognised pedestrian crossing facility. It is therefore not possible to recommend use of these signs at this location. It was agreed to request the siting of other suitable signs denoting that children will be crossing the road.

Boundary Reviews Copy letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. to Sowerby Parish Council received regarding the request for consideration of boundary modifications in the parishes of Bagby, Sowerby & Thirsk. The letter stated that a report will be submitted to the Council's Policy & Resources Committee regarding the formulation of an overall strategy for the future of parish government within the Hambleton District which will include specific reference to the request. Coun. Murkett told the meeting that now is the time to consider the possible amalgamation of the Councils of Thirsk and Sowerby which could still consist of twenty members and be split into 'wards' for election purposes. One of the advantages of an amalgamated Council would be to have a much stronger voice in both County and District Council affairs which would not be disregarded as those of Thirsk and Sowerby are at present. It was agreed to write to Sowerby Parish Council requesting consideration of the suggestion.

Closure of Local Hospitals Coun. Bentley requested that it be recorded that, at the previous meeting, he had suggested the drawing up of a petition against the possible closure of the Lambert Memorial Hospital. A letter from the District General Manager of the Northallerton Health Authority stated that he can confirm that the Authority has no plans to close the Lambert Memorial Hospital. It was reported that there are plans to extend the hospital.

Parish Government Course Couns. Roberts, Murkett and Davison expressed the wish to attend the course. Coun. Loveden stated his intention to attend the course but may go as a delegate from Carlton Miniott Parish Council. The fees were quoted as £66.00 for a Resident (£10.00 single room supplement) and £40.00 for a Non-Resident. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Foxton 'that the Council pay the fees of Members as Non-Residents with Members paying the balance if attending as Residents'. Agreed. The delegates stated their intention to attend as Residents.

100th Birthday The Chairman and Vice Chairman had visited Mrs. Fernandes on the occasion of her 100th birthday and presented her with a card and plant. A letter of thanks had been received by the Chairman.

The Greens Inspection not yet carried out by the Sub Committee. It was pointed out that a scheme of edging The Greens such as that being carried out in Sowerby would not be practicable as Sowerby Greens are owned by the Parish Council whereas Thirsk's Greens are only held on lease.

Magistrates Letter of thanks received from the Chairman of the Magistrates for the Council's congratulations on their stand against disorderly conduct.

Abandoned Cars/Chapel Street Garage Letters received from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stating that the abandoned vehicles will be investigated and that the Chapel Street Garage site has been inspected where there were nine different types of vehicles awaiting repair outside the garage. A copy of this Council's letter has been sent to the Planning Officer for any action that he may wish to take.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Nothing reported.

Parking - The Greens The Clerk reported that Mr. Hatch had sent a letter to the occupant of No. 88, The Green and the trailer had been removed from the grass and is now parked on the road in front of the house. A letter from the occupant of No. 89, The Green asked the Council to take action over the parking of a large van, the property of the occupant of No. 88, in front of her house. A letter from the Assistant Secretary L.C.A., in reply to the enquiry re possible amendment of the byelaws, stated 'if the area known as St. James' Green is registered as Village Green within the Commons Registration Act 1965, then the byelaw merely confirms existing legislation as it is already an offence to drive a car over a village green. The Town Council cannot permit a criminal act and cannot therefore give permission for cars to be driven onto a registered area, even if that area has always been used as a highway. If it is not registered, then the general principle involved would be that a law must be applied to all equally and that to enforce the byelaw the Council must apply it to all the people breaking it. The Clerk had taken advice and been told that when the Greens were registered as Common Land, the residents should have been advised to register their Rights of Way. The fact that they had not done so does not preclude them from having



the right to drive to and park in front of their own property as this right of way would have been established over the years by vehicles servicing the properties around The Green. Two members of the public, Mr. Palliser and Mr. Ogleby requested the right to speak. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Tate 'to allow a limited time for them to speak.' Agreed. Mr. Palliser stated that the Council could not permit an illegal act by allowing vehicles to park on a registered area and that no one had rights of way over The Green unless they had applied for them at the time when the land was registered. Mr. Ogleby stated that the residents of The Green had not been made aware of the fact that the land was being registered and pointed out that Mr. Palliser had been a member of the Council at that time. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that a meeting be called with the residents whose properties front onto The Green to try to resolve the problems of parking and to ask Mr. Hatch to be present to explain the legal situation.' Agreed.

Objective - Litter Coun. Loveden stated that he considered the situation regarding litter in the town has improved. It was reported that the Street Sweeper is ill and that the Sowerby Street Sweeper is deputising. It was agreed to request a copy of the street sweeping schedule which was to have been revised. Coun. Craig agreed to request extra litter bins for Ingramgate and Stockton Road.

Provision of Room at the Town Hall for Council Use Letters presented from the Organiser of the C.C.A. and the Chairman of Hambleton C.A.B. regarding the use of the C.A.B. office at the Town Hall. Coun. Bentley stated that the use of the C.A.B. office had only been a suggestion. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Tate 'that this Council does not consider the use of rooms at the Town Hall'. Agreed.

Grass Cutting The Greens and Holmes Sub Committee to consider the form of tendering for grass cutting.

#### Correspondence

Dogs Fouling Footways Letter presented from Mr. D. J. Maltby regarding the nuisance and inconvenience caused by the fouling of footways by dogs and requested that the matter be taken up with the District Council. It was agreed to write to the Chief Environmental Health Officer asking if there are any plans to deal with this problem within the Hambleton District.

48 & 48A, Market Place Letter presented from the Chief Planner in reply to a previous enquiry from this Council, stating that planning permission was initially refused for illuminated signs at 48, Market Place but, following negotiations, an amended scheme was submitted and the projecting box sign resited at fascia level as per the L.P.A's policy. It has been suggested that Jas. Smith & Son at 48A, Market Place, consider signs more in keeping with the Conservation Area and move their box sign down to fascia level but no response has been received to the suggestion. It was agreed to request that this matter be pursued.

Planning Appeal Notification received that the appeal lodged by Mr. T. Cree has been successful.

#### Planning Decision

2/87/152/0102G

Sadler & Company Ltd

Granted

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/87/152/0185A

Alterations & Extension to Existing Public House to Provide Toilet Facilities and Bottle Store at Black Swan, Norby for John Smiths Tadcaster Brewery.  
No Representations.

2/87/152/0126L

Use of Approved Shop as an Estate Agents Office at Unit 6, Royal Oak, Market Place for M. D. Parker.  
No Representations but point out that the actual window is not as shown on the plan.

2/87/152/0328A

Additional Use of Parts of Approved Ground Floor Shop and First Floor Cafe for Exhibition Purposes at Rear of 87, Market Place for Mrs. S. M. Pearson.  
No Representations.

Planning Applications

- 2/87/152/0346 Conversion of Existing Disused Garage/Storage Buildings to 3 Dwellings at Rear of Kirkgate Guest House for Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Bainbridge.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/87/152/0346A Application for Conservation Area Consent for Parts of Existing Garage/Storage Buildings as Above.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0339A Formation of a Coach Parking Area at Millgate Car Park for Thirsk Chamber of Trade.  
Recommend Approval.

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

Accounts as Circulated

J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - January	- £265.00
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 Weeks	- £ 13.80
Thirsk Advertiser	- Acknowledgement of Christmas Decorations Sponsorship	- £ 21.66

Additional Accounts

F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 Weeks	- £ 13.80
T. & S. Town Hall	- Half share of Insurance Premium	- £139.87 ✓
Vickers Furniture	- Filing Cabinet for Burial Board Office	- £ 67.05
N.Y.C.C.	- Hire of Court No. 2 for Meetings	- £ 97.20 ✓
Coun. Roberts	- Reimbursement of cost of bulbs etc.	- £ 10.36
Yorkshire R.C.C.	- Fee for Parish Government Course (Part to be reimbursed by Members)	- £228.00 ✓

Reports

Coun. Davison stated that he will report on the Ings Water scheme at the next meeting.

Coun. Bentley reported that the Tourism Leaflet is to be financed by sponsorship and enquired whether the Council will underwrite loss of sponsorship in the same way as it had agreed to underwrite loss of revenue from advertising. It was agreed that the same sum would be available for this purpose. Coun. Bentley referred to a request for members of the Tourism Committee to address the Town Council regarding financing the leaflet and the reply that had been sent stating the the Council's decision could not be reversed for six months. Coun. Murkett endorsed the action taken.

Coun. Tate reported that Thirsk has been granted Townscape Scheme status.

Any Other Business

Map of Thirsk Coun. Loveden enquired if a map of Thirsk is available. Coun. Bentley stated that he can provide one but it may not be up to date.

Lights It was agreed to request a street light at the Chapel Street end of Steads Yard and one at the Chapel Street end of Roses Yard.

Parking Coun. Bentley noted that action has been taken regarding habitual parking on the Market Place in contravention of the Disc Parking scheme.

Post Office Coun. Hall referred to a press report that there are no plans at present for proceeding with alterations to Thirsk Post Office. The Clerk reported that Mr. Bunch of H.D.C. is taking up the matter of access for the disabled. It was agreed to write again to the Post Office Manager at Leeds and to enlist the assistance of Councillor Watts (Vice Chairman of the L.C.A. Executive Committee) who is a member of the Post Office Users Council.

Mr. Megson A 'Get Well' card was signed to be sent to ex Councillor Megson who is in hospital.

Footpaths Coun. Murkett referred to the repaving of South Parade and High Street paths at Northallerton and suggested that a similar scheme be requested for the Market Place at Thirsk. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor and send a copy to County Councillor Turton.

County Councillor Coun. Murkett referred to the lack of attendance at Town Council meetings by the County Council member for the area.

Mitchell House Coun. Craig asked that the District Council be requested to erect a sign on the Gillings Court service road denoting Mitchell House Abbeyfield Home.

Numbering of Houses Coun. Roberts told the meeting that a local doctor had complained about the lack of numbers on the fronts of the houses on Hambleton Estate which caused difficulties for strangers to the area. Hambleton District Council's attention to be drawn to this matter.

Chapel Street It was agreed to draw Mr. Woods attention to a large pool at the edge of the highway at the rear of the Fine Fare/Gateway Supermarket.

Fine Fare/Gateway Supermarket It was agreed to draw the attention of the Chief Environmental Health Officer to the danger to the public which could be caused by gutters, over the entrance to the supermarket, blocked by overhanging weeds.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

15/2/88

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th February 1988 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present** Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, A. J. Davison, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, P. J. Tate, Mrs. P. J. Simpson + 2 Members of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence** received from Couns. D. E. Loveden & 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. Davison.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Mill Gardens & White Mare Roundabout** Due to the absence of Coun. Murkett, no report was available. The Chairman to contact Coun. Murkett.

Coun. Roberts stated that more low growing conifers are needed for the roundabout and these should be planted in the near future.

**Christmas Lights & Decorations** The Clerk reported that all but one of the sponsors have paid for the decorations and one promised donation has not been received. Reminders have been sent. The Chairman told the meeting that the decorations have been put into store. Mr. Johnston's account presented for payment.

**Newsham Road** A letter from Chief Inspector Turnbull, Police Traffic Management, stated that the Police have given their support to the proposal to extend the speed limit on Pick's Lane/Masonic Lane from its junction with Newsham Road and on Newsham Road from its junction with Station Road to a point just north of Pick's Lane as this will give more uniformity to the length of roads in question. The length of Newsham Road from Pick's Lane to Cemetery Road does not meet the Department of Transport criteria and the Police cannot give support, at this time, to the Council's request for the speed limit to be extended on this stretch of road. Any road safety benefit is more likely to be achieved by the provision of street lighting and the Police cannot help the Council to achieve this facility any quicker than through its own approaches. Certain highway lighting automatically imposes a 30 m.p.h. restriction on any road. Upon the installation of lighting on Newsham Road, the proper action in support of speed limit criteria may well be to apply for that length of road to be derestricted.

**Coach Parking** The District Council's planning application for a coach parking layby submitted to this meeting.

**Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme** Nothing reported.

**Seats** Survey of seats not yet completed. The Clerk told the meeting that the claim to Municipal Mutual Insurance for repairs to the R.A.O.B. seat has been withdrawn. The seat had been damaged accidentally and the person who had been responsible for the damage is meeting the cost of repairs.

**Zebra Crossing - Long Street** The crossing has been re-sited. Reply from the County Surveyor regarding signs, awaited. Coun. Craig requested that Mr. Woods be reminded of the agreement to denote the footpath with white lines.

**Boundary Reviews** Reply awaited from Sowerby Parish Council.

**Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate** Coun. Tate stated that he had been told by Mr. Johnson of the District Council's legal department that it is not certain that the Kettlewell Trust land will be available for purchase as recreation land. It appeared that Barkers Ryebeck Farms may apply again for a Certificate of Alternative Development in respect of their land, which is designated as public open space, and, if they are successful, the Kettlewell may take the same action. It was stated that if the land was designated for building, the price would be £70,000.00 per acre as opposed to £17,000.00 as agricultural land. It was agreed to enquire from the District Council, the current situation with regard to this matter.

**Grass Cutting** It was agreed to use the District Council's form of tendering for grass cutting, with minor amendments.

**Street Sweeping** A copy of the street sweeping rota received.

Dogs Fouling Footways Reply awaited from the Chief Environmental Health Officer H.D.C. Coun. Craig stated that the matter is being discussed by the District Council. At the suggestion of Coun. Tate, it was agreed to write to the C.E.H.O. again requesting consideration of the employment of a Dog Warden.

Lights - Steads Yard & Roses Yard Nothing reported.

Post Office A letter from the District Manager, Post Office Counters Ltd, Leeds stated that the Post Office Counters Business pays a considerable amount of attention to the Quality of Service, and performance is constantly monitored by means of regular samples taken at times generated randomly by computer. As a result, it is confidently suggested that the speed of service given at Thirsk is good overall and this has a bearing on the all-round standard of service offered, including the criterion of accommodation. This means that if customers are served quickly and efficiently, there is much less likelihood of them being inconvenienced by having to queue outside the office. The deficiencies in the accommodation at Thirsk Post Office are acknowledged and these represent part of an Estate inherited from the past. There are another number of offices which are deficient and although money is being spent on renovations, it is limited. The situation is that currently there is no money to spend on Thirsk Post Office and it would be wrong to suggest that funds will be available in the near future. Efforts have been directed at the counter service which has been reviewed and augmented by additional resource at known busy periods such as Monday mornings, Market Day. The Thirsk Branch Manager has stated that the occasions when customers have to queue outside are very rare and relate to exceptional periods like Christmas. It is accepted that disabled people may have difficulty with access and this is due to a legacy from the past when buildings were built differently to the present time. It is, however, often possible to make special arrangements for disabled people who are unable to negotiate a difficult access. If such people would be so good as to telephone the Branch Manager, he will be pleased to help if at all possible. It has been found from experience that the problem can often be solved in this way.

Letters from Councillor Watts stated that he has taken up the matter through the District Manager at Leeds and that as he has now been appointed as the representative of the Yorkshire L.C.A. on the York Post Office Advisory Committee, he will be able to take up the case of Thirsk Post Office, through that Committee. It was agreed to send a copy of the District Manager's letter to Councillor Watts and ask him to pursue the matter and to write to the District Council, enquiring if the Post Office has a statutory obligation to provide facilities for the disabled.

Footpaths - Market Place Reply awaited from the County Surveyor.

Chapel Street A letter from Mr. Woods stated that repairs will be carried out to the area within the highway in the near future. Coun. Hall reported that the repairs have now been carried out.

Townscape Scheme Details of the scheme received from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer.

Home Defence A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the matter has been raised with the County Emergency Section and this Council's letter forwarded to the County Emergency Officer. The Clerk reported on a telephone call from Mr. Jones of the County Emergency Section who stated that the Three Tuns Hotel is Thirsk's Control & Information Post. The suitability of the Community Centre at Norby will be investigated but is necessary to have a building which is constantly manned and has a telephone. It was noted that a course of training as Community Advisors is to be held at Richmond in April and May.

Objectives The Chairman stated that she did not think that the Council is being successful in achieving the 'objectives' set in August 1987, referring to 'Promoting the Town Council' and tackling the 'Litter' problem. Coun. Roberts stated that members were promoting the Council by working on Committees and taking part in activities in the community. Coun. Roberts also considered that the litter situation has improved, there being a street sweeping plan, private yards and alleyways now being swept by the street sweeper and the increased number of litter bins in and around the town. Coun. Davison was of the opinion that 'objectives' are counter productive. Coun. Bentley stated that he had pursued, and been successful, in his objective which was to liaise

Meeting with Residents of St. James' Green The Chairman reported on the meeting with 40 residents of St. James' Green, held on 5th February. The meeting had been informed by Mr. Hatch, Solicitor, that no one has the right to park on the Green, which is registered Common Land, although if residents park in front of their own property, the matter would only become a cause for complaint if they act unreasonably by parking in front of or obstructing their neighbours property. The sensible means of controlling erosion and parking would seem to be by co-operation between the residents and their 'policing' of the area. A Residents Association had been formed with a Steering Committee of seven residents plus Couns. Foxton, Craig and Davison. A letter to the Council from the Chairman of the Committee stated that the residents wish to secure the right to legally park on the access roads outside their premises and for the access roads to be maintained to a reasonable standard. They also wish to restore and maintain in good condition and appearance, the Green known as St. James' Green as quoted in the Byelaws. Attention was also drawn to the numerous potholes on the access roads which are tending to accelerate the erosion of the Green. Coun. Hall suggested that the access roads should be de-registered and residents given permits to park outside their own properties. The Clerk pointed out that Common Land cannot be de-registered unless alternative land is provided to compensate. The Chairman stated that she is looking into the question of de-registering part of the land. It was agreed that action should be taken regarding the potholes. Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that the Council allocate £50.00 for the cost of filling in the potholes.' Agreed. It was agreed to enquire of Mr. Woods if any road planings are available for this purpose.

Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting The Chairman reported on the meeting where the size of memorial stones for the Garden of Rest had been discussed. It had been suggested and was being recommended by the Committee that the size should be limited to small tablets of approximately 10" x 10", to be erected along the border of the Garden of Rest. Coun. Loveden had agreed to produce a drawing. The matter of a charge being made at the 'Exclusive Right of Burial' rate for the erection of a memorial vase on the Garden of Rest had been discussed and it had been considered that no charge should have been made. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. 'that the £50.00 received for the erection of a vase on the Garden of Rest should be refunded.' Agreed. The Chairman also reported that the Burial Board Office now has a desk and one chair, more chairs being required. The Clerk stated that it had not been possible to purchase chairs from the District Council.

Replacement Windows for Cemetery Lodge Quotations had been received from two sources, one submitting two prices but insufficient details. It was agreed to seek further details and consider the quotations and window styles at a meeting on 26th February. Recommendations to be put to the next Council meeting.

Proposed Car Parking Charges Members commented on Press reports that the District Council is proposing to implement car parking charges in the Millgate Car Park. Coun. Craig stated that he is of the opinion that the proposal will not be accepted by the full Council. It was agreed to write to the District Council registering objections on the grounds that it would be unfair on people who work in the town and have to park on the Car Park because of the Disc Parking Scheme in the Market Place, it would discourage tourists and people from the surrounding villages will travel to shopping centres which provide free parking, adversely affecting the prosperity of the town.

### Correspondence

Open Spaces Society Information presented regarding an 'Action Pack' on Commons and Village Greens. It was agreed to purchase a pack at the cost of £1.80.

Play Area - East Thirsk Letter presented from the Secretary of the East Thirsk Community Association regarding their wish to acquire an area of land in the vicinity of the telephone kiosks on the Hambleton Estate for the purpose of a play area for small children. It was agreed to reply acknowledging the need for such a play area and suggesting that they approach the District Council as owners of the land.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Patricia Annie Barker to apply for the transfer of the licence in respect of Stoneybrough

Restaurant.

Shared Hire Car Service Details received of the revised fares on the Thirsk - Easingwold Shared Hire Car Service.

### Planning Decisions

<u>2/87/152/0126L</u>	M. D. Parker	Refused
<u>2/87/152/0185A</u>	John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0344</u>	Slouand Ltd	Granted
<u>2/87/152/0336A</u>	Mr. & Mrs. C. Pollitt	Granted

Planning Site Visit Coun. Davison reported that he had attended a planning site visit at The Paddock, near 2A, Sutton Road and stated that the Planning Officer had commented that the Town Council had made a disinterested 'No Representations' observation on the plan.

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

<u>2/88/500/0031D</u>	Layout of Land and Details of the Construction of 2 Detached and 6 Semi-Detached Bungalows at Land off Barbeck for PLC Homes. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/87/152/141A</u>	Amended Plans for North Yorkshire Co-operative Society Ltd at 65/67, Market Place. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0083K</u>	Renewal of Consent for Temporary Toilet Facilities at 21, Kirkgate for Royal British Legion Club. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0323A</u>	Additional Use of 2 Approved Units as a Cafe at Units 2 & 3 Royal Oak for Mrs. J. Stone. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0073H</u>	Installation of a Cash Dispenser at 14, Market Place for Yorkshire Bank PLC. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0055D</u>	Alteration to Existing Stand at Thirsk Racecourse for Thirsk Racecourse Company. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0347</u>	Formation of a Coach Layby at Access Road, Millgate Car Park for Hambleton District Council. <u>Recommend Refusal for the following reasons: The provision of Coach Parking on this site does not meet the needs of the town and does not allow the parking of more than four coaches whereas the Chamber of Trades plan allows for six coaches. The site is too far from the public toilets and the town. It would mean the unnecessary desecration of an area of special landscaping. Coaches entering from the Northallerton Road direction would discharge passengers onto the road. The cost of the layby would be far in excess of the scheme submitted by the Chamber of Trade. There would be no need for coaches to reverse on the Chamber of Trade Scheme.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0348</u>	Alterations to Existing Ground Floor and First Floor Residential Accommodation to Provide Storage and Additional Retail Accommodation at 27, Market Place for Mr. A. A. Edwards. <u>Recommend Approval.</u>
<u>2/88/152/0349</u>	E-xtension to Existing Dwelling at 41, Dowber Way for Mr. & Mrs. D. Newsome. <u>Recommend Approval.</u> The Clerk stated that the owner of the adjoining property is intending to inspect the plans.

**Accounts** The following accounts were presented and approved for payment.  
Prop. Coun. Tate, sec. Coun. Hall.

**Accounts as Circulated**

Thirsk R. T. Advertiser	- Acknowledgement re Christmas Tree & Decorations	- £ 9.50
D. G. Collinson & Son	- Refixing R.A.O.B. Seat - 1987	- £ 40.25
St. James' Methodist Church	- Hire of Room for Meeting with Residents of St. James' Green	- £ 6.00
J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - February	- £265.00
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Emptying of Skip + 4 weeks rental	- £ 39.10

**Additional Accounts**

G. Johnston	- Erecting & Disconnecting Christmas Decorations Time Clocks, Bulbs, Connectors, Cable etc.	- £860.40\
G. Johnston	- Decorating Christmas Tree etc. + replacement Bulbs	- £ 65.09\
Mr. Matthews	- Reimbursement of 'Exclusive Right of Burial' Fee	- £ 50.00
Open Spaces Society	- Village Greens & Commons 'Action Pack'	- £ 1.80

**Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)**

Christine Ann Beever	84 HH	£ 30.00
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**Reports**

**The Chairman** told the meeting that, due to other commitments, she will be 'standing down' from the Office of 'Mayor' at the end of one year in office in May.

**Coun. Roberts** reported that the re-wiring of the Town Hall Annexe will be commencing in the near future.

**Coun. Davison** reported that the roof of the Swimming Baths had been damaged by high winds. He referred to the need for a 'Learner Pool' at the Baths where there is a waiting list of people wishing to learn to swim. **Coun. Craig** stated that £90,000 had been allocated by the District Council in 1983 for a Learner Pool at Thirsk. The District Council to be asked why the matter was not progressed.

**Coun. Davison** reported that the Ings Water project is at a standstill as the Countryside Commission's architect has not yet drawn up the plans.

**Coun. Roberts** reported that a decision on the bridge at Skipton on Swale has been deferred for two years.

**Any Other Business**

**Swimming Baths Manager** Coun. Hall stated that Mr. Currie, Manager of Thirsk Swimming Baths, is retiring at the end of March and suggested that a letter be sent expressing appreciation of his work. It was agreed to send a letter from the next meeting.

**Nursery Site Decision** Coun. Davison commented on the derelict state of the Nursery site, Salem Chapel and Golen Lion and was told that nothing will be done to improve them until the decision of the Inspector is known regarding the Public Enquiry into the application to demolish Woollybacks, 22, Finkle Street, to allow access to The Nurseries. It was agreed to write enquiring when the decision will be made known.

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.



Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 21st March 1988 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, R. S. Hall, A. J. Davison, D. S. Murkett, P. J. Tate, D. S. Bentley, County Councillor G. Turton, the Clerk + 2 Members of the Press.  
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. P. J. Simpson.

Minutes The Minutes of the 1987 Annual Assembly were read to the meeting.

Chairman's Report The Chairman referred to the Council's four new members, the super-market saga, and the public enquiry into the application to demolish 22, Finkle Street. There has been an improvement in the parking situation in the town with Disc Parking regulations being enforced. The Town Clock has been refurbished, a new Cemetery Superintendent appointed, Cemetery Lodge upgraded and the Burial Fees reviewed and revised. The Christmas Lights scheme was a success for the Council. It is hoped that the parking problem on St. James' Green can be resolved. Much has been achieved in the past year and many matters are on a more businesslike footing.

#### Reports from School Governors

Thirsk County Primary School The written report submitted by Coun. Craig stated that numbers in the school have fallen but numbers in the Nursery class are healthy. There has been a change in staffing and class sizes and the new system appears to be working well. The report also referred to the Education Act 1986, the Annual Parents Evening, educational visits and school trips.

All Saints' R. C. School Mrs. Greensit's written report referred to school visits and trips and a Parents/Governors Meeting. In a letter, Mrs. Greensit stated that everything in the school is running smoothly and there are no problems.

Sowerby County Primary School Coun. Roberts' report included references to school numbers, staffing and the emphasis on science which now has to be taught to all pupils and which has meant a lot of extra training for teachers. Reorganisation of Governors takes place in September 1988 and it may mean that Thirsk Town Council will no longer have a representative on the governing body of the school.

#### Reports from Members who represent the Council on Outside Bodies

Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden reported that there has been reorganisation of the C.A.B. at Northallerton where there is a staff of 16, including one trainee. The number of enquiries at Thirsk have greatly increased during the past year. It is anticipated that there will be an increased workload with the proposed changes to the Social Fund. Coun. Loveden stated that the C.A.B. is funded by the County and District Councils and it is no longer true that if donations are received from other sources, the funding is decreased accordingly.

Civic Society Coun. Tate referred to the Civic Society's achievement in its role at the Public Enquiry into the application to demolish 22, Finkle Street, the Townscape Scheme, Parish Map and Survey of Local Footpaths.

Town Hall Coun. Roberts reported that the Town Hall is going from strength to strength. The floor is in good condition, the interior has been redecorated and the re-wiring of the annexe almost complete. New lighting has been installed for the stage area. The replacement of the noisy heaters is the next priority. Coun. Murkett suggested that the Town Hall Committee obtain estimates for replacement heaters and that Sowerby Parish Council be asked if they are agreeable for the cost to be met from the funds set aside by the two Councils for the Town Hall. It was agreed to write to Sowerby P.C. regarding this matter.

Thirsk Swimming Baths & Ings Water Project Coun. Davison reported that Mr. Currie has pursued the project and is awaiting the Yorkshire Rural Community Council Architect. Coun. Murkett to take up the matter with the Y.R.C.C.

Parochial Charities Coun. Craig reported that £48.00 had been distributed from the Wrightson Charity at Christmas 1987.

County Councillor Turton

Pavements around the Market Place Coun. Turton stated that he had raised this matter with the County Surveyor who would support a phased scheme of new pavements around the Market Place when the cobbles are relaid. Improvements are to be carried out in Chapel Street after works have been carried out by the Gas Board.

Coach Park Coun. Turton had made enquiries of the District Council and it appeared that there is little likelihood of a coach park being provided this year. A new site has been proposed - that of the small car park. Coun. Craig stated that he had proposed an amendment for the Chamber of Trade's scheme to be carried out. He had received the support of Coun. Jopling but not that of Coun. Stratton (Sowerby).

NIREX Coun. Tate enquired what the County Council's response is to the wish of NIREX to come to North Yorkshire and was told that it had been opposed.

Civil/Home Defence Coun. Turton criticised a letter from Coun. Tate, which had appeared in the local press, regarding funding for Civil Defence. Coun. Tate having attended a Home Defence course. Coun. Turton stated that the funds come from the Home Office and that the scheme is not solely for nuclear war but for major disasters etc. Coun. Tate stated that he had attended the course before he became a Councillor.

Heavy Transport Through Thirsk Coun. Murkett referred to the heavy transport which passes through Thirsk and to a report that the local County Councillors did not support the request for a weight restriction on Skipton Bridge due to the adverse effect it would have on industry. Coun. Turton replied that he had worked actively in his opposition to the proposal to widen the bridge and that the A61 is a Trunk Road and cannot be 'weight restricted'.

Industrial Estate To an enquiry from Coun. Hall, Coun. Turton stated that the Industrial Estate is doing well.

By-pass Coun. Davison pointed out that the 'Bypass' road is signed as an alternative route to the A1 North and South instead of being the main route.

Before leaving the meeting, Coun. Turton expressed his willingness to attend Council meetings when requested.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.



Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,  
21st March 1988 at 8.05 p.m.

Present Couns. Miss J. Foxton (Chairman), Mrs. F. M. Roberts, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, R. S. Hall, A. J. Davison, D. S. Murkett, P. J. Tate, D. S. Bentley + 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Mrs. P. J. Simpson.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, amended and approved were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Tate.  
Amendment (Coun. Tate) - Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate - to read £17,000.00 for the site - not £17,000.00 per acre.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mill Gardens & White Mare Roundabout Coun. Roberts had consulted Mr. Potter who planted the Kirbymoorside roundabout and he suggested planting 30 low growing conifers on White Mare Roundabout. Coun. Roberts knew volunteers who will carry out the planting under Mr. Potter's supervision. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that 30 conifers @ £3.50 each be purchased.' Agreed. It was also agreed to consider purchasing conifers for the Mill Gardens.

Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that the final donation has been received. Coun. Murkett requested reimbursement for the cost of electricity used to illuminate decorations connected to his supply. The electrician to be contacted regarding costs. A Lights sub committee meeting to be held in the near future.

Coach Parking Members were concerned that the Leisure & Amenities Committee had visited the Car Park to view the suggested sites for coach parking and had agreed that if the small car park could be extended, it would be suitable for coach parking. Coun. Craig's proposal that the Chamber of Trade's scheme should be carried out had been rejected. Coun. Hall stated that the District Council is challenging the costing of the Chamber of Trade's scheme. Coun. Hall also stated that he intends to establish the exact costs of the scheme and the extent of the District Council's boundaries as they seem uncertain as to their exact location. When this information is to hand, a letter is to be sent to all members of the District Council before the next full Council meeting when the decision on the site for coach parking will be made.

Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme Nothing reported.

Seats It was agreed to seek quotations for the treatment with preservative and repair (where necessary) of the Council's seats.

Zebra Crossing - Long Street Letter received from the County Surveyor stating that the pedestrian crossing facility has been resited as agreed and that he regrets that he is unable to recommend erection of a sign indicating children at that location.

Boundary Review - Amalgamation of the two Councils Reply from Sowerby P.C. still awaited.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate Letter received from the Chief Executive's Dept. H.D.C. requesting that this matter be discussed without the presence of the public or press. Prop. Coun. Foxton, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that this matter be discussed, in view of its confidential nature, without the presence of the public or press as requested by the District Council.' Voting - 8 in Favour - Coun. Tate Against. It was agreed to defer discussion until the end of the meeting.

Dogs Fouling Footways Reply from the Chief Environmental Health Officer awaited.

Lights - Steads Yard & Roses Yard The Clerk had been informed by the District Council's Lighting Officer that quotations for the cost of lights are these locations are being sought from the North Eastern Electricity Board.

Post Office A letter from Mr. Bunch H.D.C. stated that he does not believe that the Post Office has a statutory obligation to provide facilities for the disabled in existing premises but he will continue to press them on this matter. It was agreed to write to Leon Brittan, M.P., appraising him of the situation and requesting his assistance in persuading the Post Office to improve facilities at Thirsk.

Footpaths Coun. Turton had told the Annual Assembly that the County Surveyor would support a phased scheme of new pavements around the Market Place when the cobbles are relaid.

Home Defence Coun. Bentley stated that he is in discussion with Mr. Jones of the County Emergency Department regarding a new C.I.P. for Thirsk.

The Greens A letter from the Chairman of the Residents Association thanked the Council for the prompt action regarding road planings which had been used by volunteers to fill some of the potholes as a temporary measure. The letter requested that the Council approach the Police regarding the parking of cars on the grassed areas of the Greens to prevent further erosion and suggested the immediate erection of signs stating 'no parking on the grassed areas.' A further letter gave the results of a survey carried out with the residents of The Green. The Clerk told the meeting that enquiries have been made to the Yorkshire L.C.A. regarding having The Green 'deregistered' as Common Land. It is not possible for this to be done but there is a scheme of Exchange of Land whereby if an alternative tract of land, of the same area as the Common Land, can be identified and registered, the original land can be freed from the restrictions. It is apparently a complicated process but it can be done if alternative land can be found and details are being obtained from the L.C.A. It was agreed to reply to the Residents Association stating that at the present time it is not possible for their requests and suggestions to be carried out.

Car Parking Charges A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the Leisure & Amenities Committee, in considering its revenue estimates for the coming financial year, has asked for reports to be submitted to a future meeting on certain charging policies, including the question of whether charges should be introduced for the use of Council car parks. In the event of the Council deciding to pursue this matter further, the Town Council's views will be taken into account.

Learner Pool - Thirsk Swimming Baths A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that the sum of £90,000 for a learner pool was not included within the 1983 capital estimates or subsequently. A copy of District Council minutes, dated 12th January 1984, regarding Thirsk Swimming Baths Learner Pool contained the recommendation 'That the Chief Planner & Technical Officer be asked to look into the feasibility of improving the spectator accommodation and providing a learner pool at the Thirsk Baths as and when finances allow.'

Application to Demolish No. 22, Finkle Street A copy of the Secretary of State's decision received, stating that Listed Building Consent for the demolition of No. 22, Finkle Street has been refused.

#### Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting

A report was given on the meeting which had been held to discuss quotations for replacement windows for Cemetery Lodge and to discuss proposals with a contractor. Three quotations were received.

1. To install new windows into the existing casing - £3160.00 + V.A.T.
  2. To install new windows removing the existing casing - £2,549.52 + V.A.T.
  3. To install new windows removing the existing casing - £2,950.00 + V.A.T.
- Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the quotation (No. 2) of £2,549.52 + V.A.T., submitted by Euro Design, be accepted.' Agreed.

Memorial Tablets for the Garden of Rest The size and shape of memorial tablets had been discussed and it had been agreed that the two existing memorials on the Garden of Rest are too large for the area. Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that only stones of uniform size - rectangular face 12" x 6" and 3" deep be allowed in the Garden of Rest. If a larger memorial is required, it must entail the purchase of a grave space in the main part of the Cemetery.' Agreed.

Street Naming and Numbering A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer invited suggestions for the naming of six roads on 'The Coppice' Estate, McLean Homes North East Ltd. It was agreed to put forward the suggestions that the roads be named : Greenacres - James Herriot - Thomas Lord - Peter Consett - Herbert Craig - Darrowby.

Grass Cutting The following tenders were submitted: (14 cuts)

1. The Greens £48.00 + V.A.T. per cut. The Holmes £76.00 + V.A.T. per cut  
Mill Gardens £20.00 + V.A.T. per cut.
2. The Greens £20.00 per cut. The Holmes £22.00 per cut. Mill Gardens £9.00 per cut.  
This tender was for cutting only - any grass cleared would be charged at an extra cost.
3. The Greens £85.00 per cut. The Holmes £135.00 per cut. Mill Gardens £20.00 per cut.

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Hall 'that Tender No. 2, submitted by C. Walker, be accepted, on the terms and conditions of the tender.' Agreed.

### Correspondence

Development by S. & B. Construction Ltd Letter presented from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that the developer is suggesting that two new town houses on Long Street are numbered 123 & 125 Long Street respectively and the three bungalows at the rear be known as numbers 1, 2 & 3, Bradbury Close. This had been a matter requiring an early reply and the members consulted had considered the suggestions suitable.

Abbeyfield Letter presented from the Chairman of the Abbeyfield Thirsk & Sowerby Society pointing out the problems being encountered with the old Abbeyfield House in Sowerby. The Society is faced with three possible alternatives 1. To renovate and refurbish the Old House - which is not financially possible without very large donations to take the place of grant-aid which is not available. 2. To demolish the House and to erect on the site a new building, designed similarly to the present 'Mitchell House' but incorporating a front elevation similar to the existing Old House, to blend in with the village, but this might be difficult, in view of the fact that it is a listed building. 3. To put it up for sale on the open market and to use the proceeds to buy a new site in the village but such sites are not easily available. The Society invites the opinions and advice of local people. It was agreed to suggest that alternative No. 3 would be the most suitable.

Application for Justices' Licence Notice received of the intention of David Ross Christy to apply for a Justices Licence authorising him to sell by retail any intoxicating liquors for consumption on or off the premises known as Stoneybrough. Coun. Roberts stated that there is a need for 'Public House' facilities for the many residents of that area of Thirsk. Coun. Murkett stated that nearby residents were opposed to the application. By a vote of 5 in favour of the application - 2 against and 2 abstentions, it was agreed not to oppose the application.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Stuart Price Lowe to apply for the transfer of the 'Off Licence' in respect of 9, Market Place which was previously held by Harry Woodhead.

Skip Letter received from F. D. Todd & Sons stating that due to increased costs, mainly in the fee charged for the use of the tip, it will be necessary to increase the cost of emptying the skip to £26.00 per time. The weekly rental would remain the same. Coun. Hall pointed out that when the Estimates were considered, it had been agreed to purchase a skip for use at the Cemetery, the cost of which would be approximately the same as two year's rental. The Clerk had made enquiries and been told that the cost of a new skip would be in the region of £350.00. Prop. Coun. Hall, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the Council purchase a skip for use at the Cemetery.' Agreed.

Street Naming Letter received from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that the developer has suggested that the cul-de-sac to the rear of Stoneybrough Restaurant be known as Stoneybrough Close and invited the Council's comments. It was agreed that the name is suitable.

Street Naming Letter received from The Chief Planner & Technical Officer stating that he has received a suggestion from Mr. J. Bell of Thirsk Hall, that to avoid confusion, the Millgate Car Park access road be named 'Marage Road', and asking if the Town Council find the name acceptable. Agreement was given to the suggested name.

District Council General Rate 1988/89 Details received of the General Rate.

Illuminated Signs - Market Place Letter received from the Chief Planner regarding the following signs:

Smith's Cleaners, 48a Market Place The property manager of the Company has again been contacted and has stated that a new application is to be submitted seeking approval for the sign to be displayed at fascia level. The sign currently on display is to be removed.

Granada, 48 Market Place The sign was given approval to be displayed at fascia level and the owners have intimated that the sign currently being displayed is to be lowered to fascia level.

Land at Millgate Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the owner of land, between Millgate Car Park and the Beck, has requested the District Council to grant him a vehicular right of way from the Car Park to facilitate the movement of his horses on and off the land. In exchange he is prepared to convey to the District Council a twelve foot strip of land which could then form part of the footpath along the Beck from Blakey Lane to Norby. If the land were to be acquired, it is anticipated that the Leisure & Amenities Committee may consider that its acquisition would fall within the Council's normal policy for recreational provision, whereby it acquires land and then leases it to the relevant Parish Council for management. The Town Council's views are requested and in particular, confirmation that the Council could undertake the relevant works to remove the existing hedge, fence the land and provide an appropriate footpath. No firm decision has, as yet, been taken and the views of the Town Council are being sought in order to give the Members of the Committee as full a picture of the options available as possible. It was decided that a reply be sent, agreeing in principle and requesting a site meeting in order to discuss the matter more fully.

Recreation Land - Hambleton Estate - discussed 'in camera' - as requested by the District Council and resolved earlier in the meeting.

Letter received from the Chief Executive's Dept. H.D.C., regarding a statement made by Coun. Tate in 'open Council' at the February meeting, and reported in the local press, on a matter previously discussed without the presence of the public and press, the outcome of which was stated to be that the ability to acquire the land would appear to have been lost. A lengthy discussion took place during which Coun. Tate was reprimanded by Members. It was decided that the public should be given the reason why the land is apparently no longer available. Coun. Tate was unable to give the Chairman an assurance that he would accept a majority decision on matters to be discussed without the public and press present. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that a statement be made to the effect that Coun. Tate has been reprimanded for disclosing confidential information, which has almost certainly meant the loss of land for recreation on the Hambleton Estate. The Chairman was empowered to make the statement. Agreed.

Planning Decisions

<u>2/88/152/0083K</u>	Royal British Legion Club	<u>Granted</u>
<u>2/87/152/0141A</u>	North Yorkshire Co-op Society Ltd	<u>Refused</u>
<u>2/87/152/0141B</u>	" " " " "	<u>Refused</u>
<u>2/87/152/0141C</u>	" " " " "	<u>Refused</u>
<u>2/87/152/0345</u>	Mr. H. Lee	<u>Refused</u>
<u>2/87/152/0328A</u>	Mrs. S. M. Pearson	<u>Granted</u>

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/88/152/0219A Construction of a Domestic Storage Building at Land to the rear of 34, Kirkgate for Mr. G. Shaw.  
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the materials specified are not in keeping with the enhanced area. It is recommended that the build-should be of brick with a pantiled roof.

2/88/152/0102H Construction of a Car Wash building at Station Road for Woodhead & Bray.

Recommend Approval.

Plans

- 2/88/152/0321B Revised Layout of Land and Substitution of Dwelling Types at Plots 57 & 58 'The Coppice', Dowber Way for McLean Homes.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0309N Conversion of Existing Public House to a Retail Unit at Golden Lion for Wright Properties Ltd.
- 2/88/152/0309P Listed Building Consent for Above.  
Recommend Approval with the comment that, because of changes in the Market Place e.g. The Townscape Scheme - Colour Schemes should be carefully considered.
- 2/88/152/0348A Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Ground Floor and First Floor Residential Accommodation to Provide Additional Retail Accommodation at 27, Market Place for A. A. Edwards.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0126M Amended Details for Alterations to Existing Hotel to incorporate 7 Ground Floor Shop Units at Royal Oak for Thirsk Developments Ltd.
- 2/88/152/0126N Listed Building Consent for the Above.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0188B Extension to Existing Bungalow at 8, St. Mary's Way for Mrs. Scurry.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0344A Removal of a Condition requiring the Widening of a Footpath in conjunction with the use of 4, Finkle Street as Offices for Park Ground Rents PLC.  
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the building in its present condition is unsuitable for use as an Estate Agents by reason of the narrow footpath in front of the window. Condition 03 of the Planning Consent should be enforced.
- 2/88/152/0350 Alterations and Extension to 3 Existing Shops to form 2 Retail Units at 36 - 40, Market Place for Mowbray Properties Ltd.
- 2/88/152/0350A Listed Building Consent for Above.
- 2/88/152/0350B Conservation Area Consent for Above.  
Recommend Deferment until further details of windows, shop front and colour have been submitted. The Town Council is not satisfied that window design should be left to the tenant. The developers should be responsible for the whole of the shop front which should be presented as a complete unit in the interests of visual amenity. It is requested that a site meeting be held to discuss this matter and the access and vehicle movement in Chapel Street.
- 2/87/152/0346 Amended Plans for 3 Dwellings to the rear of Kirkgate Guest House for Mr. & Mrs. Bainbridge.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0339A Amended Plan for Coach Parking at Millgate Car Park for Thirsk Chamber of Trade.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0172E Display of a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 7, Finkle Street for General Accident.  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/88/152/0126P Use of Approved Shop Unit as an Estate Agents Office at Unit 6, Royal Oak for M. D. Parker.  
Recommend Refusal for the reason that it is contrary to the Thirsk Local Plan in that the use of Unit 6 as an office would effectively result in more than 2 non-retail uses operating side by side. The Unit should be used as a retail shop.  
A letter from Mrs. J. M. Boyd requested the support of the Town Council for the Unit to be retained for retail use.

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

Accounts as Circulated

Power Point	- Hire of Chain Saw - for use in Cemetery	- £ 35.08
F. D. Todd & Sons	- Hire of Skip - 4 weeks	- £ 13.80
J. D. Barr	- Payment as Cemetery Supt. - March	£265.00
	Interest on Bank Investment	£ 10.92
	Interest on Ivy Thompson Inv.	£ 26.86
		- £ 302.78
P. Smith	- Salary - January - March	£333.75
	Administrative Expenses	£ 61.85
		- £ 395.60
City of Wakefield	- Stationery from Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	- £ 27.03
M.D.C.		
Thirsk & District	- Donation - as agreed in December 1987	- £ 50.00
R.B.L. Band		

Additional Accounts

Wm. Potts & Sons	- Maintenance of Town Clock to 29.2.88.	- £ 49.45
Hambleton D. C.	- Estimated cost of Street Sweeping to 31.3.88 + Balance adjustment from 1986/87	- £2583.77 /

Any Other Business

Chapel Street <sup>Loveden</sup> Coun. Roberts reported a blocked culvert in Chapel Street in front of Woodhead & Bray. This to be drawn to Mr. Woods attention.

R.B.L. Band It was agreed that the Council send a scroll or similar memento to be presented to the town in Austria visited by the R.B.L. Band.

The meeting closed at 11.10 p.m.

18/4/88



Abstract of Audited Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 1988

General Account

	£	
Credit Balance 1.4.87	5049.14	
Precept	8500.00	
Refund of V.A.T.	1240.96	
Interest	881.12	
Ins. Claim R.A.O.B. Seat	55.00	
Loan for Town Clock	5500.00	
Grant for Town Clock	500.00	
Ins. Claim Town Clock	190.00	
Christmas Lights	1890.40	
Town Hall reimbursement	185.07	
Reimbursement - Courses	148.00	
Grant to upkeep of White Mare Roundabout	50.00	
Outstanding cheque cancelled	1.00	
Receipts from Magistrates'	19.00	
Court for damage to Clock		

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24209.69

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	£	
Clerk	1317.50	
Administration	344.78	
Audit Fee	119.14	
Grass Cutting	805.00	
Seat Repairs	185.06	
Town Clock Refurbishment & Repairs	8811.30	
Insurances	239.38	
Christmas Lights	2861.67	
Town Hall	996.70	
Travelling & Courses	280.00	
Mill Gardens & White Mare Roundabout	110.10	
Subscriptions & Donations	603.10	
Street Sweeping (Estimated)	2583.77	
Miscellaneous Expenses	138.35	
Credit Balance	4813.84	

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24209.69

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Burial Board Account

	£	
Credit Balance 1.4.87	2516.12	
Precept	5000.00	
Dividends & Interest	37.78	
Refund of V.A.T.	241.14	
Sale of Grass Cutters	190.00	
Burial Income	1271.50	

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9256.54

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	£	
Cemetery Superintendents	3241.28	
Repairs & Alterations to Cemetery Lodge	1479.13	
Rates & Water Charges	365.71	
Cemetery Wall repairs	880.90	
Tools	92.94	
Petrol & Oil	92.11	
Hire & Emptying of Skip	241.50	
Insurance	64.40	
Hire of Grass Cutter	444.48	
Refund of Exclusive Right of Burial fee - Matthews	50.00	
Credit Balance	2304.09	

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9256.54

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Summary

	£	
<u>General Account</u>	4813.84	
<u>Burial Board Account</u>	2304.09	

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	£	
<u>Current Account</u>	207.63	
<u>Deposit Account</u>	147.60	
<u>Deposit Account Investment</u>	207.00	
<u>Building Society Account</u>	6253.70	
<u>Outstanding Receipt</u>	302.00	

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7117.93

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THIRSK COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF A GOVERNORS MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 1987.

PRESENT	Mrs. Harbourne	Mrs. Middleton
	Mrs. Todd	Mr. Margett
	Mr. Craig	Mrs. Bickerton
	Sgt. Brown	Mrs. Armstrong
	Mr. Paxton	

Mr. Paxton took charge of the meeting, and conducted the election of officers.

It was proposed and seconded that Mrs. Harbourne be re-elected as Chairman, and Mr. Turton be re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

APOLOGIES	Col. Barton	Mr. Turton
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Mrs. Harbourne welcomed Mrs. Armstrong to her first meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Mr. Paxton reported that the Growing-Up Talk for the 4th year boys had not taken place.

CORRESPONDENCE

4 letters had been received from N.Y.C.C. :

- a) Mrs. Williams' employment;
- b) Appointment of Mrs. Turner;
- c) Steps to be taken to extend the term of the Parent and Teacher Governors for a further year;
- d) The Education (School Government) Regulations 1987. It was agreed that a complete copy be obtained from H.M.S.O.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Mr. Paxton's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Numbers have fallen, but numbers in the Nursery are healthy.

Staffing: there has been a change in staffing and class sizes. The new system appears to be working well.

A discussion followed on the Nursery Unit, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to County Hall enquiring of the County's Policy on Nursery Education.

Special Educational Needs :

SBIT hours have been reduced.

**In Service Courses/Meetings :**

The teachers are putting in many extra hours after school time.

The system of In Service Training Days were explained.

**Educational Visits :**

All visits had taken place and all were very successful and well organized.

**Other Events :**

Mr. Paxton recorded his thanks to Mrs. Readman for organizing the netball house matches.

The school had taken second place in the Rotary Club competition.

**School Equipment/Building**

Many improvements have taken place since the last meeting.

The hall curtains are presently being cleaned.

The Governors expressed their thanks to the Friends of Thirsk County Primary School for their many recent purchases.

**EDUCATION ACT 1986**

**a) County & Controlled Schools' Admissions Arrangements**

The Governors discussed and noted the arrangements.

**b) Financial Responsibilities**

The Governors are to have more say in the spending of the annual capitation.

Mr. Paxton outlined the present system of control over the spending of the capitation.

The Governors received the memorandum and resolved to delegate to the Head Teacher their powers relating to the capitation allowance.

Mr. Paxton to prepare a financial report for the capitation allowance and present it to the Governors each year.

**c) Education Regulations 1987.**

The Governors resolved to receive the Regulations.

d) Draft Instrument & Articles of Government.

The Governors formally received the drafts.

After a discussion it was agreed that if any Governor had any representations to make on the drafts, these should be sent to Mr. Paxton by 15th November. Mr. Paxton and Mrs. Harbourne to collate the representations and forward them to County Hall.

ANNUAL PARENTS EVENING

Mrs. Harbourne thanked everyone for attending.

School Meals :

A discussion took place on the advantages and disadvantages of the present system. It was reported that the choice of menu was issued from County Hall, however Mrs. Spence is attempting to make slight changes in order to make the meals more popular.

It was agreed that the smaller children are very determined what they will/will not eat.

Parents have been invited to sample a traditional school meal.

It was agreed that children should be encouraged to eat various foods as part of their education.

It was agreed not to recommend a set menu for under 5's at the present time.

School Trips :

The organization and running of school trips was discussed, and the Governors were pleased with the present system.

It was suggested that a list of guidelines to be prepared and issued to Parents when helping on School Trips would be useful.

It was agreed by all that the teacher(s) in charge of the trip must have confidence in the Parent(s) assisting with the trip.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Craig reported that the Zebra Crossing in Long Street is to be re-sited at the end of Piper Lane.
2. Sgt. Brown reported that single yellow lines had been requested at the junction where a child had recently been knocked down.

3. Letter from N.Y.C.C. regarding insurance of pupils whilst at school.

N.Y.C.C. are responsible for the pupils whilst in their care, but no compensation will be paid for injury unless negligence can be proved against the teacher who was in charge of the pupil at the time of the accident.

Mr. Paxton outlined the proposals put forward by the N.Y.C.C.

After a discussion it was agreed to include details of the County Insurance Scheme in the next newsletter.

4. Mr. Paxton had received a telephone call from N.Y.C.C. asking if the school wished to have an access gate into the adjoining field to the north. It was agreed that an access gate would be useful, provided that it was positioned at the western end of the field.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24th FEBRUARY 1988 at 6.30 p.m.

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

REPORT APRIL 1987 - MARCH 1988

- April... Conference re Child Sexual Abuse - Mrs. Rushton attended  
Fire Drill  
Visit by Fr. Brennen
- May... Football Match with Dishforth  
Fr. O'Brien visited  
Litter Campaign  
Governors' Meeting  
Football 6 a side Topcliffe
- June... Inter schools Swimming Gala  
Visits by Frs. Brennan & O'Brien  
Infant Medicals  
School Photographer  
Computer Course - Bedale  
Anti litter outing re campaign  
Performance of "Magic Carpet" - Harrogate Players  
Junior 4 to Thirsk School re Dance Company Production  
Parents/Governors' Meeting
- July... Sports Day  
Induction Days (4)  
Meeting at York - Mrs. Rushton attended  
Induction Days (Thirsk, York and Darlington Schools)  
Cycling Proficiency Test  
Coffee Evening  
School Trip to N. Yorks Railway  
Break up for Summer Holiday
- Sept... Visit by Fr. Brennan
- Oct... Visit by Manager  
School Nurse visit  
Mass in School  
Governors' Meeting  
Visit by Mr. Bainbridge with Winnie the Pooh character  
Football Match with Dishforth  
Liason Meeting All Saints' York - Mrs. Rushton attended  
Meeting at Broomfield C.P. (New Pay & Conditions)  
4 Pupils distributed baskets of fruit provided by  
children to citizens of Thirsk and Sowerby with  
Meals on Wheels organiser  
Break up for Mid-term
- Nov... Mr. Archer (Assistant Safety Officer) called re  
Bus Layby - work now in hand  
Visit by Fr. Brennen  
Visit by Fire Officer for check  
Library Meeting attended  
Open Evening  
Dental Inspection  
School Medicals  
Football & Netball - Away games at Topcliffe C.P.  
Induction Days (4)  
Visit by Fr. Brennan  
Meeting Thirsk Primary re Inset Days - Mrs. Rushton attended  
Road Safety Quiz - School gained full marks

Dec...

Head Teachers' Meeting - Mill Hill  
Fr. O'Brien visited  
Photographer for School Play  
School Play (2 Performances)  
Police Talk & Video - "Never Go with Strangers"  
Governor visited - Prize to be presented annually  
for Reading  
Christmas Dinner and Party  
Sung Mass by Junior 4 in All Saints' Church  
Break up for Christmas

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Jan...

Baker Day - All Staff. Various activities attended  
at Sowerby C.P. Part of "Inset" requirements

School re-opens 92 on Roll  
Class 4 - 25 Mrs. Rushton  
Class 3 - 15 Mrs. Backhouse/Mrs. Smart  
Class 2 - 28 Mrs. Elders  
Class 1 - 24 Miss Mc Vey

Miss Butcher - Peripatetic Music - Cello  
Mr. Hickman - " " - Strings  
Mrs. Llewellyn (Parent - Netball  
P.C. Wills - Football

Mass in School  
Barclays Bank Christmas Card Competition -  
2nd prize to Junior 4 pupil  
School Nurse  
Head Teachers' Meeting Sowerby C.P.  
Presentation of Naylor Road Safety Trophy by  
Councillor Dennis  
Liason Meeting All Saints', York  
Fr. Brennan visited  
Decorators start in school

Feb...

Fr. O'Brien visited  
School Medicals  
Jun. 4 to Thirsk School for Dance programme  
Football & Netball - Dishforth visit  
Staff Meeting  
Break up for Mid-term

## Report on Sowby Primary School.

Size of school much the same, slight increase in numbers. We now have an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  teacher, which is a big help.  
Main emphasis on 'science' which now has to be taught to all pupils even infants has meant a lot of extra training for teachers.  
Reorganisation of governors takes place in Sept 88. We have various documents for discussion from County Hall but at present all a bit vague. - there will be more parental involvement & it may be that Thirsk will no longer have a representative on Sowby School.

We have had our Governors & Parents evening which was poorly attended by parents from which we assume they are happy!  
Small school functions:- summer fair, plays, concerts, carols, harvest festivals, very good performances.  
As Vice Chairman I have attended these occasions and also helped to interview prospective new staff.  
Atmosphere is excellent. This is a Christian school.

F. M. Roberts

## Report on Thirsk Town Hall

Plases to report the Town Hall going from strength to strength.  
- now have the reputation of being the cleanest + best floor  
- the area for keep fit etc.  
Last summer we had the interior repainted, following outside work the year before. At present the Annex is being mended & will be decorated as soon as possible.  
Upstairs is to have new carpet in early summer.  
Have had a number of concerts given by the British Legion Band and have put some of the money raised into new lighting for the stage so that good lighting is now available without recourse to the Amatek box.

F. M. Roberts