

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
17th April 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, P. J. Tate, R. S. Hall, J. Bell, D. S. Bentley, D. E. Loveden. County Councillor G. Turton.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. M^{rs} M. M. Lowe through illness - Coun. A. J. Davison being away on business - Coun. D. S. Murkett attending a District Council Meeting. The Reasons for Absence were accepted.

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and previous Council Meeting, having been circulated and approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Bell, sec. Coun. Hall.

Coun. Turton was attending his last Town Council meeting as County Councillor as he is not seeking re-election on 4th May.

Tourist Signs Coun. Turton had received a letter from the County Surveyor stating that the Department of Transport have again refused consent for the legend 'James Herriot's Town' appearing on the signs. A letter from the Chief Planning Officer to this Council contained the same information and also enclosed copies of letters from the County Surveyor and the Department of Transport at Leeds. The Department of Transport letter stated that 'the Department has fully considered the information provided in support of making a special case for the wording 'James Herriot's Town' on the sign, but has finally decided that the wording is unacceptable. There are nationally used guidelines for both the criteria for services signing and the design of the signface and the Department wishes to maintain their use. Although the Department has previously mentioned 'Historic Market Town' as being suitable wording there may be other forms available, if local services signs are still wanted. An additional way forward is the use of the town boundary signs. Provided Thirsk was the most prominent thing on the signs, no objection would be made to a reference to 'James Herriot' or 'Darrowby' on them. This is a precedent which has already been set and does not direct people off a route they are already taking. The letter from the County Surveyor referred to the alternative signs and stated that subject to satisfactory sites being found for the location of the town boundary signs the authority would give them favourable consideration. The County Council would be pleased to assist with the design of the signs and an appropriate suggestion was enclosed. The cost of these signs could not be borne by the County Council and would be approximately £150 each to include erection and posts. The signs for the A19 and A168 bearing the legend 'Thirsk - Historic Market Town' were ordered from a sign manufacturer but their production has been held over. The County Surveyor wished to know if these signs are still required. It was agreed not to proceed with the By-pass signs at the present time and to request the Department of Transport to provide a full catalogue of alternative wording, asking if James Herriot's Town can be included. It was also agreed to seek the help of William Hague, M.P., sending him copies of all correspondence, and to write to the Yorkshire and Humberside Tourist Board. Before leaving the meeting, Councillor Turton was presented with a picture in recognition of his services to the town. Thanking the Council, Councillor Turton wished his successor luck and offered his assistance to whoever it may be.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Annual Assembly

Parochial Charities Coun. Roberts stated that she is still awaiting further information.

Council Meeting

Right of Way - Millgate Car Park A letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that Mr. Calvert wishes to secure a vehicular right of way from the Millgate Car Park into the area of land where he keeps horses. In exchange he has indicated that he will give an area of land - 5' in width - which will link the footpath that traverses The Holmes with Millgate. The District Council is prepared to proceed, subject to the Town Council agreeing to take a 99 year leasehold interest in the footpath, laying it out as such and erecting a fence along the length of the land. It was agreed to investigate the cost of fencing the land and make a decision at the next meeting. The Clerk stated that a grant towards the cost of the fence and footpath would be available under the CAPE scheme.

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Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land Nothing reported.

Thirsk Post Office Nothing reported.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

Thirsk Railway Station The Chairman had received a letter from the Regional Manager, British Rail Eastern, stating that remedial work will be carried out to improve the steps but that he had not received any complaints regarding the toilets or waiting room. It was agreed to request that the toilet should be open to the public all the time that staff are on duty.

River Pollution A letter from Yorkshire Water stated that they have contacted H.D.C. who run the pumping station on their behalf and have asked them to look into the problems and their solution as a matter of urgency. A letter from the District Council's Principal Engineer stated that he is arranging a meeting with the pump suppliers in order to discuss the possibility of carrying out appropriate modifications to the equipment and to review the capacity of the existing pumping equipment in the light of the additional development which has taken place since its installation. Quotations have also been invited from a specialist company to carry out the cleansing of the outfall sewers in the immediate vicinity of the pumping station to ensure that any large quantities of debris which have built up in the sewer and which might be causing the problems, are removed. It was agreed to reply to the District Council requiring them to look at the modifications necessary to alleviate the problems at the pumping station and for the work to be completed by the end of the month. If the situation does not improve, it was agreed to consider instituting proceedings against the District Council if the law regarding pollution is being breached.

Gipsy Sites Nothing reported.

A61 - Town End Nothing reported.

Access Roads - St. James' Green Letter received from the residents accepting the offer of materials for the potholes, and asking if the Town Council will agree to the designation of the Greens as 'Residents Parking Only' areas. It was agreed to reply again reminding the residents that by law all parking on Common Land is illegal.

Word Processor A sub committee was formed to discuss the type of word processor to be acquired.

Lamp-post - Outside the 'Mr. Minit' Shop The District Council have arranged for the siting of a litter bin next to the lamp-post in an effort to alleviate the problem.

Blocked Drain - Chapel Street This will be cleared by the County Council.

L. C. A. Liaison Meeting with Hambleton District Council Coun. Roberts reported on the meeting at which this Council had been represented by herself and Coun. Bell. Coun. Loveden represented Carlton Miniott P. C. and Coun. Murkett attended as Chairman of the L. C. A. Hambleton South Branch. Four officers of the District Council and the Chairman of the Planning Committee were present. Discussion had taken place on the District Council's decision not to allow town and parish council representatives to attend planning site visits. 90% of the Hambleton North and South parish representatives present at the meeting objected to the decision but this was ignored by the Planning Committee Chairman. The Hambleton Lifeline System had been demonstrated to the meeting. The District Council's Treasurer had spoken about the Poll Tax and stated that no part of the parish rate will be offset by commerce. Prop. Coun. Bell, sec. Coun. Hall 'that a letter be sent to the District Council expressing dismay at the decision re planning site meetings'. Agreed.

Street Sweeping Coun. Roberts reported on a meeting, held at the request of the Chief Environmental Health Officer, attended by herself, Couns. Bell, Hall, Loveden and the Clerk. Mr. Burnett had stated that the District Council is anxious

Street Sweeping cont/ to improve the quality of street sweeping and there will be changes in the way the mechanical sweeper is employed. There will be no change in the manual sweeper's hours but the hours during which the mechanical sweeper is used in Thirsk are to be reduced from 5 to 3 hours weekly. A new work schedule has been drawn up for both the mechanical and manual sweepers and comments are invited. Members were asked to report back to the District Council any work not being carried out properly. A new manual street sweeper is being employed. Mr. Burnett had suggested that members meet with him in the town, at a later date, to discuss street sweeping and to inspect the areas involved. It was agreed to suggest Tuesday, 2nd May as a suitable day. Coun. Loveden stressed the need, especially in view of the Poll Tax, to know in advance the cost of future street sweeping, and suggested that the amount paid in 1988/89 + inflation as a suitable basis. Coun. Bentley stated that the Council should discuss not paying any of the cost of street sweeping due to the fact that much of the sweeping is carried out in the town and there will be no rate income from commercial premises. It was agreed that this should be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Meeting with the Chamber of Trade to Discuss Christmas Lights Coun. Roberts reported on the meeting at which Coun. Murkett had explained that with the implementation of the Poll Tax, there would be no income from commercial premises and it would be unfair for the whole of the cost of the Christmas Lights to be borne by domestic ratepayers. Some members of the Chamber of Trade were of the opinion that Christmas Lights do not enhance their trade. The matter is to be discussed further by the Chamber at their next meeting. It was agreed that Christmas Lights be an Agenda item at the next Council meeting.

Correspondence

Play Equipment A report from Municipal Mutual Insurance's Engineer stated that end caps are required for the parallel bars and that three replacement seats are required for the swings and the ground underneath the swings needs levelling. There being end caps and two seats in stock, it was agreed to order one replacement seat and to ask Mr. Barr to fix the end caps and seats and level the ground.

Photocopying A letter from the Thirsk & Sowerby Community Care Association stated that their photocopier can be used at the competitive rate of 5p per copy. It was agreed to use this facility if it is satisfactory.

Street Naming and Numbering A letter from the Chief Planner stated that the owners of a residential development to the rear of 35, Kirkgate have requested that a formal postal address be approved and have suggested that the names 'Darrowby Way' or 'Melody Way' might be suitable. As one of the roads on the McLean estate is named 'Darrowby Close' it is felt that there could be some confusion. The Town Council is invited to comment on 'Melody Way' or suggest other suitable names which they consider to be more appropriate. Members did not favour 'Melody Way' and suggested: 'Coach House Yard' - 'Davis Yard' - 'Old Surgery Close' and 'Thomas Lord Close'. These names to be forwarded to the District Council.

Land at Shire Park Estate A letter from the Chief Executive's department referred to an area of open space on the Estate which the District Council has agreed to purchase from Property & Land Securities, the developers, for a peppercorn but subject to the company depositing with the Council the sum of £1,817 which represented a commuted sum payment to cover the cost of the future maintenance of this area, which would principally be concerned with grass cutting. The Town Council is asked whether it would be prepared to take a long leasehold interest in this land for, say, 99 years, with it then being responsible for the maintenance of the area as an open space. If the Town Council is willing to take on this responsibility, then the sum of £1,817 would be transferred to them. Members felt that the land would require a lot of attention due to the fact that it has been untended for nine years. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council will consider accepting responsibility for the land if it is handed over in a fit condition for use as a play area. It was also agreed to tell the District Council that £1,817 is not considered to be a large enough sum to bring in sufficient income to cover the cost of grass cutting in future years.

Land at Dowber Lane The same letter referred to a small area of land, near Dowber Lane, in the ownership of the District Council which, with a little imagination, could be transformed into a children's play area and the Council's Housing

Land at Dowber Lane cont/ Services Committee have instructed that it be offered to the Town Council on a similar 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent. Any requisite fencing or laying out as a play area would have to be at the Town Council's expense. It was reported that this area is already used by local children as a play area and they seem quite happy with it in its present state. It was agreed to reply stating that the Town Council are not willing to accept the land as children already play there and it is considered to be serving a useful purpose as it is now.

Coun. Murkett entered the meeting at this stage.

Easter Monday Market Copy of a letter from J. B. Amos & Co. Ltd to Hambleton District Council presented. The letter referred to events in the Market Place on Easter Monday when gangs of youths from Northallerton and Thirsk fought each other. The writers proposed a total ban on all casual market traders and on all fast-food stalls which generate a lot of litter, that the police should have the power to restrict the sale of alcohol after 2.30 p.m. and suggested that one simple solution to the problem may be to change Market Day from Monday to another day of the week. Members felt that if more police were available locally, this kind of situation would not arise. Concern was also expressed that Thirsk Police Station is not manned after 6.00 p.m. in winter and 8.00 p.m. in summer. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to write to the Chief Constable expressing concern about the manning of the local police station and requesting a meeting to discuss this with himself or his deputy.' Agreed. It was also agreed to thank J. B. Amos & Co. Ltd for the copy letter and to enquire what reply they have received from the District Council.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0362A</u> | Mr. S. James | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0038E</u> | Thirsk Squash Club | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0119B</u> | Joshua Tetley & Son Ltd | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0336D</u> | Mr. C. Pollitt | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0309W</u> | Wright (Properties) Ltd | Refused |

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

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| <u>2/89/152/0369</u> | Siting of a Portakabin for Storage Purposes at Bellingham House, Sutton Road for Marcoplan Ltd. <u>No Objections to this application but this does not prejudice comments which may be made on future applications.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0273B</u> | Construction of a Building for Use in Connection with Existing Printing Works at Castlegarth Works for GSM Graphic Arts Ltd. <u>No Objections but confirmation required that the walls and roof will match the existing new building.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0143B</u> | Display of an Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 3, Kirkgate for M. W. & B. Britain. <u>Recommend Refusal as not being acceptable in a Conservation Area.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0370</u> | Use of Existing Disused Hairdressing Salon as a Signwriting Studio at 29, St. James' Green for Mr. R. R. Gell. <u>No Objections.</u> |

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

Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - April | - £298.00 ⁻ |
| | Including increase approved in November 1988 | |
| Hambleton D. C. | - Rates - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year | - £201.04 ⁻ |
| Yorkshire Water | - Water & Sewage Charges - Cemetery Lodge - 1st Half Year | - £ 69.20 ⁻ |
| Fox's of Thirsk | - Name Bars for Badge of Office | - £ 9.60 ⁻ |
| L. C. Hopps | - Fixing Notice Board | - £ 24.84 ⁻ |
| L. C. Hopps | - Repairs to Town Clock Door as quotation | - £ 65.94 ⁻ |
| Yorkshire L.C.A. | - Subscription 1989/90 + Local Council Review | - £145.40 ⁻ |

Additional Account

P. McKay - Work in Mill Gardens - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours @ £2.50 - £ 6.25

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

Douglas George Cowans Campbell 5 E2 £ 50.00

Any Other Business

Cobbles - Market Place Coun. Hall enquired why the recently laid cobbles in the Market Place are being taken up. It was reported that the work is not up to specification, the mix in which the cobbles were laid being too soft. Tests are being carried out to ascertain the reason.

Recreation Land Coun. Tate requested that the District Council be asked if any progress has been made towards the acquisition of land for recreation on the Hambleton Estate.

Lambert Hospital Coun. Murkett stated that with the alterations at the hospital, there is no longer a covered access from the hospital to the Health Centre which is extremely unsatisfactory for elderly patients being taken from one building to the other. He is obtaining a copy of the plans for the alterations and will bring them to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Fred M. Roberts.
15-5-89.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House, on Monday, 15th May 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, J. Bell, P. J. Tate.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. D. S. Murkett - returning from holiday. Not accepted as a valid reason.

Election of Chairman Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Bell 'that Coun. Roberts be Chairman for the coming year'. There being no other nominations, Coun. Roberts was unanimously elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman Coun. Davison stated that he did not wish to be considered for the office of Vice Chairman for a second term.
 Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Craig 'that Coun. Loveden be Vice Chairman'. There being no other nominations, Coun. Loveden was unanimously elected.

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

Appointment of Representatives

Thirsk County Primary School - Governing Body Coun. Craig re-appointed.

All Saints' R. C. Primary School - Governing Body Mrs. Greensit re-appointed.

Civic Society Coun. Bell appointed.

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

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

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Hall re-appointed.

Hambleton Swimming Baths Committee Coun. Davison re-appointed.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee Coun. Roberts & Coun. Davison re-appointed.
 Coun. Craig appointed.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Loveden re-appointed.

Community Care Association No appointment made. It was agreed to retain an interest in the organisation and make a donation of £10.00.-

Home Defence Coun. Bentley re-appointed.

Yorkshire Local Councils Association Coun. Murkett re-appointed. Coun. Craig appointed. Coun. Loveden stated that he can represent Carlton Miniott Parish Council.

Sub Committees

The Holmes, Greens & Mill Gardens The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Bentley, Craig & Bell.

Cemetery The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Craig & Hall.

Planning The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Hall, Bentley, Bell & Murkett. All Members to be notified of meetings.

Footpaths & Rights of Way The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Craig, Bell & Lowe.

Christmas Lights The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Couns. Craig, Hall & Lowe.

Coun. Tate stated that he was attending the meeting in order not to be appointed to any committees as he intended to resign from the Council and would be leaving the meeting at the end of 'Matters Arising from the Minutes'.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs The Clerk stated that letters had been sent to William Hague M.P., the Yorkshire & Humberside Tourist Board and the Department of Transport at Leeds. A reply from William Hague stated that he thinks that Thirsk should be allowed to have a sign which helps to boost the tourist trade and is writing to the Department of Transport enquiring the reason for their decision. A reply from the Tourist Board is awaited.

Tourist Signs cont/ Mr. Peter Godfrey, Department of Transport Regional Signs Officer, had stated that he would prefer to meet members to discuss the issue of the signs, rather than try to establish points by letter. A meeting is yet to be arranged. The District Council's Tourism Officer had suggested that it may be possible to proceed with the signs, denoting the facilities available in Thirsk but without a description of the town which could be added later. Members rejected this suggestion.

Parochial Charities Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land A letter from the Deputy Clerk of H.D.C. stated that she is very aware of the Town Council's concern about the current lack of recreation facilities in East Thirsk and of the earlier delays particularly with regard to land acquisition and will contact the appropriate County Council officers in the near future with a view to making some definite advances with regard to the various issues which remain outstanding. Coun. Tate stated that he had spoken to the Deputy Clerk and had been told that Barker's and the Kettlewell Trust land could only be purchased at building land prices. The Chairman stated that as there is no progress on the Kettlewell Trust land there should be serious negotiations about dual use of the school playing fields. Coun. Hall told the meeting that the School Governors are not enthusiastic about this. It was agreed to write to the District Council stating that if the Kettlewell Trust land is not available investigations should be pursued regarding the use of the school playing fields. It was also agreed to enquire about the current situation regarding the use of land at Hambleton Place/Dowber Way as a play area for small children, as recommended by the Inspector at the public Inquiry into the Thirsk Local Plan.

Thirsk Post Office Nothing reported.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

Thirsk Railway Station Nothing reported.

River Pollution A letter from the District Council's Principal Engineer listed action which has been taken including jetting and cleansing the outfall sewers in the vicinity of the pumping station, dismantling and examining the pumps and checking for correct operation. The Yorkshire Water Authority has been requested to approve a programme of improvements which should assist in resolving the problems which have affected the reliability of the pumping station. It is intended to install an external emergency warning light and the Town Council or local residents could assist in reporting breakdowns when the warning light is on. It was agreed to inform the District Council that the action taken still falls short of what is required and to urge them to implement their investigations. It was also agreed that a flashing light is not a satisfactory means of breakdown warning.

Gipsy Sites It was reported that the site on the York Road roundabout has been selected as the most suitable.

A61 - Town End Nothing reported.

Access Roads - St. James' Green Material for the potholes not yet organised.

Word Processor Sub Committee meeting yet to take place.

L.C.A. Liaison Meeting The agreed letter had been sent. It was reported that the District Council's Policy Committee had agreed that a parish/town council representative could attend site meetings held by the planning committee but would not be allowed to speak unless invited. This decision has to be ratified by the full council.

Street Sweeping The Chairman reported that she, Coun. Craig and the Clerk had met Mr. Burnett and Mr. Crelling, showing them around the town and suggesting alterations and additions to the street sweeping schedule. More litter bins have been requested and will be provided.

Street Naming - Rear of Kirkgate Guest House Letter received confirming that the development is to be known as Coach House Close.

Land at Shire Park A letter from the Chief Executive's department stated that the capital sum paid by Property & Land Securities Ltd was estimated by the Council's Technical Officer as representing the anticipated cost of maintaining the area calculated over a 20 year period, taking into account interest that may reasonably be expected to accrue to that sum where properly invested. Terms were concluded with the Company some time ago so it is not now possible for the District Council to seek any additional sum. It would not be the District Council's intention to pay any more to Thirsk Town Council if it wished to take over the area. It was reported that the area has been tidied up, the grass cut and trees planted. The Clerk had been told by a member of the Chief Executive's staff that if the Town Council do not take over the land, it will continue to be maintained by the District Council. It was agreed that the land should remain in the control of the District Council. It was pointed out that a boat is being parked on the land.

Land at Dowber Lane A letter from the Chief Executive's department stated that it is not the District Council's policy to maintain any area as a suitable play area, where its use could only be considered of local significance. Accordingly, maintenance of this area would not normally be undertaken. If such were to be the position and it adequately maintained as a children's play area, then the District Council would look to the Thirsk Town Council to take on board that control. It possibly needs to be considered whether or not the residents in that particular area wished to have a children's play area properly maintained and if so perhaps the Town Council would be willing to undertake this venture. Coun. Craig stated that he had been told by local parents that they are quite satisfied with the land as it is. It was agreed to reiterate previous comments that it is considered to be serving a useful purpose as a play area in its present condition.

Cobbles - Market Place It was reported that work is being carried out on the cobbled area which is still not right. Complaints had been received from shopkeepers regarding the dust generated when the cobbles were being taken up again and it was agreed to suggest to the District Council that letters of explanation and apology be sent to those affected.

Police Station The Clerk reported that the Deputy Divisional Commander, Superintendent Brian Ellis is willing to come and talk to the Town Council. It was agreed to invite him to either the June or July meeting, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Coun. Tate left the meeting.

Proposed Footpath Provision adjoining the Cod Beck at Millgate Having considered the financial implications of accepting the footpath on the terms offered by the District Council it was decided that Mr. Calvert would be gaining an access to his land in addition to his land being fenced in exchange for only a small strip of land. It was agreed that this Council will only accept responsibility if the footpath is laid and the fence erected before it is handed over.

Coun. Bell left the meeting due to another commitment and the meeting was joined by Coun. Murkett.

Christmas Lights 1989 Coun. Murkett stated that the Chamber of Trade will discuss at their September meeting whether or not a contribution will be made in the following year. It appeared that there will not be a contribution towards the 1989 lights. The Clerk pointed out that only £500 for Christmas Lights was included in the present year's estimates, which will not cover the cost of erection and dismantling. A sub committee meeting was arranged to discuss the future of the Lights and possible means of raising extra revenue for this purpose.

Street Sweeping Coun. Bentley had requested that the Council discuss the possibility of not making a contribution towards the cost of street sweeping. A large proportion of Thirsk's street sweeping is carried out in the Market Place and when the Community Charge is introduced in 1990 the Town Council will not derive any income from commercial premises and the whole burden will fall on domestic ratepayers at a cost of approximately £1.00 per head. Coun. Murkett stated that the Market Place is in the ownership of the District Council and it is their responsibility to clean it.

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Street Sweeping cont/ It was agreed to request a breakdown of the cost of sweeping the various areas as shown in the Thirsk Street Sweeping Schedule before making a decision regarding future contributions.

Correspondence

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths Copy of letter from the Charity Commission to Lester & Hatch presented, stating that no further action on the Scheme will be possible. The Scheme sealed on 10th May 1988 merely retained and repeated the provisions contained in Clause 14 of the Conveyance of 9th October 1959, the Commissioners being under a duty and requirement to reserve such provision without alteration. Any decision on sale must first be put to the local inhabitants at a public meeting (Clause 29 of the Scheme) at which presumably all objections and misgivings concerning any future use of the land would be aired. The letter also stated that copies of the draft were sent in October 1987 to both the Clerk of Thirsk Town Council and the Clerk of Sowerby Parish Council and there is no record of any complaints or adverse comments concerning the Scheme at what would have been an appropriate time for them to be raised. The Clerk told the meeting that as neither she nor the Clerk of Sowerby have received a copy of the draft, they have notified Mr. Hatch who is again taking up the matter with the Charity Commission.

Town & Country Planning Act 1971 - Appeal by McLean Homes North-East Ltd - Residential Development at The Coppice, Dowber Way, Thirsk Notice of Appeal received. It was reported that a new planning application for development has been agreed.

Skip Emptying Notice received from F. D. Todd & Sons that it is necessary to increase the skip tipping fee to £28.00 as from 1st May 1989. ✓

County Council of North Yorkshire (Restricted Roads) (Newsham Road & Picks Lane, Thirsk) Order 1989 Notice received that the Order has been made, as originally proposed, and became effective on 9th May 1989. It was agreed to request the County Council to extend the 30 m.p.h. speed limit to the junction of Newsham Road with Cemetery Road now that a lighting scheme has been installed on that stretch of road.

Yorkshire Day 1989 Notice received that the Yorkshire Day Civic Service & Procession will take place at Whitby, on Tuesday, 1st August to which the Civic Head or Deputy is invited. The Chairman agreed to attend this event.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0062K</u> | Mr. R. I. Phillips | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0366</u> | British Telecom | Granted |
| <u>2/88/152/0364</u> | Mr. M. Jobling | Granted |
| <u>2/88/152/0035E</u> | Lloyds Bank PLC | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0341A</u> | Chris Crow & Company | Granted |

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications by the Sub Committee as being plans delegated to Officers of the Council.

2/89/152/0371 Alterations & Extension to Existing Dwelling to Include a Domestic Double Garage at Brookside, Norby for Quadra Ltd.
No Objections to the Application but note that it is almost doubling the size of the present building.

2/89/152/0239A Alterations & Extension to Existing Domestic Garage at 14, St. Mary's Drive for Mr. P. Bardon.
No Objections.

2/89/152/0322A Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 33, The Green for Mr. & Mrs. J. Chaudrey.
No Objections.

2/89/152/0328B Display of a Non Illuminated Fascia Sign & a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at Rear of 87, Market Place for Mrs. S. M. Pearson, in connection with Bird Museum.
The Council are not in favour of sandwich boards. Would be

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications at the meeting:

2/89/152/0009F

Outline Application for Residential Development at 10/12, Long Street for Shaw Bros.

Would prefer the houses to be set back with parking spaces to the front.

2/89/152/0056D

Layout of Land & Construction of 29 Dwellinghouses at Long Street for Persimmon Homes (York) Ltd.

Welcome development in this area. If there is to be further through traffic in the future, the road is inadequate. The access road appears restricted. Request a footpath through the site to join up with existing footpath to the school. Enquire if neighbouring properties have been informed.

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

Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - May | - £298.00 |
| Thirsk Motors | - Petrol | - £ 20.41 |
| National Savings Bk. | - Transfer to Gratuity Investment Fund | - £750.00 |
| Wicksteed Leisure | - Seat for Swing - The Holmes play area | - £ 18.75 |
| L. C. Hopps | - Repairs to Seat - as quotation | - £124.95 |
| Yorks. R.C.C. | - Subscription | - £ 10.00 |

Additional Accounts

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| Thirsk Hall Estate | - 1 Year's Rent - The Holmes - + Wayleaves | - £ .48 |
| C. E. & C. M. Walker | - Grass Cutting - 2 x April | - £133.40 |
| Coun. Roberts | - Mayor's Allowance - agreed November 1988 | - £100.00 |
| Hambleton Sports C. | - Subscription | - £ 2.00 |
| C. C. A. | - Donation | - £ 10.00 |

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

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| Edward George Peirse | 8 E2 | £ 50.00 |
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Reports

The Chairman reported that she had attended at meeting of Carlton Miniott Parish Council at which a member of the Police had spoken about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. It was agreed to consider holding a public meeting in Thirsk for the same purpose.

Any Other Business

Election Coun. Murkett was congratulated on his election as County Councillor.

Post Box It was agreed to request a post box for the Dowber Way/St. Mary's area.

Bus Service It was agreed to request that the buses which serve the Hambleton Estate be re-routed via Dowber Way, St. Mary's and Long Street for the benefit of the many elderly persons who live in that area.

McLean Homes It was agreed to draw the Enforcement Officer's attention to a large heap of soil on the McLean Homes Estate abutting Hambleton Park which is causing inconvenience to residents.

Public Inquiry It was agreed to request a copy of the Inspector's Report on the Thirsk Local Plan Public Inquiry.

Industrial Park The District Council's attention to be drawn to the fact that 3 letters are missing from the sign at the entrance to the park.

Drain - Chapel Street Coun. Murkett will take up the matter of the blocked drain in Chapel Street with the County Council.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts.

Further Comments on Application No. 2/89/152/0056D - Layout of Land & Construction of 29 Dwellings at Long Street for Persimmon Homes (York) Ltd.

1. At present there is a hawthorn hedge at the east end of the site, dividing it from the public footpath. The Town Council would like to see this hedge retained and a condition of planning that the only gap made in it should be to allow public access onto the footpath. This is (a) to preserve the hedge and the general amenity of the area and (b) to preserve the privacy of the gardens. Because of incorrect wording on the planning permission for Shire Park, a number of people have made gaps in the hedge to give access onto Stockton Road. This was not intended to happen and some of their neighbours have felt that the gaps made their own gardens more accessible to intruders.
2. Although the Electricity Sub Station behind No. 46 Long Street is shown on the site map (H.D.C. Planning Dept.), there is no mention of it on the plans. Is it to be demolished or retained in its present position in which case it will obstruct the footpath and road. According to N.E.E.B. it is currently in use.
3. Of the 29 dwellings proposed, the direction of the ridgeline is identical in all but Nos. 12 and 13. This will prove ugly, boring and unsightly and a more random siting of the buildings should be required to break this ugly line.
4. The site layout plan shows little rectangles which are taken to be garages but although the specification on plan 1045/21 mentions the construction of garage floors (15) and ceilings (41) and party walls between garages and lobbies (37) none of the plans show integral garages. In fact there is no plan or elevation of any garage. The Council would be interested to see the design of any garages that are to be provided and query whether the specification refers to these plans at all?
5. The layout of the houses vis-a-vis their gardens and (presumed) garages is puzzling. Several of the one bedroomed houses seem to have totally unattainable gardens:-
 - a. To reach the garden of house No. 3 one would have to go through the garden of No. 2 or No. 1 or the drive of No. 4.
 - b. No. 5 and No. 8 have to go round the building and down the road to reach their gardens.
 - c. No. 15 cannot reach their front door without going through no. 14's garden.
 - d. The garages (?) of Nos. 27 and 28 should be changed round to allow their access into their gardens and obviate a long walk from house to garage of No. 28.
 - e. House No. 1 has a bay window which obtrudes into the gardens of Nos. 2 and 3.
 - f. No. 7's front door opens into a shrubbery or flower bed.

This muddled layout is symptomatic of too many dwellings being shoe-horned onto the site with no thought for the people who will ultimately live there and have to co-exist with their neighbours. Nobody wants a garden that they cannot see, or walk straight into from the house, nor do they want their neighbours windows looking into their gardens. Garages should be sited next to the houses they serve, not round the other side of a building. Fewer houses should be put on the site, each with its own front door opening onto its own property with accessible garden and garage. Shared accesses cause much acrimony as in Shire Park and in School Garth, Sowerby.

6. The application form states that trees will be felled and planted. There are no indications on the plan of which is to be felled and what is to be planted.

This is an application for full planning permission but the layout of the development has been barely considered. It might be supposed that the developer has no intention of developing the site as per these plans but that a whole series of amendments and alterations will follow. It would seem preferable to have further thoughts about these plans.

This site is near to the proposed extension of the Conservation Area, another factor which would suggest a more sensitive treatment.

Observations made on Planning Applications Nos. 2/89/152/0031D & E - Provision of a New Shop Front and Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 30, Market Place for Carricks (Caterers).

No. 30, Market Place occupies a prominent position on the south side of Thirsk Market Place, which itself forms the heart and principal visual amenity of Thirsk. The Market Place is currently benefitting from a £380,000 improvement programme and forms the centre of the Thirsk Conservation Area which is being considered for extension. As such, Thirsk Town Council believes that any planning application within this area should be considered in strictest detail.

The proposals for the new shop front ignore almost all the suggestions outlined in the Hambleton District Council's 'Guidelines for the Design of Shop Fronts'. To approve this application would negate all the work put into these guidelines, as well as being an insult to all who have chosen to follow them.

The previous shop front design, and indeed the building itself, are a poor substitute for the original building which was demolished, but this is an opportunity for a sensitively designed shop front to go a long way towards repairing one of the Market Place's few eyesores.

In particular, consideration should be given to:-

- (i) Reducing the depth of the fasciaboard.
- (ii) Replacing the plastic panelling with wood.
- (iii) Removing the unnecessary tungsten lights.
- (iv) Breaking up the blank expanse of glass with glazing bars.
- (v) Incorporating a badly needed stallriser in panelled wood or brick.

The above list is by no means comprehensive. Indeed, Messrs. Carricks should be sent a copy of the District Council's 'Guidelines' and told to reconsider their proposals in that light.

The proposed shop front is a particularly banal example of the outmoded practice of corporate livery. Most go-ahead firms have now abandoned this restrictive and unimaginative approach, having learnt that a uniformness of their premises leads to 'consumer oversight' and that a shop that sits well within its surroundings is more attractive to consumers than the characterless sameness of corporate regimentation. (MORI 87/30692/D)

This Council feels that little or no consideration has been given to the design of this shop front in relation to Thirsk's notable Market Place - indeed, so little consideration that the works have been carried out prior to planning application - and recommends that the application be refused.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday,
19th June 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. S. Murkett, R. S. Hall,
D. S. Bentley, J. Bell, D. E. Loveden.
Apologies for Absence from Coun. Davison, due to being away on business,
were accepted.

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

Superintendent Ellis (Deputy Divisional Commander North Yorkshire Police) and
Chief Inspector Bott, attending the meeting to discuss manning levels at Thirsk
Police Station were welcomed by the Chairman.

Coun. Murkett stated that the present hours of 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. during which
the police station is open are not acceptable in Thirsk, a military town, where
locals and troops have problems and cited instances when a police presence could
have allayed trouble. No complaint was being made against the local police but at
the superior officers who make the decisions regarding manning.
Chief Inspector Bott replied that his officers are deployed in the best way possible.
He considered it better for an officer to be out on the beat rather than behind a
desk. It is hoped that a second civilian operative will be employed at Thirsk in the
near future which will lead to the office being open until later in the evening.
There are areas other than the Market Place to be policed and more officers are
needed. There is no particular problem with the army but there will be more
service personnel in the area when the R.A.F. take over at Dishforth.
Superintendent Ellis stated that the best possible use is made of limited resources.
There are 1383 officers with 500+ civilian staff to provide a 24 hour service every
day of the year. A review of Establishment had shown a need for 250 extra officers -
an application was made for 50 constables and 10 plus 5 training sergeants were
granted for the whole of North Yorkshire.
Coun. Murkett asked if volunteers to man the office telephones would be of assistance.
Superintendent Ellis replied that volunteers would require special training in areas
other than the manning of telephones. There is a need for more special constables
and new recruits would be very welcome. The communication system at Thirsk is to be
altered so that telephone calls to the office when it is unmanned will be switched
automatically to Ripon.
Members questions regarding drink related problems, the length of service in the area,
and the type of qualifications required, were answered.

Prior to the commencement of the discussion with the Police Officers, a short silence
was observed in memory of former Councillor E. R. Stott, who died recently.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs A letter from William Hague, M.P., stated that he has received a reply
from the Minister for Roads & Traffic, Mr. Peter Bottomley, and is
not satisfied with the answer to his enquiries. He has written back to the Minister
requesting further consideration and clarification. The letter from Mr. Bottomley
stated that the decision not to accept a reference to 'James Herriot's Town' applies
only to Local Services on the A19 & A168 trunk roads. The information given on
signs along busy trunk roads must be strictly controlled to minimise the distraction
to drivers. The overriding concern is to maintain road safety. The Department's
Regional Signs Officer in Leeds has offered to meet the Town Council to explain the
options available for display on road signs.
It was agreed to seek a meeting with Mr. Godfrey who had cancelled the previously
arranged meeting and had not offered a new date.

Parochial Charities Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land Nothing reported.

Thirsk Post Office Nothing reported.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

Thirsk Railway Station Nothing reported.

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River Pollution No further communication received from the District Council.

A letter from the Revd. Paul Wordsworth, Vicar of Sowerby, expressed appreciation of the efforts being made by the Town Council to ensure that Yorkshire Water comply with regulations concerning pollution of the Cod Beck and stated his belief that the stand being taken by the Council deserves the widest possible support from local people. Having written in the Church magazine of his concern about the amount of debris and litter in the Beck, people have responded by asking if it would be possible to gather together a team of volunteers to clear the Beck of such obstructions. Revd. Wordsworth stated his willingness to be involved in any such moves and to help co-ordinate any such action, undertaking to write to all the bodies, coluntary and statutory, which have interests in the Beck, to seek their views. The River Board to be asked to remove the silt from under the Thirsk bridges and several members volunteered to remove the debris from these locations. The Revd. Wordsworth to be thanked for his appreciation and concern and to accept his offer to gather together volunteers to clear the river which also extends into Sowerby.

A61 - Town End Nothing reported. Enquiries to be made as to when the mini-roundabout is to be installed.

Word Processor The sub committee had met but no decision had been reached. Enquiries are being made to LAMSAC regarding a word processing pack for local councils.

Planning Committee Site Visits A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that in view of the many representations similar to those from this Council, made by Parish Councils both individually and collectively at the District/Parish Liaison Committee, the Council has had another look at its procedure on site visits carried out by Members of the Planning Committee. As a result of this review - and initially for an experimental period - one representative from the Parish Council affected will be allowed to attend site visits. A copy of the Guidelines for Site Visits was enclosed showing the purpose of the visits and the role inter alia which the Parish Council representative will play.

Street Sweeping Reply awaited from the Chief Environmental Health Officer.

Land at Dowber Lane A letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that it is not the District Council's policy to maintain play areas within Parishes unless they can be regarded as being of District significance. It had been resolved that if any such areas were to be properly maintained, and by the District Council, then the cost shall be charged as a local rate on the Parish concerned. The District Council may need to consider the land's future if it is not to be vested in the Parish or used to its best economic ability. It may be that at some time in the future, the land may not be available for its current use.

Footpath joining the Cod Beck at Millgate Nothing reported.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths A letter from the Secretary of Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust stated that in view of the obvious concern over the terms under which the transfer of the swimming pool was effected, his Chairman has suggested that a meeting be arranged with representatives of Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils. An agenda for such a meeting was included which contained a suggestion that the Flatts Preservation Trust be jointly administered by Thirsk Town and Sowerby Parish Councils. It was agreed to reply stating that the matter of the 'transfer' is in the hands of Mr. Hatch and that it is doubtful whether the Councils, if willing, could take over an existing charity.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Reply awaited.

Bus Service A letter from the County Surveyor's Department stated that two local bus services currently operate via Hambleton Estate, 149 & 155.

Service 149 is operated as a commercial venture by United Automobile Services and it is for them to decide whether to amend the route to include St. Mary's and Dowber Way. Service 155 is operated under contract to the County Council. The contract expires at the end of October 1989 and open competitive tenders for the retention of this service are being invited and the route specified includes Dowber Way & St. Mary's.

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Bus Service cont/ Certain sections of this route are not adopted as highways maintainable at public expense and it will be for the operator to negotiate with the developers regarding usage of these sections prior to adoption. After discussion about the bus services, it was agreed to ask Mr. Cressey, the County Council's Public Transport Officer, to attend the July meeting.

Post Box - Dowber Way This Council's request for a post box in this vicinity had been acknowledged and a reply awaited.

McLean Homes - Soil Heap The District Council's Enforcement Officer had informed the Clerk that McLeans could not be asked to remove the heap until the development was completed.

Public Inquiry Report A copy of the Inspector's Report on the Thirsk Local Plan Public Inquiry received and circulated to members. A letter from the Chief Planner stated that the formal statement of the Council's Decisions on the Inspector's Report and Recommendations, together with a List of Modifications, is currently being prepared. The documents will be placed on deposit later this month. It was agreed to request that copies be forwarded to this Council.

Christmas Lights The Chairman reported that the sub committee meeting called to discuss ways of raising extra revenue for the Christmas Lights had been attended only by herself and the Vice Chairman. It was stated that the sum of £500.00, allowed in the Estimates for the Lights, would not cover the cost of the erection and dismantling of the Lights, electricity and the N.E.E.B's charges for connecting and disconnecting the power supply. The meeting was told that the Chamber of Trade have no interest in the Lights. An offer by Coun. Bentley to formulate and print a letter to be sent of all the businesses around the Market Place, was accepted. It was agreed to send an appeal for financial assistance to the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Round Table, Chamber of Trade and the Licensed Victuallers Association. Coun. Loveden suggested running a competition with a prize for the business premises or shop whose external decoration most enhances the town at Christmas in order to encourage participation in the Christmas Decorations.

Residents' Association for the Preservation of St. James' Green Letter received from the Association's Treasurer with suggestions and queries regarding The Greens. It was agreed that The Greens sub committee formulate a reply to the letter.

Correspondence

Resignation Letter received from Coun. Lowe tendering her resignation from the Council, due to a change in circumstances and not having time to fulfil all her commitments.

Resignation Letter from Coun. Tate tendering his resignation, stating that although eligible to remain on the Council until the next elections, he wishes to leave now so that his place can be taken by someone living in the Parish. The letter also requested the simultaneous resignation of Coun. Murkett as it is not in the interests of democracy that one man should attempt to represent the town at County, District and Parish level.

2 Casual Vacancies were declared, which unless a bye election is claimed by ten Electors of the Parish, will be filled by co-option.

Norby & The Holmes A letter from Mrs. K. Reynard complained about parking on the grass at the front of 'Firethorne', Front Street, Norby and referred to the fact that vandalised seats on The Holmes have not been replaced. Mrs. Reynard offered to provide a replacement tree for The Holmes, on the stretch of grass at the side of the road, in memory of the 'Lambert 90' Appeal. It was agreed to accept Mrs. Reynard's offer of a tree, the type of which to be agreed, to be planted at the end of the year.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Mr. R. L. A. Davies & Mrs. K. G. Riley to apply for the transfer of the Licence in respect of The Hollin Barn Hotel.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Notice received of the A.G.M. which is to be held at Harrogate on 28th June.

North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association Notice received that the 1989/90 subscription is now due.

Yorkshire L.C.A. Notice received of the Training Weekend for Councillors & Clerks to be held at Askham Bryan College on 9/10 September and the A.G.M. to be held at the same venue on 9th September. Bookings for the Training Weekend close on 18th August 1989.

Byelaws A copy of the Hambleton District Council's Byelaws in respect of Barbers' & Hairdressers' Premises presented.

Local Bus Services Letter received from the Chief Executive's Department stating that existing contracts for bus services in this area expire on 30th September. Details of the current services and timetables were enclosed.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0369</u> | Marcolan Limited | Granted |
| <u>2/88/152/0153A</u> | Mr. & Mrs. Mr. R. Cable | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0368</u> | Mr. A. Schofield | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0322A</u> | Mr. & Mrs. J. Chaudry | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0239A</u> | Mr. P. Bardon | Granted |

Plans Observations were made by the Sub Committee on the following Planning Applications:

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| <u>2/89/152/0066L</u> | Installation of an Underground Petrol Storage Tank at Bridge Garage for Mr. J. Potter. <u>No Objections</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0336E</u> | Details of the Construction of a Detached Bungalow with Domestic Garage at Plot 6, Stoneybrough Close for Mr. C. Pollitt. <u>No Objections.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0181C</u> | Alterations to Existing Shop Front at Unit 2, 36, Market Place for Stead & Simpson PLC. <u>No Objections.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0287A</u> | Outline Application for the Construction of a Dwellinghouse at Barnett's Yard for Mr. S. R. Ballard. <u>The rejuvenation of a rather dilapidated area is welcomed.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0373</u> | Outline Application for the Construction of a Dwellinghouse at Land adjacent to Castle Villa for Mr. K. Trenholme. <u>There is no access to this site other than through the yard of No 5, Kirkgate. It is understood that the owner of the yard would not be agreeable to its use as an access to a dwelling.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0377</u> | Conversion of an Existing Storage Building to a Dwelling at Store, Rear of Millgate, for P. & J. Thornton. <u>The conversion of an old building is welcomed. This is in the conservation area and confirmation that traditional wooden framed windows will be fitted, is requested.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0101Y</u> | Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign & an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20 - 22, Market Place for Victoria Wine Co. Ltd. <u>No Objections.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0374</u> | Change of Use of an Existing Washeteria to a Hot Food Take Away Shop with Cafe at 9, Millgate for Kathryn Wadsworth. <u>A development which would lead to the refurbishment of this building is welcomed. There is no indication of the proposed treatment of the exterior of the building, which is in the conservation area, and it is considered that further details should be submitted before full planning permission is considered.</u> |

Plans cont/2/89/152/0375

Change of Use of an Existing Dwelling to an Antique Shop at 11, Chapel Street for Mr. J. Bailey.

More details are required. The application does not state whether the whole house is to be used as a shop. Is it intended to alter the door and window?

2/89/152/0215B

Extension to Existing Living Accommodation at 20, Finkle Street for Mr. M. Cresswell.

Approve. This is a scheme which will tidy up and restore an old building, in the conservation area. It is noted that old materials are to be re-used and the windows should also be of traditional type.

2/89/152/0215C

Listed Building Consent for above.

2/89/152/0376

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 2, St. Giles Close for Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Dennis.

No Objections to the actual building but note that the house will extend right up to the boundary fence.

2/89/152/0372

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to Include a Domestic Garage at 18, Whitelass Close for Mr. & Mrs. B. Fall.

No Objections to actual building.

Letter to be sent to the Planning Officer regarding alterations to planning permissions and extensions to dwellings on housing estates. Copy of this letter to be attached to the comment forms for the two previous applications.

2/89/152/0213B

Display of a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 14, Kirkgate for Thirsk Museum Society.

Comment on proliferation and colour of existing signs. It is considered that yet another red & white symbol on the proposed new hanging sign will be intrusive & unnecessary.

2/89/152/0056D

Comments, additional to those made at last month's meeting, were approved for forwarding to the District Council.

It was agreed to write to the Planning Officer regarding the delay in time between the comment forms being prepared, and planning applications received by this Council.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented for payment and Approved.

Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Bell.

Accounts as Circulated.

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| Thirsk Motors | - Petrol | - £ 11.54✓ |
| Power Point | - Hire of Grass Cutter to 12.5.89 (5 weeks) | - £ 86.25✓ |
| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - June | - £298.00✓ |
| P. Smith | - Salary - April - June | £425.00 - |
| | Administrative Expenses | £ 72.24 - |
| | | - £497.24✓ |

Additional Accounts

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| N.Y.P.F. Association | - Subscription | - £ 10.00✓ |
| C. E. & C. M. Walker | - Grass Cutting - 2 x May - 1 x June | - £200.10✓ |
| Power Point | - Line for Strimmer | - 3.96✓ |

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

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| George Henry Baxter | 6 E2 | £100.00✓ |
| Ena Isabel Smith | 2 E2 | £ 50.00✓ |
| Enid Mary Dunning | 7 E2 | £ 50.00✓ |

Reports

Coun. Murkett reported that Skipton Bridge is to be discussed at a County Council Meeting in August and, before that time, he would like a meeting to be held with all the parishes involved, to discuss the A61, the future of Skipton Bridge and heavy traffic through Thirsk and Sowerby. It was agreed to arrange such a meeting towards the end of July.

Coun. Murkett also reported that he had received a complaint that there is no defined footpath at the front of Bridge Garage in Ingramgate.

Mr. Woods to be contacted regarding this matter.

Coun. Loveden reported that the Thirsk & Northallerton Lions Club have arranged a concert by the Appollo Male Voice Choir in St. Mary's Church on 7th July in aid of the 'Lambert 90' Appeal.

Any Other Business

Footpath - York Road Coun. Hall stated that the footpath at the entrance to the housing development at The Hollies on York Road has not been properly reinstated. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this.

Refuse Collection Coun. Hall told the meeting that refuse collection in the Market Place around mid-day on Mondays is causing problems due to it being Market Day. Coun. Hall also stated that he had received complaints from elderly parishioners that the refuse collectors are no longer taking away garden rubbish even though it is in black plastic sacks. It was feared that because of the limitation on the type of refuse which can be taken away from households, rubbish will be dumped. These matters to be drawn to the attention of the Chief Environmental Health Officer.

Rubbish - Hambleton Estate The Chairman had received a complaint from the occupants of No. 6, Hambleton Avenue regarding rubbish being dumped to the rear of their garden. The County Council to be contacted.

Dog Registration The Chairman told members that the District Council cannot enforce regulations regarding dogs if the dogs cannot be identified with their owners. The R.S.P.C.A. are pressing the government to introduce a dog registration scheme. It was agreed to give support to the R.S.P.C.A. It was also agreed to notify the R.S.P.C.A. of this and to write to William Hague, M.P., asking him to give his support.

Damaged Seat Coun. Criag reported that the double seat at White Mare Corner has been damaged. Mr. Hopps to be asked to quote for its repair.

Planning Officer It was agreed to invite Mr. Ballard, the Chief Planner & Technical Officer to attend the August meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Freda M. Roberts

17-07-89.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th July 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, J. Bell, D. S. Murkett, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, Mr. G. Cressey Public Transport Officer N.Y.C.C. + 1 Member of the Public.
Apologies for Absence from Coun. Davison, by reason of being away on business were accepted.

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

Local Bus Services Coun. Craig referred to a petition from Norby residents, presented to the County Council through the Town Council, requesting a bus service between Norby Estate and the Market Place. The County Council had suggested a taxi service which had not materialised. It appeared that the request had been rejected. Mr. Cressey replied that this had not been rejected by the County Council. The views of the Chief Constable and the Highways staff had been sought and they would not agree to buses reversing because of the danger to the public. Competitive tenders for a taxi service had been sought but none were received at that time. A tender has now been received and will be considered by the Public Transport Sub Committee on 7th August. If accepted, the service will operate every 15 - 20 minutes a.m. Coun. Craig stated that the bus service to Kilvington via the Hambleton Estate is used very rarely by Kilvington residents and that the service could be re-routed via Dowber Way and St. Mary's. Mr. Cressey replied that as from October, a service will operate to include all these areas. Coun. Loveden enquired about the situation if a contractor withdraws from a service. Mr. Cressey stated that 42 days notice of withdrawal must be given and it is normal policy to replace that service. Coun. Roberts referred to the United Bus Service Hopper Buses which are parked on the Coach Park at nights and weekends, taking up spaces intended for tour coaches, and was told that the County Council have no remit re parking. Coun. Murkett stated that the registration numbers of 5 Hopper Buses which regularly park on the Coach Park have been passed to the Chief Executive H.D.C. who is taking up the matter with the United Bus Service. The Chairman thanked Mr. Cressey for his attendance.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs A copy letter from the Minister for Roads & Traffic stated that the signs for local services in by-passed towns such as Thirsk are kept to a standard design with the name of the town, the words 'Local Services' and symbols to show the range of services available. Up to 3 words can be added to indicate any particular feature of historical or geographical significance. This has to be agreed with the Tourist Board and 'Historic Market Town' would be a typical example. Signs to tourist attractions such as the Great American Adventure theme park in Derbyshire have only the name of the attraction and one symbol. They also have to meet certain qualifying criteria: for example, attracting 150,000 visitors a year in the case of signing from motorways. There has been extensive consultation with local authorities, tourist boards and other bodies over these criteria. Officials have agreed to take stock of the whole signing issue in the Autumn with the tourist boards. This issue will be looked at again in that context. Clearly the town's association with James Herriot is of great importance both locally and to the many visitors who come each year. Members were urged to attend the meeting with Mr. Godfrey, the Regional Signs Officer, to be held on 25th July, to discuss this matter.

Parochial Charities Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel It was agreed to remind Hambleton District Council of their promise to look into this matter.

Thirsk County Primary School and Recreation Land It was reported that there is to be a meeting between County and District Council officers to discuss the possible use of part of the school playing field as a play area for small children.

Thirsk Post Office Nothing reported.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

Thirsk Railway Station A letter from the Provincial Manager, Eastern, stated that no

Thirsk Railway Station cont/public complaint has been received about the system in operation at Thirsk and it is British Rail's responsibility to maintain the structure in terms of cleanliness and possible vandalism. The present system, which seems to be working well, will not be altered. It is in everyone's interest that the key system exists as no-one would wish a deterioration of the facility provided. It was agreed to remind British Rail of their promise to have remedial work carried out on the footbridge steps which are dangerous to pedestrians in icy weather.

River Pollution Coun. Murkett stated that the District Council have agreed to the installation of a new pump with automatic switch gear, in the Autumn. It was agreed to write to the District Council expressing satisfaction at this and to request continuous monitoring of the river for pollution, both upstream and downstream in addition to the pumping station. It was also agreed to write to the Department of the Environment, on the lines as suggested by Friends of the Earth, objecting to the proposed relaxation of sewage discharge conditions.

A61 - Town End The Clerk reported that, at the request of the Chief Constable, the work will not be carried out until later in the year.

Word Processor Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Clerk be empowered to go ahead and purchase whatever she considers necessary, up to a maximum of £500.00'. Agreed. ✓

Street Sweeping A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stated that it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the costs of sweeping the various areas in the street sweeping schedule. There is a lack of precision in the existing job description for the manual street sweeper in Thirsk and the use of the mechanical sweeper and the costs are, therefore, only available for the town areas as a whole. The essence of the exercise in restructuring street cleansing is to provide detailed schedules for full manual and mechanical sweeping where actual performance can be monitored. There is a role for the Town Council in advising whether there should be any change of emphasis on any of the frequencies of sweeping and in commenting on the areas where sweeping is actually carried out. On the basis of financial contribution, it has been indicated that the probable figure for 1988/89, which is £3,000 and the future level of contribution from the Town Council would change solely through yearly inflation. The District Council expects to take on increased financial expenditure in increasing its street cleansing operations. These same points have been made to the other councils who have a financial interest in this operation and the proposals have now been universally accepted. Members referred to the loss of the commercial rate when the Community Charge is introduced. It was agreed to reply stating that the explanation is not satisfactory and that it must be possible to separate the costs of sweeping the residential areas from those of the commercial.

Footpath - Millgate to The Holmes A letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that Mr. Calvert has now agreed in being granted a right of way to his land from the Millgate Car Park, land would be granted in exchange to provide a footpath subject to the following:- (a) Mr. Calvert would provide kissing gates at either end of the proposed path. (b) He would clear out the triangular area adjoining the northern kissing gate so as to provide a commodious means of pedestrian access. This would mean that the remainder of the field would be open to the public and animals would be grazing there from time to time. This would be no different to the arrangement to the south of Thirsk along the Cod Beck. No formal footpath would be laid. The proposal was welcomed by members.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths The Secretary of the Flatts Preservation Trust had contacted the Clerk again, requesting a meeting to discuss this matter. Coun. Roberts and Coun. Murkett agreed to attend a meeting. It was agreed to recommend that Mr. Hatch be invited.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Nothing reported.

Post Box - Dowber Way Nothing reported.

Christmas Lights A letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade stated that he is not at all optimistic about a Chamber of Trade donation as they are overspent and having to increase their subscriptions to rectify this. It may be that

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Christmas Lights cont/ some individuals may feel inclined to donate. The Chairman reported that one of the Tornado Squadrons at R.A.F. Leeming wishes to associated with Thirsk and it may be possible to enlist their assistance with the Christmas Lights. There is to be a stall at the Town Hall Flea Market on 28th August and an appeal was made for bric-a-brac to be sold in aid of the Lights Fund. Coun. Bentley had drawn up a letter to be sent to the businesses in the town.

Parking - The Greens A meeting of The Greens Sub Committee was arranged for Friday, 21st July to discuss the parking problem and its solution.

Footpath - Bridge Garage This is being dealt with by Mr. Woods.

Footpath Reinstatement - York Road This matter is also being dealt with by Mr. Woods.

Rubbish - Hambleton Avenue Mr. Woods has agreed to investigate this.

Chief Planning Officer A letter from Mr. Ballard stated that he will be pleased to attend the August meeting to discuss planning in general and would also like to address the subject of the District Council's policy regarding extensions to dwellings on housing estates and the need to ensure an adequate supply of housing for first time buyers.

Dog Registration Scheme A letter from William Hague M.P. stated that the House of Commons has recently debated the serious problems associated with Britain's dog population. The Home Secretary has announced new measures to control dangerous dogs which will allow the Courts to appoint someone other than the owner to destroy a dangerous animal, to increase the maximum fine for failure to comply with an order to control or destroy a dog to £400 and to give the Courts the power to ban from owning or keeping a dog anyone who is the subject of such an order. The Secretary of State for the Environment has announced a range of measures to place additional powers and duties on Local Authorities to deal with the dog problem in their area. The general view in Parliament is to wait and see how these measures work before taking any additional action. If properly enforced, these measures will fulfill most of the objectives of a possible registration scheme.

Yorkshire L.C.A. Training Weekend and A.G.M. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that the Council pay the fees for two members at the training weekend'. Agreed. Coun. Roberts and Coun. Murkett expressed the wish to attend the weekend on a residential basis.

Vacancies for Two Councillors A bye-election not having been called, the vacancies to be filled by Co-option. Six candidates had put their names forward:- Mr. P. J. M. Benson, Mrs. J. C. Makin, Mr. D. W. Pinches, Mr. J. M. Potter, Mr. J. M. M. Salmon, Mr. G. R. Snape.

Voting to fill the 1st Vacancy: Mr. Benson 6 - Mr. Potter 1 - Mr. Salmon 1.

Having a majority over the aggregate vote for the other candidates, Mr. P. J. M. Benson was co-opted.

Voting to fill the 2nd Vacancy: Mr. Salmon 4 - Mr. Makin 1 - Mr. Potter 2.

Having a majority over the aggregate vote for the other candidates, Mr. J. M. M. Salmon was co-opted.

Correspondence

Thirsk Local Plan A letter which accompanied copies of the Inspectors Report on objections to the plan and the District Council's Statement of Decisions on the Inspectors Report, stated that the next stage will be for modifications to the plan to be published and placed on deposit for public inspection. This Council will be notified when the modifications are published. Coun. Murkett stated that the Thirsk Local Plan Sub Committee had insisted that sites for lorry parking at Blakey Lane/A168 and Woodcock Lane/A19 remain in the plan, against the recommendation of the Planning Officers that they be deleted. It was agreed to write to the Planning Officer stating that this Council do not wish the sites to be deleted from the plan.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of John Raymond Andrews and Christopher Riley to apply for the Transfer of the Licence in respect of 65, Market Place (North Yorkshire Co-operative Society Ltd.).

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Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Roger Alan Davies and Katrina Gwendoline Riley to apply for the Transfer of the Licence in respect of The Hollin Barn Hotel.

Application for Licence Notice received of the intention of Mr. Roger Alan Davies and Katrina Gwendoline Riley to apply for the provisional grant of a Public House Licence in respect of part of the premises presently undergoing construction at The Hollin Barn Hotel.

Application for Licence Notice received of the intention of Christopher John Wilkinson to apply for a Residential and Restaurant Licence in respect of Kirkgate Guest House. If granted, the existing Residential Licence would be surrendered.

Public Conveniences - Market Place It was agreed to forward to the Chief Environmental Health Officer, a copy of a letter, addressed to Coun. Loveden, about the state to the Market Place toilets at which the writer was appalled.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0009F</u> | Shaw Brothers | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0031E</u> | Carricks (Caterers) | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0066L</u> | Mr. J. Potter | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0143B</u> | M. W. & B. Britain | Refused |
| <u>2/88/152/0309U</u> | Wright (Properties) Ltd | Granted |
| <u>2/88/152/0309V</u> | Wright (Properties) Ltd | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0328B</u> | Mrs. S. M. Pearson | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0336E</u> | Mr. C. Pollit | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0370</u> | Mr. R. R. Gell | Granted |

Plans Observations were made on the following applications:-

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| <u>2/89/152/0371</u> | Amended Plans for Extensions to Brookside, Norby for Quadra Ltd. <u>No Objections.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0033B</u> | Outline Application for the Construction of 3 Terraced Dwellings at Fenside Motors, Royal Oak Yard for Mr. S. Hubbard. <u>Recommend Approval.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0378</u> | Outline Application for Residential Development at Waterside, Off St. James' Green for Hambleton District Council. <u>Recommend Approval. Would support Aged Persons Dwellings under Warden Control.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0379</u> | Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to Include a Domestic Garage at 3, Barbeck for Mr. & Mrs. K. Rowland. <u>No Objections.</u> |

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

Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - July | - £298.00- |
| Thirsk Motors | - Petrol | - £ 13.42- |
| Power Point | - Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks to 9.6.89 | - £ 69.00- |
| Cod Beck I.D.B. | - Drainage Rates | - £ 2.40- |
| Municipal Mut. Ins. | - Combined Insurance Policy Premium | - £321.78- |
| " " " " | - Playground Engineering Inspection Fee | - £ 27.52- |

Additional Accounts

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| F. D. Todd & Sons | - Emptying Skip | - £ 32.20- |
| C. E. & C. M. Walker | - Grass Cutting - 1 x June | - £ 66.70- |
| Yorks. L.C.A. | - Fees for Training Weekend - Coun. Roberts & Coun. Murkett | - £103.50- |

Any Other Business

Chapel Street Coun. Loveden referred to a hole in the newly tarmacked surface of Chapel Street. Coun. Murkett will take up this matter with Mr. Woods.

Chapel Street Coun. Roberts had received complaints about a skip in addition to the number of vehicles belonging to Euro-Design in Chapel Street.
Coun. Murkett will take this up with the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

Laybys Coun. Bentley referred to the fact that a layby near ~~Shipton on Swale~~ has been filled with materials belonging to the County Council and questioned why the same treatment could not be carried out on the laybys at South Kilvington and York Road which are being used as unauthorised camping sites.

Parking on Pavements Coun. Bentley expressed concern at the increasing number of vehicles which are being parked on pavements in Thirsk and Sowerby which, in addition to the damage to the pavements, are a danger to partially sighted pedestrians. This matter to be referred to the police.

Coach Park Signs At the request of Coun. Craig, it was agreed to request the erection of signs in the Market Place, indicating the direction to the Coach Pk: via the Kirkgate and Millgate routes.

Coach Parking - Market Place At the suggestion of Coun. Murkett, it was agreed to ask the District Council to alter the byelaws to limit the waiting time for coaches on the Market Place to 10 minutes which would allow sufficient time for the setting down and the picking up of passengers. The coaches could then park on the Millgate Coach Park.

Amenity Tip Coun. Loveden referred to the large amount of commercial waste being taken to the amenity tip at Sowerby which is for domestic refuse only and suggested that the District Council be asked to enforce the regulations.

Litter Bins The Chairman requested that the District Council be asked to provide litter bins for the Little Green and Baker's Alley.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to invite Police Sergeant Gaunt to speak at a public meeting on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and to incorporate it with an exhibition by the Trading Standards Department of the N.Y.C.C. The meeting to be arranged, if possible, for a date in September, in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 21st August 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, A. J. Davison, J. M. M. Salmon, J. Bell, R. S. Hall, D. S. Bentley, P. J. M. Benson, Mr. D. Ballard (Chief Planner & Technical Officer H.D.C.) + 5 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. D. S. Murkett by reason of being away on holiday.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Coun. Salmon and Coun. Benson.

New Mandates for Barclays Bank and Nationwide Anglia Building Society were also signed.

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

Mr. Ballard attended the meeting to speak about Planning in general and to answer questions and explained his role with the Hambleton District Council. He stated that he believes the gipsy site being recommended is the right one, is pleased, with reservations, at the re-cobbling and re-paving that has recently been carried out in the Market Place and anticipates that the next phase will have more impact. The Town Scheme in Thirsk has proved very successful. Mr. Ballard told the meeting that he is pleased that parish representatives are again being allowed to attend planning committee site visits. Coun. Bentley referred to modern shop fronts being installed in premises in the Market Place, after which planning permission is being applied for. Mr. Ballard replied that he had reported on this issue to the last Planning Committee meeting and officers are being encouraged to take a sterner view. There are 5 - 6 Enforcement Orders issued each month, 80% of which are dealt with without publicity. Coun. Hall stated that planning restraints put house prices up and distort the economy, forcing young people out. Mr. Ballard replied that a greater supply of housing will not bring the price down. Coun. Hall cited the case of F. D. Todd & Sons wishing to move their business to and also create a lorry park on land at the side of the A168 slip road at Blakey Lane, which is not favoured by planning officers. Mr. Ballard answered that the business should be on the Industrial Park, which is to be extended, and not in open countryside. He accepted that this has caused controversy and that the Local Plan Sub Committee and Planning Committee wish the site for a lorry park at Blakey Lane to remain in the Local Plan. Mr. Ballard was told that local opinion does not wish the Industrial Park to be extended and supports F. D. Todd & Sons application to re-locate at Blakey Lane. Coun. Salmon referred to large housing estates for which the planning conditions state there must be a children's play area and landscaping, but to which the developers do not conform, and stated that permission for further development should be refused until the former conditions have been met. Mr. Ballard replied that this would not be a planning reason for refusal. Coun. Roberts stated that there are too many amendments to plans for large housing estates which should be restricted but was told that planning controls are being relaxed. Asked if businesses would be allowed to be conducted from the proposed gipsy site Mr. Ballard stated that no provision for this was anticipated.

Mr. Ballard was thanked for his attendance.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Local Bus Services Nothing reported.

Tourist Signs A letter from the County Surveyor's Department referred to the meeting between Mr. Godfrey of the Department of Transport, Mr. Wilson of the N.Y.C.C. and representatives of this Council and outlined the latest position with regard to signing. Services Signs - A19/A168 These signs can still be provided on the trunk roads on the approaches to Thirsk. The present rules appertaining to these signs preclude the use of legends such as 'James Herriot's Town' as the words used are meant to have an historical or geographical significance. Legends other than 'Historic Market Town' could prove to be acceptable if it is decided to proceed with this form of signing. Private Signing Signs incorporating the legend 'James Herriot's Town' could be sited behind the highway but adjacent to the trunk roads. These would be subject to planning permission which would have to be obtained from the District Council.

Tourist Signs cont/ The possible provision of town boundary signs containing the legend 'James Herriot's Town' is still open. The cost of around £150.00 each could not be borne by the County Council. Tourist Signing to the James Herriot Surgery. There is a possibility that tourist signs could be agreed indicating the veterinary surgery, provided that the criteria for tourist signs were satisfied. The attraction would have to be recognised by the Tourist Board and a request for the signs must come from the proprietor of the surgery. Coun. Loveden suggested that the Council go ahead with the Services Signs, the Boundary Signs and advertise in the 'Herriot Country' Guide. Prop. Coun. Salmon, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the Service Signs, with the wording "Historic Market Town", be accepted, and the matter of the other signs be left in abeyance until later'. Voting - 7 in Favour - 2 Abstentions.

Parochial Charities Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer's Department stated that the matter is being dealt with under Section 79 of the Building Act 1984 (ruinous & dilapidated buildings and neglected sites). The building's owner has been advised that it is considered to be in a ruinous and dilapidated condition and given two choices:- 1. To restore the building or 2. Demolish the remainder of the building and clear the site. A reply from the owner had stated that the matter is in the hands of her Insurers. Clarification of the type of action to be taken had been requested but not received. A further letter had been sent to the owner asking for the work to be carried out without delay and should she not do so, the Council have powers to carry out the work in default and charge the costs to the owner. A letter from the owner's solicitors stated that because the building had been included in a Supermarket Site Application and there was a possibility of the land being sold to the Supermarket Consortium, a settlement could not be agreed with the Insurers. When it was evident that there was no scope for the Supermarket Site, negotiations were again begun with the Insurers and permission has been sought to demolish the remains of the building. A further letter from the Chief Planner stated that the Council is prepared to withhold any action to carry out the demolition works in default for the time being but that the situation will be reviewed in two months time.

Recreation Land Nothing reported.

Thirsk Post Office In reply to an enquiry regarding the proposed changes at Thirsk Post Office, the District Manager, Post Office Counters, stated that negotiations had taken place with someone with premises suitable to offer Post Office Counter facilities but he had withdrawn. Negotiations are now being carried out with someone else and it is hoped that the discussions will be brought to a mutually acceptable stage. The Town Council will be informed as soon as there is anything definite to report.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

River Pollution A letter from the District Council's Principal Engineer stated that a quotation has been received from a pumping equipment specialise for the conversion of the existing electrical control equipment controlling the operation of the two existing pumps to convert the pumps to high speed operation only, with full automatic changeover from the 'duty' pump to the 'standby' pump in the event of blockage or failure of the 'duty' pump. With regard to the suggestion that 'continuous monitoring of the Cod Beck is carried out' it is confirmed that the pumping station is visited on a routine basis on each morning of the working week in order to check the status of the pumps. If it is found that the equipment has for any reason failed, immediate action is taken as is the case when the station is reported as giving problems at any other time. The Council's operatives who visit the station have been asked to report any instances when the emergency overflow into the Cod Beck has been operating in order that the condition of the Beck can be monitored. The Yorkshire Water Authority's Pollution Prevention Officer is also aware of the problems and his staff are also closely monitoring the condition of the Cod Beck. It was agreed to express dis-satisfaction with this reply and to request that the conversion of the pumps be carried out as a matter of urgency. It was also agreed to ask the Yorks. Water Authority for details of their monitoring policy.

Word Processor An Amstrad PCW 9512 Word Processor is being obtained from The Computer Shop at Northallerton.

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Street Sweeping A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stated that at the present time, the specification for street sweeping in the Thirsk area is imprecise and that the main thrust of the proposal has been to provide detailed schedules of street sweeping which are consistent throughout the main areas of population in the Hambleton District. It may well be that when these schedules are implemented, together with the necessary management infrastructure and on costs, it will be possible to apportion costs in the manner described by the Town Council, but this information is not currently available. It had been hoped to reach agreement throughout the district on the level of financial contribution for street cleansing although it was anticipated that this was going to be a sensitive issue. It is now the intention to implement the revisions to the street cleansing schedules forthwith as the time is now very short to organise the necessary contractual details prior to Competitive Tendering. Discussions with other town and parish councils involved has, in each case produced a satisfactory conclusion. The C.E.H.O. then suggested that a further meeting with the Town Council may be advisable. It was agreed that a meeting with Mr. Burnett be arranged as soon as possible.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths The proposed meeting has not yet been arranged.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Reply to the request for the extension of the speed limit still awaited.

Post Box - Dowber Way A letter from the District Head Postmaster's office stated that the Post Office agrees that additional posting facilities are warranted in the Dowber Way area. A site had been identified but has since been absorbed into private land and it is now necessary to identify another suitable site. The Post Office have a commitment to provide a posting box as soon as practicable.

Christmas Lights A letter from the Rotary Club stated that it has decided it is not prepared to contribute towards the Christmas Lights. The Chairman reminded members of the need for items to sell on the stall at the Flea Market for the Christmas Lights fund.

Parking - The Greens The Chairman reported that the Sub Committee had met and are drawing up a scheme for the Greens.

Driving and Parking on Pavements Reply from the Police awaited.

Coach Park Signs A letter from the Chief Planner & Technical Officer's Department stated that the location of direction signs on and adjacent to the public highway is the responsibility of the N.Y.C.C. as Highway Authority and the Town Council's request has been forwarded to the County Surveyor.

Footway near Bridge Garage A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that work is to be carried out to define more clearly not only the edge of the carriageway, but also the back of the footpath on a line agreed with the owner of the garage.

Coach Parking - Market Place Nothing reported.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme A meeting has been arranged in the Town Hall for 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19th September together with an exhibition on Safety in the Home.

The Greens A letter from Mrs. P. Hunt of the Residents' Association asked if any help is available from the Town Council towards the cost of edging The Greens and noted that Sowerby Parish Council obtained C.A.P.E. grant to improve the edges of Sowerby Greens. It was agreed to reply that the Greens in Sowerby belong to the Parish Council whereas the Greens in Thirsk are only held on lease and permission would have to be obtained from the owner before any work could be carried out.

F. D. Todd & Sons Letter of complaint received from Mrs. P. Hunt regarding the nuisance and inconvenience to residents caused by traffic to and from F. D. Todd & Sons depot and stating that the company are trading as Builders Merchants without planning permission. The letter alleged that vehicles leave the depot at 6.15 a.m. and return as late as 10.30 p.m.

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F. D. Todd & Sons cont/ The letter also stated that the residents feel that these times are intolerable and as it seems that the company will not be resited for some considerable time, it is felt that the residents should have to put up with this extra nuisance brought about by extra trading that does not have Planning permission. A 'log' of traffic visiting F. D. Todd & Sons premises on Saturday, 22nd July showed a traffic flow of 112 vehicles between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr. K. Todd, who was present, to speak. Mr. Todd stated that his vehicles do not return at 10.30 p.m. unless, on an odd occasion, a breakdown has occurred. The business has operated as a Builders Merchants since 1928 when planning permission was not required. The company are very anxious to relocate and wish to move to a site at Blakey Lane, which is not favoured by the planning officers. There is no suitable land at the Industrial Park; the only site large enough is at the front of the Park and is reserved for 'prestige' businesses. At the request of Coun. Craig, Mr. Todd agreed to instruct his drivers to drive slowly across the Green in order to decrease the dust nuisance. It was agreed to recommend that the residents write individually to the Chief Planning Officer, supporting F. D. Todd & Sons application to locate their business at Blakey Lane.

Correspondence

Provision of a Gipsy Site in the Thirsk Area A letter from the Chief Planner's Department stated that the District Council have considered a report appraising the remaining six sites against the criteria adopted for site assessment. Having considered the report the Council resolved that the site to the West of the A168 and South of the York Road roundabout, most closely meets the adopted criteria for site selection and recommends it as a permanent gipsy site to serve the Thirsk area. The County Council whose statutory responsibility it is to provide the site, has been informed of the Council's decision and it is expected that it will progress the matter through the three major stages to development.

Hambleton Visitor Guide Letter received from Yorkshire Publishing inviting the Council to place an advertisement in 'Come & Stay in Herriot Country'. Prop. Coun Hall, sec. Coun. Bentley 'that this Council does not advertise in the publication'. Voting - 8 in Favour - 1 Against.

Street Naming & Numbering - Station Road, Sowerby, Thirsk Letter received from the Chief Planner's Department, inviting comments on the name 'Thirsk Business Park' for a recent commercial development, carried out adjacent to Station Road (Parish of Sowerby). It was agreed that there are no objections.

Appeal - F. D. Todd & Sons Notice received of the appeal by F. D. Todd & Sons due to failure by Hambleton District Council to determine the application for 'Use of Agricultural Land for a Transport Depot at Blakey Lane, Sowerby.' Because the date by which comments had to be received by the Department of Environment was before that of this meeting, the Chairman had authorised the reiteration of this Council's comments which were in favour of the application. This action was endorsed.

East Thirsk Community Association Letter received from the Chairman of the E.T.C.A. stating that no representative of the Town Council has attended Committee meetings for some considerable time and asking if the Council would like to nominate a new representative. It was agreed to reply that if the Town Council are notified of meetings, every effort will be made for someone to attend.

Street Sweeping Letter received from the District Council's Treasurer, enclosing a statement detailing the calculation of this Council's contribution to street sweeping costs for 1988/89, and advising that in view of the revised basis of contribution being introduced for 1989/90 arrangements have been made to forward a cheque for £311.87 being the balance due to the Town Council for 1988/89.

Appeal by Executors of Mrs. A. Reynard Notice received of the Appeal by the Executors of Mrs. A. Reynard against the refusal by Hambleton District Council to grant planning permission for residential development at 5, Front Street, Norby. It was agreed not to make any further comments on this application.

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Footpath & Road - Three Tuns Yard Letter received from the Chief Executive's Department stating that Scottish & Newcastle Breweries have confirmed that they are the owners of the private roadway and footpaths leading to the Three Tuns Yard and have indicated that they will look at the footpath to see what works need to be done and investigate the possibility of that being undertaken as soon as possible.

Thirsk Museum & Tourist Information Centre Letter received from the Chairman stating that the Museum Society is disappointed to learn of the Town Council's detailed comments on the proposal for the 'Display of a Non Illuminated Sign at Thirsk Museum'. It considers that the comments are misplaced, demonstrate a lack of understanding of the Society's long term intentions and introduce matters which have nothing whatsoever to do with the merits of the case. The letter also listed items of information about the Museum and Tourist Information Centre, including the Society's intentions if permission is granted. Prop. Coun. Salmon, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that a reply be sent stating that the Town Council are pleased to note - "that the District Council has been informed that, if permission is granted, the wooden 'Museum' sign, the metal 'logo' depicting the old drover and some of the Tourist Information window stickers would be superseded and thus could be removed for internal use."'. Agreed.

Seat - White Mare Corner Quotation received from Mr. Hopps for repairs to the seat situated at White Mare Corner.

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| 6 New Rails | fitted and treated | - Cost in Hardwood Iroko | £150.22 + V.A.T. |
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Coun. Hall stated that as the damage to the seat was caused by onlookers when there was a fire at Rose's Furniture Factory, he would ask Mr. Rose if he will pay for the cost of repairs.

Date of October Meeting Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall 'that the date of the October meeting be changed from the 16th to the 23rd to accommodate the Clerk's holidays.' Agreed.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0181C</u> | Stead & Simpson PLC | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0273B</u> | GSM Graphic Arts Ltd | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0372</u> | Mr. & Mrs. B. Fall | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0373</u> | Mr. K. Trenholme | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0374</u> | Kathryn Wadsworth | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0375</u> | Mr. J. Bailey | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0379</u> | Mr. & Mrs. K. Rowland | Granted |

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

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| <u>2/89/152/0053G</u> | Alterations to Existing Shop at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York. |
| <u>2/89/152/0053H</u> | Display of a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York. <u>No Objections to the applications but note that the development includes the taking out of a chimney breast on the ground floor which must not cause the need for the chimney stack to be removed.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0053J</u> | Listed Building Consent for the above applications. |
| <u>2/89/152/0062L</u> | Revised Details of an Extension to Existing Hotel at Hollin Barn for R. Davies & K. Riley. <u>No Objections.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0351A</u> | Application for Listed Building Consent for the Replacement of 2 Windows at The Hall for Mr. J. Bell. <u>No Objections.</u> |

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Extension to Existing Bungalow at 4, Woolmoor Close for Mr. & Mrs. K. Hall.

No Objections but would prefer the roof to be pitched.2/89/152/0381

Provision of a Front Canopy at 63, Hambleton Avenue for K. Fillery.

No Objections.2/89/152/0073F

Installation of a Cash Dispenser at Yorkshire Bank.

No Objections.2/89/152/0368A

Additional Use of Existing Storage Building for Retail Purposes at Rear of 21, Millgate for J. M. Leighton.

No Objections.2/89/152/0291A

Provision of New Shop Front at 7/9, Westgate for A Robinson.

Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the linking of 2 shops with 1 window would result in a lack of visual amenity. It is suggested that the planning officers advise the applicant on the type of shop front acceptable under the District Council's Guidelines.Accounts The following accounts were presented for payment and approved.
Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Bell.Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Superintendent - August | - £298.00 |
| Thirsk Motors | - Petrol | - £ 9.60 |
| Power Point | - Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks to 7.7.89 | - £ 69.00 |
| C. E. & C. M. Walker | - Grass Cutting - 2 x July | - £133.40 |
| <u>Additional Accounts</u> | | |
| Power Point | - Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks to 4.8.89 | - £ 69.00 |
| The Computer Shop | - Word Processor + 2 Discs & 1 Ribbon | - £587.80 |

ReportsThe Clerk reported that the Auditor has recommended that the Fidelity Guarantee insurance be increased to £2,000 and had stated that receipts would be required for amounts spent under the Chairman's Allowance. He had suggested that the Chairman claim mileage.Coun. Bell reported on the meeting held to discuss the problem of heavy traffic through Thirsk.Any Other BusinessFinkle Street Bridge Coun. Davison stated that the promised repairs to Finkle Street Bridge have not been carried out. Mr. Woods attention to be drawn to this.Industrial Park Sign The District Council to be reminded again that there are letters missing from the sign at the entrance to the Industrial Park.Heavy Traffic Referring to the incident when a lorry shed its load of steel girders in Finkle Street, Coun. Salmon stated that the Town Council should insist that heavy lorries are banned from the town. It was agreed to write to the County Surveyor requesting that steps are taken to prevent such accidents from happening.Parking for the Disabled The Chairman stated that the 'Disabled Parking' signs in the Market Place are visible to motorists travelling in one direction only. The District Council to be asked to rectify this.Badge of Office The Chairman told the meeting that when she attended the 'Yorkshire Day' Civic event at Whitby, she was the only mayor with a badge on a ribbon, all the others being on chains and asked members to think about acquiring a chain in the future.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st AUGUST 1989

Page 482...Mr. Ballard replied that this would not be a planning reason for refusal. Each Planning Application is considered on its own merits without regard to the previous record of the person submitting the plans and Central Government believes that adequate law processes exist to ensure enforcement.

Page 484 Christmas Lights The letter formulated by Coun. Bentley, to be sent to all the businesses in the Market Place, was rejected.

Page 486 Thirsk Museum 'This not having been in the original submission' to be added.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 18th September 1989 at 7.30 p. m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, J. M. M. Salmon, D. S. Bentley, D. E. Loveden.

Apologies for Absence accepted from Coun. H. D. Craig (ill health), Coun. R. S. Hall (away on business), Coun. A. J. Davison (away on business).

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved with an addendum, and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Salmon, sec. Coun. Bell.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tourist Signs Letter received from the Yorkshire & Humberside Tourist Board, together with a copy of 'Strategy for Signposting for Tourism', stating that a meeting of a Working Party on Tourism Signposting it was informally agreed that signposting for 'James Herriot's Surgery' could be justified under their current criteria. It was again agreed not to take any action until after the review on tourist signing takes place later in the year.

Parochial Charities Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land Nothing reported.

Thirsk Post Office It was reported that the N.Y. Co-operative Society premises are being considered for a Sub Post Office.

Dog Fouling Nothing reported.

River Pollution Letter received from the National Rivers Authority giving details of the monitoring policy for Cod Beck which, up to the 1st September, was dictated by the Yorkshire Water Authority, and stating that the N.R.A. would expect to increase the frequencies of monitoring provided that the resources are made available by Central Government. To supplement the existing monitoring programme it is intended to install a continuous dissolved oxygen meter downstream of Thirsk sewage works to evaluate its impact. It was agreed to request that meters also be installed south of Finkle Street Bridge, to monitor any effluent spillage from the pumping station, and north of the bridge, in the Norby area to evaluate any problems from that direction. It was reported that oil is being discharged from an old sewer in the vicinity of Finkle Street Bridge and is being monitored by the N.R.A. It was agreed to write to the N.R.A., Yorkshire Water and Hambleton District Council requesting them to co-operate in tracing the source of the oil and ridding the river of this pollution.

Charity Commission Scheme for Thirsk Swimming Baths A copy letter from the Secretary of the Flatts Preservation Trust, to Sowerby Parish Council, stated that this matter is to be on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

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Speed Limit - Newsham Road Nothing reported.

Post Box - Dowber Way Nothing reported.

Christmas Lights The stall at the Flea Market raised £55.40 towards the Lights. Donations of £15.00 & £20.00 received from the Inner Wheel & Civic Society.

Parking - The Greens Report awaited.

Driving & Parking on Pavements Reply still awaited.

Coach Parking - Market Place It was agreed to request a progress report from Hambleton District Council.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Members were reminded of the meeting to be held on 19th September.

Damage to Finkle Street Bridge Mr. Woods is investigating.

Heavy Traffic through Thirsk A letter from the County Surveyor stated that he supports in principle the need to redirect heavy traffic, particularly on the east-west corridor, onto the A168 route and off the A61 route. A report is being prepared for the next meeting of the Area No. 1 Highways Sub Committee when a number of possible options, including local restrictions, will be considered. Coun. Murkett referred to the meeting of representatives of all the parishes concerned with the problems of heavy traffic, at which Councillor Wilson, Chairman of Area No. 1 Highways Sub Committee, had agreed to try to have a weight restriction imposed on the road from the A1 to Skipton Bridge via Ainderby Quernhow. Some members questioned whether he could achieve this but were reminded that the view of the joint meeting was that the matter should be left to him. It was agreed that a census of heavy traffic through the town should be carried out and the Chairman was empowered to seek the assistance of the other parishes concerned.

Street Sweeping The Chairman reported on a meeting with the Chief Environmental Health Officer which had also been attended by Couns. Loveden and Murkett. Recommendations had been made on the street sweeping rota. Mr. Burnett had explained why it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the various costs of street sweeping at the present time. The original estimate for this Council's contribution was £3,000 but it is considered that an offer of £2,650 would be acceptable. Prop. Coun. Roberts, sec. Coun. Salmon 'that this Council offer to pay a fixed sum based on £2,650 this year, are not prepared to pay an increase beyond the rate of inflation, and request an annual review'. Voting - 5 in Favour - 1 Against. Mr. Burnett had promised to carry out a review of the town's litter bins and had indicated that further improvements would be made to the toilets.

Correspondence

Play Equipment An Engineer's Report from Municipal Mutual Insurance indicated that all the play equipment at Norby is in order.

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Bus Services Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding amendments to local bus services and inviting comment. It was agreed to request a copy of the new timetable from the County Council.

Thirsk Parochial Church Council Letter received from the Treasurer, requesting consideration of a grant towards the maintenance of the churchyard. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden, 'that a grant of £200 be made'. Agreed.

Street Naming & Numbering Letter received from the Chief Planner regarding the naming of new roads on Phase 2 at 'The Coppice' and asking for comments on the list of names provided. Members agreed with the continuation of 'Herriot Way' and suggested also 'Herriot Close', 'Drovers Road' and 'Allerdale Close'.

National Fire Safety Week Letter received from the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service asking if the Council can provide a venue for them to hold an open evening, during National Fire Safety Week, where advice could be given to local residents on Fire Safety. It was agreed to reply that the local Fire Station would be an ideal venue.

Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Area Letter received from the Chief Planner regarding the proposed extension to the Conservation Area and inviting comment on the proposals. With the exception of Coun. Bentley, members welcomed the proposals for Thirsk as presented. It was agreed to suggest that the Ings between The Holmes and Stockton Road be included and to request an up to date list of Listed Buildings in Thirsk.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0371</u> | Quadra Ltd | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0287A</u> | Mr. S. R. Ballard | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0213B</u> | Thirsk Museum Society | Granted |

Plans Observations were made on the following planning applications:

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| <u>2/89/152/0319C</u> | Change of Use of Part of Existing Dwelling to a Restaurant at 27, Ingramgate for A. W. Ratcliffe. <u>Recommend Refusal on the grounds that it is contrary to Policies H10 & H11 of the Local Plan. The restaurant could not operate without signs which would be the next application. There would be traffic congestion, a precedent would be set and encroachment into the residential area which is to be in part of the proposed extension to the Conservation Area.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0090E</u> | Use of Part of Existing Dwelling for Retail Purposes at 11, Westgate for J.C.K. Buckingham. <u>Recommend Refusal due to lack of information which makes it impossible to pass comment.</u> |

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2/89/152/0309X

Conversion of, and Extension to, Existing Out-Buildings to form a Dwellinghouse and 4 Flats and Construction of a Replacement Dwelling at Rear of Former Golden Lion for Mr. T. Watson.

2/89/152/0309Y

Listed Building Consent for Demolition of Part of Existing Outbuildings at Rear of Former Golden Lion for Mr. T. Watson.

The Council see no reason for the buildings to be demolished without evidence by way of a Structural Engineer's Report that this needs to be done.
Previous applications have been resisted and this decision is supported.

2/89/152/0303B

Change of Use of Existing First Floor Living Accommodation to Offices at 21, Millgate for Mr. A. Schofield.

Conversion to Offices, which would mean the loss of living accommodation close to the town centre, should be resisted.

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

Accounts as Circulated.

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - | Payment as Cemetery Supt. - Sept. | - | £ 298.00✓ |
| Hambleton D.C. | - | Rates - Cem. Lodge - 2nd Half Year | - | £ 201.04✓ |
| Yorks. Water | - | Water Charges - Cem. Lodge - 2nd Half Year | - | £ 69.20✓ |
| Power Point | - | Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks to 1.9.89. | - | £ 69.00✓ |
| Thirsk Motors | - | Petrol | - | £ 9.19✓ |
| P. Smith | - | Salary - July - Sept. £450.00 | | |
| | | Admin. Exps., Telephone | | |
| | | Rental & travel to Audit | £ 86.59 | £ 536.59✓ |
| C. E. Walker | - | Grass Cutting - 2 x August | - | £ 133.40✓ |

Additional Accounts

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| Computer Shop | - | Discs for Word Processor | - | £ 30.00✓ |
| Mun. Mut. Insee | - | Ins. Cover for Word Processor | - | £ 10.96✓ |
| Thirsk P.C.C. | - | Donation to upkeep of Churchyard | - | £ 200.00✓ |
| Nat/Anglia B.S. | - | Transfer to Building Society Account- | | £6000.00✓ |
| P. McKay | - | Work in Mill Gdns. 4 Hours at £2.50 | - | £ 10.00 |

The Clerk explained that, for personal reasons, she had not accepted all of the rise allocated to her in the precept.

Reports

Coun. Bell reported on a Chamber of Trade meeting at which Phase 2 of the Market Place Improvement Scheme had been discussed. It had been recommended that the telephone kiosks be re-sited at the east side of the public conveniences, a better type of stone be used for the pavements and concern had been expressed that one of the proposed trees was to be sited too near the road. The Chairman stated that similar comments had been made by a sub committee of this Council. Coun. Bell also stated that a request had been made for work on Phase 2 to be suspended for 2 weeks at Christmas.

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Coun. Bentley referred to a meeting on The Holmes at which it had been decided that the ditches and some trees needed clearing out. It was agreed that a working party is needed.

Coun. Murkett reported on the L. C. A. Annual General Meeting and Training Weekend where discussion had taken place on various subjects including land reclamation and dog fouling.

Any Other Business

Cemetery Coun. Murkett expressed concern at expenditure versus income at the Cemetery. It was agreed that a sub committee meeting should be held in the near future to discuss various matters in connection with the Cemetery.

Millgate Car Park Coun. Bentley referred to the fact that no action is taken regarding parking on the grass in the Car Park. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of the District Council and to request the replacement of 12 car parking spaces lost when the Coach Park was created.

Sign - Finkle Street Coun. Roberts drew attention to a plastic, internally illuminated projecting sign which has been erected at Chris. Crow & Co., apparently without planning permission. This to be referred to the Planning Department H.D.C.

Bottle Bank Coun. Roberts stated that she had received suggestions that it would be beneficial to have a Bottle Bank at the William Low Supermarket. As this is in Sowerby Parish, it was agreed to ask Sowerby Parish Council if they will explore the possibility of a Bottle Bank being sited there.

Sub Committees The allocation of sub committees to be placed on the Agenda for the October meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

Freda M Roberts.
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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 23rd October 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, J. M. M. Salmon, P. J. M. Benson, R. S. Hall, A. J. Davison, D. S. Bentley + 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. Bell (on holiday)

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

Petition for a Pelican Crossing on Long Street The members of the public, parents of children attending Thirsk County Primary School, attended the meeting to present a petition, with more than 1400 signatures, requesting a Pelican Crossing to replace the Zebra Crossing on Long Street, for Coun. Murkett to take to the County Council. The petition was read to the meeting and cited the problems encountered by pedestrians crossing Long Street. Coun. Murkett referred to the criteria which has to be met in order for a Pelican Crossing to be provided and agreed to present the petition at a meeting on 1st November. Coun. Salmon stated that traffic islands in the wide road area from White Mare Corner to the Jet Garage would be an advantage to pedestrians. It was agreed not to pursue this at the present time.

Coun. Loveden referred to the lack of etiquette at the previous meeting and requested members to speak through the 'Chair'.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Parochial Charities The Chairman told the meeting that a meeting of those concerned with the Parochial Charities is to be held in early December. It was considered that the meeting should be held in the near future.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land Coun. Hall stated that the Governors of the school are not in favour of part of the field being used as a play area for the small children of East Thirsk. Coun. Craig reported that negotiations are taking place between the Hambleton District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

Thirsk Post Office It was agreed to write to the postal authorities stating that if the North Yorkshire Co-operative Society premises are to be used for Post Office purposes it will be necessary, in the interests of safety, for improvements to be carried out to the existing entrance and exit.

Dog Fouling Letter received from the Chief Environmental Health Officer stating that a Community Environment Officer, Mrs. P. Macintyre, has been appointed whose main duties will include campaigning against littering and dog fouling and is empowered to enforce local byelaws relating to these problems. It was agreed to ask the C. E. O. to a specially convened meeting in early 1990 to speak about her work and invite members of neighbouring Parish Councils.

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River Pollution Letter received from Yorkshire Water, stating that recent changes in the Industry mean that it is now responsible for any trade effluents which create problems in the sewerage system, although the National Rivers Authority is responsible for the control of discharges direct to rivers or streams. Yorkshire Water's Trade Effluent Inspectors will investigate the possibility of oil in the Cod Beck causing a problem.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Coun. Murkett agreed to enquire why a reply has not been received to the requests for the speed limit to be extended on Newsham Road.

Post Box - Dowber Way The Postal Authority to be asked to treat the provision of a post box in this area as a matter of urgency.

Christmas Lights It was pointed out that Phase II of the Market Place Improvement Scheme will be in progress in the area where the Christmas Tree is sited at the time when the tree should be erected. Couns. Craig and Murkett to take up this matter with Mr. Erbe. Concern was expressed that the cost of the Christmas Decorations this year will exceed the amount allocated for this purpose. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Murkett 'to go ahead with the Christmas Lights and the tree, with Mr. Johnston carrying out the work, provided that there is no additional capital outlay except the cost of bulbs and the increase in Mr. Johnston's labour charge'. Agreed.

Parking - The Greens Report awaited from Coun. Bell.

Driving & Parking on Pavements It was agreed to write to the Police requesting a reply.

Coach Parking - Market Place Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the request will be brought to the attention of the Officer dealing with the matter, when he returns from leave.

Heavy Traffic Through Thirsk It was reported that the survey, agreed to at the September meeting, has not yet been carried out. It was agreed, that with Dishforth being open again, the survey should be carried out as soon as possible.

Street Sweeping Nothing reported.

Bus Services New timetables for local bus services received. The Chairman reported that complaints had been received regarding buses on the new route through St. Mary's and Dowber Way and these had been referred to the Public Transport Officer.

Extension to Conservation Area A copy of Thirsk's Listed Buildings had been received.

Market Place Improvement Scheme - Phase II A letter from the Chief Planner referred to this Council's comments on the proposals and made the following response: Pavements It is intended to use York stone, similar to that in Phase I, and particular attention will be given to ensuring that the stone supplied by the contractor, and its subsequent laying, complies fully with the requirements of the Council's and English Heritage's specification for this material. The areas of Phase I footpaths have been accepted by the County Council.

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Telephone Kiosks It was understood that, following earlier discussions with British Telecom, that the decision had been made for the telephone kiosks to remain in their present position. Following representations from the Town Council, Chamber of Trade and a local trader, the matter has again been taken up with British Telecom. Trees

The proposed Maple tree which was to have been sited adjacent to the carriageway will now be sited slightly further away from the road.

Public Conveniences A scheme has been designed and prepared for the provision of a pitched roof. Bollards The existing concrete bollards on the west side of the pedestrian access immediately to the rear of the Post Office are to be retained until the completion of the works included in Phase II(b) of the scheme, at which time ornamental cast iron bollards will be installed at the western end of the Post Office building. Concern was expressed about the siting of the bollards but members were told by Coun. Murkett that, since the letter had been written, it had been decided to replace the concrete bollards, in their existing position, with cast iron ones. Coun. Murkett also stated that the telephone kiosks are to be re-sited. It was agreed to request an updated plan showing the re-sited tree and the bollards and to express concern that the relaid Phase I footpaths could still be dangerous in icy weather.

Millgate Car Park Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that when the Council last considered this matter it was that the grassed area was retained for both planning and environmental reasons and also because the area would not provide many more spaces and would affect others which are currently provided but would have to be removed for access purposes. The request will be drawn to the attention of the Chief Planner and his comments sought.

Sign - 2, Finkle Street Letter received from the Chief Planner stating that this matter is being investigated by the Council's Enforcement Officer.

Bottle Bank It was reported that Sowerby Parish Council are pursuing this matter with the William Low supermarket. Coun. Benson stated that he will be attending a Recycling Exhibition and will find out information about Tin Banks.

Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting The Chairman reported on the sub committee meeting which had been attended by herself, Couns. Loveden and Craig and the Clerk. It had been decided that members should become involved in the running of the Cemetery. The footpaths are in need of attention and quotations were being invited for the work of replacing one of the paths. The parchment plan of the Cemetery is in a very bad state and in need of restoration. Coun. Salmon to examine the plan before advice is sought.

Quotations for the work of Replacing a Cemetery Footpath The Clerk stated that Specifications for the work had been sent out to 6 local contractors and only 1 quotation received. A Quotation of £650.00 was received from Mr. J. D. Barr. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Murkett 'that the quotation be accepted'. Agreed.

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Re-Allocation of Representatives & Sub Committees

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Salmon appointed to replace Coun. Loveden.

Community Care Association There being no representative at the present time, Coun. Benson agreed to be appointed.

Cemetery Sub Committee Coun. Salmon co-opted.

Footpaths & Rights of Way Coun. Benson appointed to replace former Coun. Miss M. Lowe.

East Thirsk Community Association It was agreed to again request the dates of meetings.

Finance Coun. Murkett told the meeting that with the introduction of the Poll Tax, the Council will have to be more professional in the handling of their finances. It was agreed to the formation of a Finance Sub Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Murkett, Coun. Salmon and the Clerk.

Correspondence

Thirsk & District Mini Bus Letter received giving details of the charges for the use of the mini bus. It was agreed that this should be displayed in the Council's Notice Board.

Industrial Site - York Road Letter presented on behalf of owners of land on York Road, which adjoins the York Road roundabout and in close proximity to the site identified as a site for gipsies. Coun. Hall declared an interest by reason of the fact that his wife is the owner of part of the land. The writer of the letter, Mr. R. M. Sharpouse, sought the Council's views on the use of this land for industry before advising his clients to submit a planning application as a preliminary approach to the Planning Department of H.D.C. had not met with an encouraging response. It was agreed to reply that the site is in Sowerby parish, not Thirsk, and that the Council are unable to comment until a planning application has been submitted.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Notice received of the Annual General Meeting to be held at Knaresborough on 4th November. Coun. Salmon stated that the Parish Map has reached the final of the Village Ventures Competition which is sponsored by the Rural Community Council and was congratulated on his involvement with the map.

Thirsk Chamber of Trade Letter received from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade regarding the overnight and weekend parking of mini buses and local coaches on the Coach Parking area of the Millgate Car Park and also referring to the fact that as the Car Parking Superintendents do not work after 2.00 p.m., any kind of vehicle is able to park on the Coach Park. The Town Council's help was sought in persuading the District Council to take action. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the District Council be requested to amend the byelaws to designate the area set aside for coach parking in the Millgate Car Park as an 'Official Coach Park' with the correct signs and limitation of time for parking'. Agreed. It was also agreed to request that the Car Parking Superintendents work flexi hours.

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Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0291A</u> | Andrew Robinson | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0376</u> | Mr & Mrs. T. E. Dennis | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0062L</u> | R. Davies & K. Riley | Granted |
| <u>2/89/1252/0381</u> | Mr. K. Fillery | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0351A</u> | John Bell | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0073F</u> | Yorkshire Bank PLC | Granted |

Planning Applications Observations were made on the following Plans;

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| <u>2/89/152/0309Z</u> | Application for Listed Bldg Consent for Internal Alterations to Existing Building at 62, Market Place (Former Golden Lion) for Mr. T. Watson <u>No Representations.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0336F</u> | Construction of One Pair of Semi-Detached Bungalows at 3, Stoneybrough Close for Mr. C. Pollitt. <u>No Objections but suggest that, in the interests of Energy Conservation, the window lights be on the south side.</u> |

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

Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr | - | Payment as Cemetery Supt. Oct. | - | £298.00- |
| Wakefield | - | Stationery from Y.P.O. | - | £ 38.47- |
| M.D.C. | | | | |
| Thirsk Motors | - | Petrol | - | £ 10.15- |
| C. E. Walker | - | Grass Cutting - 2 x September | - | £133.40- |
| Audit Comm. | - | Audit Fee - Year ended 31.3.89 | - | £259.96- |

Additional Accounts

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| Power Point | - | Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks to 29.9.89 | - | £ 69.00- |
| Sowerby P. C. | - | One third share of the cost of cutting The Flatts (as agreed) | - | £177.33- |
| P. McKay | - | Work in Mill Gardens - 3 Hours | - | £ 7.50- |

Reports

The Chairman reported that a piece of the facing stone at the base of the Town Clock had broken off. Repairs had been carried out free of charge by D. G. Collinson & Son, Monumental Masons. A letter of thanks to be sent. Seven coping stones had been removed from the wall in the Mill Gardens and replaced by Mr. Barr. It was considered that the inside of the wall needs building up in order for the coping stones to be fixed more firmly.

Coun. Salmon reported that the Citizens Advice Bureau meeting had been told that the number of housing enquiries had increased from people in trouble. Another access is required into the office at Thirsk, via the entrance hall of the Town Hall, in addition to the door at the front of the main building in order to offer privacy to those being interviewed.

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Coun. Murkett reported on the Civic Service held at St. Oswald's Church, Sowerby.

Coun. Loveden reported that he understands that there will not be a parade in Thirsk on Remembrance Sunday because of the fear of terrorist activities.

Any Other Business

Parking - Market Place Coun. Bentley suggested that if the Market Place byelaws are to be amended with regard to limited parking time for coaches to set down and pick up passengers, they could also be amended to allow only short term parking in the area from the front of 22 - 8 Market Place, and on the other side of the road to the front of the Royal Oak. This would relieve the congestion caused by both cars and delivery vehicles. It was agreed to ask the District Council to consider this suggestion.

Omission from 'Re-Allocation of Sub Committees'

Planning Sub-Committee It was agreed that the sub-committee should be reduced to 4, consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Coun. Bell and Coun. Hall with all members being notified of meetings and welcome to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Fredam Roberts.
20.11.89.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 20th November 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. E. Loveden, J. Bell, H. D. Craig, D. S. Bentley, A. J. Davison, J. M. Salmon, R. S. Hall, P. J. M. Benson.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. D. S. Murkett (attending N.A.L.C meeting).

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

Pelican Crossing - Long Street Coun. Murkett being absent, there was no report on this matter. The Chairman had received a letter from a member of the public who had been knocked down on the present Zebra Crossing. It was agreed to pass this to Coun. Murkett. Coun. Craig reported that children are deliberately riding across the Zebra Crossing in front of oncoming traffic. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the Police.

Parochial Charities Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Thirsk County Primary School & Recreation Land Coun. Craig reported that talks are taking place between the District and County Councils regarding the use of a small piece of the school playing field as a play area for small children. Coun. Hall again stated that the School Governors do not favour this. Coun. Salmon stated that the District Council are wrong in disregarding the Inspector's recommendation that the piece of land at Dowber Way/Hambleton Place should be designated as a play area for small children and considered that both areas should be utilised for this purpose. Coun. Craig stated that he would continue to support the opponents of the use of the land at Dowber Way/Hambleton Place as a play area. Prop. Coun. Salmon, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Town Council should pursue the use of the land at Dowber Way/Hambleton Place as a play area in addition to the piece of land in the school playing field.' Voting - 6 in Favour - 1 Against -2 Abstentions.

Thirsk Post Office Letter received from the Network Review Manager confirming that the Post Office will be transferred to the North Yorkshire Co-operative Society where proposals are currently being drawn up. With regard to the entrance and exit facilities, if any alterations are to be made they will be done by the Co-op but it is felt that they are suitable and with the added bonus of being virtually level. It is the policy to try to provide premises whereby access for the disabled and people with prams is a major consideration and it is felt that the North Yorkshire Co-operative Society is an excellent site. Coun. Craig expressed concern at the possibility of the transfer of the Post Office coinciding with Phase II of the Market Place Improvement Scheme when problems could be created with the pavements being removed. It was agreed to write to the Post Office requesting a layout plan and refer to Coun. Craig's concern.

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Dog Fouling The Clerk reported that the Community Environment Officer had expressed her willingness to attend a meeting early in 1990.

River Pollution It was reported that there is still a great deal of oil pollution in the Cod Beck and although the National Rivers Authority have carried out tests and fixed booms at the outlets of drains, the problem has not been solved. It was agreed to send a strong letter to the District Council requiring them to take action to rid the river of this pollution.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Due to the absence of Coun. Murkett, nothing was reported on this matter.

Post Box - Dowber Way The post box has now been installed and is in use.

Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that arrangements are in hand for the tree and strings of lights to be illuminated from 11th December to 4th January 1990. The Chairman has arranged for the Christmas Tree to be delivered on 8th December.

Parking - The Greens It was agreed that the sub committee should meet with members of the Residents Association for the Preservation of The Greens.

Driving & Parking on Pavements Letter presented from Police Inspector Ford explaining the situation regarding this problem and stating that, as he is new to the area, he would appreciate a meeting with the Town Council to discuss this and similar complaints. Inspector Ford has been invited to attend the December meeting.

Coach Parking - Market Place & Millgate Car Park A letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that in a report to the Council's Leisure & Amenities Committee, it is intended to recommend that the Coach Park in Millgate Car Park be utilised for parking for not in excess of 2 hours between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, thus still permitting overnight parking. Members are also to be asked to consider amending the existing Order to restrict coaches at the Market Place remaining for no more than 10 minutes. They will also be asked to consider a provision for parking for the disabled in front of Gateway. It will also be suggested that the area in front of 8 - 22, Market Place and in front of the Royal Oak be restricted to 30 minute parking. Under the present Order, anyone infringing the same and is prosecuted, is liable to incur a penalty of £100 plus £15 costs which is paid to the Crown and those convicted have a criminal conviction to their name. A suggestion is to be made to the Committee that the Order be amended to include a provision that for parking in excess of 2 hours a penalty should be paid which would result in penalties being paid direct to the Council and would avoid the need to commence legal proceedings in most cases. Where the existing Order is to be amended, full consultation will take place with the Town Council before any Order is made. Coun. Craig stated that a new site is required for parking for the disabled because of the Market Place Improvement Scheme. The area outside Gateway is unsuitable because of parking restrictions on Market Days.

End

Parking cont/ It was agreed to put forward Coun. Bentley's suggestion that the 4 parking spaces facing the North Yorkshire Co-operative Society, the premises for the new Post Office, would be suitable as a permanent site for parking for the disabled. A further letter from the Chief Executive's Department stated that the two Car Park Enforcement Officers have agreed to vary their starting, finishing and lunch break times on a 'random' basis from day to day whilst still keeping within the current limitation of their part-time employment of 15 hours per week. The Council, however, feels that it is necessary for the officers to commence their duties before 9.00 a.m. to ensure that a potential unacceptable parking situation is not allowed to develop. A letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade invited members to their December meeting which will be attended by Mr. Johnson of the District Council's Legal Department who will discuss car and coach parking and the associated problems.

Heavy Traffic through Thirsk The survey has not yet been carried out.

Street Sweeping A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer referred to compulsory competitive tendering for the Council's Refuse Collection and Street Sweeping services and stated that he is currently preparing a specification on the basis of the schedules which were discussed with this Council earlier in the year. There will always be the opportunity for both Councils to make representation regarding changes to the specification but early notification of any major changes which are required regarding street cleansing would be appreciated so that they can be incorporated into the contract documents. The Chairman asked members to consider this and notify the Clerk within the next two weeks of any suggestions they wish to put forward.

Precept & Community Charge A letter from the District Council's Treasurer explained the Community Charge system and stated that after 1st April 1990 all parish expenditure must be financed by a charge on the Community Chargepayers within the parish. The setting of the charge becomes a simple mathematical calculation - expenditure divided by the number of people on the Community Charge register for the parish. The information as regards Community Chargepayer numbers will not be available until sometime in December. Details of the amount required by way of precept for the financial year 1990/91 are required by the 31st December. It is intended that precept payments will be made in two equal instalments in 1990 - 30th April & 27th September. Views on this proposal are required by 8th January 1990. The sub committees recommendations were issued to members and the decision on the amount to be precepted deferred until the December meeting.

Thirsk Local Plan Letter presented from the Chief Planner giving details of the proposed modifications to the Thirsk Local Plan. The Planning sub committee to make comments on these.

Correspondence

North Yorkshire County Council Waste Disposal Plan Copy of the plan presented with the request for comments by 26th January 1990.

End.

Cartel International Rally Letter received from the Chief Planners Department giving details of the Cartel International Rally which takes place 23rd - 25th February 1990 and stating that following the success of the service halt in Thirsk in 1989, the organisers have chosen Thirsk again as a halt for the 1990 rally.

Conservation Areas Preservation & Enhancement Schemes Letter presented from the Chief Planner giving details of the the type of works which may qualify for grants under the scheme. The Council can provide technical assistance and grant aid of 25% of the total cost of a project up to a current maximum of £1500. It was considered that work on the Mill Gardens walls may qualify and agreed that prices should be sought.

Street Lighting A copy letter presented regarding the lack of street lighting between Shire Park and North Kilvington to be passed to Coun. Murkett as County Councillor.

Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Notice received of the AGM to be held in the Town Hall on 29th November.

Thirsk Parish Map Letter presented from Coun. Salmon, as Assistant County Librarian and Chairman of the Civic Society inviting members to the Presentation Ceremony of the Parish Map at the Library on December 8th and asking if the four statutory bodies of Thirsk Town and Sowerby, Carlton Miniott and South Kilvington Parish Councils will accept joint ownership of the Map. The Library does not wish to retain any ownership of the Map but is willing to act as custodian of it as long as it is displayed in the Library. It was agreed that the Town Council are happy to accept joint ownership. The letter also asked if the Council would be prepared to make a small donation to the project which has received grants and sponsorship of £1,000 but has a shortfall of £300. (Coun. Salmon declared an interest). Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall 'that this Council make a donation of £150'. Agreed.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0101</u> | The Victoria Wine Company Ltd | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0053H</u> | Thomas of York Limited | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0215B</u> | Mr. M. Cresswell | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0215C</u> | Mr. M. Cresswell | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0368A</u> | J. M. M. Leighton | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0367</u> | Mr. M. D. Swiers | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0319C</u> | A. W. Ratcliffe | Withdrawn |
| <u>2/89/152/0321E</u> | McLean Homes North East Limited | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0380</u> | Mr. & Mrs. K. Hall | Refused |

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/89/152/0382 Formation of a Pitched Roof on Public Conveniences at Market Place for Hambleton District Council.
No Representations,

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- 2/89/152/0382 Construction of a Commercial Vehicle Garage at 29-33, Westgate for Calverts Carpets.
No Objection to the building but concerned at the colours to be used.
- 2/89/152/0101K Display of an Internally Illuminated Pole Sign at Station Road for Woodhead & Bray.
No Representations.
- 2/89/152/0356A Conversion of Existing Disused Agricultural Building to an Agricultural Workers Dwelling at 'Sunnybank' Green Lane for Mr. & Mrs. G. Bainbridge.
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the proposed development is outside the Local Plan area. It is not part of an agricultural holding and access is half a mile along an unmade private road.
- 2/89/152/0356B Siting of a Residential Caravan at 'Sunnybank' Green Lane for Mr. & Mrs. G. Bainbridge.
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the site is unsuitable for the reasons stated above.
- 2/89/152/0383 Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 6, St. Mary's Avenue for Mr. & Mrs. C. Machen.
No Representations.
- 2/89/152/0291B Change of Use of Existing Ground Floor Shop to Domestic Use at 9, Westgate for Mr. A. Robinson.
Recommend Approval.
- 2/89/152/0384 Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at Market Place for Northern Electric.
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the sign would be detrimental to the amenities of the Market Place in the Conservation Area.
- 2/89/152/0384 Installation of a Filter Unit and a Cyclone at 1, Sutton Road for A. B. Rose.
This development has already taken place. Recommend that conditions be imposed regarding nuisance to neighbouring properties.
- 2/89/152/0131D Extension to Existing dwellinghouse at 27, Tranmire Close for Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Baker.
No Objections.
- 2/89/152/031D Amended Plans for the Provision of a New Shop Front at 30, Market Place for Carricks Caterers.
It is noted that the lights have been removed on the plan. Additional glazing bars are required. The use of more traditional materials would be preferred.
- 2/89/152/0056D Amended Plans for the layout of 29 Dwellings at Long Street for Persimmon Homes.
The Council are pleased to note the amendments but refer to comments made on the original plan submitted in May.

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Accounts The following Accounts were Approved for Payment. Prop.
Coun. Bell, sec. Coun. Craig.

Accounts as Circulated

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|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------|
| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - | Payment as Cem. Supt. - Nov. | - | £298.00/- |
| Power Point | - | Hire of Grass Cutter - 4 weeks | - | £ 69.00/- |
| | | to 27.10.89 | | |
| F. D. Todd & Sons | - | Emptying Cemetery Skip | - | £ 32.20/- |
| Wakefield M.D.C. | - | Stationery from Y.P.O. | - | £ 18.00/- |
| C. E. Walker | - | Grass Cutting - 2 x October | - | £133.40/- |
| P. McKay | - | 1 Hour's work in Mill Gardens | - | £ 2.50/- |

Additional Accounts

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|--------------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| J. D. Barr | - | Repairs to walls in Mill Gdns | - | £ 70.00/- |
| T. & S. Civic Socy | - | Donation to Parish Map | - | £150.00/- |
| Coun. Roberts | - | Reimbursement of cost of plants & bulbs | - | £ 20.30/- |

Mrs. K. Reynard - 43½ Hours work in Mill Gardens - £108.75
The Chairman explained that a number of members had agreed that Mrs. Reynard should be paid for the many hours she had spent tidying and improving the Mill Gardens. This action was ratified. Mr. McKay who had picked up litter in the gardens has now left the area.

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

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| Evelyn Jean Barker | 13 C4 | £ 50.00 - |
| Arthur Bashforth | 4 E2 | £ 50.00 - |

Reports

Coun Bell reported on the Chamber of Trade meeting where the Cartel Rally and Millgate Car & Coach Park had been discussed.

Coun. Benson reported that he had attended a Recycling Exhibition and will be submitting a full report at a later date.

The Chairman reported that it had been necessary for essential rewiring to be carried out at the Town Hall at which time it had been discovered that further work needed to be done at a total cost of £2005.73 and asked if the Council consider payment to be the responsibility of the Town Hall Committee or of the two Councils. The Clerk pointed out that if the Councils are to meet the cost, to satisfy the Auditors, quotations should have been obtained. Prop. Coun. Bell, sec. Coun. Hall 'that this Council pay half of the account if Sowerby Parish Council agree to pay the other half'. Agreed.

Any Other Business

Flagstones - Market Place Coun. Craig reported that flagstones in the vicinity of the former Golden Lion have been badly reinstated following work by a statutory body. The NYCC to be notified.

Remembrance Sunday Coun. Davison deplored the fact that there had not been a military parade in Thirsk.

Map of Thirsk At the suggestion of Coun. Bentley, it was agreed to obtain a 1:2500 map of Thirsk.

The meeting closed at 10.50 p.m.

For M. Roberts
11/12/89.

Estimated Expenditure
Allocated or Carried
Forward
Financial Year
1989/90

Sub Committee
Recommendations
For Expenditure
Financial Year
1990/91

| | £ | | £ |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Rates & Water - Cem. Ld. | 600 | (60) | 550 |
| Cemetery Paths | 1000 | (350) | 500 |
| Cemetery Walls | 250 | (250) | 50 |
| Cemetery Lodge | 100 | (100) | 50 |
| Hire of Grass Cutter | 550 | (50) | 550 |
| Petrol & Oil | 200 | (80) | 200 |
| Emptying Cemetery Skip | 150 | (30) | 150 |
| Grass Mats for Cemetery | 100 | (100) | |
| Cemetery Supt. | 3580 | | 3864 |
| Clerk | 2000 | (200) | 2000 |
| Admin. & Audit | 600 | (50) | 600 |
| Stationery | 250 | (100) | 150 |
| Travel & Course Fees | 250 | (160) | 300 |
| Insurances | 450 | (90) | 400 |
| Street Sweeping | 3000 | (350) | 3000 |
| Christmas Lights | 500 + 90 | | 1000 |
| Subs. (inc.L.C.A) | 200 | (34) | 200 |
| Donations | 70 | (10) | 50 |
| St. Mary's Ch. Yard | 250 | (50) | 200 |
| Town Hall | 1730 | (1580) | 250 |
| Castlegate Y.C. | 200 | (100) | 100 |
| Mill Gdns, Troughs & Roundabout | 560 | (250) | 300 |
| Seats | 700 | (700) | 300 |
| Town Clock | 60 | | 70 |
| Court House Hire | 110 | | 110 |
| The Holmes | 700 | (700) | |
| Play Equipment | 200 | (180) | 70 |
| Advertising | 100 | (100) | |
| Chairman's Allce | 200 | (100) | 100 |
| The Greens | 300 | (300) | |
| Grass Cutting | 1380 | (440) | 760 |
| Flatts P.T. | 200 | (33) | 200 |
| Clerk's Gratuity Fund | 2314 | (2314) | 750 |
| Word Processor | 500 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 250 | (200) | |
| | 23604 | (9061) | 16824 |

Amounts shown in brackets are being carried forward to the next financial year.

Balances as at 31.3.89

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| <u>Current Account</u> | £ 593.63 |
| <u>Deposit Account</u> | £ 154.11 |
| <u>Building Society</u> | £6288.42 |
| | <u>£7036.16</u> |
| <u>Investment A/C</u> | £ 207.00 |
| <u>Gratuity A/C</u> | <u>£2314.42</u> |
| | <u>£9557.53</u> |

Estimated Income - Yr Ending 31.3.90

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| <u>Precept</u> | £16000.00 |
| <u>Refund of V.A.T</u> | £ 660.00 |
| <u>NYCC Contribution</u> | £ 50.00 |
| <u>Interest (Est.)</u> | £ 800.00 |
| <u>Burial Board (Est.)</u> | <u>£ 1600.00</u> |
| | <u>£19110.00</u> |

It is estimated that there will be a balance in hand of approximately £4,000, in addition to the amounts shown in brackets, at the end of the current financial year.

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 11th December 1989 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, D. S. Bentley, P. J. M. Benson, R. S. Hall, D. E. Loveden + Police Inspector M. Ford.

Apologies for Absence received from Coun. J. M. Salmon (illness), Coun. H. D. Craig (illness), Coun. A. J. Davison (illness).

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated and approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Bentley, sec. Coun. Benson. Letter received from Coun. Davison stating that the item under A.O.B. on 'Remembrance Sunday' was misreported. It was agreed that the Minutes are correct.

Inspector Ford attended the meeting to speak on matters already referred to him and to answer questions. He stated that he is aware of the problem of driving and parking on pavements but that this is not a matter of high police priority. A survey had been carried out on the Zebra Crossing in Long Street and no accidents or problems had been witnessed - perhaps because of the police presence. He was unable to comment on the request for it to be converted to a Pelican Crossing other than to say that there are certain criteria to be met and that it is a matter for the Traffic Management Department. The possibility of the employment of a Traffic Warden in Thirsk is being explored. Inspector Ford stated that a 'Pub Watch' scheme is in operation regarding under age drinking, also a 'Shop Watch' and it is hoped to form a 'Farm Watch' scheme in the New Year. The problems of cycling on the pavements in and around the town and speeding in Long Street were also discussed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Pelican Crossing for Long Street It was reported that a survey has been carried out.

Parochial Charities A meeting is being held on 15th December.

Salem Chapel A Planning Application has been submitted for the demolition of this building.

Recreation Land A letter from the Deputy Clerk H.D.C. stated that she will be writing to the County Education Officer in the near future requesting that consideration be given to the granting of a lease to the District Council of part of the Thirsk County Primary School playing field.

Thirsk Post Office A letter from the Network Review Manager stated the request for the transfer to the new premises will be considered when details of the timescale involved have been submitted. The layout plan of the new premises will be forwarded when available. It was reported that the move to the new premises has been delayed until the end of March 1990.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Coun. Murkett reported that the installation of another street light is required before the speed limit on Newsham Road can be extended.

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Parking - The Greens The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting with members of the Association for the Preservation of The Greens.

Parking for the Disabled A letter from the Chief Executive's Dept., stated that there could be problems in clearly identifying the four parking bays, suggested by this Council, as being available for parking for the disabled. Posts with notices on would need to be erected, which may possibly cause manoeuvring problems. The disabled persons logo could be painted on the cobbles but this may not find favour in the conservation area. An alternative suggestion is that all of the parking bays to the south of the public conveniences be set aside solely for the use of disabled persons. Bollards are to be erected on the paved area to prevent vehicular parking and notices could be attached to these bollards indicating that the parking bays are for disabled persons vehicles. It was agreed to accept this proposal and to point out that parking bays for the disabled need to be larger than for the ordinary motorist in order to accommodate the unloading of wheelchairs etc.

Heavy Traffic through Thirsk A survey is to be carried out in the near future.

Street Sweeping A request had been sent to the Chief Environmental Health Officer requesting that Nick's Alley be added to the street sweeping schedule. Litter bins had been requested for each end of the stretch of the Castle Garth footpath between the Sorting Office and Woodhead & Bray's Garage and to be sited next to the seat outside the Methodist Church on St. James' Green and the seat on the opposite side of the road. Coun. Bell requested that a reminder be sent of the promise for a litter bin to be sited outside Tyre Services in Norby.

Cartel Rally Further details received regarding the Rally.

C.A.P.E. Schemes Mr. Barr had agreed to prepare a specification for the wall in Mill Gardens.

Town Hall - Re-wiring A list of contractors who had been invited to submit quotations for the work, had been received from the Town Hall Secretary. A grant had been received from Hambleton District Council for some of the work. Letter received from Sowerby Parish Council indicating that they were paying the account, less the grant, and requesting a cheque for £784.55 being this Council's share of the cost. Sowerby P. C. reclaiming the V.A.T.

Map of Thirsk The Clerk reported that the District Council's Planning Department has been requested to supply a map.

Christmas Lights Letter received from Northern Electric stating that the charge for electricity for the strings of lights on the south side of the Market Place and the lights on the Christmas Tree, from 4.00 p.m., to midnight, for the period 11th December 1989 to 4th January 1990 will be £201.60 + a quarterly charge of £9.89. There is also a connection & disconnection charge of £30.25 + V.A.T. It was reported that Mr. Davison, of Apple Insurance, has been persuading business people in the town to participate in a Christmas Lights scheme.

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Oil Pollution in the Cod Beck A letter from the Principal Engineer H.D.C. enclosed an Engineer's Report following an investigation when two sources of pollution had been identified and from which it was concluded that the source of pollution appeared to be Bridge Garage. Subsequent discussions with the owners of Bridge Garage confirmed that some problems had been experienced with a leaking or fractured pipe serving their diesel fuel tanks and the result of this failure has allowed oil to seep into, and saturate, the sub-soil beneath Bridge Garage and allowed the oil to appear both from within the existing storm overflow sewer outfalling beside the garage into the Cod Beck and through the soil to emerge into the Beck from out of the bankside. The N.R.A. staff have issued detailed instructions to the owner of the garage to attempt to minimise the effects of the oil pollution and these measures include the fixing and maintenance of oil collection booms and the excavation of a trench into the adjacent land in an effort to intercept the oil before it reaches the Beck. This work is to be carried out at the expense of the garage as the responsible party. A letter from the N.R.A.'s Senior Pollution Officer confirmed that excavations are to be undertaken to intercept as much diesel oil as possible in the ground and extract it before reaching the retaining booms on the Cod Beck. The N.R.A. are liaising with H.D.C. main drainage department to prevent damage to the sewer, which the oil would appear to be leaking into from contaminated ground, during the excavations. Almost daily instructions have been given to the owners to supervise the retaining booms and remove any accumulated oil. The ultimate sanction of the N.R.A. would be to prosecute the owners for the oil leakage. This is currently being considered to expedite an end to the issue if it was felt that everything practical was not being attempted. Members were satisfied at the action being taken. The Principal Engineer H.D.C. and the Senior Pollution Control Officer N.R.A. to be thanked for their explanations. The Senior Pollution Control Officer to be asked if he will attend a future meeting to speak about the functions of the N.R.A.

Revenue Estimates & Precept - 1990/91 The Finance Sub Committee's recommendations were considered by members. It was agreed to make a decision on the Cemetery Lodge Rates/Cemetery Superintendent's Community Charge when more information is to hand. Coun. Murkett recommended that the balances in hand be retained as balances cannot be built up from the Community Charge. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Bell 'that the Finance Sub Committee's recommendations be accepted and that £17,000.00 be requested by way of Precept'. Agreed.

Correspondence

Notice Board Letter presented from East Thirsk Community Association asking if the Town Council would be prepared to provide a Notice Board to be sited near the new Post Box in Woolmoor Close. It was agreed to suggest that they apply to the Hambleton District Council who, it is understood, supply Notice Boards.

E.T.C.A. Membership Notification received stating that a membership fee of £2.00 to the East Thirsk Community Association for 1989/90 is now due. It was agreed not to pay a membership fee.

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East Thirsk Community Association Notice received of a meeting to be held on 14th December. It was not convenient for any member to attend.

P.S.V. Operator Licence Surrender Notification received that Thirsk Carriage Company have surrendered their licence.

Variations to Bus Services Notification received that the Northallerton to Ripon Bus Service (156) will operate on a revised timetable.

Market Place Improvement Scheme - Phase II(a) Letter received from the Chief Planner's Department stating that a contract for Phase II (a) of the Scheme has been let to Foden Construction Limited of Stokesley with the work commencing on 4th December with an anticipated contract period of 14 weeks. A Plan of the works was enclosed. The Contractor has been requested to ensure that the areas adjacent to shops and to the Christmas Tree is kept free of his works until after Christmas. The Principal Engineer H.D.C. had told both the Clerk and Coun. Murkett that, after this year, it may be advisable to move the site of the Christmas Tree nearer to the paved area. This would be carried out by the Contractor at no expense to the Town Council. The letter also stated that a provisional item has been included in the Bill of Quantities for the cleaning of the stonework of the Town Clock by high pressure sand blasting by a specialist sub-contractor as part of the scheme. As the clock consists mainly of a rather soft stone, it was agreed to ask the advice of Mr. Collinson, Monumental Mason, before agreeing to this work being carried out.

Equipe GB Ltd Letter received from the District Council's Tourism Officer stating that the Director of Equipe GB Ltd is seeking an organiser for the holidays he markets. It was agreed to post the details of this in the Council's Notice Board.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0309Y</u> | Mr. T. Watson | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0309X</u> | Mr. T. Watson | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0303B</u> | Mr. A. Schofield | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0356A</u> | Mr. & Mrs. G. Bainbridge | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0356B</u> | Mr. & Mrs. G. Bainbridge | Refused |

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

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| <u>2/89/152/0115E</u> | Application for Conservation Area Consent for the Demolition of Disused Salem Chapel for Mrs. Strom. <u>Recommend Approval.</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0191A</u> | Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign and Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at 28, Market Place for Boots the Chemists. <u>Recommend Refusal on the Grounds that the signs would Detrimental to the Amenities of the Conservation Area</u> |
| <u>2/89/152/0385</u> | Construction of a Car Port at 11, Hambleton Place for Mr. L. Brown. <u>No Representations.</u> |

Pub.

Plans cont/2/89/152/0380A

Extension to Bungalow at 4, Woolmoor Close for Mr. & Mrs. K. Hall.

Would prefer the extension roof to be pitched.

It was reported that the Planning Officer is to carry out a blitz on unauthorised signs. Members were also concerned at the proliferation of satellite dishes appearing on dwellings in the area. The Planning Officer to be asked for the District Council's Policy on these in the Conservation Area and on Listed Buildings.

Accounts The following Accounts were presented for Payment and Approved. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Hall.

Accounts as Circulated

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cem. Supt. - Dec. | - £298.00 |
| P. Smith | - Salary - Oct. - Dec. £450.00 | |
| | Admin. Expenses £ 70.18 | - £520.18✓ |

Additional Accounts

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| Power Point | - Hire of grass Cutter - 3 Weeks to 17.11.89 | - £ 51.75✓ |
| T. & S. Town Hall | - Half of Fire Ins. Premium | - £143.81✓ |
| Sowerby Parish Coun. | - Share of Cost of Re-Wiring Town Hall | - £784.55✓ |

Reports

The Chairman Reported that she had attended the Flatts Preservation Trust A.G.M. and had been appointed Town Council representative. More meetings are to be held in the future. The Ings project is in abeyance. The disputed clause in the Charity Commission Scheme for the Baths has been referred to the District Council.

Coun. Murkett reported that, at the Presentation Ceremony, he had accepted the Parish Map on behalf of the four Councils. It was agreed that there should be a meeting of the Councils to discuss the ownership and preservation of the Map.

Any Other Business

Meeting Dates - 1990 It was agreed that the April meeting should be held on the 23rd as the normal meeting day falls on Easter Monday.

Christmas Lights Coun. Loveden commented on the success of the Tree and Christmas Lights. At Coun. Bentley's suggestion, it was agreed that the sub committee should meet in January to discuss the 1990 Lights programme.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Frida M. Roberts.

15-1-90.

Minutes of Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 15th January 1990 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), H. D. Craig, J. Bell, D. S. Murkett, R. S. Hall, D. E. Loveden, D. S. Bentley, J. M. Salmon.
Apologies for Absence received from Coun. P. J. M. Benson (illness)

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Pelican Crossing - Long Street Coun. Murkett told the meeting that the County Council are unable to provide a Pelican Crossing because only 25% of the criteria for such a crossing has been met. It is the intention to install three refuges in the road, one in the centre of the Zebra Crossing, with a flashing light, one between the crossing and the Stammergeate junction and one north of Stammergeate. Some members were not happy with the decision but agreed to monitor the situation. Coun. Murkett stressed that the only way to achieve a Pelican Crossing is to persuade everyone who crosses Long Street to use the Zebra Crossing to increase the pedestrian/vehicle ratio. It was agreed that the safety refuges should be accepted.

Parochial Charities Couns. Roberts and Craig had attended a meeting regarding these, with another to be held on 14th March.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Recreation Land Nothing reported.

Post Office Layout plan of the new Post Office premises awaited. It was agreed to ask the Planning Department if a plan has been submitted and to draw the attention of the District Council's Officer for the Disabled to the access and exit facilities at the North Yorkshire Co-operative Society.

Speed Limit - Newsham Road Coun. Murkett stated that an additional street light is still awaited.

Heavy Traffic through Thirsk Coun. Murkett stated that the survey on heavy traffic is still continuing. It was agreed to ask the County and District Councils if they will consider sending representatives to a further meeting of the parishes concerned with this problem.

Street Sweeping Letter received stating that a litter bin will be sited outside the Tyre Services at Norby when funds are available in the new financial year.

Conservation Area Enhancement Schemes An application for a grant towards the permanent fixing of the coping stones on the wall in Mill Gardens, to be submitted.

Oil Pollution Concern was expressed that building is proceeding at Bridge Garage although the problem of oil pollution does not appear to have been cleared. The attention of the N. R.A. to be drawn to this. The Clerk stated that a representative of the N.R.A. will possibly be attending the February meeting.

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Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that Mrs. Gill Mayne had offered to underwrite the cost of the additional electricity if the Christmas Tree and the strings of lights in the Market Place could be lit from 9.00 a.m to midnight instead of from 4.00 p.m. Members consulted had agreed. Mrs. Mayne intended to seek contributions from traders towards this. The cost of the extra lighting had been calculated at £162.29. It was reported that the Chamber of Trade are intending to raise money and exploring the possibility of taking over some responsibility for the Christmas Lights. A sub committee had been formed for this purpose. It was agreed that this Council's sub committee meet with the Chamber of Trade's sub committee when the total cost of this year's Lights is known. It was agreed that replacement bulbs be ordered now in readiness for next Christmas. Mr. Johnston had pointed out that more will be needed due to the extra hours of illumination, this year, of the existing bulbs. Mrs. Mayne and Mr. Davison to be congratulated on their efforts and Mr. Woodhead thanked for the tree.

Satellite Dishes in Conservation Areas A letter from the Chief Planner stated that each dwelling has certain rights under the new Town & County Planning General Development Order 1988 with regard to the erection of satellite dishes, provided they comply with the criteria as laid down in Class H. 1. The dish must not exceed 90cm in diameter. 2. The dish must not project above the highest part of the dwelling to which it is attached. 3. There must not be more than 1 satellite dish. If the criteria is met, it is termed 'permitted development' and does not require planning permission. Conservation Area status does not alter this and the same conditions apply. Where such dishes do require planning permission the L.P.A. exert greater control and restrictions on applications for such dishes within Conservation Areas. With regard to Listed Buildings, although most dishes would not require planning permission, they would be subject to the control of listed building consent, in which there would be the strictest control.

North Yorkshire County Council - Draft Waste Disposal Plan A copy of the Plan had been circulated. Coun. Benson, who is conversant with recycling, had drawn up a list of comments and recommendations on the Plan, stating that the County Council's policy must be much stronger and that they must take the lead and initiative to implement schemes which will in the long term offer effective, economic and acceptable alternative means of waste disposal to landfill i.e. recycling. Coun. Benson listed reasons for this and also listed the type of recycling carried out by specialised companies. It was agreed to accept Coun. Benson's comments and forward them to the County Council. Prop. Coun. Salmon, sec. Coun. Roberts 'That the Town Council will support the County Council in its new role as Waste Regulatory Authority and encourage it to take action against polluters in a vigorous way'. Agreed. It was agreed to request a stronger attitude towards fly tipping and to support the District Council regarding the infilling of Cliff Rigg at Great Ayton. The Chief Environmental Health Officer to be notified of this support and for the support of the District Council's positive attitude towards recycling. A copy of this Council's comments on the Waste Disposal Plan also to be forwarded.

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Grass Cutting - 1990 Season The Chairman stated that the Residents' Association for the Preservation of the Greens had tidied up the shrubbery on the Little Green where there are two small areas of grass totalling approximately 70 square yards and they had asked if the Council will arrange for the cutting of this grass. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that these areas of grass be included in the grass cutting tenders'. Agreed.

Correspondence

Appeal - F. D. Todd & Sons Notification received that the Appeal by F. D. Todd Sons against the failure of Hambleton District Council to determine within the prescribed period of time, an application for planning permission for change of use from agricultural to transport depot and storage yard of land off Blakey Lane, Sowerby, has been dismissed and the planning permission sought, refused. Members were told that if the company are not allowed to move onto this site, they will remain at The Green and plans for sheltered housing on the present site will not progress. It was agreed to notify the District Council that failure to grant planning permission for the land at Blakey Lane will cause a planning blight on a sheltered housing development, which is a matter of great local concern.

Tree - The Holmes Letter received from the Secretary of the North Yorkshire East Federation of Women's Institutes requesting permission to plant a tree on The Holmes, opposite the Federation Office in Norby, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the W. I. Movement in England & Wales, and welcomed suggestions as to the type of tree to be planted. It was agreed that permission be given for the planting of a tree. Coun. Bell seeking advice on the most suitable types of tree are suitable for that land.

Conservation Area Advisory Group Letter received from the Chief Planner stating that Local Planning Authorities are being encouraged by Central Government to consider the setting up of 'Conservation Area Advisory Committees', mainly consisting of people who are not members of the Authority and to refer to them for advice on applications which would, in the opinion of the Authority, affect the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. There is already one such group for the Stokesley Conservation Area where a Town Scheme provides opportunity for enhancement. As there is also a Town Scheme in Thirsk, interested parties are being asked whether a similar advisory group, which would consist of a County and District Councillor, Town Councillors, representatives of County Highways and other interested parties, should be established in the Thirsk Conservation Area. Such an Advisory Group would be co-ordinated and chaired by the Principal Planning Officer, Mr. Quartermain, or a senior officer from the Planning Department. Meetings are currently proposed to be held on a monthly basis, with every third month being a full plenary meeting and intermediate meetings being 'planning applications' only, which would be considered by a sub-group. If a positive response is received from interested parties, it is likely that an inaugural meeting will take place in the new year. It was agreed that the Town Council would like to be involved in the group.

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Grass Cutting - Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Recreational Area Letter presented from Sowerby Parish Council stating that a quotation of £560 had been received for a maximum of 14 cuts of the grass on The Flatts and they had resolved to accept the price only if Thirsk Town Council and the Flatts Preservation Trust each agree to pay a one third share of £186.67. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that this Council will pay a one third share if the Flatts Preservation Trust also agree to pay a similar sum'. Agreed.

Transfer of Licence Notice received of the intention of Nigel K. Ackeroyd and Richard H. J. Newman to apply for the Transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Parish Government Course Notification received of the Parish Government Course to be held at Scarborough on the weekend 30th March/1st April at a residential cost per person of £75.00 + V.A.T. or £35.00 + V.A.T. non residential. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that the residential fees for two members be met by this Council'. Agreed. Coun. Murkett expressed the wish to attend and it was agreed to ask Coun. Benson if he also would like to attend.

Complaint re: Planning Letter received from Mr. P. Tyas with a copy of a letter to the Chief Planning Officer regarding notification about a planning application in respect of 1, Sutton Road for works which have already been carried out. It was agreed to ask Mr. Tyas what reply he has received from the Planning Officer.

Telephone Kiosks The Clerk reported on a telephone call from the Principal Engineer H.D.C. regarding the re-siting of the telephone kiosks in the Market Place. Due to engineering problems it will not be possible for the kiosks to be sited on the east side of the public conveniences and subject to approval, it is intended resite them next to the bollards on the paved area approximately 3 metres to the front of 93, Market Place. Members were in agreement with the proposed new site.

Cemetery Fees A meeting of the Finance Sub Committee, to discuss the Cemetery Fees, was arranged for 31st January.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0031D</u> | Carricks Caterers | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0033B</u> | Mr. S. Hubbard | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0053G</u> | Thomas of York Limited | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0053J</u> | Thomas of York Limited | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0102K</u> | Woodhead & Bray | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0131D</u> | Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Baker | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0291B</u> | Andrew Robinson | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/037</u> | P. & J Thornton | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0380A</u> | Mr. & Mrs. K. Hall | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0383</u> | Mr. & Mrs. C. Machen | Granted |

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Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:
2/89/152/0101Z Display of an externally Illuminated Fascia Sign and a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 20/22, Market Place for Victoria Wine.

Would prefer the Signs to be in Traditional Materials.

2/89/152/0348B Application for Listed Building Consent for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Building at 27, Market Place for Mr. S. Clements.
No Objections.

2/89/152/0031F Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 30, Market Place for Carricks (Caterers).
The Sign, by reason of its Size and Illumination, would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the Conservation Area.

2/89/152/0386 Extension to Existing Dwelling at 12, Shire Road for Mr. & Mrs. J. Gerry.
No Objections but enquire if the occupants of No. 14 have been informed.

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

Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Supt. - Jan. | - £298.00 |
| <u>Additional Accounts</u> | | |
| N.Y.C.C. | - Hire of Court House - 1989 | - £103.95 |
| Yorks. R.C.C. | - Parish Govt. Course Fee | - £ 86.25 |

Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipt)

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| Thomas Busfield | 14 E2 | - £ 50.00 |
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Reports

Coun. Salmon reported that he is representing the Town Council at a C.A.B. meeting on 16th January.

Coun. Murkett Coun. Murkett reported that the geese which had been purchased from the owner by Mr. G. Dale, have been presented to the Town Council by Mr. Dale and are back on the Cod Beck. Enquiries are being made of the Council's insurers regarding the geese.

Any Other Business

Bollards Coun. Craig told members that the bollards behind the Post Office are being temporarily removed to allow the movement of builders vehicles during the re-roofing of the public conveniences.

Rubbish on the Banks of the Cod Beck At the Chairman's suggestion, a working party was arranged to clear litter from the river banks.

Porter Vaults Yard Coun. Loveden stated that water collects at the Chapel Street end of Porter Vaults Yard making the path difficult to negotiate. Mr. Woods to be notified and his attention also drawn to the large hole in the road near Woodhead & Bray's workshop.

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Gipsy Sites Coun. Hall referred to a report of the County Planning Officer which inferred that Local Authorities cannot be selective about the occupants of a gipsy site. It was agreed to ask the District Council's Planning Department to confirm that if Thirsk is to have a gipsy site: 1. No trade will be allowed to be carried on or from the site. 2. No livestock will be allowed on the site. 3. The size of vehicles allowed on the site will be limited. 4. The regulations regarding illegal parking on laybys etc. will be enforced.

Finkle Street Bridge Coun. Bell referred to a small area of waste land adjacent to the garden of No. 22, Finkle Street and the bridge, which is in his ownership. The broken fence could be taken down and the seat, presently sited in front of the fence, could be moved onto the land after the area has been cleared. The land would be available to the Town Council at a peppercorn rent. It was agreed to accept the offer of the use of the land.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Freda W. Roberts.
12.2.90 -

THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL & BURIAL BOARD

F E E S F O R T H I R S K C E M E T E R Y

The fees set out below apply where the person to be interred, or in respect of whom the Right is granted, is, or immediately before death was, an inhabitant or parishioner of the Parish of Thirsk, or in the case of a still-born child, where either parents are, or at the time of interment were, such inhabitants or parishioners. In all other cases, the **F E E S W I L L B E D O U B L E D**, except where the Exclusive Right of Burial in the grave in question, or the right of constructing the grave, was acquired at the single fee as set.

PART 1 INTERMENTS

The fees indicated in this section:

- (a) Include the digging of the grave, supply/use of mats, ropes and bier and associated administrative work.
 - (b) Apply only where the interment is made between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on a weekday or on the certificate of the coroner or registered medical practitioner that immediate interment is necessary. In any other case **DOUBLE FEES** are payable.
1. **For the Interment in a grave, whether or not an Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted.**
 - i) of the body of a still-born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month £ 6.00
 - ii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed twelve years £ 25.00
 - iii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years £ 70.00
 2. **For the Interment of Cremated Remains**

In a grave in respect of which an Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted or in the Garden of Rest £ 20.00
 3. **For Use of the Bier (Folding Bier Only)**

For an Interment outside of Thirsk Cemetery £ 10.00

PART 2 EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

For the Exclusive Right of Burial

For a Period Not Exceeding 99 Years

- (a) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 4 feet £ 70.00
- (b) in an earthen grave 9 feet by 8 feet £140.00

PART 3 WALLED GRAVES

For the right to construct, and for the Exclusive Right of Burial for a Period Not Exceeding 99 Years in:

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| (a) a walled grave 9 feet by 4 feet | £120.00 |
| (b) a walled grave 9 feet by 8 feet | £240.00 |

THE FEES INDICATED IN PARTS 2 & 3 INCLUDE THE DEED OF GRANT

PART 4 MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

For the right to erect or place on a grave in respect of which the Exclusive Right of Burial has been Granted:

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| (a) a Headstone - not exceeding 5 feet in height and 2 feet 6 inches in width | £ 18.00 |
| (b) a Vase - not exceeding 18 inches in height | £ 6.00 |

THE FEES INDICATED IN THIS PART INCLUDE THE FIRST INSCRIPTION

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| For each inscription after the first | £ 6.00 |
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REGISTRAR'S FEES

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| For renewal, in case of loss, the Certificate of Exclusive Right of Burial (each space) | £ 5.00 |
| For Comparing Inscription for Headstone and other Erections with Register of Burials | £ 5.00 |
| For Searching Register of Burials | £ 10.00 |
| For Certificate of Burial | £ 1.00 |
| For each Copy of Rules | £ 3.00 |
| For each Copy of Scale of Fees | £ 1.00 |

THE ABOVE FEES WERE APPROVED AT A MEETING OF THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL ON 12th FEBRUARY 1990 - TO BE OPERATIVE FROM 1st APRIL 1990

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 12th February 1990 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, J. M. Salmon + Mr. J. Housham (Senior Pollution Officer N.R.A.).

Apologies for Absence received from Couns. D. S. Bentley, R. S. Hall, P. J. M. Benson & A. J. Davison - all due to business commitments.

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

Mr. Housham showed a video of the work of the National Rivers Authority and explained that it is a new organisation formed out of the privatisation of the Water Authority. It has three main roles: River Quality Control, Pollution Prevention and Pollution Incident Control - oil pollution in the Cod Beck coming under the latter category. Mr. Housham stated that action being taken at Finkle Street Bridge includes a steel barrier, 20 feet in length, being put into the river bank to intercept the oil which has been seeping through. A boom has been placed on the river to intercept oil on the surface of the water. The onus for cleaning the boom rests on the proprietors of the source of the pollution. Mr. Housham agreed to investigate matters raised by members, including monitoring a storm overflow on the opposite side of the river to the pumping station. Mr. Housham also agreed to the suggestion that the N.R.A. should publicise the service that they give and the location of the office at Thirsk. It was agreed that the Council will give their full support to the N.R.A.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Pelican Crossing for Long Street Copies of letters from residents of East Thirsk to William Hague M.P., seeking his assistance in obtaining a Pelican Crossing, and from William Hague to the County Surveyor were read to the meeting. It was agreed to await the outcome of Mr. Hague's letter.

Salem Chapel Nothing reported.

Recreation Land - East Thirsk Copy letter from the Governors of Thirsk County Primary School to the County Education Officer presented explaining their opposition to the plan to create a play area for small children on part of the school playing field. A three classroom extension is to be built on the site in 1991, which will considerably reduce the area of open land in proportion to the size of the building and with the expected increase in the number of pupils attending the school will put pressure on the area of open space available, making it essential to preserve the existing land to the benefit of the children. It was also felt that the siting of play equipment would attract older children into the school grounds with a risk of damage being caused to school property. Concern was also expressed about the suitability of the land for a children's playground. The plot is in a fairly isolated position and runs alongside an open drainage ditch which is not a safe place for children to play unsupervised.

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Thirsk Post Office A letter from the Chief Planner stated that he understands that the use of the Co-op has not yet been determined by the Post Office and, if the Post Office is to be relocated there, on the information available it is considered that a planning application would not be required. A letter from the District Manager, Post Office Counters Ltd, stated that mid March would appear to be the most likely time for the move to the Co-op. A final plan of the premises is being drawn up and a copy will be forwarded as soon as available.

Heavy Traffic Through Thirsk A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stated that an Officer of the Chief Planner's Department would be available to attend a meeting. Reply awaited from the County Surveyor.

Street Sweeping Confirmation still awaited from the Chief Environmental Health Officer, despite another letter being sent, that this Council's offer of a contribution towards the cost of street sweeping, based on £2,650 this year, has been accepted.

C.A.P.E Scheme Reply awaited from the Chief Planner regarding a grant towards the cost of the wall in Mill Gardens. Mr. Barr has drawn up a specification for the work required.

Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that £185.00 had been collected by, and received from, Mrs. Mayne towards the cost of the additional electricity. Reply awaited from the Chamber of Trade regarding a meeting to discuss the Christmas Lights.

N.Y.C.C. Draft Waste Disposal Plan Letter received from the Acting County Surveyor stating that this Council's comments will be considered by the County Council's Waste Disposal Working Party, as will the comments about Cliff Ridge Quarry.

Tree - The Holmes Nothing reported.

Parish Government Course The Clerk reported that Coun. Benson is unable to attend the course and a fee for only one member, Coun. Murkett, had been forwarded to the Y.R.C.C.

Complaint re: Planning Mr. Tyas had received a reply from the Planning Department stating that they are aware that the development has already taken place and are undertaking survey work prior to the determination of the application.

Telephone Kiosks - Market Place Formal notification received of the proposed new site for the telephone kiosks, which was discussed at the previous meeting.

Gipsy Site Letter received from the Chief Planner stating that a copy of this Council's letter had been forwarded to the Chief Environmental Health Officer for reply as the management of the site will come under his control. It was agreed to request a reply from the Chief E.H.O. confirming that the strictest controls will be enforced. Coun. Murkett requested that this Council support Sowerby P. C.'s objection to the site for which planning permission has been granted but to inform the County Council that nothing should be done until assurances

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have been received that the site will be strictly controlled.

Cemetery Fees The revised Cemetery Fees, as recommended by the Finance Sub Committee had been circulated. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that the recommendations of the sub committee be accepted'. Agreed.

Grass Cutting The Clerk reported that contract documents had been sent to three contractors and two had submitted tenders - the third having asked to remain on the Council's list.

Tender No. 1 The Greens £50.00 The Holmes £75.00 Mill Gardens £21.00

Tender No. 2 The Greens £27.00 The Holmes £30.00 Mill Gardens £10.00

All prices are per cut and subject to V.A.T

Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that Tender No. 2, submitted by C. E. & C. M. Walker be accepted'. Agreed.

Thirsk (Off Street Parking Places) Order 1990 Copy of the proposed Order and Modifications presented. The more important changes to the current Order being that the two hour parking limit would be extended to the Swimming Pool Car Park and that anyone committing a breach of the Order would be liable to pay any charge imposed by the District Council rather than face a criminal conviction and the imposition of a fine by the Magistrates Court. Recommendations made previously by the Town Council have also been included. The following observations were made: Swimming Pool Car Park The area designated for Hambleton District Council employees should be designated for Swimming Pool staff. Parking restrictions on the car park should cease at 12.00 noon on Saturdays for the benefit of swimmers attending long sessions and for the football players using the Flatts Recreation area and Changing Rooms. Parking for the Disabled The five designated spaces should be converted to four to give more room for the manoeuvring of wheelchairs etc. Parking of Motorcycles It would appear that motorcyclists have unlimited powers of parking. This is unacceptable and should be under the control of the Car Parking Superintendents. Access onto the Market Place Concern expressed that there is an access onto the south side of the Market Place, directly opposite the junction of the A168. Suggest that the access should be staggered.

Correspondence

Planning Appeal Notification received that the Appeal by the Executors of Mrs. A. Reynard at Norby has been dismissed.

Proposed Site for Community Centre - East Thirsk Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. regarding discussions which have taken place between the District Council and the North Yorkshire County Council regarding a site on land adjoining Thirsk County Primary School to which the County Council were sympathetic. The basis of the negotiations were along the lines that the County Council wished the proposed site to be leased to the District Council who would in turn sub lease the site to the Town Council. The letter asked if the Town Council is willing to support the efforts of the East Thirsk Community Association in obtaining a site for their community hall, and if so, confirm that the Council would be willing to accept a sub lease of/

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the site, which would mean accepting full responsibility for its ultimate use and presumably all dealings with the E.T.C.A. in their endeavours to provide and operate a community hall. Members agreed that the Town Council are not prepared to enter into any financial commitments with regard to a community hall, already being part owners of the Town Hall, but to find out exactly what the E.T.C.A.'s intentions are. Couns. Murkett and Craig to attend a meeting of the association.

Rural Transport Services Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. as part of a survey aimed at identifying the needs of the general public and community groups regarding transport and listing ways in which the District Council may be able to assist. Coun. Loveden stressed the need for a bus service for Norby. The Clerk reported that she had been told by the N.Y.C.C.'s Public Transport Officer that the taxi proprietor being considered to run a service between Norby and the Market Place had ceased trading. Other means of providing transport were being considered. It was agreed to ask the District Council for assistance in obtaining a service for Norby.

Millgate Car Park Letter received from the Chief Executive H.D.C. stating that the suggestion that a small extension to the Millgate Car Park onto the grassed area, to provide an additional eight car parking spaces, at a cost of between £8,000 and £10,000 was rejected by the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

Insurance Cover for the Geese Letter received from Municipal Mutual Insurance stated that the Council's Public Liability Policy would operate in respect of the geese, subject to its normal terms, conditions and exceptions. It was reported that problems are being caused by the geese leaving the river and agreed to take advice.

Precept Meeting Letter received from Northallerton Town Council inviting all interested Councils to attend a meeting to discuss the problems of not receiving any financial return from commercial properties under the Community Charge. Couns. Murkett and Salmon agreed to attend and report back to the next meeting.

Market Place Improvement Scheme - Phase II(b) Letter and layout plan received and the following comments made: Bull Ring Suggest that a metal ring be placed in the centre of the Bull Ring which is believed to be round although shown as ovoid on the plan. Lamp-posts The lamp-post shown on the cobbled area near the road should be sited nearer the paved area next to the Pelican Crossing. A projecting lamp from 'The Gallery' would be preferable to one sited at the roadside. Raised Island The necessity of the raised island near the junction of the A168 is questioned. Barriers It is considered necessary for some form of attractive physical barrier to be erected between the cobbled and paved areas to prevent encroachment or driving over by vehicles. Post Office Parking Area With the imminent transfer of the Post Office to other premises and sale of the building, it is recommended that the District Council take over this parking area into their ownership. Taxi Rank It is suggested that a formalised taxi rank be considered. Bus Shelter The Town Council will be pleased to enter into discussions about the bus shelter.

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Bus Parking Area The Council will be pleased to learn of the plans for bus parking during work on the designated area. It was agreed to suggest that consideration be given to delaying work on Phase II(b) until the future of the Post Office building has been determined because of the possibility of extensive works being carried out to the building, and that improvements could be carried out on another area of the Market Place.

Planning Appeals Notification received of Appeals by Mr. G. Bainbridge and Mrs. C. Johnson against the District Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the Change of Use of Milking Parlour and Dairy to an Agricultural Worker's Dwelling at 'Sunny Bank', Green Lane and Retention of a Residential Caravan at 'Sunny Bank', Green Lane, Thirsk. It was agreed that the objections made to the original applications stand.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89//152/0027G</u> | Calverts Carpets | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0090E</u> | J. C. K. Buckingham | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0309Z</u> | Mr. T. Watson | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0336F</u> | Mr. C. Pollitt | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0348B</u> | Mr. S. Clements | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0385</u> | Mr. L. Brown | Granted |

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Application:

2/90/152/0387 Alterations and Extension to Nos. 66A, B & 68, Market Place for Mr. F. & Mr. A. W. Knowles.
Recommend Approval

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

Accounts as Circulated

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Supt. - Feb. | - £298.00✓ |
| G. Johnston | - Connection & Disconnection of Xmas Lights & Replacement Bulbs | - £681.37✓ |
| G. Johnston | - 140 Coloured Bulbs for Xmas 1990 | - £170.66✓ |
| The Computer Shop | - Ribbons for Word Processor | - £ 27.79✓ |
| L. C. Hopps | - Repairs to Seat outside 'Mind' (to be reclaimed from Insurers) | - £ 48.13✓ |

Additional Accounts

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| F. D. Todd & Sons | - Emptying Cemetery Skip | - £ 32.20✓ |
| J. D. Barr | - Laying new path at Cemetery as per Quotation | - £650.00✓ |
| R.B.L. Poppy Appeal | - Wreath for Remembrance Sunday | - £ 11.00 |

Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)

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| Rebecca Joy Hartas | 15 E2 | £ 50.00✓ |
| Ernest Pattison | , 12 E2 | £ 50.00✓ |

Reports

Coun. Salmon reported on a meeting of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

FM Roberts

Coun. Roberts reported that she had attended the launch of 'Hambleton Cares about the Environment' which will be discussed by Mrs. MacIntyre, the Community Environment Officer, when she attends a meeting on 28th March.

Coun. Roberts reported that the Mayor's Charity Dinners in 1989 have raised £6,000 for the Lambert '90' Appeal. The 1990 Charity dinner is to raise money for 'Basics' - British Association for Immediate Care - to provide resuscitation equipment for Thirsk doctors. Coun. Loveden proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman for her efforts.

Any Other Business

Buildings at Risk Coun. Salmon reported that the District Council is to carry out a survey of buildings at risk.

Civic Society Coun. Salmon gave notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 26th April and which will be attended by Dr. Patrick Nutgens.

Seat - White Mare Corner Coun. Craig drew attention to the fact that no action has yet been taken regarding the damaged seat at White Mare Corner.

Seats - Market Place At Coun. Craig's request it was agreed to carry out a survey of the seats in the Market Place.

Illuminated Signs It was agreed to remind the Planning Department of their intention to carry out a survey of signs in the town.

The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th March 1990 at 7.00 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, R. S. Hall, A. J. Davison, J. M. Salmon, P. J. M. Benson, The Clerk, 1 Member of the Press + 13 Members of the Public.

Before commencing the business of the meeting a short silence was kept in tribute to former Councillor C. J. Megson who died at the weekend and who had served the community for many years until his retirement from the Town Council in 1985.

Minutes The Minutes of the 1989 Annual Assembly were read to the meeting.

Chairman's Report The Chairman commented on the improvement in street cleansing due to the new schedule drawn up between the Town and District Councils and paid tribute to the town's manual street sweeper. A Market Place Improvement Scheme has been implemented, the former 'Wright's' shop has been refurbished, and the Post Office has moved into new premises as an agency. The problem of oil pollution in the Cod Beck appears to have been resolved and a good relationship has been established with the newly formed National Rivers Authority. The Lambert '90' Appeal has been a great success. Problems are still being experienced with heavy traffic passing through the town. The Christmas Lights were a great improvement and it is hoped that they will be even better with the co-operation of the Chamber of Trade.

Reports from School Governors

Thirsk County Primary School There was no report due to the retirement of Coun. Craig from the Board of Governors.

All Saints' R. C. School Mrs. Greensit referred to the happy atmosphere in the school, the turnover in teaching staff and the increase in the number of pupils due to the influx of Catholic families into the Thirsk and Northallerton areas.

Reports from Members who Represent the Council on Outside Bodies

Thirsk Swimming Baths Coun. Davison stated that the Ingswater project has come to a halt through lack of funds.

Citizens Advice Bureau Coun. Salmon reported that the bureau continues to burgeon with many enquiries about welfare benefits and debts. Most of the work is undertaken by volunteers, more of whom are needed. The Organiser, Mrs. Kennedy is due to leave the area within the next few months, with a new Organiser being required for this important service.

Hambleton Sports Council Coun. Hall reported that Thirsk Athletic Club, the main centre for sport, continues to flourish. There are plans for major improvements and it is hoped that funds will be available from Hambleton District Council.

Local Councils Association Coun. Murkett reported that he is the North Yorkshire representative on the National Association of Local

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Councils which is the lifeline for legal and other information for Parish Councils. It is hoped that more Parishes will join the association.

Town Hall Coun. Roberts reported that the main problem is the frequent changing of Safety Officers who all require different work to be carried out. Further re-wiring and fire alarms are needed. The Town Hall is solvent and in use every day. The Town Hall has been completely re-decorated and electric hand-driers have been installed in the toilets.

Civic Society Coun. Salmon reported on the success of the Parish Map which has been taken into the ownership of four Councils. The work on the Map involved more than three hundred people. It is now hanging in the Library with the Library acting as custodians.

Parochial Charities Coun. Roberts reported that a meeting had been held with Church representatives to discuss 7 Charities - 6 of which are Church Charities and 1 - the Wrightson Charity - in which the Town Council are involved. It had been proposed at the meeting that all the Charities should be merged into one. This will be a long drawn out process with application having to be made to the Charity Commissioners.

Community Care Association Coun. Benson reported that the Association are looking for general donations towards a mini-bus and various other projects.

Matters Raised by Electors of the Parish

Site for a Community Hall - East Thirsk Mr. A. Smith, Chairman of the E.T.C.A., introduced the Rev. Alex Harding to speak, on behalf of the Association, for a Community Hall for East Thirsk. Rev. Harding challenged the Town Council's decision made at the meeting on 12th February and stated that there should be a partnership between the Council and the Association to achieve a Community Hall. A copy of the Association's case was presented to each member of the Council. This identified the need for a Hall, and listed grants that would be available when the Association has a site. A petition of 1008 signatories requested the Town Council to sign the lease for the land. Coun. Roberts stated that more information is needed regarding funding. Miss Marshall stated that an estimate of the cost of the scheme would not be viable until land is available. Letters of support had been sent to the Association. The Town Council had received letters from William Hague, M.P., David Bowie, M.E.P., and the Governors of Thirsk County Primary School asking for support for the Community Hall. Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Loveden 'that the Town Council enter into negotiations with the owners of the land, to ascertain what the conditions of the lease would be, and then to meet again with the East Thirsk Community Association.' Agreed.

Megson Close Miss Marshall reported that the sign indicating 'Megson Close' is missing.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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North Yorkshire County Council

~~HEADMASTER~~
~~MISS ELLA RUSHTON~~

Tel: Thirsk 23058

HEADMASTER

Mr J Livsey

All Saints' R.C. Primary School,
Green Lane East,
Topcliffe Road,
Thirsk,
YO7 1NB

All Saints school comprises of four classes which are

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| Class 1 | Reception | 16 children |
| Class 2 | Middle and Top Infant | 28 children |
| Class 3 | Junior 1 and 2 | 33 children |
| Class 4 | Junior 3 and 4 | 32 children |

The school has seen a considerable turn over of staff in September following the retirement of Mrs Rushton and Mrs Elders and the promotion of Miss McVey to a school in Penrith.

Mr Livsey has been appointed headteacher, Mrs Edwards Deputy Head and Mrs Morgan as Reception teacher.

Numbers have increased throughout the year due to an influx of Catholic families into the Thirsk and Northallerton area.

The school teaches in a cross curriculum thematic approach to meet the demands of the National Curriculum.

The children have been taken out of school at various times, both in classes and as a whole school to experience the immediate environment. The whole school have been taken to Scarborough to see the play "Invisible Friends" and to Middlesbrough to hear a production of Carnival of the Animals.

The school performed the Christmas Play "The Bell That Cried" on two occasions to a packed hall of parents and friends.

Since September the school has benefited from support of the Parents Association. They have bought the school a new computer, printer, monitor and disc drive, given £350 for the purchase of books and protective covers.

Money has also been set aside for the purchase of science and maths equipment. The Authority has put on extra teaching resources of two days per week because of the absence of Mrs Edwards the deputy Head.

Memorandum on the various Charities connected with
Thirsk and Sowerby.

- Sinclair Charity: Charity Commissioners' No. 246215.
£500 each to the Poor and Needy of Thirsk and Sowerby.
Invested in 2% Consolidated Stock, standing at £1075:27
Trustees: The Vicars of Thirsk and Sowerby, The Methodist
Superintendent Minister (and the Congregational Minister).
Account at the Midland Bank, Thirsk. Deposit A/c 73007227
- Kitchinman Charity: Charity Commissioners' No. 122707.
Originally 3% British Transport Stock.
Now on Deposit at Barclay's Bank A/c No 41455443
Also a Current A/C No 40904805
A/C's stand at £484:42 deposit + 90p Current
Will of 30th April, 1901
For Communicants; Trustees; The Vicar of Thirsk.
- Scurr's Charity: Charity Commissioners' No. 222706.
From the 2nd Codicil of the will of Richard William
Scurr (7th November, 1879)
£500 to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Thirsk 'for the poor'.
Originally invested in LMS stock.
Redeemed on 9th January, 1989 at £186:67, now held
on deposit by the Treasurer of Thirsk Church.
- Cambridge Christmas Gift: Charity Commissioners' No. 16489.
£180 in 2½% Consolidated Stock
Trustee: the Vicar of Thirsk
- Wrightson Charity Charity Commissioners' No. 230782.
Trustees: The Churchwardens of Thirsk and representatives
of the Town Council.
£1375:20 held in 3½% Funding Stock 1994-2004 by the
Official Custodian for Charities.
- Place's Charity: Charity Commissioners' No. 222708
For the Provision of Bread and Coal.
Trustees: The Vicar and Churchwardens of Thirsk
£1201.68 in 2% Consolidated Stock.
- Maternity Charity: Charity Commissioners' No. 222709
Trustee: The Vicar of Thirsk:
"To support respectable married women living in Thirsk
at the time of childbirth."
Originally £100 in N.E. Railway Preferential Stock.
Now £54.

Current Balances are: Sinclair: £21.21
Kitchinman: £484.42 (Capital) 0.90p (current.)
Scurrs: £186:67 (Capital)
Cambridge: £128.68
Wrightson: £49:75
Place s: £77.27
Maternity: £61

1989 Distribution: £141; 1 @ £4.50
2 @ £3
87 @ £1.50

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Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 19th March 1990 at 8.25 p.m.

Present Couns. Mrs. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, J. Bell, H. D. Craig, D. E. Loveden, R. S. Hall, A. J. Davison, J. M. Salmon, P. J. M. Benson + 5 Members of the Public.

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

Pelican Crossing for Long Street Nothing reported.

Salem Chapel Planning decision still awaited.

Recreational Land - East Thirsk Nothing reported.

Thirsk Post Office The Chairman officially opened the new Post Office in the North Yorkshire Co-operative Society premises on 12th March. Members agreed that the facilities are better than in the former building but are not good enough. It was agreed to monitor the situation. The Chairman had been told that alterations are to be carried out to the Co-op premises. It was agreed to request that the Posting Box be removed from outside the former Post Office building and sited outside the Co-op.

Heavy Traffic through Thirsk The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged for 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd May in the upper room of the Town Hall. It will be attended by Mr. Sawers of the N.Y.C.C. and an Officer of the District Council's Planning and Technical Dept. Representatives of other Parishes concerned with this problem are being invited to attend.

Street Sweeping Confirmation received from the Chief Environmental Health Officer that the Town Council's contribution towards Street Sweeping for the year ending 31st March 1990 will be £2,650.

C.A.P.E. Scheme Reply re a grant still awaited.

Christmas Lights The Clerk reported that a further £50.00 had been received from Mrs. Mayne. A meeting of this Council's Christmas Lights Sub Committee with the Chamber of Trade was arranged for 12th April.

Trees - The Holmes The Chairman reported that a tree to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Institute and two trees for the Norby Ladies to commemorate the Lambert '90' Appeal have been ordered and will be planted on The Holmes in the near future.

Gipsy Site A letter from the Chief Environmental Health Officer referred to the following points raised by this Council. **Trading** No provision should be made on site for a communal scrap area and site conditions prohibit any scrap to be on the site other than in the occupants lorries. There may be some very limited provision on individual pitches but the overall policy must be aimed at not allowing wholesale trade to be carried on in the manner referred to by this Council. **Livestock** will have to be controlled. It is expected

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that anybody coming onto the site will have to make alternative arrangements for their livestock should they wish to retain them. Vehicles The size of vehicles will in effect be regulated by the entrance gate. Regulations regarding Parking in Laybys It is the clear aim that with the application for the site proposed at Sowerby and the site at Seamer, that in consultation with the County Council and the D.O.E., the District will be able to apply for designation. On the basis that designation is achieved, gipsies illegally parked will be moved on. Mr. Burnett expressed his willingness to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the matter of the gipsy site. It was agreed to invite him to the April meeting.

Thirsk (Off Street Parking Places) Order 1990 A letter from the Chief Executive H.D.C. referred to the points raised by this Council in connection with the Order. The letter stated that problems have been experienced for some considerable time with regard to the use of the Swimming Pool Car Park, by the public as a long stay car park. This being the principal reason for introducing disc parking. One area that has raised certain concern from other consultees is the restriction on the parking of coaches in the Market Place. At the Town Council's request, the proposed Draft Order suggests that they should be permitted to wait for no more than 10 minutes. The United Bus Service has indicated that this would not fit in with their own timetable. The Chamber of Trade suggests that this period of time should extend to 20 minutes. The existing Order indicates that coaches can wait for no more than 30 minutes. Members agreed that they have no objection to the waiting time being 30 minutes providing that this is enforced.

Financing of Local Government - Parish Precepts The Chairman and Coun. Loveden had attended a meeting at Northallerton to discuss the loss of revenue from commercial premises. It had been agreed to ask individual Councils to request their Member of Parliament to urge the Government to require District Councils to pass on some of the revenue from commercial rates to the Parishes. Letter to be sent to William Hague, M.P.

Seat - White Mare Corner Coun. Hall reported that Mr. Adam Rose of the Furniture Factory, Sutton Road has offered to repair the seat and tidy up the area around it at White Mare Corner. It was agreed to accept and thank Mr. Rose for his offer.

Survey of Signs Letter received from the Chief Planner stating that a photographic survey has been undertaken as the first step in the analysis of which signs do and do not have the relevant consent. The next step is to analyse which signs (a) have consent (b) do not require consent (c) are unauthorised. This is a lengthy task and will take some time to complete.

Resolution Prop. Coun. Bell, sec. Coun. Loveden 'That Thirsk Town Council Opposes the Proposed Widening of Skipton Bridge'. Coun. Bell told the meeting that the bridge is a Grade 2 Listed Building with a pleasing aspect when approached from a westerly direction. In its present state it acts as a physical deterrent to heavy vehicles.. Any improvement to the bridge will increase the number of vehicles/ cont

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passing through Thirsk Market Place and the villages en route. Vehicles will be encouraged to use the A61 and Skipton Bridge instead of the Dishforth Interchange and A168 Thirsk By-pass. The County Council is considering ways of reducing heavy traffic through the town. The widening of Skipton Bridge would increase it. Traffic Lights would ease any congestion on the bridge. Local vehicles needing to use the bridge could do so. Other vehicles seeking short cuts would be discouraged. Coun. Murkett stated that the A61 should be downgraded at Baldersby from a Principal road to a Class A road for access only. There should be a designated heavy vehicle route via the A168 and its use enforced. Voting on the resolution was All in Favour. It was also agreed to put forward Coun. Murkett's suggestion regarding downgrading the A61.

Street Naming and Numbering - Long Street Letter from the Chief Planner inviting suggestions for the naming of the road on the proposed Persimmon Homes development at Long Street. Coun. Murkett proposed the name 'Consett' in deference to Councillor M.C.W.P. Consett, a District Councillor and a former Chairman and Member of Thirsk Rural District Council. Coun. Bell was in favour of 'Rymer' for its historical associations. The proposed development is on the site of the former Rymers Mill, a family business for several generations. It was agreed to put forward both names.

Correspondence

Thirsk Conservation Advisory Group Letter received stating that is hoped to hold the inaugural meeting of the group at 6.45 p.m. on 22nd May at a venue yet to be arranged.

Resignation Letter received tendering Councillor Bentley's resignation due to a change in his work pattern. A Casual Vacancy was declared which, if an election is not claimed by 6th April, will be filled by co-option at the next meeting. Mr. Bentley to be thanked for his service to the Council.

Recreational Provision at the East of Thirsk Letter received from Mr. E. Barker putting forward suggestions regarding land for recreation. A similar letter had been received by the Chief Executive H.D.C. who suggested that there may be some merit in discussions between the respective Authorities before formally replying. It was agreed to request a meeting at Stone Cross on 27th April.

Parish Boundaries Letter received from Sowerby Parish Council stating that as Parish Councils no longer receive any revenue from commercial properties it may now be the appropriate time to discuss boundary reviews with Thirsk and Bagby, especially as local elections are due to take place in May next year. It does not seem logical that Thirsk Industrial Estate or Duckett Ings should be in Bagby Parish, which is four miles away and presumably of no interest or significance now. The letter suggested that possibly a sub committee from each Council could meet to discuss the areas concerned and reach an agreement which could then be put to the District Council. It was agreed that this Council should review all the Thirsk boundaries before attending such a meeting. The Thirsk boundaries to be reviewed at a meeting on/

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24th May after which members will attend the suggested meeting with Sowerby and Bagby.

Cemetery Superintendent Letter from Mr. Barr asking if the Council will be responsible for his Community Charge and Water Charges. It was agreed that the Cemetery Sub Committee meet with him to discuss these matters.

Town Clock Letter received from William Potts & Sons stating that it is necessary to increase the maintenance charge for the Town Clock next year to £70.00 and pointing out that their account is submitted at the end and not the beginning of the contract period.

Planning Decisions

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| <u>2/89/152/0031F</u> | Carricks (Caterers) | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0101Z</u> | Victoria Wine | Refused |
| <u>2/89/152/0384</u> | Northern Electric | Granted |
| <u>2/89/152/0386</u> | Mr. & Mrs. J. Gerry | Granted |

Members were concerned at the granting Northern Electric's planning application. The Planning Officer to be asked the reasons for this.

Plans Observations were made on the following Planning Applications:

2/90/152/0388 Conversion of Existing Storage Building to a Retail Shop with Workshop and Office Accommodation at 5A, Finkle Street for D. Gilliats
Recommend Approval

2/90/152/0306 Use of Two Ground Floor Rooms of Existing Osteopathic Surgery for the Sale of Antiques at 5, Ingramgate for S. Muddle
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that this is not a commercial area and parking is inadequate

C2/90/152/0005H Extension to Thirsk County Primary School for NYCC Education Committee.
Recommend Approval

2/90/152/0389 Alterations to Existing Offices at Rear of Yorkshire Bank for Hambleton District Council
Recommend Approval but request that the area outside the building be tidied up

2/90/152/0053K Alterations to Existing Shop Front at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York.
Approve but would prefer the glazing bars as in the previous application

2/90/152/0053L Application for Listed Building Consent for Alterations to Existing Shop and the Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign and a Non Illuminated Fascia Sign at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York
Recommend Approval

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Display of an Externally Illuminated Projecting Sign and a Non Illuminated Projecting Sign at 45, Market Place for Thomas of York
Recommend Approval

2/90/152/0390

Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse (Conservatory) at 72, Hambleton Avenue for Mr. A. Pattison
Recommend Approval

Accounts The following Accounts were Approved for Payment

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| J. D. Barr (S.O.) | - Payment as Cemetery Supt. - March | - £ 298.00✓ |
| J. D. Barr | - Interest on Monies invested for the Private Upkeep of Graves | - £ 39.53✓ |
| Peat & Son | - Printing Cemetery Receipt Books | - £ 38.80✓ |
| F. D. Todd & Sons | - Emptying Cemetery Skip | - £ 32.20✓ |
| P. Smith | - Salary - Jan. - March | £450.00 |
| | Administrative Expenses | <u>£ 77.51</u> |
| | | - £ 527.51✓ |
| Wm. Potts & Sons | - Maintenance of Town Clock | - £ 69.00✓ |
| Wakefield M.D.C. | - Paper from Y.P.O. | - £ 9.62✓ |
| Hambleton D. C. | - Contribution to Street Sweeping | - £2650.00✓ |

Additional Accounts

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| Power Point | - Hire of Chain Saw to cut fallen tree in Cemetery | - £ 6.90✓ |
| J. Cartman | - Trees for Cemetery | - £ 51.50✓ |
| Northern Electric | - Cost of power and connection and disconnection of Christmas Lights | - £ 408.56✓ |

Any Other Business

Play Area - Hambleton Place/Dowber Way Coun. Salmon requested an explanation as to why the play area had been removed from the Local Plan.

Paved Area - Market Place The District Council to be asked what the situation is regarding greengrocery stalls on the newly paved area of the Market Place.

Library Wall The attention of the Trustees of Thirsk Infants School to be drawn to trees growing through the river bank wall at the library.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

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Abstract of Audited Accounts - Year Ending 31.3.90

General Account

| | £ |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Cr. Balance - 1.4.89 | 5140.26 |
| Precept | 10000.00 |
| Refund of V.A.T. | 543.18 |
| Donations to Xmas Lts | 325.40 |
| Insurance Claim - Seat | 41.86 |
| N.Y.C.C. Grant | 50.00 |
| Interest | 1332.47 |
| Street Sweeping Refund | <u>311.87</u> |

17745.04

| | £ |
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| Clerk's Salary | 1775.00 |
| Admin., Audit & Stationery | 806.79 |
| Subscriptions & Donations | 550.50 |
| Xmas Lights | 1260.59 |
| Town Hall | 928.36 |
| Mill Gardens | 225.30 |
| Town Clock Maintenance | 69.00 |
| Street Sweeping | 2650.00 |
| Course Fees | 189.75 |
| Grass Cutting | 933.80 |
| " " - The Flatts | 177.33 |
| Insurances | 281.78 |
| Notice Board Repairs | 24.84 |
| Clock Door Repairs | 65.94 |
| Play Equipment Spares | 18.76 |
| Seat Repairs | 173.08 |
| Word Processor | 587.80 |
| Mayor's Allowance | 100.00 |

Balance

10818.62
6926.42
17745.04

Burial Board Account

| | £ |
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| Cr. Balance - 1.4.89 | 3667.32 |
| Precept | 6000.00 |
| Dividends & Interest | 39.53 |
| War Graves Comm. | 10.35 |
| Refund of V.A.T. | 116.39 |
| Burial Board Income | 1898.00 |

11731.59

| | £ |
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| Cemetery Superintendent | 3615.53 |
| Rates & Water - Cem. Lodge | 540.48 |
| Grass Cutter Hire | 552.00 |
| Strimmer Repairs | 3.96 |
| Petrol | 74.31 |
| Chain Saw Hire | 6.90 |
| Trees | 51.50 |
| Emptying of Skip | 128.80 |
| Insurance | 78.48 |
| New Path | 650.00 |
| Receipt Books | 38.80 |

Balance

5740.76
5990.83
11731.59

Summary

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| General Account | 6926.42 |
| Burial Board Account | 5990.83 |

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| Current Account | 417.13 |
| Deposit Account | 163.70 |
| Deposit Account Inv. | 207.00 |
| Building Society | 9593.43 |
| N.S.B. Investment | 2535.99 |

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