

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 13th April 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. D. E. Loveden (Chairman), D. S. Murkett, R. S. Hall, Mrs F. Roberts, B. W. Garthwaite, A. J. Morton, Miss J. Marshall, A. Robinson, and J. M. Salmon.

**Apology for Absence:** An apology for absence was received from Couns Craig.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and the Council meeting of the 16 March, having been circulated and approved, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Murkett, Sec. Coun. Garthwaite.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Public Open Spaces** - Hambleton Park Thirsk A letter from the Chief Executive. of Hambleton District Council stated that they and Barratts had now agreed a price for the open spaces for which contracts were to be exchanged.

**Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places** - The Council was advised by the Yorkshire Local Council Association that such a byelaw can only be authorised by District Councils, except where the Town Council owned the land in question.

**Finger Post Market Place** - Councillor Roberts reported that the finger post would probably be sited near the clock- this to be decided on 14 April 1992.

**Car Parking:-** Coun D Murkett reported that the District Council had decided that charges should be introduced for the whole of the Hambleton Area. This was due to be ratified by the full Council after Easter. Charges to be Swimming Pool Park - 50p. Car Park - 20p. As the District Council does not own the Market Place, they cannot impose charges there.

**Garden for the Blind:** Nothing to report.

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**Poop Scoop:-** A letter from Mr John Bell stated that he had no objection to the Town Council bringing in a 'Poop Scoop' byelaw relating to land owned by him and currently leased to the Town Council.

**Carrs Field:** - Nothing to report.

**Salem Chapel:** - Nothing to report.

**Public Footpath:** - Nothing to report.

**Ditch to the rear of St Mary's Drive:** - A letter from the Cod Beck Internal Draining Board stated that the Ditch was not under their jurisdiction.

**Police Matters:** Insp. Coates informed the Council that the current week was Crime Prevention Week with a local display and advice on Vehicle Watch .

Coun. Marshall raised the problem of cars racing along St Mary's and Hambleton Drive . Insp Coates stated that if the problem was severe traffic calming measures could be brought in.

Coun. Salmon suggested that youngsters be involved in vehicle schemes. This may be considered in the future.

The telephone link with the Police Station is to be improved- this met with the Council's approval.

**Meeting with Chief Planning Officer:** - Coun. Marshall reported that Mr Quartermain had suggested that the Town Council and the Chamber of Trade should have a meeting with him to discuss what could be done to boost Business Confidence. Proposed Coun. Marshall, Seconded Coun. Roberts that this be done. Details of the Survey of Shops to be forwarded to the Chamber of Trade with an invitation to an earlier meeting to pool ideas.

**Transfer of Licences:** An amendment to the former notice of intention of Patricia Fearnon to apply for the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of Nevisons Hotel was received.

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**Yorkshire Day** : It was proposed by Coun Murkett and seconded by Coun. Marshall that an invitation to the Yorkshire Day Celebration to be held at Richmond on 1st August 1992 be accepted and four representatives to attend. This was proposed by Coun. Murkett and seconded by Coun. Marshall.

**Pick's Lane** : A letter from Mrs Cable re making Pick's Lane a one-way traffic system was read to the meeting. Coun. Murkett reported that this had been adopted as Council policy when the Doctor's Surgery moves to it's new premises.

**Recreational Land on Housing Estates**: It was decided to meet with a representative from Hambleton District Council so that the problem areas could best be identified. This to be arranged to take place on 23 April 1992.

**Planning & Compensation Act 1991** : Coun. Mrs Roberts to investigate.

**Settlement Limits**: Planning Committee to meet with representatives from Sowerby Parish Council to discuss same and report back to Meeting.

**Mr Moore**: A letter from Mr Moore complained of the general erosion and untidiness of the Green and of the principle of compulsory purchase of common land. Coun Clements reported that this is a complex problem and it was decided to hold a meeting of the sub committee to discuss in more depth. Meeting to be on 27 April 1992.

**Planning Decisions**: Compulsory Purchase of land on the Green. The Town Council approved of this so that the planned development at Waterside can proceed.

Application No. 2/92/152/0293E      Application to extend opening hours.  
Approved.

Application No. 2/92/152/0441      Construction of Garage for Mr & Mrs P Knight. Approved

Application No. 2/92/152/0339C      Extension of Car Park Approved

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**FINANCE:**

H M Customs & Excise - Refund of VAT £ 439.06

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

I Atkinson (S.O.) Payment as Cemetery Supt - April-	£ 325.00✓
Yorkshire Water Authority (1st Instalment )	£ 92.52✓
N.Y.C.C. - Hire of Court House (Oct - Dec)	£ 45.00✓
YPO - City of Wakefield MDC - Discs	£ 21.00✓
Mrs P Smith - Admin Expenses to 31 March 1992	£ 18.83✓
Coun Garthwaite - Reimbursement B & B	£ 28.00✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd	£ 12.36✓
L Mitchell - cleaning windows	£ 8.00✓
F D Todd - emptying skip	£ 47.00✓
John Bell - rent of Holmes etc	£ 0.48✓
Power Point - Hire of mower (4 weeks)	£ 70.50✓
Yorkshire Local Councils subscription	£ 227.00✓

**Todd's** : A letter from Todd's advising of higher charges for the removal of the skip was noted by the Council.

**Carrs Field**: Letter from Thirsk Chamber of Trade stated that when the Council acquire the Carrs Field they can call on them for any support should it be decided to hold a Gala etc.

**Closure Sutton House**: - Coun. Marshall expressed concern that the problem of local accommodation for the elderly mentally confused had not been solved satisfactorily. It was decided to re-affirm our earlier letter to the Social Services.

**Train Services**: Report on problem of deterioration of train services.

**Any Other Business:**

**Sale Town Hall** - Coun Robinson reported on a sale at Thirsk Town Hall, and had notified the Trading Standards Officer of the shoddy goods and bad management of same.

**Notice Board Norby**: - Coun Marshall reported that Hambleton District Council would provide a Notice Board to be sited in Norby - decided to take up this offer.

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**East Thirsk Comm Hall:** - It was reported that the scheme is going ahead.

**Mill Gardens:** Coun. Roberts reported that she and Mrs Reynard had ordered plants and mushroom mulch for the Mill Gardens. Some repair work is needed on the cracked paving stones.

**Town Hall:** - It was reported that a quantity of tiles had been obtained at a reasonable price to refurbish the Town Hall. The Town Council agreed to pay half this cost. Coun Salmon gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**Environmental Health:** Coun Roberts reported on the excellent provision of re-cycling collection containers locally.

A complaint that the market place rubbish ought to be collected on an alternative day to Monday was received.

**Buildings Town End :** Concern was expressed at the appalling state of old farm buildings at the town end. A letter of complaint to go to the owner.

**Thirsk Scheme:** Concern was expressed about the raised york stone footpath currently being constructed, It was proposed by Coun Salmon and seconded by Coun. Murkett that a letter go to Hambleton District Council to this effect.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Frederic W. Roberts.  
Chairman

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on Monday, 18th May 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. D. E. Loveden (Chairman), D.S. Murkett, H. D. Craig, A. Robinson, B. W. Garthwaite, A. J. Morton, Miss J. Marshall, Mrs. F. M. Roberts, S. I. Clements, R. S. Hall. J. M. Salmon.

**Retiring Chairman** Coun. Loveden thanked members for the support given to him during his term of office and was thanked for his work.

The Lord Mayor's Charity Dinner had been a resounding success and had raised £650.00 for Action Research for the Crippled Child and £300.00 for the Thirsk Community Mini Bus. Coun. Loveden presented cheques to representatives from the bodies concerned.

**Election of Chairman** Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Roberts 'that Coun. Murkett be elected to the Chair'. Unanimously Agreed. Coun. Murkett thanked members for his election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Election of Vice Chairman** Prop. Coun. Murkett, sec. Coun. Craig 'that Coun. Roberts be elected Vice Chairman. All in Favour.

**Minutes** The Clerk was asked to amend the Minutes of the previous meeting to read that the District Council do own the Market Place they were then approved, and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Loveden, sec. Coun. Hall.

**Appointment of Representatives to Sub - Committees**

It was proposed Coun. Loveden and sec. Coun. Hall that Sub-Committees remain as they and review the situation next month.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charges/ Management of Car Parks**

Letters from Hambleton District Council stated that the District Council had considered and approved the recommendation of the Leisure & Amenities Committee to introduce Car Parking Charges in spite of the Town Council's views.

**Royal Mail Post Box - St Mary's Estate**

The request for a post box on St. Mary's Estate was turned down by the Royal Mail as they considered it uneconomical to provide extra posting facilities.

**Thirsk Market Place Imp Scheme - New Footway**

The concern expressed by the Town Council over the safety of the new raised footpath was not viewed sympathetically by Hambleton District Council. Members decided they must monitor the situation re accidents.

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Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places

A letter from Richmond Police Headquarters did not consider that additional controls were necessary. The Clerk was asked to reply strongly and enquire 'how many arrests had been made and for what reason'. Members were concerned and decided to seek help from the Y.C.L.A. and William Hague, M.P.

Thirsk Swimming Pool

Hambleton District Council were pleased to note the Town Council's satisfaction with the completed Swimming Pool.

Footpath - Hambleton Drive to St Mary's Estate

Concern was expressed that the 'wrong footpath' may have been inspected. The Clerk to request that a map be provided so that areas of concern can be clearly marked in future.

Parish Noticeboard - Norby

Coun. Roberts advised the Clerk that Mr Woods had kindly volunteered to have the Notice Board erected.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

I Atkinson(S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Supt. - May	- £355.50
L Mitchell	- cleaning windows	10.00
Richmond Town Council		10.00
Thirsk Motors Ltd		23.96
Power Point	- Hire of mower - purchase of grass shears	99.88
Claydon Fields Assoc.	- Subscription	10.00
C.E. & C.M. Walker	- grasscutting	260.85
Lowerby Parish Council	- ½ cost of tiles for Town Hall	301.50
Rowley's Nurseries	- wreath for Skipton on Swale Memorial	15.00
A.M. Duckworth	- Willow Trees, The Mews, Millgate	265.55
Coun. Roberts	- reimbursement(mushroom compost & photocopying)	16.44

Introduction of Business Plan

Coun. Marshall, Coun. Hall and Coun. Morton to attend the meeting of the Thirsk Chamber of Trade together with a representative from Hambleton District Council to discuss the formulation of a Unitary Business Plan.

Buildings Town End

The Clerk was asked to express to the owner the concern of the Council as to the bad state of repair of the buildings at Town End.

Ditch - Rear of St Mary's Drive

The Clerk to enquire to Hambleton District Council who the owner is.

Revolt:

Proposed Coun. Salmon and sec. Coun Loveden that a contribution of £150.00 be donated towards their cause.

Litter Bins - Station Road

A complaint was received that there are no litter bins along Station Road. Environmental Health to be asked to provide same.

Tree - Gillings Court;

Thirsk Darby & Joan Club wished to plant a tree at Gillings Court to mark their fortieth anniversary.

Charity Shops:

A letter from William Hague M.P. pointed out that Charity Shops are not intended to be in 'proliferation' that the concessionary rates are only intended for shops selling a majority of second hand goods.

Sowerby Parish Council: - Grasscutting - The Flatts

Proposed Coun. Robinson and sec. Coun. Loveden that a one third share of the estimated cost of cutting the Flatts be contributed i.e. 196.00.

Litter Westgate:

A complaint regarding litter near the fish shop in Westgate was passed on to Hambleton District Council.

Police Academy:

Councillors were impressed by the Summer Play Scheme to be launched in Thirsk, between 29th July and 28th August with various events and activities for the youngsters. It was proposed that £300.00 be donated toward the Scheme, proposed Coun. Salmon and sec. Coun. Loveden.

Finkle Street:

Following a request from Mrs Severs, Mr Ballard had agreed to provide a flower container to be positioned in front of Woolybacks premises in Finkle Street.

Thornton Steward Open Day:

An open invitation had been received for Councillors to attend the Yorkshire Water Open Day on 19 June. Noted.

Community Care Association:

A representative has been invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on 11 June 1992.

Gala:

The Thirsk Chamber of Trade's suggestion to form a Sub Committee to be planning ahead for a Gala was met with enthusiasm.

Parish Paths Partnership:

Correspondence from the Countryside Commission about a new scheme currently being set up across the country to preserve and enhance rights of way was presented. Councillors asked the Clerk to find out when the scheme is to start in our area.

Planning:

2/92/152/0441 Construction of garage for Mr & Mrs P Knight Granted  
 2/92/152/0293E Alteration of Opening Hours at 42 Long Street Granted  
 2/92/152/0439 Alterations & Extensions to inc. Double Garage Granted

Reports:

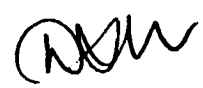
Planning - Nothing to report

Citizens Advice Bureau:

Coun. Salmon thanked the Town Council for the recent improvements in the Town Hall.

The Greens:

Coun. Clements reported that after consultations with Mr Woods regarding the upgrading of the access roads on the Green and the recovery of grassed areas, the Council should first write to all householders using the Green reminding them of the existing Byelaw prohibiting parking and asking them to exercise more consideration. A future meeting to be arranged with their residents association to decide how to fund the project.



Burial Committee:

Coun. Hall reported that the purchase of new mowers would be less than 2 years hire charges. The meeting resolved that Coun. Hall and the Chairman should decide the course of action.

Memorial

Re the late Gwendoline Thompson

Granted

Any Other Business:

Coun. Roberts reported that there were 4 seats to be positioned around the town. It was decided that one should go to Hambleton, one to Stockton Road, one near the old British & Foreign School and one to be at Town End in front of the Sorting Office.

Homeless:

Coun. Marshall brought to the Council's attention the conversion of the New Inn into a home for the homeless, Councillors agreed it was a commendable operation.

Community Hall - East Thirsk:

Coun. Salmon informed the meeting that plans for the Community Hall were to go on inspection from Tuesday next in the Library. A 'Buy a Brick' Scheme had been launched to raise funds.

Road Sign:

A request that the sign from Long Street into Piper Lane should read 'leading to St. James Green & Pinfold Place' was received. District Council to be asked if they can oblige.

Flower Trough:

Coun. Roberts reported that the flower container outside the Westminster Bank is to be repaired.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

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Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th June 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. D. Murkett (Chairman), H. D. Craig, B. W. Garthwaite, A. J. Morton, A. Robinson, S. I. Clements, Miss J. Marshall, R. S. Hall, and J. M. Salmon.

**Apologies for Absence** received and accepted from Couns. D. Loveden, & Coun. F.M. Roberts (on holiday).

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

### **Appointment of Representatives**

**Thirsk & Sowerby Civic Society** Coun. Roberts.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust** Coun. Garthwaite.

**Hambleton Sports Council** Coun. Hall.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall** Couns. Roberts, Loveden & Craig.

**Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau** Coun. Salmon.

**Local Councils Association** Couns. Murkett & Roberts. Deputy - Coun. Marshall.

**Parish Map** Coun. Clements.

**Conservation Area Advisory Group** Coun. J. Salmon .

**Community Care Association** Coun. Morton.

**Charities** Couns. Roberts & Craig.

**Thirsk Further Education Centre** Coun. Morton.

**Liaison with East Thirsk Community Association** Coun. Salmon.

### **Sub Committees**

**The Holmes & Greens** Couns. Clements (Chairman), & Morton.

**Footpaths & Rights of Way** Couns. Craig (Chairman), Garthwaite & Marshall.

**Cemetery** Couns. Hall (Chairman), Salmon, Roberts & Craig.

**Planning** Couns. Morton, Roberts, Murkett & Robinson.

**Christmas Lights** Couns. Hall (Chairman), Craig, Marshall, Garthwaite & Robinson.

**Finance** Couns. Murkett (Chairman), Morton & Salmon.

**Amenities** Couns. Roberts (Chairman), Garthwaite, Clements, Marshall & Robinson.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **Management of Car Parks**

A letter from Hambleton District Council stated that should the Leisure & Amenities Committee decide to proceed with the proposals and the Council ratifies this on 21 July 1992 full details of the Order will be advertised and there will be more opportunity for consultation.

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### Consumption of Alcohol

A letter from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association stated that there were only two options open to the Town Council; the first to persuade Hambleton District Council to obtain a byelaw banning the consumption in public places in Thirsk and the second to persuade the police to be more vigorous in tackling public order offences in Thirsk on race days and maintain a higher profile.

Mr William Hague, M.P. sent a circular which set out a model byelaw for prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liqueur in designated places, for the Town Council's consideration.

### Public Inquiry - 400KV Transmission Line Lackenby to Shipton

The Clerk reported that the Inquiry will close on 19 June and resume in July when any further objections to the overhead pipeline can be submitted.

### Street Cleansing in Thirsk

The Situation along Station is to be monitored by Hambleton District Council to decide where there is most need of new litter bins.

Following a complaint about litter outside a local fish shop an additional sweeping service is to be provided on race days. Hambleton District Council is to consider the possibility of serving a Street Litter Control Notice on the Fish Shop under Section 93 of the Environmental Protection Control Notice. The Council supported this action but felt that it should be served against all take-away's.

Thornton Steward's Open Day - No one wished to attend.

Street Naming - Thirsk : Hambleton District Council confirmed that a new sign was to be positioned to read 'Piper Lane - Leading to Pinfold Place'.

Mr Woods, Divisional Surveyor confirmed that a 'No through Road' will be affixed at the entrance to Chapel Street.

Car Boot Sales : A letter of complaint from Sowerby Parish Council about the noise and inconvenience caused by the early morning activity was noted by Members.

A letter, from a visitor to the Town, appealing for the Car Boot sales to be allowed to continue was also noted by Members.

### Meeting with Thirsk Chamber of Trade & Hambleton District Council

Four Councillors attended a meeting with Thirsk C.O.T. and Mr S. Quartermain, Chief Planner & Technical Officer of Hambleton District Council. This proved to be a positive and constructive meeting when representatives were able to put forward their views on the future development of the Town and voice any complaints they had.

Mr Quartermain sympathised with the disruption that Thirsk had had to endure in the refurbishment but added that it would soon be completed.

### Correspondence

#### Public Open Spaces - Favenfield

The Town Council was asked to consider if they would take over responsibility for 3 small areas of grass in the Favenfield area as well as the 3 areas already approved. It was agreed that the Council should do this, the Clerk to ask Hambleton District Council to go ahead with the transfer.

Children's Play Area Herriot way: Hambleton District Council wrote to ascertain if Thirsk Town Council were willing to take over maintenance of the Children's Play Area. Stating that on transfer of the land a sum of £3,655 was payable. Agreed unanimously.

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**Accommodation of Elderly Mentally Confused:**

A letter from Social Services, in response to an earlier letter, stated that the 'provision of further units will be considered as the need for them is established'.

**Thirsk Town Map:** A letter from Codair reported that the Thirsk Town Map would soon be available.

**Northern Electric - Damaged Seat:** A further letter from Northern Electric stated that in their view the Council's claim was 'unjustified'. It was agreed the Clerk write requesting payment.

**Complaint re: The Holmes Footpath** A further letter of complaint was received from Mrs. Vasey of Norby regarding the condition of the footpath across The Holmes. The Council re-iterated their view of last year that this Council are not prepared to spend £600.00 to resurface a footpath which is considered to be adequate for its purpose as a country walk.

**Complaint re: Bus Shelter** A letter from Mr. Fyles, Sowerby was forwarded from Hambleton District Council complaining that due to the shelter being open on the south side travellers were rainswept, also that there was not a seat in the shelter. The Clerk to reply that the design was chosen as a deterrent to vandalism. Coun. Morton was asked to monitor the situation.

**Complaint re: Trees Race Course;** A letter from Carlton Miniott Parish Council expressed concern about the overhanging trees. The Clerk to take the necessary action.

**Playing Fields Association:** Councillors were invited to the the A.G.M. 6th July at Skelton.

**Reports from Sub-Committees**

**The Holmes & Greens** Couns. Clements reported that he and Coun. Murkett had met Mr Woods, Divisional Surveyor, who had drawn up plans for improvement of the Green. It was proposed that only 3 vehicle access points be provided, some parking areas designated and the rest of the green returned to a grassed area, with perhaps some small fence as a deterrent to parking. As peoples' properties would doubtless be improved, it was decided to seek contribution from them as the cost of implementing the scheme would be too high for the Town Council to meet. The scheme was approved in principle by the Council and it was decided to arrange a meeting with the residents to seek their views.

It was proposed by Coun. Hall and seconded by Coun. Salmon that the possibility of acquiring a grant be looked into.

**Cemetery** Couns. Hall reported that the new mowers were now in operation and were a great improvement. The plumbing work on Cemetery Lodge is to start soon.

Coun. Murkett invited, as many as are able, to inspect the Cemetery on Wednesday 8th July at 7.30pm.

**Amenities** The Amenities Committee were asked to look into the cost of cutting the grass at Favenfield.

**Local Councils Association:** The Clerk was asked to seek quotes for Public Liability from Cornhill Insurance.

**Playing Fields Association:** Coun. Roberts to be asked if she can attend meeting on 6th July 10.30am.

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**Planning Decisions**

2/92/152/0442 Mr K. Hardcastle Refused

**Plans** Observations were made on the following Planning Applications.

2/92/152/0446 Extension to Existing Dwelling at 27 St Mary's Walk,  
Thirsk for Mr & Mrs D.E. Cowan.

No objections.

2/92/152/0356E Alterations & Extension to Existing Agricultural  
Building for use as an Agricultural Works Dwelling at  
Sunny Bank farm, Woodcock Lane, Thirsk  
for Mr G. Bainbridge.

No objections.

2/92/152/0447 Construction of an Agricultural Storage Building at  
Hillcrest, Plump Bank, Sutton Road, Thirsk  
for Mr & Mrs G.D. Ellis

No objections.

2/92/152/0056G Amended Layout for Residential Development at Access  
Road between Plots 73 & 74 Off Long Street, Thirsk,  
for Persimmon Homes Ltd.

Recommend refusal on the grounds that this development  
is unnecessary. It is a Speculative venture in that  
the applicant wishes to gain access to bottom 7 acres  
which is currently in Local Plan allocated for  
recreational. it is unnecessary as there already  
access from, St. Mary's. it is a major change for  
people who purchased houses around the area,  
expecting to live in a quiet environment, as it is at  
the end of the estate. Already allowed such 'driveway  
ends to be developed at MacLean's estate, therefore  
not required. Don't wish more vehicles leaving the  
estate into Long Street above that currently going to  
occur.

2/92/152/0312B Outline Application for An Extension to Existing  
Offices & Showroom at 39 Westgate, Thirsk,  
for Mr C. Shirtcliffe. No objections.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr I. Atkinson (S.O.)	- Payment as Cemetery Supt. - June -	£ 355.50?
L Mitchell	- cleaning windows 4 weeks	£ 8.00✓
Thirsk Motors	- Petrol for Cemetery Grass Cutter	£ 47.50✓
Thirsk Police Academy	- donation	£ 300.00✓
Thirsk Parochial Church Council	Graveyard Fund -	£ 275.00✓
Revolt	- Midland Bank Plc	£ 150.00✓
Countryside Commission	- Parish Paths Partnership	£ 6.50✓
Mr D. Murkett	- Chairman's Allowance	£ 100.00✓
C.E. & C.M. Walker	- grasscutting	£ 260.85✓
Power Point	- purchase of Hayter Osprey/Hunter 46	£1467.88✓
F.D. Todd & Sons		£ 96.97✓
J.W. Deighton	- 4 Bench Seats @£130.00 each	£ 520.00✓
P. Dunning	- Salary - April - June	£ 500.00
	Administrative Expenses	£ 62.83
	Travel Expenses to Audit	£ 12.10
		£ 574.93✓
N. Y. C. C.	- Rent of Court House Jan, Feb & March	£ 45.00✓
Municipal Mutual- Ins.	Policy Holmes - Playground	£ 34.88✓
Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau	- cont. to telephone points	£ 35.00✓
Ham. Dist. Sports Council	- affiliation fees 1992/93	£ 2.00✓

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## MEMBERS REPORTS

**Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau** Coun. Salmon. reported that a donation for £600 had been received from Thirsk Round Table which would cover the cost of the new door.

**Footpaths & Rights of Way** Couns. Marshall reported that a hedge had been taken out, essentially because it was of willows and also that a stile had been taken out of a right of way. Both these matters to be reported to the Footpaths Officer.

**Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)**

Mr & Mrs G.D. Collinson	Grave Spaces 68 & 69	Section P	£ 154.00
Mr & Mrs K. Stevens	Grave Spaces 82 & 83	Section U U	£ 154.00

**A.O.B.****North Yorkshire Police**

A letter from North Yorkshire Police invited Councillors to a meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 30th June 1992 at 7.30p.m. to discuss the new Police Command Structure.

**Fete** : Coun. Murkett enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the Bagby Fete

**Alanbrooke Sports Day**: Coun. Morton had an enjoyable time at Alanbrooke Barracks .

**Cycle Rack**: Coun. Mrs Roberts to be asked what the situation is regarding the cycle rack promised for the Market Place.

**Stop Tap**: A faulty stop tap near Crow's premises in Finkle Street has been reported.

**Litter Bin**: The clerk was asked to report a damaged litter bin near to the Midland Bank.

**Chapel Street**: Concern was expressed about the increased traffic congestion in Chapel Street particularly in respect of articulated lorries.

The Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.




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Chairman

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**Present** Couns. D. Murkett (Chairman), F.M. Roberts, B. W. Garthwaite, A. J. Morton, D. Loveden, A. Robinson, S. I. Clements, Miss J. Marshall, R. S. Hall, and J. M. Salmon.

**Apologies for Absence** received and accepted from Couns. H. D. Craig.

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

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Appointment of Representatives** - the following amendments were made.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall** Couns. Roberts, Craig & Robinson.

**Sub Committees**- the following amendments were made.

**Cemetery** Couns. Hall (Chairman), Salmon, Roberts, Loveden & Craig.

**Christmas Lights** Couns. Hall (Chairman), Craig, Marshall, Garthwaite & Loveden.

**Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places;**

A letter from North Yorkshire Police reported that an analysis over the last seventeen meetings showed the majority of race days to pass with no public order problems. When, however they did occur, it was felt that his officers dealt with the problems quickly and that there was nothing to show that a drinking ban would have prevented these incidents.

**Street Litter Control Notices:**

A letter from Hambleton District Council confirmed that several takeaway food shops would be effected but they could only enforce this legislation where a known problem existed.

Coun. F. Roberts to investigate.

**Play Area - Herriot Way, Thirsk;**

Hambleton District sent details of the equipped toddlers play area, and confirmed that the transfer of the land was progressing.

The Town Council was asked to select safety surface types and equipment from an enclosed list.

**Public Open Spaces - Hambleton Park;**

The District Council confirmed that transfer of the land was nearing completion.

Full.

**Thirsk Market Place Improvement Scheme;**

A copy letter from the District Council advised that a survey was currently under way to prove the need for a cycle rack.

Another letter from Mr Fyles regarding the bus shelter was passed on to the amenities sub committee.

**Refuse Collection - Thirsk**

A letter from Hambleton District Council stated that it was not realistic to alter the day of collection as it would cause too much confusion. It was felt that the problem was increased by householders putting their rubbish out too early.

Coun. Roberts to look into this.

**Lease of Land at Thirsk County Primary School as Play Area for-Community Hall;**

Coun. Marshall reported that the matter was not yet resolved.

**Provision of Cycle Racks & Litter Bins;**

Coun. Roberts reported that two large litter bins had been ordered to be placed on the Greens.

The cycle rack was not yet available.

**Burial Fees for former Thirsk Residents;**

The Clerk asked for a ruling on this matter, particularly as there are no homes for the elderly in Thirsk Parish.

Coun. Hall was asked to give this his consideration and advise at the next meeting.

**Social Services & Care of the Elderly;**

As the decision about Cherry Garth had been deferred Councillors were unable to report any progress.

**Economic Development Strategy 1992/93**

The Clerk was asked to leave this in abeyance until the next meeting until Councillors had studied the report.

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**Planning Applications:**

- 2/92/152/0364A use of Existing Disused Building for the Manufacture & Sale of Craft Products & for the Sale of Furniture at rear of 48 Market Place, Thirsk, for Mr R. Gibson.  
No Objection.
- 2/92/152/0448 Extension to Existing Dwelling at 7 Allerdale Close, Thirsk for Mr Syers.  
No Objection.
- 2/92/152/0449 Construction of Community Hall with associated Car Parking Space at Land Adjacent to Thirsk County Primary School, Thirsk for East Thirsk Community Associat.  
Approve.
- 2/92/152/0450 Extension to Existing Bungalow at 20 Woolmoor Close, Thirsk for Mr K. Taylor.  
Object. This development considered obtrusive and unacceptable in this location.
- 2/92/152/0435A/B Alterations & Extension to Existing Shop at 2,4 & 6 Castlegate, Thirsk. For Mr W. Calvert.  
No Objection, however it was felt that an additional single door would be more appropriate.
- 2/92/152/0451 Alterations & Extensions to Existing Dwellinghouse to Include a Domestic Double garage at 28 Fairfield, Thirsk for Mr & Mrs E. M. Plows.  
No Objection.
- 2/92/152/325 Amended Plans for Residential Development at Todd's Yard, Thirsk.  
No Objection.
- 2/92/152/0083L Extension to Existing Toilet Facilities at 21 Kirkgate Thirsk for the Royal British Legion Club  
No objection.
- 2/92/152/0312C Change of Use of Existing Ground Floor Showroom & Offices & First & second Floor Storeroom & Offices to Class A2 use at 39 Westgate for Mr C. Shirtcliffe.  
Refuse. Councillors objected to the change of use.

*Final.*

- 2/92/152/0031H Display of Internally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 30 Market Place, Thirsk for Lloyds Supersave Drugstore. Object.
- 2/92/152/0452 Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse at 92 Dowber Way, Thirsk for Mr & Mrs R. Brown.  
Refuse. Considered too big for the site.
- 2/92/152/0453 Construction of a Domestic Double Garage at 8 The Crescent, Thirsk for Mr & Mrs E.W. Denham.  
No objection.
- 2/92/152/0405B Extension to Existing Bungalow at Marder Leroose, Hambleton Drive, Thirsk for Mr D. Rose.  
No objection.

#### **Planning Decisions**

- 2/92/152/0444 Use of part of Existing offices for Residential Purposes at 17/19 Kirkgate, Thirsk - REFUSED
- 2/92/152/0446 Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse 27 St Mary's Walk  
GRANTED.

#### **Notice of Permission:**

- 2/92/152/0339C Extension to Existing Car Park as Amended by Plan received by Hambleton D. C. on 16th June 1992 -

Millgate, Thirsk

#### **Reports from Sub Committees;**

Commenting on an inspection of the Cemetery by several Councillors, Coun Murkett asked that a letter was to go to the Cemetery Superintendent congratulating him on the appearance and thanking him for the love & care that he has devoted to his work.

Coun. Murkett stated that it would soon be the 100 years since little Lottie Hamilton died in the local Train accident. He asked if the Council would like to mark this in some way - this was agreed.

Coun. Hall reported that the Central Heating was now installed in the Cemetery Lodge.

A new stimmer was needed to replace an old worn one, tenders to be sought for this.

It was agreed by the Councillors that the Cemetery Superintendent be paid the extra grave allowance.

*Final*

**The Greens;**

Coun. Clements has prepared maps and costings to present to a meeting with the residents of St James Green to be held on 28th July 1992.

He reported that costs were likely to be in the region of £14,000 - £17,000, but he anticipated receiving grants and contributions towards the cost.

**Correspondence;**

Several Councillors had attended the meeting when Hambleton District Council presented their case for being the Unitary Authority. However it was felt that the Councillors would like to know the views of the County Council and the Clerk was asked to write them so that Councillors might be able to decide whether to support the single or two tier system.

A further meeting is to be held at Hambleton District Council on Wednesday, 16th September.

**Sowerby Civic Amenity Site;**

A letter from the North Yorkshire County Council informed the Council of its intention to close the site at night. Councillors were concerned that fly tipping would be encouraged by this and resolved to appeal against this decision.

**Minutes of Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Area Advisory Group** were noted by Councillors.

**Members Reports;**

Coun. Roberts reported on the recent Police meeting where they outlined for the benefit of the various parishes affected the changes in their organisation.

**Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau** Coun. Salmon. reported that the local Bureau was now much improved and that the opening hours were to be increased. It was also hoped to instal a 'Panic Button' so that helpers could call assistance if needed.

**East Thirsk Community Scheme;** Coun. Marshall reported that the play scheme, run by Toc H started today. Over £1,000 had now raised by the 'buy a brick' scheme. The Village Appraisal had now been completed and a copy was duly presented to the chairman, Coun. Murkett.

**Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial (Receipts)**

Mr J. Hudson	Grave Space 14	Section E 3	£ 80.00
Mr J. & Mrs M. Boyles	Grave Spaces 1	Section E 4	£ 160.00
Mrs Hopkins	Grave Spaces 3	Section E 3	£ 80.00

**Memorials;**

In respect of Annie Campbell	Granted
In respect of Edna Hudson	Granted
In respect of Henry James Hopkins	Granted

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A.O.B.

Coun. Roberts felt that the Town Council should pay the small amount necessary to install the 'panic button' for the C.A.B.

Proposed Coun. Roberts, seconded Coun. Morton that it be requested that Hambleton District Council list the alterations to planning amendments

Coun. Robinson reported that our local Traffic Warden would like to be issued with a 'walkie talkie' and have 'traffic warden' displayed on his hat.

Coun. Loveden showed photographs illustrating the problem of footpath parking and asked that it be brought to the County Council's attention.

Coun. Hall asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Adam Rose for his work on the seat on Sutton road.

Salem Chapel- Coun. to report back to the meeting any removal or defacement of gravestones.

Coun. Marshall reported that that signs to Thirsk Industrial Estate/Park were not consistent.

Seats- a request for a seat on the north side on Ingramgate was considered. A damaged seat on the Holmes was reported.

Coun. Marshall reported that the footpath between St Mary's and Dowber Way was impassable.

It was reported that the footpath into Duckett Ings was marred by the sight of the rubbish and scrap cars to the rear of the nearby garage.

The Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

Frederick Roberts.

Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 17th August 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present** Couns. F. M. Roberts (Chairman), B. W. Garthwaite, A. J. Morton, D. Lovedon, A. Robinson, S. I. Clements, Miss J. Marshall, R. S. Hall, and J. M. Salmon.

**Apologies for Absence** were received from Councillor. D. Murkett & Councillor. H. D. Craig.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated and approved, after Coun. J. Marshall pointed out an omission, were signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Morton, sec. Coun. Hall.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Open Spaces - Hambleton Park** - A letter from Hambleton District Council stated that the purchase of the open spaces had run into problems as owners of land within the area in question had not replied. The Town Council asked that they be approached personally for a further attempt to take over and maintain the land.

**Public Right of Way** - Councillors were very concerned that Persimmon Homes had only offered to erect a fence and a stile. It was proposed by Coun. Morton and seconded by Coun. Lovedon that the Clerk enlist the support of both County and District Councils to insist that the hedge be reinstated. It was also decided that planners should be more vigilant in future to preserve mature hedges where-ever possible.

**Economic Development Strategy** - Discussion of this to be deferred until Councillors had been able to study the report.

**Thirsk County Primary School and Play Area**

Councillors Marshall reported that proceedings were going ahead.

**Market Place: Cycle Racks/Litter Bins**

The Clerk reported having received several requests for cycle racks - Mr Erbe to be advised of these requests. Following an inspection by several of the Town Councillors it was noted that six of the brown litter bins were broken; The Clerk to request that these be replaced, if possible with larger cast iron ones.

**Market Place Footpaths**

A recent inspection by Councillors noted that there were few pavings with more indentation than 20mm, this being the criteria that Hambleton District Council would accept. It was agreed that this was not good enough and it was proposed Coun. Clements, seconded Coun. Lovedon that the Town Council should press for the necessary work to be done to make the footpaths safe for pedestrians.

**Complaint** - A letter from a local shopkeeper stated how he had been offended by a newspaper report of remarks by Coun. Roberts, and asked if all the Town Council shared her 'reported opinion'. As Coun. Roberts could not remember what she had said; The Council resolved to dis-associate themselves from these remarks. ~~The report was subsequently found to be mis-quoted - the reporter in question duly apologised.~~

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### **Enforcement of Litter Act**

Coun. Marshall advised the meeting that the shopkeepers who had been served with notices under the Enforcement of Litter Act were expected at the end of the day to pick up litter they could recognise as coming from their premises.

Coun. Roberts commented on the recent high level of street cleaning. Coun. Marshall advised the meeting that Thirsk was at present being swept more times than any where else in Hambleton Area.

It was proposed Coun. Roberts, seconded Coun. Salmon that a representative from Hambleton District Council be invited to attend the next meeting of the Town Council to explain the new regulations of the Environmental Protection Act

### **Proposed Closure of Thirsk Court**

Councillors expressed their concern over the proposed closure of Thirsk Court. At a time when the population of Thirsk was increasing, when crime would almost certainly rise accordingly, it was agreed that the present Court facilities needed improvement but that should not indicate closure. Public transport is under threat and the necessary time and travel involved would be great hardship to many. It was agreed that the 'Courts were the Essence of Democracy', that 'Local Courts should serve the Local Community' and the Council would protest strongly against the closure.

### **Greens**

Coun. Clements reported on the recent meeting with residents of the Green when he presented information on the history, and development of the Greens, leading to it being registered as common land. He affirmed the Council's belief that erosion had gone too far and must be re-instated. He went on to present plans to improve the area, extending the grassed areas, closing off several access points to traffic and creating a large central parking area.

He expressed disappointment that two Councillors had publicly gone against these proposals and asked the full Council if it was their wish to press ahead with these proposals. The Council affirmed it's intention to support Coun. Clements and asked that he request the County Surveyor to draw up a specification, taking into account the views, wherever possible, of the residents. Coun. Clements promised that all Councillors would be consulted before reaching a decision.

### **Insurances;**

The Finance Committee to meet and decide insurance cover required.

### **Burial Fees for former Thirsk Residents**

This proved difficult to resolve and was left in abeyance.

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**Planning Decisions**

2/92/152/0356E	Mr G. Bainbridge	Granted
2/92/152/0447	Mr & Mrs G.D. Ellis	Granted
2/92/152/0056G	Persimmon Homes Ltd	Granted
2/92/152/0312B	39 Westgate	Withdrawn
2/92/152/0448	Mr Syers	Granted
2/92/152/0449	East Thirsk Community Associat	Granted

**Plans** Observations made on the following planning applications.

2/92/152/0435A	Alterations & Extensions to Existing Shop at	
2/92/152/0435B	2,4,& 6 Castlegate Thirsk for W. Calvert	<b>No Objection</b>
2/92/152/0440G	Outline Application for the Construction of 20 Dwellinghouses & 8 Flatts at Sutton House, Hambleton Drive, Thirsk for H.D.C.	
	<b>Approve in principle BUT strong criticism of plan.</b>	
2/92/152/0164D	Revised Details of the Construction of a Garden Store at 24 Long Street, Thirsk for Mr W. Rukin	<b>Approve</b>
2/92/152/0083M	Application for Listed Building Consent for Extension to Existing Toilet Facilities at the Royal British Legion Club, 21 Kirkgate, Thirsk for the Royal British Legion Club	<b>Approve</b>
2/92/152/0179A	Application for Listed Building Consent for the Demolition of an Existing Disused Building at 23 Kirkgate, for D.V. Sinclair	<b>Approve</b>
2/92/152/0424C	Use of part of Existing Racecourse for Car Boot Sales at Thirsk Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk for Northern Car Boot Fairs	<b>Recommend Refuse</b>

The New Era application was discussed as the proposed exit was into Barbeck. **Recommend Refusal**

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**Correspondence**

Councillors discussed a letter from Hambleton District Council re the proposed Public Parking Arrangements for the Market Square and asked the Clerk to indicate their preferences.

A letter from the Royal British Legion advised the Council of a meeting to be held on 9th September to organise the Remembrance Services and Parade, was noted.

Minutes of Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee were received and noted.

A letter of thanks was received from Thirsk Parish Church for donations received.

**Any Other Business;**

Coun. Roberts asked the support of fellow Councillors for a letter drafted by her criticizing the District Council's lenience in allowing properties to be extended without full regard to the effect on surrounding properties. This was put to the vote and with a majority of 6 to 3, it was decided her letter should be sent.

Coun. Clements asked the Clerk to request a copy of the lease referred to by the Rev. N. Newell.

A quote had been received for new webbing for use in the Cemetery; it was decided to seek alternative quotes.

Coun. Roberts reported the Town Hall was in danger of being refused it's Entertainment License if the fire regulations were not adhered to and 8 new fire doors purchased. This was noted.

**The Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.**

*Freda M. Roberts*

Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 14th September 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. F. Roberts (Chairman), S. I. Clements, Miss J. Marshall, R.S. Hall, and A. Robinson.

**Apologies for Absence** received from Couns. D. Murkett, H. Craig, B. Garthwaite, D. Loveden, A. Morton, & J. Salmon.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were approved, after asking the Clerk to delete from page 697 'this was subsequently found to have been misquoted' and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Robinson and sec. Coun. Hall.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**A letter of apology from Mr M. Cresswell;** reporter was read out to the meeting. In this letter he explained how he had misread his notes and therefore misquoted Coun. F. Roberts.

**Public Footpath-St Mary's to Hambleton Drive-Removal of Fence/Stile & Hedge by Persimmon Homes:** As this matter was as yet unresolved the Clerk was asked to write directly to Persimmon to ask again that they re-instate the hedge.

**Cycle Racks for Market Place:** Coun. Roberts reported that cycle racks were to be sited S.W. of the pelican crossing.

**St James Green:** The Rev. Newell had forwarded a copy of the lease relating to the Methodist Chapel's right of way across the Green. This was passed on to Coun. S. Clements.

**Parking Arrangements for Thirsk Market Square;** Councillors were consulted about parking arrangements.

**Litter Bins Market Place:** District Council advised that they intended to replace the old litter bins with new cast iron bins in character with the Improvement Scheme.

**Environmental Protection Act:** Mr S. Metcalfe from Environmental Health, Hambleton District Council gave a talk on how the recently introduced Environmental Protection Act would affect the Town. He explained how areas were to be zoned which indicated the level of cleaning needed, so that areas were not cleaned unnecessarily.

On the problem of Refuse collection from the Market Place he advised that members of the public were being asked not to put their refuse out too early as this exacerbated the problem.

**Local Government Review:** Correspondence had been received from North Yorkshire County Council stating their views on the Local Government Review.

Hambleton District Council stated their case for being granted Unitary Status, this was noted. The Councillors had been requested to complete a questionnaire, this they agreed to do, but District Councillors were asked not to participate, as it was felt they had a vested interest, so the three other members present completed the questionnaire.

**Economic Development Strategy:** As this had not yet been fully circulated this was again put into abeyance.

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**Correspondence:**

**Car Boot Sales:** A letter from Great Northern International Antiques & Collectors Fairs Ltd. asking for the Council's support was read to the meeting. As the planning application had already been dealt with their comments could only be noted.

**East Thirsk Community Hall:** A letter from the Rev. A. Harding asking for a financial contribution to their funds, was read to the meeting. Coun. Marshall declared an interest and advised the meeting that grant had been applied for. It was decided to support in principle and ask the finance committee to decide on the level of contribution.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee:** Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 1992 were presented to the Council; noted.

**Yorkshire Local Councils Associations:** A.G.M. Minutes together with update of information had been received.

**Fire Safety-Organised Firework Displays:** A letter from Mr C.D. Jones, County Fire Officer advising the organisation of public displays was noted by the meeting.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust:** An appeal for a contribution to the cost of repairs to the Changing Rooms was received. The Council agreed to donate £90.00 towards the cost.

**Reports from Sub-Committees:**

**St James Green:** A letter from Mr R. Hornby raised several questions. Coun. Clements to have a meeting of the sub-committee to answer.

**Christmas Lights:** Coun. Hall reported that the Christmas lights were to be switched on 4th December and that a Carol Service was to take place on 18th December 1992 at which the town band were to play. It was suggested the Town Council gave a donation towards this. Agreed.

**Amenities:** Coun. Marshall reported that information on playground equipment surfaces and equipment were being considered.

**Planning:** A Public Notice regarding the A19 Trunk Road By-Pass was discussed by the members present.

**Planned Decisions:**

2/92/009/0097B	New Era Housing Association	Refused
2/92/152/0312C	Mr C. Shirtcliffe	Granted
2/92/152/0440G	Hambleton D.C.- Sutton House	Approved
(subject to several reserved matters)		

**New Memorials** were approved for

Emily Stokell

Ian Wride

**Additional Inscriptions** were approved for

Edward Beasley

Doris Mary Haw

*Alan*

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

I. Atkinson	- Payment as Cemetery Supt. - September	- £ 325.50 ✓
P. Dunning	- Salary - July - Sept. £500.00	
	Administrative Expenses <u>£ 71.82</u>	- £ 571.82 ✓
L. Mitchell	- cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£ 8.00 ✓
N.Y.C.C.	- Use of Court House - April - June	- £ 45.00 ✓
Cod Beck Internal Drainage Board	- drainage rate 1992/93	- £ 3.60 ✓
N.Y.C.C.	- kerbing St James Green	- £ 840.00 ✓
N.Y.C.C.	- installation of seats & notice board	- £ 100.00 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd	- petrol	- £ 36.94 ✓
Sam Turner & Sons Ltd	- weedkiller	- £ 25.75 -
F.D.Todd & Sons	- emptying of skip	- £ 65.80 ✓
C.E. & C.M. Walker	- Grasscutting	- £ 130.43 ✓
Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust		- £ 90.00 ✓

Any Other Business: Coun. Roberts reported that she had received complaints from several young mothers about speeding traffic on Norby Estate and asking for double yellow lines to prevent cars parking badly, causing obstructions. This letter to be passed on to the Divisional Surveyor for his comments.

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The Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 19th October 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present** Couns. F. Roberts (Chairman), A. J. Morton, B.W. Garthwaite, D. Loveden, S. I. Clements, Miss J. Marshall, J. Salmon, R.S. Hall, and A. Robinson.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Public Footpath St Mary's Hambleton Drive:** North Yorkshire County Council reported that Persimmon Homes had promised to reinstate the hedge. Town Councillors were delighted.

**Refuse Collection:** A letter from Mr S. Metcalfe stated that occupiers of premises in the Market Place had been asked not to put out refuse too soon and the staff of the Client Services Section are not to pull out refuse before the collection vehicle is present so as resolve the problem.

**Open Spaces, Hambleton Park, Thirsk:** A letter from the Chief Executive & Clerk's Department of Hambleton District Council reported that some of the owners of part of the land that the Council had hoped to take over were not willing to transfer. The Town Council resolved to only take over the large piece of land.

**Resignation of Coun. H.D. Craig:** Coun. Craig had decided for health reasons to tender his resignation. The Town Council thanked him for his many years of service and presented him with a picture as a gesture of goodwill.

**The Green:** the subcommittee's reply to Mr Hornby's letter was read to the meeting and approved.

A letter regarding the Methodist Chapel's lease was also replied to.

**Local Government Review:** The questionnaire from Hambleton District Council was not returned since the Clerk had realised that since the District Councillors were asked not to participate, it then meant there was not a quorum of participating Councillors.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting on 11 November to discuss in detail the Local Government Review as more information had been received.

**Christmas Lights:** Councillor Roberts to liaise with the Chamber of Trade to re the possibility of a tany system being employed at the Carol Service.

**Insurance:** Councillor Murkett reported on a special meeting of the Finance Committee at which concern was expressed about the low reserves currently held by Municipal Insurance Co. In the interest of prudence, the Finance Committee recommended transferring our insurances to Cornhill. This was proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Hall. The motion was carried, with Coun Loveden against and Councillor Clements abstaining.

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### Management of Car Parks:

Details of the car parking changes that Hambleton District Council propose to implement were presented to the meeting for the Town Council's comments. It was proposed Councillor Salmon and seconded Councillor Loveden that the proposed charges are not implemented, this was carried unanimously.

Economic Development Strategy: Councillors Hall, Marshall and Salmon to discuss and answer questions raised regarding the economic development strategy.

### Correspondence:

Open Space - The Coppice, Dowber Way : A transfer of the land formerly MacLean's was signed and returned to Hambleton District Council.

Open Spaces. Hambleton Park: As several owners of land were unwilling to transfer the land, it was decided to only take on maintenance of the large piece of land.

Path - Whitelass Beck: The North Yorkshire County Secretary had sent details of a Modification order relating to a footpath over Whitelass Beck which had been wrongly drawn and had now been corrected.

Enforcement Appeal by Northern Car Boot Fairs: A representative of the Council to attend the public enquiry when a date is given.

Transfer of License: Application of transfer in respect of the Red Bear Market Place, Thirsk was noted.

### Reports from Sub-Committees:

#### Planning Applications

2/92/152/0181D Application for Conservation Area Consent for the Demolition of an Existing Disused Dwelling at Cottage Rear of 36 Market Place, Thirsk for Y.B. Trust Co. Ltd. Recommend Refusal

2/92/152/0201D Outline Application for Residential Development in Include Open Space at Land off St Mary's Close, Thirsk for Mr & Mrs Taylor Recommend Refusal

Street Naming: Councillors suggested naming a new development in Dowber Lane, South Dowber Court.

Town Hall: Minutes of the Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee were noted.

Amenities Committee: Councillor Roberts reported that some tenders had been received but we were still awaiting one.

Councillor Marshall reported that work was shortly to commence on the market place footpaths.

East Thirsk Community Hall; Following a report from Councillor Salmon it was proposed Councillor Salmon and Seconded Councillor Murkett that £1,500 be donated for 2 years (i.e. £3,000 in total). This was approved. The money not to be handed over until required.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

L. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. October	£ 325.50 ✓
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£ 8.00 ✓
Power Point - hire of grasscutter - Aug/Sept	
- purchase of fork/oil/trimmer cord	£ 284.40 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£ 25.47 ✓
P. Dunning - re-imburement - Clerk's Training Day	£ 9.50 ✓
C.E. & C.M. Walker - Grasscutting (3 cuts)	£ 391.28 ✓
Fox's - photocopying	£ 20.95 ✓

**Any Other Business**

Councillor Morton expressed concern over the placing of dementia patients within the community and proposed that Mrs E. Hooper be invited to advise the Town Council of the current position.

Councillor Roberts advised the meeting that 'Recycling in the area was 'Top of The Pops'.

Councillor Robinson expressed concern that the loading bay was used for the sale of wares on market day, and therefore was unavailable.

Councillor Marshall reported on the Library Review currently being discussed and asked that the Town Council give there view, this was agreed.

Councillor Marshall asked that the Town Council write William Haig to express concern over the closure of the coal mines and the resulting dependence on Gas in relation to the proposed Power Lines. it was felt that this was political and therefore the Town Council could not comment.

The Clerk reported that the Rotary club had completed the planting of daffodil bulbs. The Town Council were grateful for their efforts.

**The Council approved the following:****Grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial**

Mrs Margaret & Mr John Parks Spaces 2 & 3 in Section G6

Mrs Emily Stokell Grave Space 15 in Section E3

M/s Ada Pollard Grave Space 16 in Section E3

An additional inscription for;

Faith Horner

Madeline Rutherford

Eva Mary Eden

A New Memorial For:

Alexander Barry Welford

Klara Anna Dora Taylor

The Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

*W. L. H. C.*

**Chairman**

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 16th November 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Coun. D. Murkett (Chairman), F. Roberts, A. J. Morton, R.S. Hall, B.W. Garthwaite, D. Loveden, Miss J. Marshall, J. Salmon, and A. Robinson.

**Apology:** An apology was received from Coun. Clements

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Whitestone Court:** The Clerk reported that since the name suggested by Town Councillors (South Dowber Court) had already been allocated the District Council decided to revert to their original choice.

**Library Review:** A letter in reply to the Town Councillors comments to proposed changes in the structure of the County Library was read and noted.

**Public Footpath St Mary's** A complaint was received about the muddy state of the footpath. This to be looked into.

**Management of Car Parks:** Coun. Roberts reported on a decision by the Flatts Preservation Trust that the Flatts car park remain a private car park. She went on to advise the Council that the Leisure & Amenities Committee were recommending a Public Enquiry.

**Care & Accommodation for Elderly with Dementia in Thirsk area:** Mrs Eleanor Hooper gave an interesting and illuminating talk about the problems facing the elderly with dementia problems, particularly concerning the lack of respite care available in the area. Councillors considered that the amount of travel to other centres was unacceptable, that there should be local involvement in each town. She reported that talks were presently going on between Social Services and the Northallerton Health Trust. It was hoped that the problem would be addressed.

**Any Other Business:** Councillor Roberts asked if she might raise some items of A.O.B. as she was not well and wished to leave the meeting early:-

**Garages, Norby-** Coun. Roberts reported on the need for a light on the garages at Norby, Thirsk.

**Slaughterhouses** Coun. Roberts reported on the new E.E.C. Directive regarding the attendance of a qualified veterinary surgeon at all stages of slaughter, and how the excessive costs would put the vast majority of abattoirs out of production, thereby affecting the country's fat stock market and probably making meat an exorbitant price. Councillors agreed to write to William Haig, M.P. and David Bowe. M.E.P. regarding same.

**Co-Opting of New Member:** It was decided to allow a few more days for members of the public to respond to the invitation to be co-opted. Councillors to meet on Wednesday the 25th November to consider and vote in respect of same.

**Local Government Review:** Letter resulting from the meeting on 11 November 1992 when Members discussed in details the Local Government Review was read to the full meeting. Councillors had voted to advise the Local Government Commission that whilst they had no complaint regarding the Status Quo - they had reservations that County Council as a unitary authority may prove too large, and that Hambleton District Council as a unitary authority may prove too small. They considered that the Parish Councils should have more power.

**Hambleton District Economic Development Strategy:** Councillors regarded the economic development strategy had not considered the commercial services and that a buffer zone needed to be planted now on the Business Park. It was also noted that there was a lack of small units for rent.

**Gypsy Site:** County Council had received notification that subject to a 100% capital grant, work is to proceed toward the construction of the gypsy site. It was agreed unanimously that none of the cost should be met out of precept.

**Expenditure for Next Financial Year;** The Finance Committee to meet before the next full Council meeting to decide on expenditure for 1993/94.

**Correspondence:**

**Lease of Land at Thirsk County Primary School for Community Hall:** Councillors agreed with heads of terms as set out by Hambleton District Council and agreed that the leasing process be direct from District to East Thirsk Community Association.

**Application for Transfer of Licence:** The following applications were noted.

Mr I Leathley, 26 Market Place, Thirsk

Simon Michael Sheard, The Black Swan, Norby, Thirsk

Threshers, 64 market place, Thirsk,

**Gypsies:** A letter from South Kilvington Parish Clerk asked that Town Council would discuss fully the problem of gypsies in the Calvis Hall Layby, this to be put on next months agenda.

**Reports from Sub-Committees:****Planning Applications**

2/92/152/0160C Extension to existing dwelling at 16 St Mary's Walk for Mr & Mrs J. Worley

No objections

2/92/152/0455 Extension to existing dwellinghouse at Clovelly, Stockton Road, Thirsk for Mr & Mrs S. Beddoes

Recommend approval with the following amendments

We agree to extension in principle but do not agree with the flat roof. Would like to see the whole rear extensions with pitched roofs - preferable in pantiles.

2/92/152/0435C Proposed alterations to 2,4,& 6 Castlegate, Thirsk for Mr W. Calvert

No objections.

2/92/152/198A Amended proposals for signs at Halifax Building Society, Finkle Street, Thirsk

No objection

2/92/152/0198B Application for listed building consent for the display of a non illuminated fascia sign & a non illuminated projecting sign at 24 Finkle Street, for the Halifax Building Society (Agency)

No objections.

2/92/152/0456 Change of use of existing ground floor Doctor's Surgery to a flat at Pick's Lane, Surgery, Thirsk for Dr S.F.Pooley

No objections

2/92/152/0456A Change of use of existing ground floor Doctor's Surgery to Offices at Pick's lane Surgery, Thirsk for Dr S.F.Pooley

No objections

2/92/152/0066N Alteration to existing forecourt sales/office building at Bridge Garage Ingramgate, Thirsk for J.M. Potter

No Objections But this is a retrospective application.

2/92/152/0450A Extension to existing bungalow at 20 Woolmoor Close, Thirsk for Mr K. Taylor

Recommend Refusal. Bungalows are very close together and the rear gardens are small. This would create a crowded and intrusive feeling to neighbours either side.

2/92/152/0451A Alterations and extensions to existing dwellinghouse to include a domestic garage at 28 Fairfield, Thirsk for

Mr E.M. Plows

No objections

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Burial Committee:

A request for an additional inscription for ;Nora Dove was approved  
Councillor Salmon reported on a meeting with the Cemetery Superintendent and advised the Council that everything was in good order. Since it was difficult in the case of former Thirsk residents to pre-set conditions, it was decided to leave to the discretion of the Cemetery Superintendent , and with this in mind the Clerk was asked to write to Funeral Directors to ask them to deal directly with Mr I. Atkinson.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

L. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. November	£ 325.00 ✓
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£ 8.00 —
Power Point - hire of brushcutter - 4 weeks	£ 131.13 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£ 36.69 ✓
F.D. Todd & Son - Gravel / Emptying Skip	£ 102.18 ✓
C.E.. & C.M. Walker - grasscutting	£ 153.93 ✓
Sowerby Parish Council - 1/3 cost of cutting Flatts	£ 196.00 ✓
K. Reynard - work in Mill Gardens 31 x £6 + £14	£ 200.00 ✓
Cornhill Insurance PLC - Combined Policy	£ 513.85 ✓
Royal British Legion - 2 wreaths	£ 30.00 ✓

Members Reports:

Carrs Field: The Chairman reported that he had been advised by the Yorkshire Rural Community Council that Carrs Field may prove to be a useful project for them to undertake. The Council agreed that they be approached to do a feasibility study with remit for a work study.

Christmas Lights: Coun. Hall reported that the Christmas Lights were to be switched on the following weekend.

Any Other Business:

Children's Play Area: it was hoped that the Play Area be available soon.

Stairs, Railway Bridge; The Clerk was asked to write to British rail re the stairs being bad to see in the dark.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee; Minutes of last meeting noted.

*F. M. Roberts*

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The Meeting closed at ...9.40 p.m.

Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 14th December 1992 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**New Member:** Councillors welcomed new member Coun. J. Watson, who duly signed the declaration of acceptance.

**Present:** Couns. F. Roberts (Chairman), S. I. Clements, Miss J. Marshall, B. Garthwaite, D. Loveden, A. Morton, R.S. Hall, and A. Robinson.

**Apologies for Absence** received from Coun. D. Murkett, & Coun. J. Salmon

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

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Accommodation for the Elderly:**

Wm Haig M.P. offered his continuing support for better accomodation for the elderly with dementia?

**Craft Fresh Meat (Hygiene & Insp.) Regs:** Correspondence from Mr D. Bowe M.P. enclosing M.A.F.F. information advised the Council that there will be temporary derogations of up to 3 years from 1 January 1993 to enable premises to meet the new standards. The concern regarding the new legislation is not confined to the U.K. and the December Council is to consider any further action at Community level to safeguard small traditional slaughtering businesses. Mr Bowe is investigating further.

**Local Gov. Review:** The North Yorkshire County Council advised the Town Council that moving to a single Unitary based on the County Council would result in a potential saving of some £12.5m a year.

**Thirsk Gypsy Caravan Site** - North Yorkshire County Council assured the Town Council that the Thirsk Gypsy Site would only proceed with Government Grant.

**Car Parking** - The Policy & Resources Committee are to go for a Public Inquiry.

**Finance:**

**The Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the 1993/94 Precept:** A statement showing current balaces and recommendations for expenditure for 1993/94 had been circulated to members. The Town Council hope to

carry out a considerable programme during 1993/94, the greatest effort will go into Carr's Field (£5,000), playgrounds at East Thirsk, and refurbishing Norby play equipment (£15,800 this year) Recommendations included allowing a further £2,000 for improving the Greens. It was recommended by the Finance Committee that the Precept be increased to £24,000 to meet these costs. The new Council Tax comes into effect on the 1st April 1993, this will be calculated on the basis of 1946 houses in Thirsk and make the precept being sought the equivalent to £12.00 per household. Proposed Coun. Morton seconded Coun. Hall that a precept of £24,000 be applied for.

Coun. Roberts expressed sincere thanks for the work put into the report by Coun. Salmon.

**Open Spaces - The Coppice(Favenfield):** The Clerk reported an ammount of £3,655.00 had been received from Hambleton District Council.

Mr Balmain had stated that he would only be willing to transfer land to the ownership of the Thirsk Town Council if the Council were willing to meet his legal costs. Proposed Coun. Lovedon, seconded Coun. Morton that the Town Council pay his legal costs up to a limit of £200.00.

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**White Rose Way:** An amount of £1199.00 had been received from Barratts to pay for the future maintenance of the open space in Favenfield.

**Calvis Hall Layby:** The Council discussed the problem of the encampment of gypsies and travellers in Calvis Hall Layby and the general degradation of the area. It was proposed Coun. D. Lovedon and seconded Coun. R. Hall that the Clerk write to the County Council re closing the layby permanently. Carried 5 votes to 3 with 1 abstention.

**Town Clock:** Coun Lovedon advised the Council that the annual inspection of the Town Clock had shown that some internal re-wiring work was necessary for it to conform to modern day standards. It was agreed to seek quotations re this work.

**District Leisure Strategy:** Concern was expressed re the narrow time frame to study and comment on the report. Coun. Roberts to speak with Mr Goodwin re allowing more time. It was decided to invite Mr Goodwin to the meeting of the Town Council on 18th January 1993 to elaborate in more detail the Leisure Report.

#### Correspondence:

**Complaint:** A letter from Mr Reay, 18 St Mary's drive re the state of the ditch to the rear of his garden was read. Coun. Garthwaite to investigate. The Clerk to ascertain if the Town Council are liable for future maintenance.

**Pick's Lane:** Letters forwarded from North Yorkshire County Council indicated that Pick's Lane is to remain two way traffic. The Clerk to indicate the preference of the Town Council for 'No Parking' with the two way system.

**Yorkshire Local Councils Association:** Information regarding the White Rose Update, Loan Sanctions and Yorkshire Rural Community Council Conference on the 5 - 7th February 1993- Councillors Morton & Murkett wished to attend.

**Community Advisor Course:** Coun. Robinson wished to attend.

#### Planning Decisions:

**Street Naming:** Finkle Street, Thirsk - After discussion Councillors decided they wished to retain the name of 'Golden Lion Yard' in preference to the name Finkle Court 'as they wished to retain old names in our historic Market Town'.

**Appeal:** Referring to the appeal for the extension to 92 Dowber Way the Council agreed to stand by their original comments against the development.

**Land at Waterside:** Confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order 1992 on land at Waterside has been received.

#### Planning Results and Applications

2/92/152/0181D	Demolition of Cottage rear Market Place	Refused
2/92/152/0198A	Display non -illuminated sign 24 Finkle Street	Granted
2/92/152/0198B	Listed Building Consent 24 Finkle Street	Granted
2/92/152/0312D	Offices, 39 Westgate, Thirsk	Granted
2/92/152/0454	Thornlea Stockton Road	Granted

2/92/152/0442A Construction of a Boundary Wall and Fence at Skeldale House, 1 Darrowby Close, Thirsk for Mr K. Hardcastle  
Recommend Approval but insist that the upkeep of the shrubbery being well maintained.

2/92/152/0382A Construction of Public Conveniences at Market Place Thirsk for Hambleton District Council  
Recommend Approval and ask for Notice Board to be position in south elevation.

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Planning Applications cont.

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- 2/92/152/0382B Application for Conservation Area Consent for the Demolition of Existing Public Conveniences, Market Place, for Hambleton District Council  
Recommend Approval.
- 2/92/152/0303H Display of an Externally Illuminated Fascia Sign at 21 Millgate, Thirsk for Shams Uddin  
Recommend Approval
- 2/92/139/0391 Extension to Existing Car Park at Thirsk Swimming Pool, Chapel Street Thirsk (Parish of Sowerby) for Hambleton District Council  
Recommend Approval BUT only subject to agreement with the Flatts Preservation Committee and insist that the parking be only for Flatts users and swimmers

Chairman's Members Reports:

Christmas Lights: Coun. Loveden stated that he wanted it to go on record that the Christmas Lights had never looked so good. Councillors agreed with his comment.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

L. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. December	£ 325.00
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£ 8.00
P. Dunning - Salary Sept/Nov/Dec	£500.00
- Admin. Expenses	44.47
- Stationery- diaries	39.37
	£ 583.84 ✓
Power Point -	£ 131.13 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£ 18.74 ✓
F.D. Todd & Son - Emptying Skip	£ 65.80 ✓
A.M. Kaye - repair to cemetery gates	£ 62.00 ✓
Fox's - photocopying	£ 10.04 ✓
I. Atkinson - rental telephone 2 x £18.46	£ 36.92 ✓
Bruce & Hyslop Ltd - finger post Market Place	£ 1769.55 ✓

Any Other Business:

Codair Design & Publicity: A letter from Codair re Thirsk Official Mapping asked for any changes to the mapping to be referred back to them within the month. Coun. Marshall to advise.

Traffic, Norby: The Divisional Surveyor advised that proposals for extending waiting restrictions from Kirkgate to to Norby were being considered.

St James Green: Divisional Surveyor, Mr Woods, regretted that he could not spare the time to draw plans for the intended improvements.

Insurance: Municipal Mutual advised that the claims moratorium which had been imposed had now been lifted and the Town Council would be informed of any future developments.

Shop Fronts/Advertisements: Photographs of shop frontages in Thirsk town centre had been forwarded from Hambleton District Council for any future reference.

The Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 18th January 1993 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Couns. D. Murkett (Chairman), F. Roberts, Miss J. Marshall, B. Garthwaite, D. Loveden, A. Morton, R.S. Hall, J. Salmon, A. Robinson & Miss J. Watson.

**Apologies for Absence:** A letter from Coun. S. Clements applied for leave of absence until 7th April 1993.

**Minutes** The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after Coun. Clements name was deleted, as he had not been in attendance, they were then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Loveden and sec. Coun. Salmon.

**Police:** Insp. D. Coates invited the Councillors to pass on any complaints they may have had; Coun. J. Salmon commented on the danger of bicycles being ridden without lights - Insp Coates replied that it is Police practise to raise awareness of this in schools, but adults also do this. Coun. D. Loveden expressed concern about the rising number of violent crimes - Insp. Coates pointed out this was a national trend which fortunately does not apply to our area. Coun. D. Murkett pointed out the problem of the congestion caused on Topcliffe Road by parents picking up children from school- Insp.D. Coates to look into this.

Councillors asked that the Council be advised of results of their enquiries. It was agreed that Insp Coates, or his representative, visit the meeting alternate months, whenever possible.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Fire Service Review:** Coun. J. Marshall expressed concern about the changes proposed re manning levels and the replacement of a fire tender at Thirsk. It was agreed to invite Mr C. Jones, County Fire Officer, to the next meeting for him to explain in full detail the proposals.

**Car Parking Charges:** Coun. J. Marshall reported that the proposed introduction of car parking charges is to go to Public Enquiry. It was agreed that Coun. J. Marshall and Coun. J. Salmon present the case on behalf of the Town Council.

**Local Gov. Review N.Y.C.C.:**

The Submission by the North Yorkshire County Council had been circulated to the Council. The main points being that the County Council, whilst not being unhappy with the 'status quo' nevertheless reiterated their opinion that they were of the right size to make the unitary status workable.

**Local Gov. Review - H.D.C.**

Coun. J. Salmon updated the Council on the January meeting at Hambleton District Council at which their Educational Advisor explained how the District Council intended to discharge the role as Local Education Authority.

Coun. A. Morton advised that there would probably be dual use of the schools with Leisure & Education Services which would involve using sports facilities or evening class facilities.

**Role of Parish & Town Councils - D.O.E. Consultation:** The District Council advised the Town Council of it's principal views :-

1) There should be meetings between the District & Parish Councils on a regular basis - twice a year is seen to be the norm, but this can be adjusted if necessary.

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2) Discussion forum will be established involving local District Councillors and representatives in the Parishes in their areas. It is envisaged that these meetings will be "issue led" and will be arranged as and when necessary.

3) The District Council is willing to consider on merit any proposals made for delegation of agency/management arrangements in respect of minor service areas, if requested, where no policy implications are involved and where the service can be delivered by those means more effectively than at the present time.

4) The Council agrees that if the Planning Committee has decided contrary to the wishes of the Parish Council concerned, then that fact should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

5) The District Council has agreed to significant changes in the financing of Parish Council elections.

District Council advised that in future they, the District, will bear the costs of running all Parish Elections (including the costs of Poll Cards) other than where those elections are caused by casual vacancies.

**Pigeons:** Coun. A. Robinson advised the Council that he had had several complaints of the nuisance of pigeons in the town; the droppings were both unsightly and dangerous as they made the footpaths slippery. The Clerk to seek the advice of the Environmental Health Officer.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Dog Waste Bins:** A letter from Mrs H. Clough-Smith on the location of 'doggie loos' was discussed. Concern was expressed about the location of the one in Hambleton Place, which was outside someone's home and could prove smelly in summer; the Town Council to insist that it be moved. The one in Dowber Way had been placed on private land, adjacent to the Notice Board; it would be more suitable near Dowber Lane. Some members of the Council felt that consideration should be given to fencing the playgrounds, to keep dog's at bay; the Amenities Committee to look into this.

**Calvis Hall Layby:** The North Yorkshire County Council advised that their policy of non harassment of itinerants prevented them from taking any action. The proposed Gypsy Site would not be constructed until late spring or early summer; in the meantime Mr Pauli recommended that the District Council have the powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 to clear all refuse, litter and scrap metal from the layby.

**Transfer of Licence:** Notice received of the intention of Irene Gowdy to apply for the transfer of Licence in respect of Ye Old Three Tuns, Finkle Street Noted.

**Memorials:** An application for a new memorial for STEPHEN BLENKIRON BARKER was noted and approved.

An application for an additional inscription for PAT HORNER was noted and approved.

**Planning Applications**

- 2/92/152/0303J Provision of an extraction flue at 21 Millgate, Thirsk for Mr Shams Uddin & Mr Safi Ahmed  
Recommend Refusal. The Council consider the flue to be too large. It is incongruous in the Conservation Area. This is a retrospective application, however we are able to see how it looks. We would like the Planning Committee to consult with the Environmental Health Department to ascertain whether it actually needs to be this big. It sticks out too far and it is a danger to vehicles entering that alleyway.
- 2/92/152/0381A Provision of 2 bay windows at 63 Hambleton Avenue, for Mr K. Fillery  
No objections.
- 2/92/139/0391A Amended plans for Car Park Extension at Thirsk Swimming Pool, Chapel Street, Thirsk (Parish of Sowerby) for Hambleton District Council  
Thirsk Town Council decline to comment as we understand this plan has been superseded
- 2/92/152/0442B Extension to existing dwellinghouse at 1 Darrowby Close, Thirsk for Mr K. Hardcastle  
No objections
- 2/92/152/0457 Alterations to existing shop front at White Horse Cafe, Market Place, Thirsk for Mr W.K. Almond  
Recommend Refusal. These alterations are not in keeping with the Conservation Area. The present shop front with sloping roofs over bay windows is much more in character with the building and area. Also don't see that it is necessary as no one has difficulty finding the cafe; it is very prominent in this position actually in the Market Place

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

L. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. January	£ 325.00 ✓
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£ 8.00
Royal British Legion Legion Band -donation	£ 30.00 ✓
Power Point -	£ 148.17 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£ 16.14 ✓
F.D. Todd & Son - gravel	£ 47.47 ✓
North Yorkshire County Council - Hire of Court House	£ 45.00 ✓
Guy Johnston - Christmas Lights	£ 316.66 ✓
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall- ½ cost insurance	£ 340.40 ✓
Thornton's Printers - compliment slips	£ 42.30 ✓
Society of Local Council Clerks - subscription	£ 33.00 ✓
M. Duckworth	£ 184.47 ✓
Colour Centre - paint	£ 6.69 ✓

**Chairman's Members Reports:**

Police Liaison Meeting: Representatives were invited to a Police Liaison meeting to be held on 21st January 1993. Noted.

Carrs Field: Coun. F. Roberts reported on a meeting between Mr E. Benson, from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, Coun. B. Garthwaite and herself to consider the future development of Carr's Field.

Mr Benson, proposed undertaking a feasibility study with a view to the work being done in 4 phases over the next 2-3 years. To be commenced in 1993, subject to continued funding for the Adult Training Scheme. It was proposed Coun. F. Roberts, seconded Coun. D. Loveden that the Council ask Mr Benson to proceed.

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**Town Hall:** Coun. F. Roberts reported that grants were to claimed against the cost of the new fire doors for the Town Hall.

It was proposed Coun. D. Murkett and seconded Coun. D. Loveden that Coun. Janet Watson be the Town Hall representative. Agreed.

**Amenities:** Norby Playground - Coun. Mrs F. Roberts reported that safety surfaces were to be laid at Norby playground and that it may be necessary to replace the swings. The cost to be in the region of £4,170. This to be investigated further. Grants to be applied for where available.

**Maccleans Site:** The Amenities Committee had decided to accept the tender from Playdale to furnish the playground at a cost of £7,500. The remaining £2,500 of the money to be reserved to pay for future maintenance of the site.

**School Site:** Coun. J. Marshall advised that some ideas are to be put forward to the children for their comments.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths Trust:** Coun. J. Marshall reported that subject to agreement by the Leisure & Amenities Committee, a barrier could be installed in order to reserve part of the car park to be used 'solely for Swimming Baths & Flatts users.

**Christmas Lights:** The Council were pleased with the lights and the tree and asked the clerk to pass on their thanks to Mr Woodhead for kindly donating the christmas tree.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Advisory Committee:** Coun. J. Salmon reported that an Article 7 designation was to be placed on the Market Place.

**East Thirsk Community Association:** coun. J. Marshall reported that the old people Christmas Party had been a great success. Also that fund raising was going well and that it was hoped to start building in the current year.

**Footpaths- Norby:** Confirmation of Modification Order 1992 received.

**Any Other Business:**

**Conservation Areas Preservation & Enhancement Scheme and Grants for Historic Buildings :** Noted for consideration by Councillors.

**Yorkshire Local Councils Association:** Agenda for Hambleton South Branch Meeting on 3/2/93. Noted.

**Zurich Insurance:** Correspondence re transfer of Municipal Mutual Insurance was noted, but since the Town Council have made alternative arrangements this no longer applies.

Coun. D. Murkett advised the meeting that the Mayor's Ball was to take place on 12th March at Thirsk School and that the funds are to be in of East Thirsk Community Hall and other local charities.

Coun. F. Roberts expressed concern at what appeared to be excessive expenditure by the C.A.B., of donated funds, to re-design the logo. Further enquiries to be made.

The Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

*Freda W. Roberts*  
Chairman

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th February 1993 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. F. Roberts (Chairman), A. J. Morton, R. Hall, Mrs J. Watson, A. Robinson, D. Loveden, J. Salmon, Miss J. Marshall, Also in attendance during Mr C. Jones, County Fire Officer's visit; Sowerby Councillors, M. Robson, R.W. Smith, F. P. Hubbard and V.J. Maynard

**Apologies for Absence:** Coun. D. Murkett, B. Garthwaite & S. Clements also Sgt. Harrison.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after slight amendment then signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Loveden and sec. Coun. J. Salmon.

**Fire Service Review:** Mr C. Jones answered questions in an open forum involving Councillors of both Thirsk & Sowerby having earlier given Councillors the opportunity to view the new 4 wheel drive vehicle that he proposes to introduce as a second support vehicle to Thirsk Fire Station.

It was resolved to write stressing the need to retain the personnel.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Pigeons:** The Clerk advised the Council that Hambleton District did not have a statutory obligation to help rid us of the nuisance of pigeons.

**Management of Car Parks:** The Clerk reported that an amendment had been to the draft Order taking the Swimming Pool Car Park out of the area on which the District Council intend to introduce Car Parking Charges.

**Dog Waste Bins:** The District Council offered discount on the purchase of dog waste bins for an interim period.

**Calvis Hall Layby:** The Clerk reported that the Calvis Hall Layby had been cleaned by the District Council.

**Provision of Accommodation for the Elderly and Confused:** After discussion it was decided to write to Social Services and also the Northallerton Health Services to ask them to consider what accommodation they can offer to meet this ever increasing need.

**Grasscutting:** The Council considered the three tenders before them. Prices quoted per cut + V.A.T.

	No 1	No 2	No 3
<u>The Greens</u>	£ 28.00	£ 32.00	£ 70.00
<u>The Holmes</u>	£ 32.00	£ 28.00	£ 105.00
<u>Mill Gardens</u>	£ 11.00	£ 8.00	£ 30.00
<u>East Thirsk</u>	£ 12.00	£ 8.00	£ 70.00
<u>Stockton Rd + Small Areas</u>	£ 40.00	£ 35.00	£ 105.00
	£123.00	£111.00	£ 380.00

It was proposed Coun. J. Marshall to accept, subject to receiving satisfactory references the lowest tender, seconded Coun. D. Loveden. It was resolved that Tender No 2 submitted by Farm & Land Services Ltd, be accepted. Agreed Unanimously subject to continued satisfaction.

**Review of Cemetery Charges;**

Coun. R. Hall affirmed that a Cemetery Committee had been arranged after which he would report back to the Council.

**Waiting Restrictions Norby:** Nothing to report.

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**Correspondence:**

**Public Inquiry - Northern Car Boot Fairs:** The Public Inquiry to take place on Tuesday 30th March 1993 at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall. It was prop Coun. J. Salmon & sec. Coun. D. Loveden that Coun. F. Roberts represent the Town Council.

**Charity Commission:** Noted that Coun. F. Roberts is appointed trustee of the Thirsk & Sowerby Relief in Need Charity.

**Planning Seminar:** A seminar to take place on Wednesday 10th March. representatives invited to attend.

**The Greens:** A letter from Mr D. Moore re improvements to the Green was discussed resolved that a subcommittee be arranged to look further into this.

**Review of Herriot Country:** Town Councillors unanimously agreed that it wished to retain the 'Herriot Country' theme in promoting tourism within the District.

**Safe Custody:** A letter from Barclays Bank stated that henceforth there would be a charge of £5.87 + V.A.T. quarterly for providing safe custody facilities.

**Precept:** Hambleton District confirmed that precept of £24,000 for 1993/4 would be payable in two instalments.

**Yorkshire Local Councils Association:** Minutes of the Joint Executive Committee Minutes on 23.1.93. N.A.L.C. Annual Report, N.A.L.C. Centenary Appeal Letter. Noted.

**Transfer of Off Licence:** In respect of 26 Market Place, Thirsk. Noted.

**Planning Applications**

2/93/152/0076F Display of an Internally Illuminated Fascia and Projecting Sign at 46 Market Place, Thirsk for National & Provincial Building Society

**The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.**

**Comments:** We are against the removal of existing interesting window line. The Company livery, if necessary is okay but we would like to see the existing flat sign retained.

2/93/152/0460 Alterations & Extension to Existing Disused Agricultural Buildings to form a Dwelling with Domestic Garage at Spa Farm, Northallerton Road, Thirsk for John Bell

**The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.**

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## Planning Applications - cont.

Councillors had asked the District Council that they might comment on the following planning applications which are in **Sowerby Parish**.

2/93/139/0015F CHANGE OF USE OF PART OF EXISTING AGRICULTURAL ENG & SALES PREMISES TO A HAULAGE DEPOT AT STATION Rd, THIRSK (Sowerby Parish) for F.D. TODD & SONS (Haulage) Ltd

**The Council wish to see the application REFUSED**

Comments: This would be unacceptable because of the extra traffic it would generate on an already busy Station Road. There will be conflict with Mart Traffic. Difficulties with narrow access to the site. Not suitable use with nearby residential area. Conflict with Race Traffic.

It will draw heavy lorries through the town.

2/93/139/0015G INSTALLATION OF A RADIO MAST at STATION ROAD, THIRSK (PARISH OF SOWERBY) for F.D. TODD & SON LTD

**The Council wish to see the application REFUSED**

Comments: Not enough information to assess the application (height, power, output etc) also doubt it's necessity if vehicles only going a short distance

2/93/139/0015H INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE AT STATION ROAD, THIRSK (PARISH OF SOWERBY) for F.D. TODD & SONS Ltd.

**The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.**

Comments: This would cause extra traffic problems on Station Road, and conflict with the mart and race Traffic. Additionally it will draw more heavy traffic through the town when we are trying to get it to go elsewhere.

Further plans for consideration in **Thirsk parish**.

2/92/152/0076F DISPLAY OF AN INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED FASCIA & PROJECTING SIGN at 46 MARKET PLACE, THIRSK for NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOC.

**The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.**

Comments: We are against the removal of existing interesting window line. The company livery, if necessary is okay but we would like to see the existing flat sign retained.

2/93/152/0076G APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR THE DISPLAY OF AN INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED FASCIA & PROJECTING SIGN at 46 MARKET PLACE, for NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOC.

**The Council wish to see the application REFUSED.**

Comments: This is contrary to Conservation Policy

2/93/152/0461 EXTENSION TO EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE at 10 SHIRE ROAD, THIRSK for Mr & Mrs N.J. BULL

**The Council wish to see this application APPROVED.**

**Appeal - 92 Dowber Way:** Coun. Marshall reported that the Planning Inspectorate had upheld the Town Council's objections and had dismissed Mr & Mrs R. Brown's Appeal.

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**Chairman's Members Reports:**

Citizens Advice Bureau. Coun. Salmon reported that the C.A.B. can continue counselling thanks to a donation from R.A.F. Leeming. They are also to seek grant from Council.

East Thirsk Community Assoc. nothing to report.

Cemetery : Coun. R. Hall reported that a tree had been blown down in the cemetery - Mr Duckworth dealt with this.

Community Care Association: Coun. Robinson to attend.

Town Hall: Coun. Roberts reported that grant in respect of the fire doors had been applied for.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

L. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. February	£	325.00 ✓
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£	8.00 ✓
Power Point -	£	98.35 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£	13.29 ✓
A.M. Duckworth - clearing windblown tree - cemetery	£	34.07 ✓
Yorkshire Rural Community Council - subscription	£	20.00 ✓
Ann Hopkins - donation to Memorial Fund		
Coun. A. Morton - Travel & Accommodation (Conference)	£	53.00 ✓
Coun. A. Robinson - Accommodation (Conference)	£	42.00 ✓
Fox's - photocopying	£	12.96 ✓

**Any Other Business:**

Yorkshire Local Community Council: Coun. Morton reported on the conference he had recently attended.

Playarea - Norby: Coun. Marshall advised the Council that it may be possible to acquire a small piece of land for a toddlers playarea in Norby, Thirsk.

Railway Privatisation: The Council discussed the Government's proposal to privatise the Railway. Resolved to write to Wm. Hague, M.P. to ask him to ensure that Thirsk receives no reduction of service.

Business Insurance: Coun. Morton reported the case of a local business man being unable to obtain insurance unless he had shutters installed on his windows; yet the District Council would not allow him to do this because his shop was in the conservation area.

Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

*D. Duckworth*

Chairman

15/3/1993.

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Some 60 vocational and non-vocational courses have been running since September 1992. Fees are 66p per hour for vocational courses and £1.65 per hour for non-vocational courses. There are some concessionary arrangements, mainly for the unemployed, under 18's and over 60's (non-voc.)

Plans for the forthcoming year are not yet defined. The framework for funding is not yet known but it is hoped to offer at least the same number of courses as at present. The whole of the County's delivery of Adult Education and provision for Youth Services is under review and we await the new structure.

**M ELLISON**

**Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council in Annual Assembly, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th March 1993 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors. D. Murkett (Chairman), F. Roberts, D. Loveden, Mrs J. Watson, A. J. Morton, B. W. Garthwaite, R. Hall, J. Salmon, A. Robinson, Miss J. Marshall,

Also in attendance Sgt. Harrison.

**Apologies for Absence:** Coun. S. Clements.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the 1992 Annual Assembly having been circulated were considered read, approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Morton and sec. Coun. F. Roberts.

**Chairman's Report:**

Councillor D. Murkett commented on a year which had seen the opening of the new £1.2m Swimming Pool, the Market Place Improvements and the acquisition of the 5 acre Carr's Field. The Chairman reported on the provision of a children's playground and the transactions on going for the provision for another play area for older children. Councillor R. Hall was thanked for the excellent job he had done on the Christmas Lights. Special thanks were given to Mr Ian Atkinson for the excellent appearance of the Cemetery. It was hoped that the Green's would be improved during the next year. Thanks were extended to Councillor J.

Salmon for his work giving financial updates. Councillor D. Murkett expressed concern on the reduction of opening hours at the local Sorting Office, over possible redundancies at the Fire Station and the proposed closure of the Cherry Tree Unit at the Lambert Hospital.

**Report from School Governors:**

**Sowerby County Primary School;** Mrs M. Ellison reported on the governing body. There were 252 children plus 24 new starters. The governors were 'paired' with a particular class, a system which worked well. Concern was expressed about speeding traffic on Topcliffe Road. Proposals to house Sowerby Playgroup within the school playground were being discussed.

**Thirsk County Primary;** Councillor A. Morton reported that a new alarm had been fitted in the administration block. He advised that the present funding situation made it probable that the school was to lose its cleaning staff - this work would be put out to contractors.

**All Saints School;** Councillor J. Salmon reported that the head teacher is shortly to leave, since there are only 106 children on roll it is probable that the school would lose  $\frac{1}{2}$  a teacher. The P.T.A. are nevertheless in good heart and working well.

**Town Hall;** Councillor Roberts reported that 8 fire doors were to be fitted, for which it was hoped a 50% grant would be claimed. Special thanks were extended to both the Secretary and the Caretaker.

**Civic Society:** Have contributed considerable input to Thirsk & Sowerby Advisory Group. The A.G.M. to take place on 22nd April.

**Thirsk & Sowerby Advisory Group:** Councillor Salmon reported that it was hoped to bring into force both Article 4 & Article 7, which would give a greater measure of control in the planning and control of the advertising in the Market Place.

**Citizens Advice Bureau:** Cllr. Salmon reported that the C.A.B. was in good form. The installation of the telephone had been a great help.

**East Thirsk Community Association:** Councillor Marshall reported that there had been considerable success in fund raising and that it was intended to start building the new hall in the summer. Grants were to be applied for.

**Community Care Association:** Councillor Morton reported that the C.C.A. were currently raising money for a Mini Bus.

The meeting closed 8.00 p.m.

*F. M. Roberts.*  
Chairman

Minutes of a Meeting of Thirsk Town Council, held in the Court House on Monday, 15th March 1993 at 8.00 p.m.

**Apologies:** An Apology for absence received from Councillor Clements.

**Police:** Sgt. Harrison addressed the Council on the problem of speeding traffic along Topcliffe Road. There was to be a review of the crossing site, the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing was being considered. Councillor Marshall asked if traffic islands might deter the speed - this to be considered.

Councillor Roberts suggested that a mini island in the Market Place with the junction with Kirkgate, also one at the top of Chapel Street might help traffic flow. Councillor Robinson suggested that a restriction on turning right out of Chapel Street might alleviate the problem.

The junction of Stammergeat with Long Street was also recognised as a problem area.

Sgt Harrison reported that during November 30 children were warned, and their parents advised, about not having lights on their bikes.

Riding on pavements was also a continuing problem because it was difficult to enforce.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman. Prop. Coun. Morton and sec. Coun. F. Roberts.

**Matters Arising:**

**Fire Service Review:** Councillors discussed the reply received from the Public Protection Committee, and asked the Clerk to write and stress that the Council stand by their original comments and wish to retain the personnel rather than have the new 4 wheel drive vehicle.

**Accommodation for the Elderly & Confused:** Wm. Hague to be asked to stress that both respite care and accommodation for the elderly & confused is needed within the Thirsk area, when he meets with representatives from Social Services in April.

**Open Space, Norby:** Hambleton District Council advised that this was to be considered at the Housing Services Committee meeting later this week.

**Pigeons:** Thirsk Social Flying Club had offered assistance to rid the town of the nuisance of pigeons. Councillors asked that a cull, if necessary be carried out as, and when it is considered a suitable time.

**Cherry Tree Unit:** Councillor Marshall declared an interest and retired.

Information received indicates that the people in Cherry Tree Unit are to be moved out this week. Councillor Murkett advised the meeting that he would endeavour to contact Mr Haydon Cook and invite him to a Public Meeting, where he could advise the people of Thirsk about the future of the Lambert Hospital. This was agreed.

**Cemetery Charges:** It was proposed Cllr. R. Hall and seconded Cllr. D. Loveden that the Cemetery Charges remain at their present level for the current year. Agreed.

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**National Association of Local Councils:** After explaining the purpose of the appeal Councillor D. Murkett declared an interest and declined to vote.

It was proposed Cllr. Salmon and seconded Cllr. Loveden that £50 per year be donated for 3 years to the N.A.L.C. Appeal.

**Greens;** Councillor A. Morton reported on a meeting of the Greens subcommittee. It was considered essential to seek the owners permission to change the Byelaws to allow parking in designated areas. To allow safe access and egress, to these areas and to improve the grassed areas. Councillors decided to seek expert advice.

It was proposed Councillor Salmon and seconded Councillor Hall that the Council press forward with these improvements.

**Play Area - Macleans:** Although popular with the children, the new playarea invoked a batch of complaints from nearby residents who were complaining about the number of older children that had been attracted to the area. They complained of loss of privacy with the children being able to look over the fence into their gardens, and asked that the play tower be lowered. Councillor Marshall said that the play area was defined before the houses were built. Councillor Murkett advised that the Council would consult the manufacturers to see if it was feasible to lower the tower. Councillor Roberts said that the fact that the apparatus was so well used demonstrated the need for play equipment in the area; she asked that the residents would 'bear with us until the second play area was developed, which should attract the older children.'

Councillor Marshall commented that in the East Thirsk village appraisal, of the 70% of householders who responded, only 5% did not want a play area.

**Community Care Association:** A letter from Mr W. Boaden advised the Council that grant had been obtained for a Development Worker for the East Thirsk Community Project. He asked for a Council representative to be appointed. Councillor Robinson was elected.

**Thirsk Information Centre;** Mr Whitehead wrote asking that a member of the Council be elected for the new Management Committee. Councillor A. Morton was elected.

**Hambleton District Council: Local Government Review:** District Council wrote advising of a meeting to take place on 29th March re the Local Government Review. The Town Council were asked to complete a questionnaire, as Hambleton District Council wished to resubmit their application to the Boundary Commission. It was proposed Councillor Morton and seconded Councillor Loveden that it was inappropriate to do this since it could be interpreted that the Town Council were supporting their submission. Agreed

**Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust:** A letter from Mr P. Bardon advised the Council that the T.S.F.P.T. had accepted a tender from the whippet club to cut the grass on the Flatts at a cost of £450.00. The Town Council agreed to pay a one third cost towards this (£150.00)

**N.Y.C.C. Emergency;** Councillors congratulated Cllr. Robinson on successfully completing the Community Advisor Course.

Transfer of Justices Licence: The following applications were received.

Mrs Elizabeth Anne Holmes, Kirkgate House, Kirkgate, Thirsk  
 Martin Graham Pattison, The Frankland Arms, Ingramgate, Thirsk.

### Planning:

2/93/152/0462 Alterations & extension to Existing Dwellinghouse to  
 Include a Domestic Garage to Replace Existing Garage,  
 at 66 St Mary's Walk, Thirsk

The Council wish to the application REFUSED

2/93/152/0463 Application for Conservation Area Consent for the  
 Demolition of Part of existing Dwelling at Upsall,  
 16 Ingramgate, Thirsk

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/93/152/0437A Provision of Tennis Court Floodlighting at  
 Newsham Road, Thirsk

The Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

### ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved:

L. Atkinson - Payment as Cemetery Supt. March	£ 325.00 ✓
L. Mitchell - cleaning windows 4 weeks @ £2.00	£ 8.00 ✓
Y.R.C.C. 1993 Parish Conference - 2 delegates	£ 163.32 ✓
Hambleton District Council ½ cost waste bin	£ 75.75 ✓
Northern Electric - Electricity Xmas Lights	£ 357.04 ✓
Potts & Son - maintenance Town Clock	£ 77.00 ✓
P. Dunning- Salary Jan - Mar	£ 500.00 ✓
Y.P.O. - Stationary	£ 30.86 ✓
Thirsk Motors Ltd - petrol	£ 6.37 ✓
Les Almack & Son - repairs water pipe - Cemetery Lodge	£ 212.49 ✓
F.D. Todd & Sons - gravel / emptying skip	£ 110.12 ✓
The Colour Centre paint- Cemetery Lodge	£ 8.99 ✓
Yorkshire Water - Cemetery Lodge	£ 101.26 ✓
Playdale - Playground East Thirsk	£8,712.63 ✓
Fox's of Thirsk - photocopying	£ 6.90 ✓
N.A.L.C. - Centenary Appeal	£ 50.00 ✓
Ian Atkinson - petty cash	£ 25.00 ✓

**Members Reports:**

Councillor Roberts reported that formal application had been made to bring in Poop Scoop Byelaws.

Royal British Legion Industries - child safety signs to be erected in the play areas.

Councillor Salmon reported on the Planning Seminar at District Council.

Finance: Councillor Salmon reported that Town Council finances remained healthy.

**Any Other Business.**

Councillor Murkett reported on the proposed reduction of opening hours at the Newsham Road, Sorting Office and advised that the Post Office considered that relatively few people used the afternoon service to warrant keeping open all afternoon.

Councillor Hall requested that a float be allocated to Mr I. Atkinson to allow him to purchase items needed for the upkeep of Cemetery edge. Agreed that a float of £25.00 be allocated.

The Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

F. M. Roberts.

Chairman

## SOWERBY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT - March 1993

September 1992 the governing body was reformed for its next four year term, appointing new co-optees parent governors, and LEA representatives - the full complement is 12 members.

At the beginning of the school year there was a total of 252 children on roll - a further 24 reception age children ..... started school after the Christmas break. The staff comprise the Headteacher, Miss Ludlow, 10 full-time teaching staff, a .4 teacher for music/drama, a part-time Non-Teaching Assistant, School Secretary, Caretaker and two cleaners, Cook and two kitchen staff and five Midday Supervisory Assistants.

To lighten the work load the governors have established four sub-committees, each of us being appointed to two. I am appointed to the Premises Committee and the Admissions, Discipline and Welfare Committee. The other two committees are Finance and Resources and Staffing. All sub committees report back to regular full governors meetings.

The governors and staff have established a worthwhile system of twinning where a governor is 'paired' with a particular teacher and class. This is an excellent way of getting to know the school and staff and involves going into the classroom for perhaps a day or half-day at a time and joining in with the children's activities, be it maths, artwork or PE.

There are three core National Curriculum subjects, Maths, English and Science; and six foundation subjects, History, Geography, Technology, Music, Art and PE.+R.E.

Throughout the school work is largely planned around termly or half-termly topics which cover most areas of the curriculum. The infants follow an integrated day which allows for a variety of activities to be taking place at any one time. In February Mr Pospieszalski presented the school's science policy to the Governors explaining the process of integrating KS1 and KS2 Science in the context of cross curricular topics. There are various extra curricular activities organised by the staff.

Decorating and maintenance of the school buildings takes place within the framework of a 5 year programme, bearing in mind the funding under LMS. Although a security door fitted to the stockroom had helped reduce the amount stolen when the school was broken into during the summer holiday consideration is being given to fitting a burglar alarm - it is really a question of whether this is cost effective.

The governors have again discussed the ever present hazard of speeding traffic on Topcliffe Road - this was again brought to the fore following an accident to a Thirsk School pupil. Miss Ludlow, after discussion with the Headteachers of Thirsk School and All Saints School was asked to write to the Chief Education Officer, North Yorks Highways Department and the Police expressing the governors' concern and suggesting possible modifications to the layby on Green Lane East and the installation of a pelican crossing. A representative from the police would be invited to meet the Governors.

In the near future there is to be discussion and dissemination of the Government's Choice and Diversity document - a member of the LEA staff will talk to the governors about this document. We will also be discussing the Equal Opportunities Policy for the school.

There has been a range of Governor Training Courses available through the LEA ranging from LMS Funding to AIDS Awareness programmes. These are comprehensive and invaluable to the school governor.

The governors were appraised of the proposal to site a suitable building for Sowerby Playgroup on school premises. The intended site is near to the present infant classrooms. Attendance times would be staggered to avoid possible congestion and, in line with pupils of Sowerby School, access would be via the Green Lane East gate, not Topcliffe Road. County Hall have agreed in principle to this proposal and the scheme will go ahead subject to planning and fundraising.

The school has a happy and welcoming atmosphere and a good relationship with its parents. The Parent Teacher Association is an active part of school life and help with fund raising, Christmas concerts and parties etc.

LMS LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS

KS1 and KS2 KEY STAGES 1 & 2 (POINTS ON NATIONAL CURRICULUM SCALE)

M Ellison