

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 24th April 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, L. Brown, A.J. Morton, S. Clements, D. Murkett, J. Watson, F.M. Roberts, A. Robinson, R. Hall, eleven members of the public and the press.

**Apologies:** An apology for absence was received from Councillor Turton. Noted.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. D. M. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Roberts.

**Police Reports:** Inspector Villiers reported on the recent Drugs Awareness meeting, which was poorly attended by the public. The recent race meeting had not caused any great problems, a person to be charged in connection with the robbery in Kirkgate. Further discussion took place re the problem of street drinking, but with limited police resources difficult to enforce, meantime the District Council are to monitor. Inspector Villiers advised that no one had yet been charged in connection with the recent graffiti.

**District Councils Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported further on the recent graffiti, which Hambleton District Council had removed. Byelaw to prohibit street drinking - Cllr. Marshall requested that the Town Council actively monitor. Some progress has been made re the Herriott Memorial, a six member committee has been appointed to look into this.

Cllr. Murkett hoped that the new District Council support the scheme. Cllr. Marshall reported that a 'blue plaque' scheme is also possible.

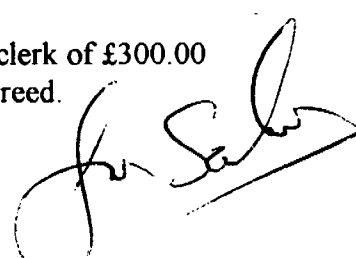
**Retiring Councillors:** Cllr. Salmon gave sincere thanks to Councillors Brown, Clements and Garthwaite, the three retiring councillors, for their service to the town.

**FWAG:** Cllr Watson reported on the comprehensive scheme for the Carrs Field, Holmes area offered by Mr Simon Geddes, the FWAG advisor. She advised the Council that there was considerable amount of grant available in respect of bridges, seats, coppicing of trees, planting of hedges and establishment of ponds. It was hoped that the area might be included in the school visit scheme in due course. This to be referred to the amenity committee for further consideration.

**Meeting Suspended:** The meeting was suspended to hear of an offer of help from the Venture Scouts to tidy up in and around the town where councillors considered it most necessary. Councillors thanked the group for their kind offer and asked that the amenity committee advise where need was greatest.

Meeting resumed at 7.55 pm

**Ex gratia Payment:** Councillors agreed an exgratia payment for the clerk of £300.00 proposed Councillors Murkett and seconded Councillors Roberts. Agreed.



**Planning:** The following planning results were noted.

15a Millgate	Refused
33 Station Road	Approved
National Provincial Buildings Soc.	Approved

Planning application:

2/95/152/503 Proposal for an extension to bungalow, the Council recommended approval.

A planning appeal from Mr A. Dale was noted. by the Council.

**Correspondence:**

Information advising of the retention of through ticketing at Thirsk railway station was noted with gratification.

Correspondence from Hambleton District Council re recreation land was referred to the Amenity Committee. Proposed Councillor Marshall and seconded Councillor Roberts. Agreed.

An invitation to the Chairman to attend the dedication of the cairn at Skipton on Swale on 13 May was welcomed and noted by the Council.

**Accounts for Payment:**

The following accounts were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Watson.

Paid since last meeting:

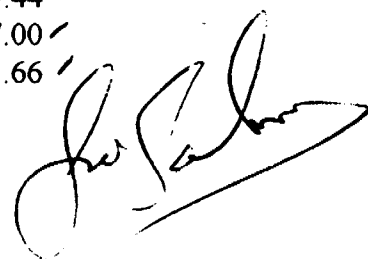
L. Mitchell	£ 8.50 ✓
FWAG - membership application	£ 29.37 ✓
Farmway Ltd. - spray	£ 22.50 ✓

To be paid following approval;

I. Atkinson - cemetery supt - April	£ 333.00
R. Allan - environment worker 4 weeks	£ 120.00
L. Mitchell - 4 weeks	£ 8.50 ✓
K. Reynard - shrubs	£ 4.98 ✓
S. Hopps - shrubs	£ 7.60 ✓
Thirsk Advertiser - re poop scoop	£ 33.00 ✓
Thirsk Hall Estate - rent for Holmes	£ 5.00 ✓
Thirsk Motors -petrol	£ 19.56 ✓
Y.L.C.A. - subscriptions/booklets	£ 308.75 ✓
F. Peart & Co Ltd - materials for new bridge	£ 19.39 ✓
I. Atkinson - telephone rental/grave allowance	£ 51.35 ✓
F.D.Todd & Sons - materials for new footbridge	£ 151.94 ✓
P. Dunning - salary/postage/reimbursement	£ 729.24 ✓

Cinema Accounts:

British Telecom - telephone installation	£ 39.02 ✓
Colour Centre - paint/materials for Ritz	£ 181.82 ✓
United International Pictures (UK)	£ 99.44 ✓
Hambleton District Council - rates	£ 77.00 ✓
Wm Calvert - rent for May	£ 541.66 ✓



**Committee Reports:**

**Market Place Committee:** Councillor Murkett advised the Council that following a meeting with the District Surveyor, the proposed sites for the flower tubs had been approved. He also advised that Mrs Reynard and her helpers had volunteered to tidy the area adjacent to the cinema. Noted with thanks.

**Cemetery Committee:** Permission granted for an inscription for- Dorothy Burton.

**Greens Committee:** Councillor A. Morton reported that a meeting earlier in the day with representatives from Hambleton District Council had given hope that funding may be available towards the improvement of the Greens.

**Holmes & Carrs Field Committee:** Councillor Watson reported on a site inspection of the new footbridge and the Carrs Field area. Footpath signs and plaques, on the bridge, seat and centenary field to be provided.

**Amenity Committee:** Councillor Marshall reported on the recent meeting of the amenity committee, and the decision to join the FWAG scheme.

**General Purposes Committee:** Councillor Salmon reported on the recent meeting of the General Purposes meeting as per attached minutes. He also advised that the lighting on the rear staircase of the cinema had now been improved.

**Chairman & Members Reports:** Councillor Salmon advised the meeting that he had represented the Council at the recent inauguration of the new vicar of Sowerby.

**Matters Arising:** Councillor Marshall reported that the water leak on St James Green had not as yet been repaired.

Pumping Station, St James Green - Councillors were not reassured by the correspondence from District Council that they were permitted to discharge sewage into the Codbeck in times of storm. Resolved to enquire further into this.

V.E. Day: Councillor Salmon advised of the lighting of the Beacon on White Horse Bank, to take place on Monday 8th May to mark the 50th Anniversary of the cessation of war. Noted.

Footpath: A complaint of the condition of the footpath in the Holmes was referred to the Amenity Committee.

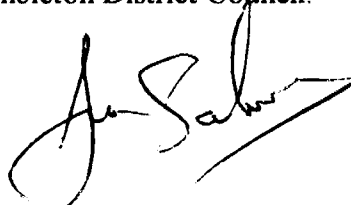
Communications: Councillor Salmon advised that the Town Council newsletter is to be out in May, contributions to be in by 15th May, please.

Traffic Survey: Concern was expressed about the number of heavy vehicles travelling through the town centre, and the possible increase with the current proposals re the A1. Councillors considered that they should have been formerly consulted, agreed to consult Councillor Turton. The proposal to invite a senior highways official to a Town Council was put forward. Agreed.

**Any Other Matters Affecting the Parish:** Concern was expressed about the possible erection of a traffic barrier on the Tesco car park, the loss of public parking could cause traffic to park on street. Agreed express our concern to the District Council. Councillor Watson expressed concern that the Castle Garth site had not yet been reinstated. Noted.

Councillors Roberts and Marshall reported that the concerns about the District Wide Plan had been talked over with the planning officers at Hambleton District Council.

Meeting closed at 9.10



## **THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of the Town Council for annexed business will be held in No 1 Court of Thirsk Court House on Monday 22nd May 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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### **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

1. To receive any apologies for absence
2. To approve decisions taken at the previous A.G.M.
3. To elect a new Chairman
4. To elect a new Vice Chairman.
5. To appoint Committees and Representatives

### **AGENDA FOR ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting on 24th April 1995
3. To hear Police Reports
4. To District Council Reports
5. To hear County Council Reports
6. To consider any planning applications received.
7. To consider any correspondence received
8. To consider accounts for payment for the Town Council and also the Ritz Cinema
9. To hear Committee Reports
10. To hear Chairman & Members Reports
11. To discuss Matters Arising from the Minutes
12. To consider Any Other Matters Affecting the Parish.

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**Clerk of the Council**  
**16th May 1995**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the  
Court House on Monday 22 May 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, A.J. Morton, D. Murkett, J. Watson, A. Robinson, R. Hall, Councillor G. Turton, Sgt Harris. Mr M. Cresswell (reporter) and seven members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs F. Roberts (on leave) and from Councillor G. Murray (absent due to sudden family bereavement).

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting held on 16 May 1994 were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. D. M. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Watson.

**Nominations for Chairman:** Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman, proposed Councillor R. Hall and seconded Councillor J. Marshall that Councillor J. Salmon be re-elected to stand as mayor for a second year. Agreed.

**Nominations for Vice Chairman:** Nominations were invited for the position of Vice Chairman, proposed Councillor J. Salmon and seconded Councillor D. Murkett that Councillor J. Marshall be re-elected to stand as Vice Chairman for a second year. Agreed.

**Committees & Representatives:** Councillor J. Salmon asked that this might be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the General Purposes Meeting on Tuesday 6 June. Agreed.



**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 22 May 1995 at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, A.J. Morton, D. Murkett, J. Watson, A. Robinson, R. Hall, Councillor G. Turton, Sgt Harris. Mr M. Cresswell (reporter) and seven members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs F. Roberts (on leave) and from Councillor G. Murray (absent because of a sudden bereavement).

Meeting Suspended to receive a petition from residents.

**Petition:** Councillors received a petition signed by 168 residents concerned about road safety on Long Street, Thirsk following an accident when a young girl was knocked down and severely injured.

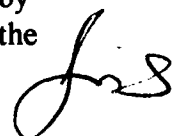
Meeting Resumed

**County Councillors Report:** Councillor G. Turton shared the public concern following the recent accident on Long Street and agreed to have consultation with a view to reducing the speed limit along Long Street. The area is to be the subject of a traffic management survey. Councillors agreed to write to the Highways Authority and the Police to express our concern.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting on 24 April 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Hall.

**Police Reports:** Sgt Harris reported on the problems caused by the racegoers at the weekend. Several people were arrested for public order offences. Special Constables were brought in to assist and the problems were contained. Councillors commended the police for their action.

**District Councils Report:** Councillor Marshall reported on the recent District Elections, welcoming Councillor A. Robinson as new District Councillor and giving special thanks to Councillor Murkett as retiring District Councillor. She reported that the present committee allocations at Hambleton meant that of the four District Councillors for Thirsk & Sowerby, three of them were on the same committee, and unfortunately no representative for the area was on Planning or Policy & Resources. Agreed to write and express our concern about this, proposed Councillor Morton and seconded Councillor Watson. Councillor Marshall reported that the all weather hockey pitch was not to be installed during the current year, due to a shortfall of funding by the Sports Council. Councillor Marshall also reported on the many complaints re the 'letting policy' of the Housing Association. Noted.



**County Councillor Report:** Councillor Turton reported that the traffic lights at Skipton Bridge had deterred some of the heavy lorries from using the B627 thereby reducing the traffic by approximately a third. Councillor Murkett considered that there were still an unacceptable number of heavy lorries in the town, and was concerned that the proposed A1 interchange will exacerbate the problem. Councillor Turton reminded Councillor that there is to be a Public Inquiry about the A1 Interchange.

**Planning:** The following planning results were noted.

21C Millbank Court	Approved
43 Station Road	Approved
39 St James Green	Approved
32 Alexander Close	Approved
Fernlea, Stockton Road	Approved
Vicarage Field, Cemetery Road	Refused
Old Dairy Buildings, Cemetery Road	Refused

### **Planning Applications**

2/95/152/114B Proposal for the formation of a Golf Course on existing agricultural land for use in connection with existing adjacent golf course

Location: OS fields 4800, 5667 & 7574

Council wish to see the application approved.

2/95/152/080H Proposal to vary the opening hours of a restaurant to 800 hours to 2300 hours on Monday to Sunday at 15a Millgate

Location 15a Millgate, Thirsk

Council wish to see the application refused as it is considered that this would cause undue disturbance in a residential area.

### **Correspondence:**

Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised that since that there had been fewer nominations than seats on the Town Council, the Council now had the right to co-opt two new members. Noted.

Details of a footpath diversion order were noted by the Council.

Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised of an increase of vandalism at the Millgate public toilets, warning that should these problems continue the toilets will need to be closed earlier in the evening. Agreed to write requesting that this course of action not be taken.

A request by a group of local youths to use Carrs Field as a 'kick around area' was considered. The view of the amenity committee was that the daily use of the land for this purpose would impinge on plans for the area.

Conservation Area Advisory group - Councillor Salmon and Marshall to represent the Town Council. Agreed.

National Rivers Authority - Catchment Management Plan was tabled for Councillors.

Hambleton District Council - details of the Corporate Plan 1995/96 tabled.

Hambleton District Council - Economic Development Strategy 1995/96 tabled.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - Minutes of Meeting on 1 May noted.

Application for transfer of Licence for the Blacksmiths Arms Noted.



**Accounts for Payment:**

The following accounts were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Watson.

**Paid since last meeting:**

L. Mitchell	£ 8.50
FWAG - membership application	£ 29.37
Farmway Ltd. - spray	£ 22.50

**To be paid following approval:**

I. Atkinson - cemetery supt - May	£ 333.00 ✓
R. Allan - environment worker 4 weeks	£ 120.00 ✓
P. Dunning - salary + travel to course	£ 600.40 ✓
Cornhill Insurance - annual renewal	£1366.25 ✓
Sam Turner's	£ 717.08 ✓
M/s Walker - grasscutting	£ 317.25 ✓
F.D. Todd & Son	£ 12.97 ✓
Thirsk Motors ltd	£ 26.14 ✓
R. Allan - work on footpath (P3) - Mill Gardens	£ 114.00 ✓
R. Allan - hire of generator/notice boards	£ 99.19 ✓
Sam Turners - bolts etc for gate	£ 31.42 ✓
I Atkinson	£ 3.53 ✓
K. Reynard	£ 9.99 ✓

**Cinema Accounts:**

Wm Calvert - rent for May	£ 541.66 ✓
F. Roberts	£ 246.06 ✓
K. Cartman	£ 349.28 ✓
G. Colbeck	£ 6.73 ✓
Rank Film Dist.	£ 210.37 ✓
D & S Waring	£ 43.20 ✓
A. Robinson	£ 28.26 ✓
P. Dunning	£ 9.96 ✓
P. Barr	£ 80.00 ✓
G. Rose	£ 136.00 ✓
TWS Transport	£ 108.10 ✓
United International Pictures	£ 165.44 ✓
National Screen	£ 62.11 ✓
F Roberts	£ 61.73 ✓
Bookers	£ 194.72 ✓
P. Dunning	£ 300.00 ✓
N. Electric	£ 159.30 ✓
United International Pictures	£ 70.50 ✓
Warner Bros.	£ 147.50 ✓
Ackrill Newspapers	£ 20.56 ✓
G. Rose	£ 104.00 ✓
P. Barr	£ 72.00 ✓
Wm Calvert	£ 541.66 ✓





**Committee Reports:**

**Market Place Committee:** Councillor Murkett wished to thank shop keepers for their help in maintaining the newly placed flower tubs. He also expressed sincere thanks for our gardeners for all their hard work.

**Greens Committee:** Councillor A. Morton reported that the owner of St James Green had given his approval of the improvement scheme. A public meeting to be arranged prior to the next Council meeting.

**Holmes & Carrs Field Committee:** Councillor Watson reported that a sports event is to be organised for the summer. Litter bins to be ordered for appropriate sites.

**Amenity Committee:** Councillor Marshall reported that asbestos had been discarded in the gutter adjacent to the County Primary School Play Area, this had be removed.

**General Purposes Committee:** Councillor Salmon reported that the recent meeting on matters relating to the cinema had proved very constructive. It was proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr. Marshall that a cinema manager be appointed, agreed.

**Suspension of Standing Orders:** Councillor Marshall proposed that standing orders be suspended and the meeting continue until 10 20 pm. agreed.

**Chairman & Members Reports:** Councillor Watson reported on a visit to a FWAG demonstration at Harome, near Helmsley when hedge layering, pollarding, and pond construction were demonstrated.

Councillor Marshall reported on the police liaison meeting, when information about local policing, under age drinking and autocrime was discussed.

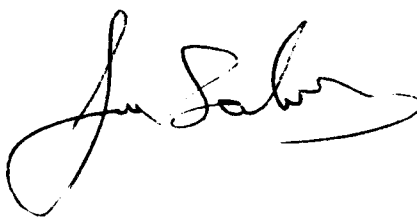
Councillor Salmon reported on a successful VE party at the East Thirsk Community Hall, funded by public donation.

**Any Other Business:** Councillor Marshall reported her concern about rumours of the proposed closure of the Thirsk Darlington Stockton Office. Since this newspaper is the only one that regularly reports on local issues the community at large would not be served well if this service were withdrawn. Proposed to write expressing our concern and stating our support for a local office.

After discussion of street drinking on recent race days, councillors agreed to monitor and collate information.

It was confirmed that arrangements are going ahead to cater for some 180 on the 16 July as part of the VE/VJ events.

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm



**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 19 June 1995 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, A.J. Morton, D. Murkett, J. Watson, A. Robinson, R. Hall, Mr M. Cresswell (reporter) and a member of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs F. Roberts (for lateness - due to cinema duties) also from Councillors G. Turton & G. Murray

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting on 22nd May were approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Watson, with the amendment on page 816 "also did agree to form a joint management committee".

**Presentation:** Councillor Salmon, on behalf of the full Council, presented Mr M. Cresswell with a small gift in acknowledgement for his years of service in reporting the Council's business. Mr Cresswell expressed his surprise and thanked all councillors.

**District Council Reports:** Councillor Robinson reported that he had attended several training sessions at District Council.

Councillor J. Marshall reported that on a visit to Treske earlier in the day. The proposals previously put forward from District Council to make Saturday the premier market day, had been thrown out, due to the many objections. She advised that the D.o.E. had put forward proposals regarding road signage, details not yet available. Councillor Marshall reported that the Leisure & Amenities Committee had agreed a grant of £25,000 towards the St James Green, Improvement Scheme. She also re-affirmed that the all weather hockey pitch is to be formed in 1996.

Councillor Marshall reported on a new grant scheme, the Conservation Area ?? Partnership, which could provide monies for improving old buildings and yards. Councillor Marshall reported on the present situation re the signage dispute, she advised that the majority of the illegal signs were to be amended or removed, of the more problematical, legal action may yet be taken against four of the offenders.

**Committee Membership:** Cllr Roberts to be added on to the Charities Cllr Murkett to be on the Market Place Committee, not Cllr Morton. Noted.

**Co-option:** Councillors were given details of five candidates, who had applied for co-option to the Town Council. After secret ballot, Mr J. Jackson and Mr D. Adamson were duly elected. Agreed.

Councillor Marshall proposed that all candidates be thanked for their interest and putting their names forward. Agreed.

**Planning:** The following planning results were noted.

Mr & Mrs Seales  
W. Calvert  
W. Calvert

Approved  
Approved  
Approved

**Planning:** The following planning applications were considered;

2/95/152/0080H Proposal: Variation of a condition to revise the hours of opening for restaurant to 8.00 hours to 23.00 hours Monday to Sunday

Location 15a Millgate, Thirsk

Applicant : Harun Miah

This Council wish to see the application Refused

Comments: Members of the planning committee are strongly opposed to the proposed variation of hours. This is a mixed area with a large amount of residential property, in particular Gillings Court. it is an appropriate use of the building to have it as a full time restaurant. The hours are such that there will be almost continual disturbance. Where is it proposed to store accumulated rubbish? there will be both visual and audio problems with the kitchen being opposite Gillings Court.

2/95/152/0504 Proposal: Construction of a car port

Location 34 Alexander Close, Thirsk

Applicant : Mr P. Bowser

This Council wish to see the application approved

2/95/152/046A Proposal: Construction of a domestic garage to replace existing as amended by plan received on 10 April 1995

Location : 21C Millbank Court, Thirsk

Applicant : Mr & Mrs C. Readman

This Council wish to see the application approved

2/95/152/0114B Proposal: Formation of a golf course on existing agricultural land for use in connection with existing adjacent golf course

Location: Pt OS Fld 4800,5667 & 7574 Thornton le Street

Applicant : Thirsk & Northallerton Golf Club

This Council wish to see the application approved

Comments: The Town Council have no objections to the proposed extension to the golf course, but consider that additional car parking and improved access off Northallerton Road will be needed.

2/95/152/0507 Proposal: Use of existing building as a ground floor shop and a first floor self-contained flat

Location Court Arcade, Thirsk

Applicant : Mrs J. Turner

This Council wish to see the application approved

**Police Report:** Inspector Villiers advised the meeting the request for traffic signals had been turned down, that the 40 mph 'met the national criteria' - agreed to write asking what the criteria are. Councillor Murkett asked why Topcliffe Road could have a 30 mph and yet not Long Street.

Councillor Morton spoke of problems contacting the police when the Thirsk Police Station is unmanned. He was advised to tell the control room of his concern. Councillor Marshall reminded the Inspector that children from Norby also had two other roads to cross on their way to school. Councillor Morton reported that the crossing had been judged to be in the right place at that time. Children were now taking a short cut through the Persimmon Homes site. Inspector Villers was asked about the traffic data being collated, vehicles being counted and their speed noted.

**Police cont:** The problems of the Stammergeate junction were again discussed, with the restricted view and the resultant congestion at the junction. Inspector Villiers asked if Inspector Reid could attend the next Town Council meeting. Agreed. When asked about problems re the race meetings, he advised that results were not yet available. Inspector Villiers advised that 15 local burglaries had been detected.

**Correspondence:** A letter from Mrs Dodds and Mrs Reynard complaining about various problems within the town centre, was referred to the Market Place Committee. The ladies were thanked for their work in planting up the tubs, also thanks to be given to the volunteers who were watering the tubs.

Notice of Audit of the Town Council's accounts was given - 21 August 1995. Noted. Correspondence from the NYCC advised of waiting restriction to be implemented along Pick's Lane and Northallerton Road. the Town Council had no objections. Councillor Murkett asked that consideration be given to the possibility of using the old BT depot for parking. Agreed.

The Council were invited to place advert in the Herriot Country publication to advertise Thirsk - agreed budget of (£135) - Councillor Salmon to attend to this.

An appeal from All Saints to be referred to the joint management group.

An appeal from Carlton Lodge for funding for their summer play scheme was considered. Proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr Roberts that £100 be donated.

Proposed A1 Motorway - this to go to public inquiry following representation from our local Councillors.

Changes in bus services - referred to Cllrs Salmon, Watson and Marshall.

Yorkshire Day - 1st August -It was agreed that four representatives be allowed to attend. Councillor Morton and Salmon asked to be included.

YLCA Conference 2/3 September it was proposed that four attend. Councillors Marshall, Watson, Salmon and the Clerk. proposed Councillor Roberts seconded Councillor Marshall.

A request for a donation towards the playscheme run by Carlton Lodge was discussed. Agreed to donate £100.00. proposed Councillor D. Murkett and seconded Councillor F. Roberts.

District Council Housing Strategy - agreed write to encourage "living above the shop developments"

**Cinema Accounts:** The following accounts were presented for payment Proposed Councillor Robinson seconded Councillor Murkett. Agreed

J. Marshall - reimbursement - information boards	£ 7.48
A. Robinson - reimbursement	£ 9.04
D & S Waring	£ 42.00
TWS Transport - 4 weeks to 25/5/95	£ 108.10
British Telecom - telephone	£ 45.02
Ackrill Newspapers - adverts 24/5, 6/6	£ 41.12
R. Roberts - reimbursement for confectionery -	£ 141.79
British Film Institute - Hire of film for 16 July	£ 26.44
National Screen - trailer & accessories	£ 21.69
Thirsk Advertiser	£ 40.00
United International Pictures - rental fee Forest Gump	£ 125.31

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Marshall and seconded Councillor Roberts.

National Savings - transfer to gratuity fund 1994/95	£ 200.00
National Savings - transfer to gratuity fund 1995/96	£ 350.00
Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- June	£ 345.50
Ian Atkinson - telephone rental	£ 24.49
R. Allan - 4 ( to 16 June) weeks @ £30.00	£ 120.00
L. Mitchell - 8 weeks @ £2.00 + 50p	£ 16.50
M/s Walker - grasscutting	£ 317.25
Power Point -	£ 19.34
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol	£ 40.12
East Thirsk Community Hall - hire of hall 12 May	£ 6.00
Thirsk Friends Meeting House hire of hall 6 June	£ 11.00
Methodist Circuit - Hire of hall - 12 June	£ 5.25
Lord Hire Centres	£ 28.79
Wilgro Nurseries plants	£ 10.06
S. Hopps - replacement plants	£ 9.50
Horticultural Services - 17 flower tubs - planted	£ 392.45
Hambleton District Council - Sports Council	£ 6.00
A. Robinson - repairs to town clock	£ 5.00
F.D. Todd & Sons -	£ 87.47
North of England Newspapers	£ 63.12
Cod Beck I.D.B.	£ 19.25
K. Reynard - compost	£ .99
S. Dodds - reimbursement for plants	£ 12.45
P. Dunning - salary June	£ 580.00
Fox's Copy Centre - photocopies	£ 64.31

### **Committee Reports:**

**Greens Committee:** Councillor Morton reported on a public meeting held with residents of St James Green and Stammergeate, to consider the Improvement Scheme proposed by the Council. Consideration to be given to minor amendments to meet the residents requests, where possible. Councillor Morton advised the meeting that Hambleton District Council had approved grant of £25,000 towards the cost of the aforesaid improvements.

**Carrs Field:** Councillor Watson reported on recent correspondence received of the executors of Miss Johnson's will, about the Council's interpretation the will. She advised councillors that we had already sought solicitor's advice and had been assured that our interpretation was perfectly correct. Alternative land had been offered to the young footballers in the interim period. Councillor Watson advised that directional signs are to be put up, in due course.

**Market Place Committee:** Councillor Murkett advised that a meeting of the Market Place Sub Committee is to be held on 28 June . Noted.

**Committee Reports cont.**

**Chairman & Members Reports:** Councillor Marshall reported on a recent meeting of Thirsk Chamber of Trade when Town Centre Management was discussed, agreed that this be put on agenda for next month's meeting.

Councillor Salmon reported on arrangements for the joint VE/VJ Day celebrations. Noted. It was agreed that the Town Council be involved in the Saturday celebrations, with the provision of a float.

**Matters Arising.** Concern was again expressed about the lack of representation on planning committee at District Council, due partly to the time commitment necessary for members. Agreed to lobby the District Council to review their organisation, and to actively comments on all plans relevant to our parish.

Darlington & Stockton Times - Thirsk Office - Correspondence from the editor reassured the Council that it was not the intention to close Thirsk office. Noted.

**Any Other Matters Affecting the Parish:** Councillor Robinson expressed concern about the amount of debris in the Cod Beck, agreed to complain again.

Councillor Roberts reported on the difficulties of moving gypsies on - the DOE policy is one of "non-harassment" . Hambleton District Council are monitoring the situation, the only grounds for moving on, being a public nuisance, or a health hazard. Noted.

Meeting closed at 10. 02

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 17th July 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J.M. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, D. Murkett, J. Watson, F.M. Roberts, A. Robinson, D. Anderson, J. Jackson, G. Murray, Messrs. Cressey, Hayward, Inspector Reid, Councillor G. Turton, Miss G. Robinson (press officer)  
Also trainee press reporter and three members of the public.

**Apologies:** An apology for absence were received from Councillors Hall & Morton

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th June were approved after amending page 818 that it was Cllr. Murkett who stated that the Long Street had been judged to be in the right place at that time, Cllr. Marshall asked that it be noted that it was a consortium who had written re the summer play scheme. The Minutes were then signed, proposed Cllr. D. M. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Robinson.

**Traffic Management:** Mr Cressey reported that the NYCC are investigating Long Street, Thirsk with a view to improving safety. Various possibilities were discussed, with priority to be given to lowering the speed limit along Stockton Rd to 40 mph and 30 mph along Long St. Councillors considered that a 30 mph limit is needed for Stockton Rd, this may be considered at some future date. Traffic signals or a pelican crossing were also to be considered. Consultations to be started with residents adjacent to the junction. The problems of traffic backing up at the Stammergeate junction, often as far back as the town, led to a general preference for traffic lights at this junction. Cllr. Murkett stated that traffic management needs improving, with a view to encourage traffic to use the by-pass wherever possible. The proposed weight restrictions should deter many from coming through the town centre. Cllr. Marshall reminded Mr Cressey that the petitioners were also concerned about other crossing places, in Norby, St James Green and Stammergeate. Noted.

Inspector Reid added that the 40 mph was considered a buffer to encourage people to reduce their speed before entering a 30 mph zone. Cllr. Marshall reiterated her view that there are too many distractions in Long St. Cllr. Turton pointed out that planning applications should be considered carefully for their impact. Cllr. Marshall pointed out that support from the Highways Authority re planning applications would be helpful. In conclusion Mr Cressey agreed that these points would be looked at.

**Proposed Dishforth Interchange:** Councillors raised the problem of the proposed Dishforth Interchange. Mr Cressey advised that he would seek more information and advise the Town Council in more detail. Cllr. Murkett asked for strong representation from the NYCC re the proposed interchange. Cllr. Roberts added that whilst gratified that the DOE have listened in part the problem was still as yet not fully addressed, adding that we must go on objecting.

**Traffic calming measures in St Mary's -** Mr Cressey advised that this was in the 1996/97 budget. Noted.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported that she had raised Town Centre Management and the Monday Refuse Collections with the Chief exec. of the District Council.

**Renewal of Cinema Lease:** Cllr. J. Salmon circulated details of the income for the Cinema for the last 6 months and minutes of the recent meeting of the Joint Cinema Management Committee. Cllr. Murkett expressed concern that the cinema was not truly viable, and considered it unwise to go for a long term lease. Cllr. Roberts considered that it should be set up as a charity to provide an amenity alongside the others that the Town Council help to provide, adding that we are unable to invest until we know that we have a reasonably lengthy lease. Cllr. Jackson considered that the public view this as an amenity and that we should give it a chance. Cllr. Marshall added her support for a minimum 2 year lease, to allow for improvements. Cllr. Robinson reminded his colleagues of the extra costs involved in paying for hire of equipment, and possibly an organiser. Cllr. Jackson offered his expertise as sound engineer, accepted gratefully.

It was proposed Cllr. Roberts, seconded Cllr. Marshall to empower the Joint Management Committee to negotiate a lease for a further 2 years.

An amendment to the proposal was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr.

Adamson, that we continue the lease for a further 6 months - 4 in favour, 4 against the amendment with 1 abstention (Cllr. Murray). The chairman cast his vote against the amendment.

On a vote for the original proposal to negotiate a 2 year lease thereafter, in favour 4, against 4 (Cllr. Murkett, Cllr. A. Robinson, Cllr. D. Adamson, Cllr. Watson - who asked for their vote against to be recorded).

Cllr. Murkett expressed concern that the Council may be acting ultra vires by taking a long term lease. Chairman decided further advice needed to be obtained from the Audit Commission and the YRCC. Agreed. Cllr. Salmon proposed that a full council meeting be held when this further advice is available.

Cllr. Murkett proposed that we seek an extension of the lease for a further 6 months, providing that within the 6 months, or by the end of it, the Joint Management Committee take over the running of the cinema. In favour 4, against 0, abstentions 5.

**Town Centre Management:** Cllr. Marshall reported on an initiative by Thirsk Chamber of Trade in holding a public meeting, with a view to forming a committee of representatives from various interested bodies in the town, to formulate a 'view of the town' and to assist all action to improve same. A questionnaire to be undertaken to ascertain what are considered the strengths and weaknesses of the town. Comments about transport, high rents and general cleanliness to be passed on. Agreed to write asking the District Council to upgrade their cleaning equipment.

**St Mary's Church:** An appeal from St Mary's Parochial Church Council for donation towards the cost of grass cutting, and the cost of annual maintenance of the church clock, was considered. It was proposed that the £250.00 already set aside in budget for grasscutting, be donated, proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr. F. Roberts. Agreed. After discussion it was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Marshall that the full cost of the annual maintenance of the clock be paid by the Town Council. Six Councillors voted in favour, with 3 abstentions. Agreed.



**Accounts for Payment:**

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The following accounts for the cinema were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Watson.

Hambleton District Council Rates - June 1995	£ 77.00
Ackrill Newspapers - 14/6/95	£ 38.42
Fox's Copy Centre	£ 85.47
Peter Barr - projectionist 16 @ £8	£ 128.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 7 @ £10	£ 70.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 8 @ £8	£ 64.00
Rank Film Dist. - Shawshank Redemption	£ 63.94
20th Cent. Fox - Nobody's Fool/An Awfully Big Adventure	£ 78.81
Ackrill Newspapers - 21/6/95	£ 20.56
TWS Transport 5 weeks to 29/6/95	£ 135.12
P. Dunning - reimbursement for assistance/photographs	£ 74.97
Wm Calvert - rent July	£ 541.66
B. Megson - agent - 18 weeks to 9 September 1995	£ 270.00
Slaters - ices and lollies	£ 116.01
Wm Calvert - rent August	£ 541.66
Hambleton District Council - rates	£ 77.00
Ackrill newspapers - advert 5/7/95	£ 29.38
First Independent Films Ltd. - Dumb & Dumber	£ 116.38
National Screen	£ 60.19
Warner Bros - Outbreak	£ 63.12
Warner Bros - Richie Rich	£ 135.18
R. Roberts - reimbursement for confectionery items	£ 215.67

The following accounts were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Roberts and seconded Councillor Marshall.

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- July	£ 345.40
R. Allan - 4 ( to 14 July) weeks @ £30.00	£ 120.00
L. Mitchell - 4 weeks @ £2.00 + 50p	£ 8.50
M/s Walker - grasscutting	£ 475.88
Power Point -	£ 104.02
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol	£ 38.47
Sam Turner & Sons	£ 573.92
St Mary's Church - contribution - grass cutting/maint. clock	£ 408.53
Lord Hire Centres	£ 46.46
Horticultural Services - 2 flower tubs - summer planting	£ 128.08
J. Cartman - Shrub roses for play area	£ 99.49
Rowley's Florist - wreath	£ 18.00
F.D. Todd & Sons - crusher /emptying of skip/Carrs Fld	£ 121.78
Wicksteed Leisure ltd. - replacement cradle seats for swings	£ 165.20 + VAT etc
Clerk - salary July - telephone rental	£ 607.89
RBL wreaths - 2 @ £15.00	£ 30.00
J. Hall - refreshments	£ 367.39
N. Y. Playing Fields Assoc.	£ 25.00
Barnsley Met Council - Yorkshire Day	£ 64.00
P. Dunning - reimbursement flags etc.	£ 20.00

**Planning:** The following planning results were noted.

Harun Miah(80H)	Approved
P. Bowser	Approved
Thirsk & Northallerton Golf Club	Approved
Mrs J. Turner	Approved
Mr & Mrs Baker	Approved
Mr & mrs Mousette	Approved
Appeal No 2/93/152/0474 under section 78	Dismissed.

Planning application:

2/95/152/508H Proposal: ERxtension to existing dwellinghouse

Location: 12 Herriot Way, Thirsk

Applicant: R. Tracey

Council wished to see this application APPROVED.

2/95/152/40f Proposal: Display of an externally illuminatd projecting sign

Location: 27 Westgate, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr A. Lightfoot

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/95/152/286A Proposal; Extension to 2 existing dwellings

Location: 33/35 Long Street

Applicant: Mr S.D. Hunt

Council wish to see the application APPROVED.

2/95.152/77H Proposal: Application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of exsiting disused building

Location: Rear of 79-81 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Renton & Renton

Council wish to see the application APPROVED

2/95/152/481A Proposal: Revised application for the construction of a detached bungalow & domestic garage & a pair of simi-detached bungalows with domestic garage

Location: St Giles, Close, Thirsk

Applicant: N.C. Wilson

Council wish to see the application REFUSED

**Correspondence:** A complaint from resident of the Waterside development about the condition of the plantings, to be passed on to the Hambleton Housing Assoc.

**Standing Orders:** Standing Orders were suspended to 10.15 Agreed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Market Place Committee:** Councillor Murkett commented how attractive the tubs were looking in the town centre, a request for a further two to be supplied was approved. The District Council to be asked to have the area around the trees weeded.

**Cemetery Committee:** Permission granted for exclusive right of burial for Anthony Earnshaw. Permission granted for additional inscription - Gladys Hall.

**Amenity Committee:** Councillor Watson reported on a site inspection with Mr S. Geddes of the FWAG, when he advised on the procedure for application for Countryside Stewardship. Correspondence from a parent of one of the footballers, was referred to Sub Committee for consideration.

**Chairman & Members Reports:** Councillor Salmon advised the meeting that he had represented the Council on several occasions, the Red cross AGM, the National march for Full Employment, Trees for Treske, Dishforth Gliding Club, Flatts trust, judging the VE/VJ window displays - won by the Gallery, and at the carnival judging the floats. At the VE/Vj Church Service, he laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council, and after the march hosted the reception at the Town Hall, and afterwards at the film show.

Cllr. Roberts advised the council that a new secretary for Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall had been appointed - Mrs Janet Sugden. Noted.

Councillor Jan Marshall reported that she and Cllr. Murkett welcomed people into the Town Hall for the VE/VJ tea. She reported on a visit to the Yorkshire Show, when much valuable information was gleaned. East Thirsk Community Project Worker - Miss Askham has recently resigned her post. Noted. Flatts Preservation Trust: - Mr Peter Bardon has offered to act as temporary secretary. Noted.

**Any Other Matters Affecting the Parish:**

Cllr. J. Salmon reported that he had received a donation from Tesco Stores towards the Mayor's Dinner. Noted. Cllr. Salmon congratulated Cllr. Marshall on her involvement with the Village Hall fund raising, and her recent talk given at the Village Hall Conference held in Terrington Village Hall on how it was achieved.

Cllr. Roberts expressed concern about on-going excavations by the Gas Board alongside Stockton Road.

Cllr. F. Roberts also asked that councillors continue to object to the proposed pylon route.

Cllr. Roberts proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Mayor of Tickhill, who had recently been attacked by youngsters, vandalising their flower beds. Agreed.

Meeting closed at 10. 15 pm

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 21st August 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Marshall (in the Chair), R. Hall, D. Murkett, J. Watson, F.M. Roberts, A. Morton, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, J. Jackson, G. Murray, Mr L. Crelling Chief Environmental Health Officer, Mr S. Metcalfe, Miss G. Robinson (press officer) Also five members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr J.M. Salmon and Cllr G. Turton

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July were approved after amending page 822 to give Cllr. Adamson his correct name The Minutes were then signed, proposed Cllr. D. M. Murkett and seconded Cllr. Marshall.

**Police Report:** Sgt. Harris reported that more commercial vehicles were being targeted recently. Cllr. Watson expressed concern about the number of vehicles stolen from the Thirsk Industrial Park. Cllr. Murkett expressed concern about boy racers along Topcliffe Road - Sgt Harris advised that the police will continue to purge and issue speeding tickets. Cllr. Murkett reported that vehicles were turning right from the left hand lane at Stammerge junction. Noted.

**Environmental Health Matters:** Mr Crelling gave a brief presentation about the various aspects of his work, covering health & safety issues, pollution of the environment, housing, housing grants, noisy neighbours and the issuing of licences. Mr S. Metcalfe reported about the problems of fly tipping, street cleaning, the control of local markets, the provision of public conveniences and dog control. general questions were then invited and discussed. Following concern about market day collections of rubbish, Cllr. Murkett proposed that a questionnaire be conducted of businesses in the town, to address their views.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall expressed concern that the recent drought conditions, intimated that the Yorkshire Water Authority had not fulfilled it's promise to advise in advance of any problems. Future housing developments may need to be restricted if problems about supply persist.

**Land at Norby:** Cllr Marshall advised the Council that negotiations to acquire land at Norby were to go ahead if full Council approved. it was proposed Cllr. Roberts seconded Cllr. Jackson that the Town Council indicate to the District Council that we are willing to enter into agreement for this new site provided that it is satisfactory when complete. Agreed with one abstention.

**Carrs Field:** A representative from the Countryside Commission is to inspect the site re our application to be included in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. A public meeting to be held to present our scheme to the community and discuss more fully. Noted.

**Personnel issues:** After press, the public and the clerk had left the room the vice chairman reported an emergency action taken by herself and Cllr. F. Roberts after the receipt of an acutely distressed phone call from the clerk.

1. The Vice Chairman had assisted the clerk in balancing the books in the final preparation for audit.
2. The Clerk had been relieved of all duties appertaining to the cinema.
3. The previously taken decision to obtain a Town Council office was now urgent and Cllr. Roberts had identified two possible alternatives

a) back office in the Town Hall. This was not available as Citizens Advice Bureau would not relinquish their use of it.

b) office in ex-jewellers shop on Castlegate owned by J. Bell, esquire.

the Council ratified the action taken so far and agreed to Cllr. Roberts negotiating a rent/lease of the above property as a matter of urgency with a view to opening the office forthwith.

Amenity Worker: - Concern as expressed that our amenity worker had not reported work progress. Proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Hall that the Council give formal warning that the standard of work was not according to contract.

Gardeners: The anomaly of remuneration to the gardeners was briefly discussed.

Agreed that Cllr. D. Murkett consider his budget to make allowance accordingly.

**Appeal:** An appeal for donations was discussed Cllr. Hall proposed that the Town Council agree to set aside a % of income towards good causes when setting the budget for the forthcoming financial year. Agreed.

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Murkett and seconded Councillor Roberts.

**Accounts for Payment:**

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- August	£ 345.40
<b>R. Allan - 5 ( to 18 August) weeks @ £30.00</b>	<b>£ 150.00 held back</b>
Farmway Ltd. - spray for footpaths at cemetery	£ 22.33
R. Allan - rotavator/compost etc	£ 34.00
North Yorkshire Timber Co - pegs for footpath	£ 142.88
Y.L.C.A... - 3 x 1 day conference + audit notices	£ 66.44
L. Mitchell - 5 weeks @ £2.00 + 50p	£ 10.50
Power Point -	£ 9.89
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol	£ 38.64
<b>Sam Turner &amp; Sons</b>	<b>£ 597.48</b>
Lord Hire Centres	£ 38.19
Cornhill Insurance - revised schedule	£ 26.29
Horticultural Services - 2 flower tubs - summer planting	£ 41.13
F.D. Todd & Sons - crusher /emptying of skip/Carrs Fld	£ 152.75
Walker - grasscutting	£ 317.25
Hambleton District Council - dog/litter bins	£ 645.94
<b>Playdale - repairs to equipment</b>	<b>£ 440.64</b>
Rank Film Distributors Ltd - The Way Ahead	£ 94.00
Clerk - salary August- postages - telephone - stationary	£ 729.24
Fox's Copy Centre - photocopying	£ 45.14
<b>Power Point</b>	<b>£ 125.73</b>

**Cinema Accounts:**

The following accounts for the cinema were approved by the Council, proposed Councillor Morton and seconded Councillor Murkett.

F. Roberts - reimbursement confectionery/keys	£ 82.58
Slaters - ices	£ 167.44
Peter Barr - projectionist 15 @ £8	£ 120.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 8 @ £10	£ 80.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 12 @ £8	£ 96.00
TWS Transport - 4 weeks to 27/7/95	£ 108.10
National Screen	£ 39.37
Northern Electric	£ 172.24
Buena Vista - Jungle Bk/Muriels Wedding/Pulp Fict/101 Dalm	£ 763.09
20th Cent. Fox - Far from Home	£ 28.88
Columbia Tristar Films - Bad Boys/Street Fighter	£ 113.44
U.I.P. - Little Rascals/Rob Roy/Brady Bunch	£ 143.29
Wm Calvert - rent September	£ 541.66
Hambleton District Council - rates Ritz	£ 77.00
P. Dunning - 18 hours @ £3 (re-imbursement)	£ 54.00
J.Schultz - servicing projector plus travel expenses	£ 33.67
F. Roberts - reimbursement for confectionery	£ 188.26
Fox's Copy Centre - photocopying	£ 43.53
Ackrill Newspapers	£ 61.68
Ackrill Newspapers	£ 65.21

**Churchyard Grasscutting:** An appeal that the town Council include the churchyard in it's list of areas when requesting tenders for grasscutting was discussed. it was proposed Cllr. Murkett, seconded Cllr. Murray, that the Town Council tender and consult the Church before accepting tenders. carried, 7 in favour, 1 abstention 1 against.

**Applications for Transfer of Licence:**

The following applications were tabled;

Blacksmiths Arms, Market Place, Thirsk - D.T. Davies & M.J. Pleace

Golden Fleece Hotel, Market Place, Thirsk - M.Hollins & S. Wissenbach

Black Swan, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk - Miss J. Foster

**Correspondence:** An amendment to previous proposed parking restrictions around Thirsk Church was discussed and voted on. As an equal number voted for the proposal as voted against the chairman used her casting vote to vote for the original proposal. Correspondence re the proposed closure of the Court House was discussed. Agreed that if may be necessary to make alternative arrangements for a meeting venue.

Meeting closed at 10. 20 pm

**Minutes of a meeting of the working party of Carrs Field/Holmes held  
on 29 August 1995**

**Present:** Councillors J. Watson, J. Marshall, Roberts, Jackson and the Clerk.

**Carrs Fields:** Cllr. Marshall reported on a site visit by Mr D. Goodwin, Leisure Services Officer, to various amenity areas in the parish. Mr Goodwin had been unable to support change of use of Carrs Field to incorporate a football area - a) it would be in conflict with a walking area b) Dogs should not be encouraged on sports areas c) The presence of the electricity cables would inhibit this use d) The river is potentially a dangerous boundary e) First field too small - second field long enough but not wide enough f) field drainage would be needed g) present rigg and furr surface not compatible with sports use - would need to ascertain if allowed to level surface h) car parking facilities not near enough i) changing facilities would be needed When asked about the installation of play equipment Mr Goodwin stated that the District Council would be unable to offer grant towards any scheme as he considered the site unsuitable

Councillors present agreed to contact Mr E. Benson of the National Playing Fields Association to ascertain his views.

Agreed to write to NEEB asking a) if they are in possession of a wayleave across Carrs Field b) If requested to remove the posts - who would pay? c) Is it feasible to underground the cables - at what cost to whom? d) Could NEEB support this use of the field?

**Millennium Funding** - Cllr. Marshall informed the meeting that lottery funding may be available - agreed to write to the Countryside Commission expressing an interest and Mr D. Goodwin for more details

**Correspondence :** The recent correspondence from Mrs Reynard was discussed agreed to advise that the Town Council had been seeking extra play facilities for some time in the Norby area and was hoping to reach agreement shortly. The proposed Public Meeting to be held shortly would advise the public of the overall concept of the town centre recreation development.

Correspondence from Mr J. Reynard asking for facilities for radio controlled cars was noted.

**Proposed Norby Play Area:** Hambleton District Council to purchase and lease to the Town Council in a workable condition. It is anticipated that this would be available within the year, with 12' high ball proof fencing. The area to include a kick about area, also some play equipment.

**Cinema:** Correspondence from the YLCA indicated that the Town Council were not acting illegally in running a cinema. Contributions can be transferred under Section 137 expenditure.

**Office:** The newly acquired Town Council Office, in Castlegate is progressing ; it has been thoroughly cleaned and painting is in progress, the electrical wiring is being renewed, telephone and electrical supply to be installed this week. A convector heater to be purchased. Office furniture from refurbishment schemes may be available.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 18th September 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, J. Watson, A. Robinson, R. Hall, D. Adamson, J. Jackson, G. Murray, County Councillor G. Turton, Miss G. Robinson (press officer) Also one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Insp Villiers, Cllrs Morton, Murkett & Roberts.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 August were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. D. Adamson and seconded Cllr. Murray.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall expressed concern about buildings to the rear of 71 Market Place. These had been brought to the attention of building control, but no action had been taken. It was agreed unanimously to write expressing concern that these buildings were allowed to deteriorate prior to action being taken. Reporting from economic development, Cllr. Marshall advised that the sale of unites on the Thirsk Industrial Park were going well. Reporting from leisure & amenities, Cllr. Marshall advised that she was pressing for the purchase of land, the missing links, along the recreational footpaths. Consultation has been sought re the provision of the all weather pitch.

**Bus Passes for the Elderly:** Cllr. Murray proposed that we ask the District Council to supply bus passes for the elderly people of Hambleton, seconded Cllr. Watson. Agreed

**County Council Report:** Cllr. G. Turton asked the view of the Town Council re the proposed speed reduction along Long Street, some amendments to the proposals were suggested. Councillors approved the restriction of access to HGV through the town. Cllr. Turton was asked to report Councillors concerns about the service of fire hydrants in the town. proposed Cllr Marshall, seconded Cllr. Murray that the Town Council write to express their concern. Agreed.

**Office Accommodation:** Cllr. Robinson objected to this expenditure, but was reminded that this was agreed in budget in November 1994 To ascertain if figures for rent and rates are correct.

**Planning Applications:** An appeal for an externally illuminated projecting sign at 46 Market Place, Thirsk has been allowed.

Public Lighting - To be improved along path to Thirsk Youth Club in 1996/97.

Various other schemes to be completed in 1997/98 financial year. Noted.

**Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial:** The following right of burial was granted;  
Grave Space 24      Section B1      Mr & Mrs P. Cunningham



### Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson. Five Councillors voted in favour with two abstentions.

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- September	£ 345.40
G Penson - re-wiring office and erecting shelves	£ 366.15
British Telecommunications - telephone into office	£ 51.05
F. Roberts - reimbursement - telephone, chair	£ 70.47
T.J. Taylor - cutting & clearing Centenary Field	£ 135.12
Lord Hire Centres - hire of shredder	£ 28.79
F.D. Todd & Sons - stone for footpaths	£ 421.63
Thirsk Motors Ltd. - petrol & oil	£ 36.92
Power Point - hire of vibro plate	£ 16.45
Colour Centre - paint for cemetery house	£ 4.69
L. Almack & Son - repair of leak at cemetery House	£ 43.47
M/s Walker - grasscutting	£ 158.62
N.Y.C.C. - Mill gardens	£ 348.00
Ian Atkinson - telephone rental/temp amenity worker weeks	£ 75.49
Sam Turners - paint thinners brushes for Waterfall Bridge	£ 66.82
Calverts Carpets - carpet plus fitting	£ 115.00
York Office Supplies - purchase of desks & chairs	£ 188.00
K. Reynard - 31 weeks @ £6	£ 186.00
GSM Graphic Arts - 5 signs	£ 287.88

The following accounts for the cinema were proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr. Watson

Buena Vista - Lion King	£ 699.76
Henry Booth - purchase of cinema tickets	£ 78.72
F. Roberts - reimbursement Nurdin & Peacocks/Slaters	£ 280.37
National Screen - purchase of quads & trailers	£ 26.13
P. Barr - 4 weeks rental equipment (Barr & Cartman)	£ 100.00
United International pictures - Congo	£ 70.63
Ackrill newspapers adverts -	£ 20.56
Nurdin & peacocks - replenishment of stock in Cinema	£ 248.41
20th Century Fox - Power Rangers	£ 282.51
British Telecom - telephone Cinema	£ 65.16
Peter Barr - projectionist 12 x £8	£ 96.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 8 x £10	£ 80.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 8 x £8	£ 64.00
Columbia Tristar - First Knight	£ 117.69
Nurdin & Peacock - drinks for cinema	£ 63.70
Slaters Ices	£ 141.32
Wm Calvert - rental Cinema - October	£ 541.66

**Auditor's Report:** Cllr J. Salmon reported that District Audit had approved the accounts for the year ended 31st March 1995. Noted.

**Correspondence:** N.Y.C.C. had sought views on a proposed restriction to HGV vehicles through the town centre, Cllrs approved restrictions but asked that care be taken with appropriate signage.

Discussion took place on the proposed speed reductions on A161 and the A170(check) Cllrs approved recommendations for York Road, but suggested amendments for Scarborough road and Long Street.

NYCC - A request for the Town Council to update information re timetables was discussed. Agreed if suitable information were supplied.

Correspondence re road maintenance to be put on agenda for the next meeting.

RBL - correspondence advising of the remembrance service on 12 November was noted. Members approved expenditure for purchase of wreath.

Police Evaluation - A request to comment on the area policing was considered to be premature since staff shortages meant it had only operated for a short time in Thirsk.

**Reports:** Cemetery: Cllr. Hall invited Councillors to walk round the Cemetery with him on Sunday 24 September. Noted.

Town Hall: Cllr. Robinson advised that the Town Hall were seeking a new secretary  
Christmas Lights: A meeting to be arranged next month to discuss.

Carrs /Holmes: Cllrs. Marshall and Watson gave a joint report, advising councillors that they were seeking information re the possible formation of a play areas in Norby and/or Carrs Fields and they advised that a public meeting would go ahead when these queries had been answered. Cllr. Marshall reported that Carrs Field had been used by the brownies as a camping area and the inter school sports was arranged for Friday 22 September, 14 schools had been invited but only three had accepted. Noted.

**Chairman & Members Reports:** Cllr. Salmon thanked fellow-councillors for holding the fort during his recent illness. He advised that he had represented the town at the diabetic vanguard van, and at RAF Leeming recently.

Cllr. Robinson reported that the ETCA were seeking a new project leader

Cllr. Adamson reported on the recent YLCA conference at York.

**Matters Arising:** Cllr. Murray expressed concern that the EHO's indicated that they would disregard petitions, and that tenders were already out for January 1996 without any consultation with local councils. Concern was expressed about who was responsible for cleaning of areas privately owned and not currently served by authorities

Agreed to write to HDC.

**Committee Representation:** New Councillors agreed to serve on the following committees;

Cllr. Jackson - Communication, Greens, Market Place, Playgrounds, Burial Board, Holmes

Cllr. Adamson - Communication, Finance, Footpaths, Christmas Lights, Burial Board

**Any Other Matters:** : Cllr. Salmon referred to TCM meeting with TCOT on Wednesday 17 October Cllr. Watson expressed a wish to attend. Agreed.

Dog Fouling: Concern was expressed that many people are still ignoring the byelaws.

District Wide Plan: Cllr. Marshall reported that this is progressing.

**Secret Session:**

Amenity Worker: Councillors were given an update of the position with Mr Ray Allan, the amenity worker. Agreed that Amenity Committee deal with this as they see fit.  
Noted.

Cinema Meeting: Cllr. Robinson asked for an update on the Cinema - Cllr. Salmon read a report of the cinema meeting when a organiser was appointed.

Meeting Closed at 10.15 pm

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 16th October 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Watson, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, R. Hall, D. Adamson, A. Morton, G. Murray, County Councillor G. Turton, Miss G. Robinson (reporter).

**Apologies:** An apology for absence was received from Cllr J. Jackson

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 September were amended approved and signed, proposed Cllr A. Robinson and seconded Cllr. Murray.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported that Hambleton District Council are to actively promote markets within their area, starting with Thirsk.

**District Wide Plan:** A request to have a full planning meeting to discuss further objections to the District Wide Plan was requested. Agreed.

**N.Y.C.C. Services:** Councillors expressed their concern about the proposed reduction of funding for highways maintenance. The diversion of funds towards the new unitary authority of York has been a major factor. Agreed to write to Wm Hague, M.P. to press for extra funding to be made available.

Cllr. Salmon advised that reductions were also to be implemented in Library Services and Care in the Community.

**Dishforth Interchange:** After discussion Councillors requested that the District Surveyor be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss in more detail amendments to A1 Dishforth North upgrade.

**Planning Matters:**

Information re tree grants application was referred to Amenities Committee.

Tourist Information Boards - Correspondence from Hambleton District Council re the provision of tourist information boards was approved and referred to Market Place Committee for further discussion.

Conservation Area Grant - Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advising that English Heritage were unable to give financial support to Conservation Area Partnerships for the forthcoming year was discussed. Consideration to be given for the Town Scheme to be continued if funding can be provided.

71 Market Place: Concern was expressed that the property, within a Conservation Area had been allowed to fall into dis-repair. Proposed Cllr Murkett seconded Cllr. Marshall that the Town Council demand that Hambleton District Council take action under safety regulations. Agreed

**Planning Applications:**

Proposal : Listed Building Consent for re-roofing & other renovation & repair works including replacement of windows.

Location: Golden Fleece, Market Place, Thirsk

Cllrs. considered that elevation details were necessary before a view could be taken.

**Planning Decisions:**

S.D. Hunt  
Holland & Barrett  
E G E Hall

Approved  
Approved  
Refused

**Accounts for Payment:**

Proposed Cllr. Roberts seconded Cllr. Murkett that the following accounts be approved for payment. Agreed

Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- October	£ 345.40
Ian Atkinson - temporary help with play areas	£ 30.00
L. Mitchell - cleaning bus shelter windows 8 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 16.50
Yks. Local Council Assoc	£ 2.99
North Yorkshire Timber - reimbursement to Clerk	£ 50.49
Millgate Timber & Hardware - nails- reimbursement Clerk	£ 2.20
P. Dunning salary - Sept/Oct (less Heating Allowance-£20)	£1140.00
Power Point - broom head/rigger glove/repairs to strimmer	£ 187.65
Thirsk Motors ltd - fuel - cemetery	£ 43.73
Lord Hire Centres - hire of shredder	£ 51.82
Sam Turners - materials for footsteps & paint for Bridge	£156.77
CE & CM Walker- grasscutting - July payment represented	£ 699.23
Electrical Trade Centre - heater	£ 45.25
Cornhill Insurance - adjustment to premium	£ 8.64
F. Roberts - paint & curtain track	£ 19.91
Hambleton District Council rates on office (total due £318.60)	£ 78.60
J. Bell - rent office October/November 8 weeks @ £10	£ 80.00
Foz's Copy Centre - photocopying	£ 27.92

**Cinema Accounts:**

It was proposed Cllr Morton seconded Cllr. Watson that the following accounts be approved for payment. Agreed.

P. Barr - 4 weeks rental equipment (Barr & Cartman) September	£ 100.00
J. Potter - reimbursement for confectionery + vacuum cleaner	£ 215.82
Columbia Tristar - Little Women	£ 96.75
United International Pictures (UK) - Rob Roy - balance due	£ 88.13
United International Pictures (UK) Casper	£ 682.19
A. Robinson - to purchase of freezer & fridge	£ 105.75
Ackrill Newspapers - advert 27 September/4 October	£ 70.50
Peter Barr - projectionist 15 x £8	£ 120.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 14 x £10	£ 140.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 6 x £8	£ 48.00
TWS Transport - 4 weeks to 28/9/95	£ 108.10
F. Roberts - first aid kit	£ 8.99
Hambleton District Council - rates	£ 77.00
F.D. Todd & Sons - sand and cement	£ 36.38
Wm Calvert - rental Cinema - November	£ 541.66
P. Barr (M/s Barr & Cartman) rental equipment October	£ 100.00
R. Mezzo - Cinema organiser 4 weeks @ £16 + £5.98 (keys)	£ 69.98
Foz's Copy Centre - photocopying	£ 11.50

**Christmas Fayre:** A letter requesting a donation towards Thirsk Christmas Fayre was discussed. Proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Hall that the Town Council donate £60.00 towards this event. Agreed.

**Correspondence:** NYCC Draft Policy on Continuing Health Care - this is to be put on agenda for December.

Royal Mail - Information advising of an increase in the number of collections in Thirsk was noted. Agreed to write to question why this service is being done from York.

NYCC Minerals Plan - More information needed before the Town Council can take a view.

NYCC - Road Safety - Information advised of meeting national targets for reducing by a third the number of deaths & injuries on the County's roads was noted.

### **Committee Reports:**

Christmas Lights Committee: A meeting to be held soon. The Chamber of Trade Dance in aid of the Christmas lights is to be in the Town Hall on 31st October.

Market Place Committee: Cllr. Murkett reported that the flower tubs had done very well, and asked that all those who helped be thanked. They are to be replanted with winter pansies and bulbs.

Cemetery Committee: Cllr. Marshall advised that there had been an inspection of the Cemetery grounds, and that Mr Atkinson, cemetery supertendant was to be commended on the condition. It Atkinson had volunteered to take care of wreaths and place them out on the graves on Christmas Day - to avoid having them stolen as had happened last year.

Carrs Field: Cllr. Watson advised that the application for Countryside Stewardship had been carried forward in next year's contenders. Still awaiting information prior to calling the Public Meeting.

Town Hall: Cllr. Roberts advised that the previous secretary has taken up temporary agreement to act as secretary. Noted.

Cinema: A report from the volunteers meeting indicated they wish to progress with a longer term lease. A cinema organiser Mrs R. Mezzo has been appointed. it is intended to take more control of bookings.

### **Chairman & Members Reports:**

Cllr. Robinson reported that he had attended the Youth Club Meeting; the new leader Mr David Merryweather has been appointed.

Cllr. Murkett reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Yorkshire Local Council Assoc before Hambleton South merge with Hambleton North.

Cllr. Marshall reported that she had attended the AGM of the Community Care Assoc on behalf of Cllr. Morton.

Cllr. Salmon reported on the recent meeting of REVOLT

He had attended the sports event in Carrs field and thanked the Round Table for their assistance.

Cllr. Salmon reported that he had attended the Hambleton District Council Civic Service

He advised the meeting that he was to attend RAF Linton on Ouse on Wednesday 18 October

**Any Other Business:** Water Hydrants: Correspondence advising that the water hydrants have received their annual inspection was noted.

**Police Liaison Meeting :** To be held 14 November

**Footpath:** Concern was expressed about the chains put accross the gate to the rear of the Three Tuns Hotel - refer to footpaths committee.

**East Thirsk Comunity Hall:** Cllr. Marshall advised that Mrs S. Bulmer had taken over the post of clerk. Noted.

**Return Train Tickets:** Concern was expressed over difficulty in purchasing return train tickets.

**Town Council Office:** Agreed to ask former occupier to remove the fascia. Also to indicate times open to the public.

**Cllr. Watson:** Complaints being received about cyclists on footpaths. Noted.

Meeting Closed at 10.15 p.m.

## **Minutes of the General Purposes Meeting on 2nd November 1995**

**Present:** Cllrs. J. Salmon, J. Marshall, F. Robert's, J. Watson, D. Murkett, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, J. Jackson, G. Murray and R. Hall.

**Office:** Cllr. Mrs F. Robert's advised fellow councillors of details pertaining to the setting up of the office. Thanks were extended from the Chairman to Cllr. Robert and to other Councillors who helped with the work. Questions were raised and answered about insurance and security. It was proposed to write and request that Mr Pattison take down the fascia board within two weeks. Agreed. Cllrs agreed to request prices for the painting the premises, as soon as the fascia board be removed and the condition of the wood behind determined. Cllrs Salmon and Cllr. Robert's to decide. Cllr. Jackson considered that the Clerk should have a personal alarm. Agreed to enquire about details.

Cllr. D. Murkett proposed that public hours should be determined and be a minimum of 2 hours on 2 mornings per week. Agreed.

Cllr. R. Hall considered that the premises were only large enough for informal committee meetings. Noted. Cllr. Marshall advised that we are permitted to use the Board Room upstairs should the need arise. Noted.

### **District Auditor's Report:**

Comments from the District Auditor were noted, and the following comments made;

14) Council considered that they were not responsible for employees tax but should ensure that relevant declarations are returned.

16) Noted that receipt & payment book should be signed by both Chairman and the Clerk

18) Advised that the relevant insurance details were supplied at the time.

19) Noted that no red ink should be used in the receipts and payment book.

**Donations:** Cllr. Murkett ask that details be ascertained as to what Thirsk is allowed to do under section 137 and what amount of money can be spent.

**Insurance:** Following discussion, Cllr. Marshall recommended that the Town Council's insurances should be updated every year, and that the cemetery House should have a valuation carried out.

**Matters relating to Budget:** Cllr. Marshall requested that all relevant income also be shown on the monthly statement of accounts - she also requested that a bank reconciliation be done at least 3 monthly.

**Cinema Accounts:** Cllr. Marshall asked that a time be designated for official handing over to the Joint Cinema Management Committee. Agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.



**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 20th November 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Watson, J. Jackson, R. Hall, D. Adamson, A. Morton, G. Murray, A. Robinson, County Councillor G. Turton, PC M. Ryan, Miss G. Robinson (reporter) and three members of the public

**Apologies:** An apology for absence was received from Cllr D. Murkett

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October were amended approved and signed, proposed Cllr.F. Roberts and seconded Cllr. Murray.

**Police Reports:** Pc M. Ryan reported that our local force are currently top of the division with a crime detection rate of 43% to date this year. He advised of the types of crime prevalent in the town. Cllr.A. Morton drew his attention to the problem of teenagers riding bicycles without lights. Cllr. J.Salmon drew his attention to the prevalence of underage drinkers in the town. Pc Ryan advised that the "off licences" had been approached regarding this problem.

**County Council Report:** Cllr. G. Turton advised to contact the schools about the cyclist problem. Noted. Cllr. Murray commented on the Highway Scheme at Shipton by Beningbrough. Agreed to enquire how the proposals for the A61 Long Street & A170 York Road are progressing. Further discussion of the problems followed. Cllr. Marshall enquired how the proposed weight restriction in excess of 7.5 tonnes gross wt. of Heavy Commercial Vehicles was progressing. Noted. A request for a bollard to be placed in front of the cinema was noted.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported from Economic Development Committee that leases on the new units on the Thirsk Industrial park were being taken quickly. She reported that Environmental Health Committee had agreed to change the main refuse collection day to Tuesday, with effect from January 1996. Cllr Marshall reported from Leisure & Amenities Committee that negotiations with residents towards achieving the formation of a riverside footpath from Todd's site to the Waterside Development were progressing. She also advised that the decision on the provision of indoor facilities had been deferred for site visits. Cllr. Marshall also reported from the Rural Transport sub committee of a proposed implementation of a token scheme. Cllr. F. Roberts advised of the pool of grants held by Hambleton District Council for the benefit of voluntary organisations.

**Carrs Field** - Discussion took place about the appointment of trustees for Carrs Field, agreed that more information was needed from the Charity Commissioners prior to further consideration.

**Planning:** The following planning applications were considered;

**Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent for the display of a non-illuminated sign.

**Location:** Units 5 /6 Royal Oak, Market Place

**Applicant:** E.G.E. Hall

**Comments:** This Council wish to see the application approved

**Proposal:** Change of use of existing ground floor shop & first floor disused living accommodation to office/business use.

**Location:** 33/35 Ingramgate

**Applicant:** I. Mellors

**Comments:** This Council wish to see the application approved.

**Proposal:** Construction of a building with associated runs for the breeding of dogs

**Location:** Spa House, Northallerton Road, Thirsk

**Applicant:** R.A. Hetherington

Council wish the application refused

**Proposal:** Construction of a birdroom

**Location:** 30 Favenfield Road, Thirsk

**Applicant:** Mr J. Talman:

Correspondence from the Enforcement Office, Hambleton District Council in respect of the following properties were noted;

National Westminster Bank

Midland Bank

Blacksmiths Arms

**District Wide Plan** Cllr. Roberts reported on the meeting of the planning meeting when objections to go forward to the public inquiry were considered. Agreed to formally ratify at the next meeting of the Full Council.

**Golden Fleece:** Cllr. Murray queried if planning permission had been given for the alterations to proceed. Cllr. Roberts advised that permission to commence early had been given. Noted.

**Application for Transfer of Licence:** in respect of;

To Neil Babington re The Red Bear, 149 Market Place

Sara Louise Lavin & Maureen Osborne re Kwik Save Supermarket

**New Memorial:** The following application was tabled & approved;  
Vase & Inscription for *Wilfred & Valda Nicholson*

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts for payment were agreed proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr. Watson.

Yorkshire Water - Cemetery Lodge	£ 107.30
Thirsk Chamber of Trade - donation to Christmas Lights	£ 250.00
Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- November	£ 345.40
L. Mitchell - cleaning bus shelter windows 5 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 10.50
P. Dunning salary - Nov (less Heating Allowance-£20)	£ 560.00
P. Dunning - Training course expenses	£ 9.50
P. Dunning - reimbursement for sweeping brush	£ 3.49
Thirsk Christmas Fayre - donation	£ 60.00
Sam Turners - rails & nails	£ 57.62
CE & CM Walker- grasscutting - Oct 2 & Oct 19	£ 317.25
Hambleton District Council rates on office (total due £318.60)	£ 78.60
Northern Electric - office	£ 43.31
J. Bell - rent office December 5 weeks @ £10	£ 50.00
Cllr. F. Roberts - reimbursement clock/waste bin	£ 11.09
Bow House Publishing - 1/4 page Herriot Country	£ 276.12
N.Y.C.C. - Hire of Court House	£ 90.00
BTCV - 1 week Natural Break/1 Countryside Weekend	£ 887.13
Power Point - hire of trailer - Ditch	£ 21.74
Thirsk Motors - fuel Cemetery	£ 39.62

### **Cinema Accounts:**

The following accounts for payment of the Cinema Accounts were agreed proposed Cllr. A. Morton seconded Cllr. Roberts.

P. Barr - 4 weeks rental equipment (Barr & Cartman) November	£ 100.00
J. Potter - reimbursement for confectionery	£ 234.30
Ackrill Newspapers - advert 19 Oct/26 Oct/2 November	£ 70.50
D & S Waring - fuel for cinema	£ 75.00
National Screen - Trailers synopsis, quads (Sept,Oct)	£ 43.23
Northern Electric - electricity Cinema	£ 172.87
Cllr. F. Roberts - confectionery items	£ 141.95
Peter Barr - projectionist 12 x £8	£ 96.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 8 x £10	£ 80.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 8 x £8	£ 64.00
B. Megson 17 weeks plus phone charge(fixed)	£ 285.00
TWS Transport - 8 weeks to 28/9/95	£ 108.10
Hambleton District Council - rates	£ 77.00
F.D.Todd & Sons - sand & cement	£ 24.06
G. Burks	£ 100.00
Wm Calvert - rental Cinema - December	£ 541.66
Ackrill Newspapers - distrubution of leaflets	£ 97.08
U.I.P. - Waterworld	£ 120.31
J. Potter - reimbursement of confectionery items	£ 54.06

Cllr. Salmon advised the meeting of the current financial position. Noted. Receipt of the Precept letter was noted. Proposed that details pertaining to section 137 be circulated. Agreed.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence from South Kilvington Parish Council commenting of the condition of the road verges were noted.

An invitation to send a representative to the Town Centre Management Committee was noted.

Water Hydrants - Information from the County Fire Officer re the maintenance of water hydrants was noted.

Royal Mail - correspondence gave assurances that local jobs were not threatened by the changes in collection procedure.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Committee - Minutes of the meetings on 2nd October & 6th November were noted.

Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Area Advisory group - Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October were noted.

Thirsk & Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity - Annual report received and noted.

Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau - A request for donation was noted.

British Korean Veterans - a request for the Mayor to attend the Amjin Day celebrations was noted.

### **Committee Reports:**

Carrs Field : Cllr. Watson reported that their committee had discussed their budget requirements for 1995/96

Greens: Cllr. Morton advised that further information re the Improvement for St James Green has been received. A site meeting to be arranged soon to discuss the scheme which it is hoped will commence in March 1996.

Christmas Lights Committee: Cllr. Robinson reported that arrangement had been made for the Christmas tree, kindly donated by Mr H. Woodhead, to be erected on 26 November with the Christmas Lights to be switched on 28/29 November. A donation of £250.00 has been given to the Chamber of Trade Christmas Lights Appeal. A Christmas Carol Service is to be arranged for the 22nd December.

Finance Committee: Cllr. Salmon advised that the Budget Meeting is to be held on Thursday 7 December 1995.

### **Chairman & Members Reports:**

Cllr. Marshall commended Cllr. Hall for his recently achieved award for Energy Conservation. Cllr. Marshall advised that East Thirsk had been shortlisted into the last twelve in the Village Ventures Competition for all Yorkshire.

Cllr. Morton tabled a report from the Burst 96 scheme. He advised that the recently closed PHAB had been replaced by a similar group.

Cllr. Salmon reported on the meeting of the Joint Cinema Management Group he advised that a decision had been reached to have the old boiler converted to an oil fired system. That the Volunteers Group were to take out a lease for 5 years starting January 1996.

Cllr Salmon reported on a Police Liaison Meeting. Noted.

**Any Other Business:**

Cllr. Morton requested that we ask the North Yorkshrie County Council to complain about the number of cars parked on the grass verges in Stockton Road. Agreed.

Cllr Morton reported a broken seat on the Little Green. Noted.

Cllr. F. Roberts that the Town Clock was not showing the correct time on all it's faces. Agreed that a deputy clock warden was needed when Cllr. Robinson not available, Cllr. Jackson volunteered. Council decided to seek advise about the refurbishment of the town clock.

Cllr. Salmon advised that he had visited RAF Linton on Ouse representing the Town Council. Noted.

Cllr. Salmon reported on the Remembrance Service when a fine turnout was seen.

The Town Council approved a resolution to exclude the press and public for private discussion.

**Closed Session:** Cllr. Marshall reported on a site meeting of part of the seven acres, held earlier in the day between herself, Mr S.W. Quartermain, Mr D. Goodwin, Mr S. Artiss and the Clerk

She advised that Hambleton District Council were to bid for the opportunity to be considered amongst 40 projects, from which 25 would be selected in January 1996 as examples to be funded.

Meeting Closed at 9.50 p.m.

## Finance Committee Report to Town Council for 11 Dec 1995

Present on 7th Dec: Cllrs. Adamson, Jackson, Marshall, Morton, Murray, and Salmon.  
Clerk in attendance for all items except that relating to Clerk's salary.

Apologies: Cllrs. Roberts, Watson.

Agreed to recommend :

1. Expenditure as detailed on attached sheet.

### Summary as follows:

Burial Board		£ 11,798
General Account - Community	£83,125	
- Admin	£16,110	£ 99,235
Total expected expenditure		£111,033

This expenditure is put for decision in two parts:

a] staff payments and b] all other payments.

2. Payments to Staff and those who provide services on self employed basis.  
These must be agreed separately from any other expenditure.

A: Increase Clerk's salary by the nationally agreed pay award. This to be back-dated to 1st April 96.

Note: This award is determined usually for June each year by negotiation between representatives of employers and staff.

B]: Increase payment to Cemetery Superintendant by 3%

C]: Payment to Amenity Worker remain the same.

**Propose: Payments in relation to permanent/self-employed staff be agreed**

3. All other expenditure as detailed.

**Propose: Payments in relation to all other payments be agreed**

4. Arrangements for raising Funding to meet this expenditure.  
This is shown in more detail on attached sheet.

Summary of Funding proposals	Burial Board	General Account	Total
Income raised via donations, grants, refunds, bank interest, grave sales	4,326	7,100	11,426
Transferred from reserves	3,472	47,135	50,607
sub-total	7,798	54,235	62,033
Precept to be raised	4,000	45,000	49,000
Total Funding	11,798	99,235	111,033

**Propose: Precept be set at £49,000 for year 1996-97.**

Revenue Account Income to be raised for next year 1996-97	Income for 1996-97 Estimated at Dec-95
<b>Burial Board</b>	
Dividend & Interest	26
Refund of Vat	300
Burial Board income	4,000
Other income	0
<b>Burial Board Income expected 1996-97</b>	<b>4,326</b>
Expenditure expected next year 1996-97	11,798
Net position at end of next year 1996-97	-7,472
Transfer in from reserves at start of next year	3,472
<b>Burial Board Precept to be raised for 1996-97</b>	<b>4,000</b>

Reserves at 31 Mar 96 [est]	£6,882
Transfer to working account	£3,472
<b>Reserves uncommitted</b>	<b>£3,410</b>

<b>General Account</b>	
Interest	2,600
Refund of Vat	3,500
Refunds	0
Donations	0
Grants	0
Other income	1,000
<b>General Fund Income expected 1996-97</b>	<b>7,100</b>
Expenditure expected next year 1996-97	99,235
Net position at end of next year 1996-97	-92,135
Transfer in from reserves at start of next year	47,135
<b>General Precept to be raised for 1996-97</b>	<b>45,000</b>

Reserves at 31 Mar 96 [est]	£54,027
Transfer to working account	£47,135
<b>Reserves uncommitted</b>	<b>£6,892</b>

**All Income: Summary of Income Expected**

Interest	2,626
Refund of Vat	3,800
Burial Board income	4,000
Refunds	0
Donations	0
Grants	0
Other income	1,000
<b>Total Income expected in 1996-97</b>	<b>11,426</b>
Expenditure expected next year 1996-97	111,033
Net position at end of next year 1996-97	-99,607
Transfer in from reserves at start of next year	50,607
<b>Total Precept to be raised for 1996-97</b>	<b>49,000</b>

Reserves at 31 Mar 96 [est]	£60,909
Transfer to working account	£50,607
<b>Total Reserves uncommitted at 31 Mar</b>	<b>£10,302</b>

Notes Precept set for year 1995-96 was £4,000+46,000=£50,000

Precept set for year 1994-95 was £5,000+44,000=£49,000

Estimated Expenditure due for 1996-97: Proposals

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Thirsk Town Council Expenditure 1996-97 Estimates at 7-Dec-95		As agreed at Finance meeting on Thur 7th Dec 95			
	Working Budget	Headings Summary	Expenditure 1996-97 Estimates at 7-Dec-95	Working Budget	Headings Summary
<b>Burial Board</b>			<b>Community</b>		
<i>General maintenance</i>			<i>Communications</i>		
Walls	4,000		Town Talk	150	
Plants, etc.	100		Promotions, inc maps, etc	700	850
St Mary's Church	300		<i>Town Hall</i>		
Equipment (inc maintenance, etc.)	400		Town Hall+Insurance	1,800	1,800
Petrol & oil	400		<i>Ritz Cinema</i>		
Emptying skip	300	5,500	Cinema grant	1,800	1,800
<i>Lodge &amp; Admin</i>			<i>Christmas lights</i>		
Cemetery Lodge	300		Christmas lights	1,500	1,500
Burial board office	150		<i>Market Place</i>		
Water charges, etc..	250		Plants/tubs/cultivation/Mill Gdns/etc	1,550	
Council Tax	700	1,400	seats/other str. furniture	300	
<i>Admin</i>			Town clock	2,000	
Insurance	600		Bus shelter	650	4,500
Plans and stationery	50		<i>Carr's Field</i>		
Cemetery Superintendent	4,248		wildflowers/trees/plants	450	
Miscellaneous	0	4,898	Gate/fence/bins	1,450	
			General, inc waste	250	2,150
<b>Burial Board Totals</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<i>The Holmes [general]</i>		
			Bridge/ford/path	500	
			Waterfall bridge, etc.	1,000	
			Sluice gate	250	
			Plants/trees/etc	500	
			Seat/bins/etc	450	
			General/rent/etc	225	2,925
			<i>Centenary Field</i>		
			Plants/trees/etc	600	
			Gate/fence/Seat/bins/etc	800	
			General, inc waste, etc	50	1,450
<b>General Fund</b>			<i>Footpaths</i>		
<i>Admin</i>			Footpaths	1,000	1,000
Subs. (inc. LCA)	350		<i>Play areas</i>		
Chairman's allowance	200		Holmes-new equipment	2,500	
Travel and courses	700		E. Thirsk-maintenance	500	
Official expenses	200		McClean's	500	
VE/VJ Day	0		Long St.	500	
Election	400		New scheme [Norby]	16,000	20,000
Audit	300				
Insurances	900	3,050	Seven Acres	20,000	20,000
<i>Office</i>			<i>The Greens</i>		
Room hire/Crt Ho/Office rent/tax	1,500		The Greens	18,000	18,000
Postages/faxes/phones/etc	600		<i>General Amenity</i>		
Administration/equipment	500		Jungle field	500	
Stationery/p/copies/printg	400	3,000	Favenfield	300	
<i>Staff</i>			White Rose Way	500	
Clerk #2	7,210		Shire Park	500	
Transfer to Gratuity Fund	350		Str. Furniture: non-specific	1,000	
Amenity Worker	1,500	9,060	Plants/trees/etc: non-specific	500	
<i>General</i>			Grass cutting: Carr's Field[£350]		
Donations	500		Grass cutting: Centenary Field[£200]		
Sports sponsorship[Carr's Field]	200		Grass cutting: The Holmes[£1,500]		
ET Community Hall	0		Grass cutting: Highways[£1200]	3,250	
Miscellaneous	300	1,000	Flatts grass cutting	300	
			Contingency	300	7,150
<b>Administration totals</b>	<b>16,110</b>	<b>16,110</b>	<b>Community totals</b>	<b>83,125</b>	<b>83,125</b>
			<b>Admin totals</b>	<b>16,110</b>	<b>16,110</b>
			<b>General Totals</b>	<b>99,235</b>	<b>99,235</b>
			<b>Burial Board Totals</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>11,798</b>
			<b>Council Totals</b>	<b>111,033</b>	<b>111,033</b>



**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 11th December 1995 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Watson, J. Jackson, R. Hall, A. Morton, D. Murkett, G. Murray, A. Robinson, County Councillor G. Turton, Miss G. Robinson (reporter) and three members of the public

**Apologies:** An apology for absence was received from Cllr D. Adamson

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 November were amended approved and signed, proposed Cllr A. Morton and seconded Cllr J. Watson.

**Police Matters:** Concern was once again expressed about the probable displacement of crime from Northallerton to Thirsk - agreed to write to Hambleton District Council to ask that a similar C.C.T.V. scheme is soon implemented at Thirsk. Agreed.

**County Council Report:** Cllr. G. Turton advised that City Challenge money may be available towards C.C.T.V. schemes. Councillors considered that Thirsk Industrial Park should be included in the scheme and to write in support.

Discussion took place on the problems regarding speed and visibility at Stammergeate junction where the County Council had started to install bollards to prohibit parking. Objections were raised on behalf of residents in the area. Although conceding that the proposed speed restriction would help, Councillors repeated their request that a better solution be sought - roundabout or traffic lights.

Councillor F. Roberts moved that the Town Council have sight of plans to show what the intentions of the County Council are and have the opportunity to comment, seconded Councillor Robinson. Votes - In favour 5 against 1

A second proposal to seek details of the bollard proposals was voted in favour 8, against 1, with 1 abstention.

The request for a safety bollard in front of the Ritz was turned down by County Council, as it was considered that the footpath was too narrow.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported she and Councillor Robinson had taken part in visits to local markets, also that surveys had been undertaken by schoolchildren with a donation to the school concerned for their efforts.

Cllr Robinson reported that the markets were well run and orderly. Comments regarding the intrusion of goods onto the walkway in front of the fruit shop, broken flagstones and missing bollards were passed on to Hambleton District Council.

Councillor Marshall reported that the listed building to the rear of 23 Kirkgate had fallen down - increasing concern about Hambleton District Council Policy.

**Health Care:** Comments were invited on the North Yorkshire Health Authority Draft Eligibility Criteria for Continuing Health Care, these to be based on recommendation from sub committee - to report back accordingly.

**District Wide Plan** Comments from the sub committee to go forward to public inquiry were formerly ratified by full Council. Proposed Cllr. Marshall seconded Cllr Hall. Agreed.

**Planning:** The following planning applications were considered;

2/95/152/0512 Proposal: Change of use of existing 1st & 2nd floor flat to first floor retail use & second floor office & storage accommodation in assoc with existing ground floor shop as amended by plan

Location: 7 Westgate Thirsk.

Applicant: Messrs A & a Robinson

Council wish to see the application approved

2/95/152/0487D Proposal: Application for conservation area consent for the demolition of existing buildings

Location: Old Dairy Buildings

Applicant: Mr J. Bell

Council wish to see the application approved.

**New Memorials:** Memorials were approved for the following;

Jacqueline Maria Cann

Alexander Douglas Higgins

Veronica Teresa Atkin

**Exclusive Rights of Burial:** Were approved for the following;

Exors Wilfred & Valda May Nicholson

Alexander Higgins

Exor Jacqueline Maria Cann

### **Finance:**

Cllr. Salmon gave a financial report on the budget meeting held on <sup>7th</sup>~~12~~ December when estimated expenditure was discussed. Further clarification was given for councillors who were unable to attend.

The following proposals were ratified;

a) To increase the Clerk's salary by the nationally agreed pay award. To be back-dated to 1st April 1996

b) To increase the payment to Cemetery Superintendent by 3%

c) Payment to the Amenity Worker to remain the same. <sup>7th</sup>

Proposed expenditure as detailed at the budget meeting on ~~12~~ December was ratified by full Council.

It was proposed that the precept be set at £49,000 to meet the anticipated spend. This was voted for and carried with one abstention.

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts for payment were agreed proposed  
Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr A. Morton

Hambleton District Council - rated Office - Dec	£ 80.00
Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- December	£ 345.40
Ian Atkinson - telephone rental	£ 24.49
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 4 weeks to 18 Dec @ £2 + 50p	£ 8.50
P. Dunning salary - December	£ 620.00
Sam Turners - Masonry drill & ties for Christmas Lights	£ 16.77
Sam Turners - repairs to fencing at playground	£ 76.29
A. Robinson - reimbursement elastic strips & lights for Clock	£ 31.00
J. Bell - rent office January 9 weeks @ £10 (to 27 Jan)	£ 90.00
British Telecom - office	£ 69.92
Thirsk Motors - fuel Cemetery	£ 31.22
F.D. Todd & Son - timber	£ 20.30
Sowerby Parish Council - 1/3 grasscutting of Flatts	£ 190.67
Fox's Copy Shop - photocopies	£ 40.06

### **Cinema Accounts:**

The following accounts for payment of the Cinema Accounts were agreed proposed  
Cllr. A. Morton seconded Cllr. J. Jackson.

20th Century Fox - Braveheart	£ 243.38
Warner Bros - Free Willy 2, Batman Forever	£ 645.61
Ackrill Newspapers 15/11/95, 22/11/95	£ 41.12
Ackrill Newspapers 29/11/95	£ 41.12
United International Pictures - Apollo 13	£ 175.31
K. Cartman - 4 wks rental equipment (Barr/Cartman) December	£ 100.00
Peter Barr - projectionist 11 x £8 (up to 25 November)	£ 88.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 5 x £10	£ 50.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 13 x £8	£ 104.00
Hambleton District Council - rates	£ 77.00
Wm Calvert - rental Cinema - January	£ 541.66
R. Mezzo - 9 weeks @ £16 (to end of December)	£ 144.00
telephone	£ 14.54
Northern Energy Supplies Ltd. - fuel for central heating	£ 396.56
British Telecom -	£ 58.70
TWS Transport Co - 5 weeks 30 Nov	£ 135.12
Buena Vista International (UK) Ltd - Die hard with a Vengeance	£ 86.88
Buena Vista International (UK) Ltd. - Englishman	£ 44.31
First Independent - Mortal Kombat	£ 47.05

**Correspondence:**

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Draft of Hambleton District Economic Development Strategy was presented this was referred to planning committee for consideration and report, as insufficient time had been allowed.

Correspondence from Mrs Kinder complaining of the condition of the river bank in front of the Waterside, was discussed. This to be forwarded to Broadacres Housing Assoc., also to be brought to the attention of Hambleton District Council to ensure that the same problem does not arise with the Todd's yard compulsory purchase.

Correspondence from Hambleton District Council about concessionary travel passes was noted. Report on the proposed token scheme to follow.

Further correspondence re water hydrants was noted.

**Committee Reports:**

Greens: Councillor Morton reported on a meeting with representatives from Hambleton District Council about details re the Improvement Scheme which it is proposed will commence on 4 March 1996

Christmas Lights: Councillor Robinson thanked all who had helped with the Christmas lights.

Cemetery Committee: Councillor Hall advised that there would be a meeting on 30 January to consider tenders for repairs to the Cemetery Wall.

Market Place Committee: Councillor Murkett advised that there would be a meeting on 8 January 1996. Noted.

Amenities: Councillor Marshall reported on their meeting to discuss budget proposals.

**Chairman & Members Reports:**

Cllr. Robinson advised that East Thirsk had lost it's project leader Mr Merryweather Councillor Marshall reported on the recent Police Liaison meeting.

Councillor Salmon advised that he had represented the Council at meetings of, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Flatts Preservation Trust, East Thirsk Community Assoc., Police liaison Meeting, and at the recent Christmas Fayre and thanked the 3 R.H.A. for their assistance.

Councillor Robinson extended thanks to Councillor and Mrs Salmon, as mayor and lady mayoress for all their involvement this year.

**Any Other Business:**

Indoor Bowling Facilities: Councillor Marshall reported on the present situation.

**Closed Session:**

Amenity Worker - Councillor Marshall reported that Mr Allan had been taken ill during the summer but had failed to advise us. We have given him considerable leeway - time to recover - he had promised to call into the office last week, but once again failed to call in or to contact us about his intentions. In view of this Councillor Marshall proposed that we terminate his employment with the Town Council, seconded Councillor D. Murkett.. Carried unanimously by those Councillors present. Amenity Committee to make arrangements for appointment of a new Amenity Worker.

Meeting Closed at 9.50 p.m.

Thirsk Town Council - Town Centre Sub-Committee  
Meeting. - 8.1.96.

Members present - D. Murrell, A. Robinson, J. Salmon.  
Guests - K. Reynard, S. Dodds.

Town Centre

The Civic Society have suggested that hanging basket be provided for the Market Square. It was agreed that the problem of watering the baskets made the suggestion impractical.

Mention was made of the weeds at the bottom of the three trees in the clock area ~~of the~~ and Mr Robinson said he would look at the problem closely.

The work load of the future 'odd-job men' ~~too~~ will be extended to include the cleaning of ground behind the wooden tubs and also ~~the~~ to remove weeds in the square.

Long Street

Stammergate junction - the patch of cobbles outside the Corner Shop is almost level with muck - it seems to be a long time since it was swept.

White Horse roundabout and Ingramgate.

On the roundabout one prostrate shrub, maybe two, are dead and need replacing.

The tree which was burned last year needs pruning because branches are overhanging the road, ~~the tree~~ and the bottom growth on the stem needs removing. The tree near Mr. Middles surgery also needs replacing.

## Mill Gardens.

Sue + Kath requested permission to buy grit and soil improver for the gardens, particularly the area which is heavy clay, and ~~to~~ some well-established plants and agreed to obtain an estimate of the costs.

The wooden seat, which is fixed into the far wall which runs parallel with the back, is damaged, and Mr. Murrell agreed to arrange to have it mended.

Mention was made of the ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> seats required for the gardens. I have asked Pam if they have been ordered and she said that she cannot do so until she is advised of the size, style and siting of them.

Mention was made of an offer by the local guides, brownies and scout groups to improve the footpath into Castlegarth from Station Road. Mrs Dunning is attempting to get the heavy clearance work done by farm workers. However, it now seems that the scouts may not be interested in this venture. If the guides and brownies will be able to attempt this work without the scouts, it would first be necessary to obtain Mr. Bell's (owners) permission, and be certain that this area would not be used by farm vehicles as an access to Castlegarth.

cc. Mr. Andrew Robinson.  
Mr. David Murrell.  
Mr. Joe Salmon.  
Mrs P. Dunning.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 22 January 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Watson, J. Jackson, R. Hall, A. Morton, G. Murray, A. Robinson, D. Adamson and five members of the public

**Apologies:** An apology for absence was received from Cllr D. Murkett

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December were amended approved and signed, proposed Cllr G. Murray and seconded Cllr A. Morton.

**Police Matters:** Councillors were disappointed that no police representative was present - concerns about the excessive speed of the National coaches were raised, also concern about excessive noise from parked cars in the Market Place on evenings. Correspondence from Mr Skins about public behaviour in Nicksgate Alley to be passed on to the police.

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported;

- a) Capital budgets of the Leisure & Amenities and Environmental Health had she advised been pulled back.
  - b) The Herriott Visitor Centre, working party to meet later this week to discuss the merits of this project.
  - c) Capital spending schemes for street lighting improvements have been approved for 1996/97 in Kirkgate/Norby, Hambleton Estate and Castlegate Alley
  - d) The Todd's yard scheme is going ahead - presently being re-drawn to achieve higher specifications in this sensitive area.
  - e) The workshops units on the Thirsk Industrial Park are going well. She expressed disappointment that the Town council had not had time to respond to the Economical Development report.
  - f) Councillor Marshall reported on the launch of the Rural Arts Mosaic trial. Councillor A. Robinson reported that the working party of the proposed Herriott Visitor Centre were to meet on Thursday to discuss.
- Councillor R. Hall expressed concern about the number of trees recently planted on the Thirsk Industrial Park - Councillor Marshall to investigate and report back.

**Historic Plaques:** Discussion took place on suitable buildings that would warrant the attachment of a historic plaque agreed to refer to planning meeting to discuss further inviting representatives from the Museum and Civic Society.

**Planning:** Councillor F. Roberts reported on planning issues; Conservation Areas Preservation & Enhancement Schemes - correspondence advising of CAPE schemes was noted.

Dangerous building - rear of 71 Market Place, Thirsk - correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised that legal action was to be taken. Noted.

Planning results:

Royal Hotel, Market Place	Granted
44 Kirkgate, Thirsk	Granted
79-81 Market Place	Granted
30 Favenfield Road, Thirsk	Granted
33-35 Ingramgate	Granted
Spa House, Northallerton Road	Granted
7 Westgate, Thirsk	Granted
Vicarage Field, Cemetery Road	Granted
Old Dairy Buildings	Granted

**New Memorials:** Memorials were approved for the following;

Joseph George Horsley  
Hilda Iolene Gregson

**Exclusive Rights of Burial:** Were approved for the following;

Exors of Joseph George Horsley

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts for payment were agreed proposed  
Cllr. A. Morton seconded Cllr A. Robinson

Hambleton District Council - rated Office - Dec	£ 80.00
Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- January d.d.	£ 345.40
Ian Atkinson - playground	£ 30.00
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 4 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 8.50
P. Dunning salary - January( refund £30 - deposit/door repair	£ 610.00
Soc of Local Council Clerks Conference	£ 125.00
Y.R.C.C. Government Conference - 8/10 March	£ 65.80
Thirsk Motors - fuel Cemetery	£ 13.68
Power Point - Cemetery	£ 37.76
F.D. Todd & Son - seat bases/emptying Cem skip	£ 83.99
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation - stationery	£ 71.30
Horticultural services - replanting of tubs	£ 94.00
Guy Johnston - electrical work - bulbs - Xmas lights	£ 477.05
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall - 1/2 share of building insurance	£ 425.02
Alpha Signs - lettering windows of office	£ 56.40
Thorpe Trees - planting for Carrs Field	£ 105.75
Martin Bacon - reimbursement fuel for chipper October	£ 11.00
Fox's Copy Shop - photocopies	£ 23.80
Ian Atkinson - amenity work	£ 78.00



**Cinema Accounts:**

The following accounts for payment of the Cinema Accounts were agreed proposed Cllr. R. Roberts seconded Cllr. A. Morton.

20th Century Fox - Nine Months	£ 73.81
Warner Bros - Assassins	£ 42.69
Ackrill Newspapers 14/12/95, 21/12/95, 29/12/95, 5/1/96, 18/1/96	£ 102.80
United International Pictures - Clueless	£ 70.50
National Screen	£ 54.34
B. Megson - 8 weeks @ £15 plus postage/phone	£ 140.00
TWS Transport Co - 4 weeks to 28/12/95	£ 108.10
K. Cartman - 4 wks rental equipment (Barr/Cartman) January	£ 100.00
Peter Barr - projectionist 15 x £8 (up to 30 December)	£ 120.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 2 x £10	£ 20.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 20 x £8	£ 160.00
Wm Calvert - rental Cinema - February	£ 541.66
J. Potter - confectionery - December/January	£ 479.97
R. Mezzo - 4 weeks @ £16 (January) plus postage	£ 64.75
Troy Film Agency - hire of film	£ 112.80
Buena Vista - Pocohontas	£ 300.88
Yorkshire Water	£ 541.87
British Gas	£ 8.04
Slaters - Ice cream & Lollies	£ 102.24
Fox's Copy Shop	£ 119.41

**Correspondence:**

Committee reports supplied by Mr Hayward in respect of the proposed introduction of a 30 mph speed reduction and the proposed HCV weight restriction was discussed. Councillors conceded that some measure of improvement had been achieved by the installation of the bollards adjacent to Stammergeate junction, but when vehicles parked on the road adjacent to these bollards, which often occurred, the hazard was increased. It was noted that the problem of traffic congestion had not yet been addressed, and Councillors agreed that the problem should be monitored and repeated their preference for a roundabout or traffic lights.

Stockton Road - Correspondence from the District Surveyor re our request to discourage overnight parking advised that no parking signs were to be erected. Residents along Stockton Road had been upset by this request - the Clerk had sought to reassure them that it was evident that the majority of residents do take care not to damage the grass. Councillors were concerned that the area did not become a regular parking area. Councillor F. Roberts advised that we cannot take legal action against the invasion of weeds. On the question of Stoneybrough - we can report to environmental health about a potential rat problem. Councillor Roberts reminded the meeting that the Town Council had no obligation to cut this grassed area but only had done this to achieve a higher standard than would be evident under County Council control. She also reminded the meeting that the Town Council's aim was the same as theirs to keep the area attractive.

Bollard - opposite to the Ritz- Correspondence from the District Surveyor advised of the dangers of damaged bollard - Councillors stressed not as important as a damaged pedestrian.

AlM north of Leeming: Official correspondence advised of the axing of this proposed scheme. noted.

Royal Mail: Correspondence advised that a new posting box is to be installed along St Mary's walk. Noted.

Yorkshire Local Council Assoc.: Information advising of meeting on 6 March noted. Also, information about the best Kept Village - Village Halls Conference on 20 April Clerk's seminar on 23 March noted.

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Minutes of 4 December noted.

Town Clock - correspondence about the cost of repairs to be referred to the market Place Committee. Noted.

Rural Development Commission: Correspondence voicing concern about the threat to rural garages was noted.

Events in Herriott Country - This to be forwarded to likely parties for their action.

Christmas Tree Chipping Scheme - Councillors commented on the success of this scheme, but requested that consideration be given to extending the service to assist working residents.

Duck Race - Correspondence from Thirsk Minibus Assoc. advised that the annual Duck Race is to be held on Easter Monday, 8 April . Noted.

Parking Signs - Councillors looked at proposals for improving the parking signage and gave their approval. Councillor Robinson advised of a proposed scheme to make all car parks within Hambleton District more safe. Noted.

### **Committee Reports:**

Hambleton South/National Playing Fields Assoc: Councillor Roberts expressed her concern that the Executive Committee had proposed that the number of representatives be cut drastically - resulting in only two Parish Councillors being on the Committee together with sixteen District Councillors - notably all the District Councillors are members of the leading political party. it was agreed that the Council write to ask for an explanation of this proposed policy and request that it be put on agenda for the meeting on 6 March.

Greens: Cllr. Morton advised that tenders for the proposed works are to be dispatched tomorrow. The District Surveyor had proposed that extra works be included in the scheme - part of the cost being paid by North Yorkshire County Council. extra cost to the Council in the region of £500 but should still be within budget. Noted.

Market Place Committee: Cllr. Robinson reported on the meeting on 8 January. The request to install hanging baskets was considered impractical because of the problems related to regularly watering. Roundabout - 2 shrubs need to be replaced. Tree in Ingramgate needs pruning - this has been done. Seats - in need of repair - details as to size needed prior to ordering.

Christmas Lights: Councillor Robinson reported on the success of the Christmas Tree and the lights. Agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Woodhead who once again, had kindly donated the tree to the town. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Hall for his work in removing the barriers and the tree.

### **Committee reports cont.**

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Cemetery Meeting: Councillor Roger Hall advised that the meeting was now to be held at noon on Sunday 4 February.

Amenity Meeting: Councillor Marshall reported that a meeting was to be arranged to discuss BTCV projects for the summer.

Land Norby - Councillor Marshall proposed that we should take over management of this land should it be purchased for amenity use. Councillors voted nine in favour and one against. Carried.

Cinema: Councillor Salmon reported on the volunteers meeting of 5 January. He advised the Council that a committee has been set up to select our own films, and that the project is to be handed over to the volunteers before the end of the financial year.

### **Chairman & Members Reports:**

Cllr. Marshall reported damage to the grassed area in the front of the Frankland Arms - this has already been reported to the brewery. Footpaths their condition and signage is to be looked at the next amenity meeting. Noted.

Cllr. Robinson reported that the East Thirsk Youth Club has appointed a committee and is doing well.

Cllr. Salmon reported on the occasions that he had represented the Town Council.

**Any other Business:** Cllr. G. Murray drew the Council's attention to the possibility of losing one of our fire appliances - agreed to write requesting clarification.

Cllr. Marshall reported on a twenty minutes delay in an ambulance reaching a road traffic accident - agreed to write expressing our concern.

Cllr. Watson expressed concern about the condition of the disused farm buildings at town end, agreed to write expressing our concern to Hambleton District Council.

Chairman Councillor J. Salmon asked if it was the Council's wish to exclude the public and press and go into closed session. Agreed.

### **Closed Session:**

East Thirsk Site: Councillor J. Marshall reported that this site had been accepted as one of the Millennium Greens. Noted.

**Thirsk Arts Centre Enterprise:** A proposal to develop the site currently occupied by Rural Arts North Yorkshire into an Arts Centre was discussed. Public support for the venture was being sought prior to going public with the proposals. It is proposed that the project include craft workshops, tourist information bureau and exhibition area, dance studio, rehearsal space, studio theatre, exhibition space, cafe and Rural Arts office. A feasibility study for the scheme was expected to cost about £60,000.00, of which 10% would need to be found locally. A demonstration of support from interested parties is needed. Councillors considered that the project was very good. It was proposed Cllr. Roberts that *the Town Council support the idea and we offer up to £1,000 towards the cost of the feasibility study*, seconded by Cllr. Marshall. This motion was amended by Cllr. Morton that *the Town Council fully supported the idea and were amenable to giving financial support*, seconded Councillor J. Watson. Five members voted in favour of the proposal. Carried. This became the substantive motion and was voted on; eight in favour with one abstention. Carried. *Meeting closed 10.30*

**Amenity Committee**  
**working party held on 31 January 1996**

**Present:** Cllrs. J. Marshall, J. Watson, F. Roberts, J. Jackson.

**Grasscutting:** Discussion took place on the standard of cutting necessary for Carrs Field and Centenary Field. Agreed that Carrs Field (north) and a broad swath through Carrs Field (south) be cut five times within the season, the remainder of Carrs Fields to be cut after 15 July and thereafter once a month. Agreed that Centenary Field be given a late season cut. Agreed to request a price for cutting the Churchyard six times within the growing season. The remainder of the Town Council grass cutting to be as in previous years.

**Footpaths:** Discussion took place on the condition of various footpaths within the parish.

- i) Agreed to ask the BTCV Volunteers to complete the boardwalk in Whitelass Beck area as discussed last year.
- ii) Proposed Councillor J. Marshall, seconded Councillor Watson that we officially approach Mr Calvert to allow us to tidy up the field now scheduled as an ancient monument.
- iii) Footpath into Castlegarth alongside the sorting office needs to be tidied up.
- iv) Footpath past former Sutton House site needs weeds and rubbish clearing.
- v) General - shrubs require pruning - end of Darrowby Way.
- vi) Spring needed on the kissing gate Stockton Road end of Whitelass.

**Centenary Field:** Fence and gate (kissing gate) at northern boundary need replacing.

**Carrs Field:** Councillor Watson to speak with Julien Hook, re the details of the sports event.

Information from Charity Commissioners about trustees not yet available.

**Tourists Walks:** Agreed to meet with Mr Whitehead to discuss this further.

**Amenity Worker:** After discussion it was agreed that we need clarification as to if Mr Bacon is self employed.

**Projectionists:** Agreed that agreement is needed with the projectionists re tax declarations.

**Sign:** Sign missing from the wall of Hung Moey's - footpath(?)

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 19 February 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett, G. Murray, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, Sgt Harris & Sgt Franks and five members of the public

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F. Roberts, Cllr J. Watson & Cllr. G. Turton

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 January were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. A. Robinson and seconded Cllr. D. Adamson.

**Police Matters:** Sgt Harris introduced Sgt Franks to the Council and reported on matters raised at last months meeting:-

The Council's complaints about the National Buses had been passed on to the Traffic Police. Youngsters with excessively loud radios had been spoken to. Nicks Gate Alley - this area is patrolled regularly by police on Friday & Saturday evenings - legal advise about gating this public footpath would need to be sought. Also there had been a recent purge on under age drinking. Noted.

Councillors raised problems pertaining to bicycles being ridden on the pavement, vandalism on seats and litter bins and cars travelling at excessive speed on the wrong side of the road.

An update was given about the recent handbag snatch - unfortunately the offenders were too young to prosecute.

Questions were asked about police procedure at the recent Kirkgate fire when it was necessary to close the road - Councillors were reminded that access for other properties needed to be ensured.

**County Council Business:** Cllr. D. Murkett voiced concern about County Council cutbacks and the fate of the Middleham Jewel and Ring to which many local residents had contributed. It was hoped that these items would remain in Yorkshire.

Cllr. Marshall voiced concern about the priorities for gritting roads and footpaths - although appreciating that main roads were rightly prioritised some of the local estate roads and footpaths had not been treated at all during the last wintry spell. Cllr. Jackson advised that Front Street Sowerby was also ignored.

**Library Opening Hours:** Cllr Salmon asked Cllr. Marshall to chair the meeting for this item.

Discussion took place on the various proposals put forward from County Council, it was agreed that Option B be preferred

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr. Marshall reported;

- a) The Herriott Visitor Centre has been given the go ahead by the Policy & Resources Committee.
- b) Cllr. Marshall advised that Hambleton District Council were again to implement a Nil Rate - Capital spending is to be cut back to achieve necessary savings. Schemes within our area are likely to be affected - such as the proposed CCTV Schemes.

Cllr. Murkett considered this to be poor housekeeping advising that the public would prefer to pay a modest rate and maintain current high standards. Councillors were concerned that the CCTV scheme may be delayed and were disappointed that the District Council had not taken advantage of the Home Office Funding.

It was proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr Adamson that the Town Council request that District Council should impose a modest rate to prevent local services being reduced. Agreed.

- c) Cllr. Marshall reported on a recent meeting with residents from south of Hambleton District - who advised her that they would not travel to Northallerton to play indoor bowls but would travel to Thirsk yet had not been consulted in the recent survey.

- d) Cllr. Marshall asked the Town Council's support for concerns raised by Sowerby Parish Council about the inadequate sewage disposal system. Agreed to write to Yorkshire Water and Hambleton District Council.

**Planning:** Councillor Marshall reported on planning issues;  
Economical Development Strategy - information from Richmond had been received.  
Site Visit to Hollin Barn - noted.

**Planning Results:**

White Rose Way	Granted
Golden Fleece, Thirsk	Granted
23 Kirkgate, Thirsk	Granted
Bridge Cottage	Granted
Darrowby	Granted

**Planning Applications:**

Proposal: Renewal of consent for alterations of extension to existing disused agricultural buildings to form a dwelling with domestic garage.

Location: Spa House Farm, Northallerton Road. Thirsk

Applicant: Mr I. Woodhead

The Council consider this application should be approved.

Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling as amended by plans as received on 8/1/96

Location - Bridge Cottage Old Sutton Road

Applicant: C.M. Schmuck

The Council wish to see this application approved.

Proposal: Installation of car canopy

Location: 37 White Rose Way, Thirsk

Applicant: Mr N.L Rutherford

The Council wish to see this application approved.

**Proposal:** Alteration and extension to a disused agricultural building for use as a holiday unit

**Location:** Hollins Barn, Sutton Road

**Applicant:** Mr C. Hartley

Council wish to see this application approved but have concerns about access.

**Proposal:** Alterations & extension to existing public house

**Location:** The Red Bear, Market Place

**Applicant:** Vaux Breweries

Council wish to see the application approved.

**Proposal:** Reconstruction of 2 existing chimney stacks

**Location:** Central Buildings, 19 Market Place

**Applicant:** T. Hutt

Council wish to see the application approved.

**Proposal:** Display of an externally illuminated projecting sign as amended.

**Location:** 24 Market Place, Thirsk

**Applicant:** Barclays Bank Plc

Council wish to see the application approved.

*Waterside* - Correspondence from Hambleton District Council advised that they were seeking ways to improve the banks of the Codbeck adjacent to Waterside. Noted.

**New Memorials:** Memorials were approved for the following;  
Rachel A. Thomas

**Additional Inscription:** approved for:  
May Isabel Wilson

### **Correspondence:**

*Carrs Field:* Correspondence from Charity Commissioners advised that Miss Johnson's request had not been adhered to by her executors. This to be referred to Amenity Committee with a request that they report back to full Council.

*Royal British Legion Band:* A request for financial help - to be on agenda March.

*Westgate* - Proposed restriction of no waiting was discussed - agreed that the status quo should remain as at present but that the Police should alter the flow of their traffic. A letter requesting used postage stamps was sympathetically received.

*Tourist Information Centre* a request for financial aid towards a new tourism leaflet to be placed on agenda next month for further consideration.

*Stockton Road* - Further correspondence from Mrs Margett was noted.

**Court House:** Councillors expressed concern about the exceedingly low temperature of the Court House. It was agreed to seek an alternative venue and to withhold rent if no heating is to be provided. Agreed.

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts for payment were agreed proposed

Cllr. G. Murray seconded Cllr J. Marshall

Hambleton District Council - rated Office -	£ 80.00
Ian Atkinson - Cemetery Superintendent- February d.d.	£ 345.40
L. Mitchell - bus shelter windows 4 weeks @ £2 + 50p	£ 8.50
P. Dunning salary - February - reimbursement cleaning windows	£ 584.00
Thirsk Motors - fuel Cemetery	£ 18.69
F.D. Todd & Son - salt	£ 9.40
Sam Turner & Son - posts strainers staples	£ 49.90
J. Bell - rent for office	£ 40.00
Ian Atkinson - amenity work	£ 6.00

**Cinema Accounts:**

The following accounts for payment of the Cinema Accounts were agreed proposed

Cllr. G. Murray seconded Cllr. J. Jackson.

F. Roberts - reimbursement ice-cream	£ 209.33
Guild Entertainment - Judge Dredd 0 Murder in First	£ 63.31
John Potter - confectionery	£ 377.76
Ackrill Newspapers 25/1/96, 1/2/96	£ 41.12
United International Pictures - Golden Eye	£ 205.89
Northern Electric	£ 129.62
K. Cartman - 4 wks rental equipment (Barr/Cartman) February	£ 100.00
Peter Barr - projectionist 17 x £8	£ 136.00
R. Cradock - projectionist 1 x £10	£ 10.00
W. Dunigan - projectionist 16 x £8	£ 128.00
Wm Calvert - rental Cinema - March	£ 541.66
Farmway Boilercare Ltd. - alteration to boiler	£ 1302.44
F. Roberts - confectionery	£ 209.35
J.R. Clapham Son & Co - eyelets in screen	£ 25.15
United International Pictures -	£ 1066.63
N. Energy Supplies - fuel	£ 322.92
J. Potter - confectionery	£ 337.65
Buena Vista - Pocohontas - The Santa Claus	£ 274.71
R. Mezzo - 4 weeks @ £16	£ 64.00
Troy Film Agency - bond repayable in 3 months	£ 500.00
TWS Transport Co - 4 weeks to	£ 108.10
National Screen	£ 31.07
Warner bros	£ 269.76
Graham Colbeck - postage etc	£ 25.58
Hambleton District Council - rates	£ 77.00

**Cinema:** Cllr. Salmon reported on the finances of the cinema and proposed that the Town Council extend their project for one further month prior to handing over to the volunteers. Seconded by Cllr Morton - Agreed. Cllr. Murkett requested that the value of the stock should also be assessed prior to handing over the project. Agreed. Cllr. Salmon advised the meeting that a meeting with the volunteers to approve the constitution and approve the lease is to be held on 27 February 1996. Noted.



**Committee Reports:**

*Christmas Lights:* Cllr. Robinson reported that Christmas lights were still in place on our beech tree on St James Green. Noted.

*Market Place:* Problems about emptying litter bins in Mill Gardens were reported.

*Greens:* Cllr. Morton advised that work was due to commence on St James Green on 11 March 1996. Noted.

*Amenity meeting:* Cllr. Marshall reported from the meeting on 31 January she advised that the BTCV group were to construct a board walk during June. Noted. Cllr Marshall also reported that discussion about tourist walks are to go ahead.

*Cemetery Meeting:* Councillor Salmon advised about changes in Fees from the recent Burial Board Meeting. Noted and approved.

**Chairman & Members Reports:**

Cllr. Murkett reported that following the merging of the Hambleton South and Hambleton North the new Hambleton Branch meeting is to be held on 6 March at Stonecross, Northallerton.

Cllr. Marshall reported from Annual General Meeting of East Thirsk Community Hall.

Cllr. Morton reported that with the closure of the Castlegate Youth Club equipment has been dispersed, and that a roving Youth Officer is to be appointed. Cllr. Murkett requested consideration of donation to youth clubs be put on next months agenda.

Thirsk & Sowerby Conservation Advisory Group: Cllr Salmon reported from the recent meeting. He advised councillors that the group were seeking to prioritise the improvement of our local alleys and snickelways. Noted.

Town Centre Management: Cllr. Salmon advised the meeting that the group have been conducting a signage survey and were in discussion with North Yorkshire County Council. Noted.

**Matters Arising:** Cllr. Marshall reported that a list of buildings suitable for inclusion in the blue plaques scheme had been drawn up.

Speed Restriction Long Street: Correspondence advised that the N.Y.C.C. were to implement the 40 m.p.h. buffer zone prior to a 30 m.p.h. zone, as indicated in earlier correspondence.

Norby: No waiting restrictions the N.Y.C.C. have rejected their most recent recommendation in favour of the original restrictions. Approved.

Royal Mail York: Councillors were reminded about the forthcoming visit to the sorting office at York on 6 March - four Councillors wished to attend.

Ambulance Trust: Councillors concern about the delay in responding to an accident on the A19 have been addressed. Noted.

Fire Cover: Cllr. Morton raised concern about the inadequate fire cover in Thirsk, when it was noted that our local fire tender was not able to reach the roof of property in Kirkgate. Agreed to write expressing our concern about similar tall property within the town.

Meeting Closed at 10.10 p.m.

## Notes on meeting of Thirsk Town Co Promotions sub-committee.

Meeting held on Feb 20th 1996.

**Decided the following:**

To produce another issue of Town Talk.

Noted £350 in budget

### Layout details

- different colour for next issue [2nd]. Use buff or yellow.
- Size A3 folded once
- Use same heading and logo as for first issue
- provide one copy per household = approx 1600 copies
- plus copies to organisations at 100 copies.

### Printing arrangements

- JMS to ask Lona Brown and her daughter to provide the same help as last time
- JMS to provide final copy in camera ready copy for them to get printed.
- Otherwise JMS to ask local printer to prepare the printed copies

### Distribution

- To be distributed to each house via the local free paper or by Post Office.
- Jim J to find out relevant procedures and costs

### Timing

- Copy to JMS by 26th Mar
- Final draft by 8th April for distribution with T.Co minutes
- Town Co to consider at meeting on 15th April
- Copy to printer Wed 17th April
- Printed copy to [NY News?] by Tues 24th April
- Distributed in 30th April Issue of paper.

### Content

- Meeting place and time
- Welcome and introduction
- Town Office - site and when open
- Some useful statistics ie population on Election Roll and no of inhabitants
- General information on town, house tax bands, Co Tax per band
- Finance - abstract of 95/6 accounts ie. audited
- Councillors names and addresses
- Suggestions [action: JMS to ask Foxs Copy Shop and the Library to act as collecting points
- Dates for diary. eg Mayors Dinner 10th May
- News

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| • The Greens             | [200 words] | A Morton to write*   |
| • The Cinema             | [200 words] | F Roberts to write*  |
| • Carr's Fild/The Holmes | [200 words] | J Watson to write*   |
| • Playgrounds            | [100 words] | J Marshall to write* |
| • Market Place - tubs    | [100 words] | D Murkett to write*  |

\*JMS to ask each to contribute as indicated. To focus on what we are going to do more than on previous activities.

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| • Burial Board - new wall  | [100 words] | JMS to write |
| • Donations/support eg cinema, Town Hall, RBL Band.                          |             |              |
| • Litter bins  |             |              |
| • Town Centre Management Initiatives. Signs and tourism. Mention Boots part. |             |              |
| • Grass cutting. We pay for extra cuts on NYCC areas.                        |             |              |

**Minutes of Thirsk Town Council Amenity Meeting  
held at the Town Office on Wednesday 28 February 1996**

**Present:** Councillors J. Marshall, J. Watson, F. Roberts & J. Jackson

**Grasscutting:** All tenders received were opened and given reference codes.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Areas						
A - Holmes	45	115	125	560	59	35
B - Greens	40	80	84	280	48	30
C - Mill Gardens	25	40	36	35	19	12
D. Roadsides	45	115	126	700	156	42
E - E. Thirsk	40	80	85	350	120	18
F - Carrs Fields	30	30		50	88	12
	40	55		150	88	60
G - Centenary Fields	50	55		100	40	30
H - Churchyard	100	105		450	94	55

The sub committee recommended that Contractor F be awarded the work for all areas. After making this decision the names of the contractors were divulged.

Contractor A	Kevin Tiplady
Contractor B	Garden Shape
Contractor C	M. Shipton
Contractor D	North Yorkshire County Council - Direct Services
Contractor E	Alverton Services
Contractor F	Messrs C.M. & C.E. Walker

**Carrs Field** - To Be placed as an agenda item next meeting.

Correspondence from the Charity Commission advised that the assent from the executors is invalid.

To be discussed;

*To discuss the establishment of a Charitable Scheme for Carrs Field  
as bequeathed by Ethel Johnson.*

- a) Recommend that we accept the offer of the Charity Commission for the future administration of the Charity.
- b) An annual meeting of the Trustees should be held which will be open to the public.
- c) A children's sport event should be held annually.
- d) How is the administration and upkeep of Carrs Field (i.e. the bequest) to be funded?

**Playgrounds:** It was agreed that an annual inspection of all playgrounds should be arranged either by ROSPA or by the suppliers.

**Amenity Worker:** Although Mr Bacon had given assurances that he is self employed and is willing to do work in the parish, it was considered that we need a worker to give regular hours to the playground duties.

Agreed that we continue to employ Mr Bacon to carry out tree work etc.

Agreed that an Amennity Worker be appointed to commence in April - to work approx 10 hours per week.

**Dowber Way:** After discussion it was agreed that the Town Council need to indentify a sports scheme for this area.

**Hockey Pitch:** Cllr. Marshall reported on scheduling problems relating to the proposed all weather hockey pitch. Noted.

**N.B.** Meeting Thursday 21 March with Mr Simon Geddes of FWAG

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court  
House on Monday 18 March 1996 at 7.15 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett, G. Murray, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, J. Watson, R. Hall, Sgt Harris, Cllr. G. Turton, two members of the press and five members of the public

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous Annual Assembly held on 20 March 1995 were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. A. Morton and seconded Cllr. J. Watson.

**Committee Reports:** Reports were heard from the following Committee Chairmen.

*Burial Board:* Cllr. Hall reported that the Cemetery was functioning well.

*Play Areas:* Cllr. Marshall reported that the Town Council had installed another play area, bring the total to four.

*Market Place:* Cllr. Murkett reported that the provision of flower tubs had been a great success and had brightened up the town, he advised that District Council are to be asked to do more cleaning. Noted.

*Christmas lights:* Cllr. Robinson reported that the Christmas tree had been a great success, with very little vandalism. Thanks were again due to Mr Woodhead.

*Greens:* Cllr. Morton advised that the long awaited Improvement Scheme is shortly to go ahead.

*Holmes/Carrs Field:* Cllr. Watson reported that as a result of meetings with Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, we had applied for Countryside Stewardship but had not been successful this year, but would try again. The Town Council have sought advice from the Charity Commissioners re Carrs Field. Thanks were especially due to our local BTCV group.

**Chairman's Report:** Cllr. Salmon praised the tremendous effort that had gone into projects this year. He was disappointed that Norby play area was not yet guaranteed. Cllr. Salmon was particularly pleased about the success with the Ritz Cinema which is shortly to be handed over to the Ritz Volunteer Group.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Thirsk Town Council held in the Court House on  
Monday 18 March 1996 at 7.40 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillors J. Salmon (in the Chair), J. Marshall, F. Roberts, J. Jackson, A. Morton, D. Murkett, G. Murray, A. Robinson, D. Adamson, J. Watson, R. Hall, Sgt Harris, Cllr. G. Turton, two members of the press and five members of the public

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 February were approved and signed, proposed Cllr. A. Morton and seconded Cllr. D. Murkett.

**County Councillors Report:** Cllr. Turton responded to the request regarding the Middleham jewel, advising that *assurances may need to be sought that public access will be retained*. Councillors were reminded that these items were purchased by residents of North Yorkshire and as such should be in a museum within the County. Concern was also raised that the Saxon remains found in Thirsk, currently stored in York were to have been returned to Thirsk. Re the winter maintenance program, the need to prioritise was emphasised. North Yorkshire County Council sought comments on a request to remove the Northallerton sign currently in front of the Church - which had originally been placed there at the request of the Town Council. Councillors considered that it could be better placed but was still considered necessary by some.

**Police Matters:** Sgt Harris advised that there had been an increase in burglaries and broken windows in the town. He reported that a cyclist was to be prosecuted. He reiterated that the police were in support of installation of CCTV. Noted. Councillors querying the possible use of the new "smart water" were advised that not yet available.

At 8.13 the meeting was closed and the Council went into Closed session.

**Closed session.**

**St James Green Improvement Scheme:** Councillors had been concerned that Tenders for the Improvement Scheme had been considerably higher than anticipated. At their request M. Rennolf, principal engineer, and C. Vincent, senior engineering assistant, from Hambleton District Council had agreed to advise on the project. Mr Rennolf advised that there had been some additions from the original estimates, this had produced a better scheme. A substantial amount of grasscreting had been included at the request of the Town Council. Phasing, to reduce disturbance to residents, also produced additional cost. He advised that the kerbing request from NYCC was costed at £2,900 and could be omitted. The probable cost of the scheme was in the region of £48,700.00, but a generous amount for contingencies had been included above that amount.

It was proposed Cllr. Morton and seconded Cllr. F. Roberts that the Council support the whole of the Improvement Scheme progressing. In support 10 with 1 abstention. Carried.

It was proposed Cllr. Salmon and seconded Cllr. Morton, that the lowest tender of £54,000 received for the Improvement Scheme be accepted, as recommended by Hambleton District Council.

Councillors agreed to support the NYCC proposal re the roadside kerbs but wished to retain the blue sets. Noted.

**Secured Car Parks:** Mr Rennolf advised of a scheme to make car parks safer by installing speed ramps and fencing. After discussion, councillors agreed to accept Phase I, the speed ramps, but not Phase II, the fencing and hedging.

The meeting resumed:

**District Councillors Report:** Cllr Marshall reported that at full Council, Hambleton District Council had set a Nil Tax. The proposed all weather hockey pitch had been prioritised but would probably be installed in 1997/98. The proposed indoor bowling facilities were not included in the 3 year plan. Noted. The proposed Herriot Centre is to go ahead. The proposed Arts venue for Rural Arts North Yorkshire is to be discussed further at the meeting of the Leisure Committee on 30 April. Noted.

**Grasscutting 1996 Season:** Councillor Marshall reported that 6 tenders had been received for the 8 sites, including in this year's specifications, which included Thirsk Churchyard. Councillors agreed to ratify the Amenity Committee's decision that Contractor F be appointed. Proposed Cllr. Salmon seconded Cllr. Watson. Agreed. Contractor F was later identified as Messrs. Walker, of Eryholme. Noted.

**Cinema Finance:** Cllr. Salmon reported that on 12 March the cinema account held £4234.68 with stock valuation of £405.00. He advised that £1,800 had been contributed from the Town Council. Noted. Cllr. Salmon proposed that all the assets and liabilities of the Ritz Cinema should be transferred to the Ritz Cinema Volunteers group of Thirsk from 1st April 1996. Votes - 10 in favour/ 1 against. Carried. Cllr. Murkett proposed that should the Ritz Cinema Volunteer Group be dissolved the £1,800 should be returned to the Town Council. Seconded Cllr. Murray. Agreed.

**Donations:** After discussion Councillors made the following proposals;

- a) It was proposed Cllr. Morton, seconded Cllr. Murkett that £750.00 be donated to the Tourist Information office. Votes 4 in favour/3 against/1 abstention.
- b) It was proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Roberts that £500.00 be donated to the Tourist information office. Votes 4 in favour/4 against.

Motion a) was carried. i.e. £750 to be donated.

- c) It was proposed Cllr. Roberts seconded Cllr. Morton that £500 be donated to the Royal British Legion Band. In favour 4/against 0. Carried

The motion c) was carried with the proviso that the band continue to give a minimum of 3 public performances in the town.

Councillors requested that future consideration of donations should be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation. Agreed.

**Carrs Field:** Cllr. Marshall reported that according to the Charity Commission the assent of Miss Johnson's will appears to be invalid, and was not carried out in accordance with Miss Johnson's wishes.

The following proposals were put forward, proposed Cllr. Marshall, seconded Cllr. Roberts;

- a) That the Town Council accept the offer of the Charity Commission to set up a scheme for future administration of the Charity.
  - b) That there should be an Annual Meeting, open to the Public.
  - c) That an annual Children's Sport event be held
- The motion was carried.

**Planning Matters: *Planning Results:***

Thirsk Racecourse Ltd	Granted
J. Bell	Granted
T. Hutt	Granted
Barclays Bank	Refused

***Planning Applications:***

Proposal: Alterations & extension to existing buildings

Location: Land to rear of 78 St James Green

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M R Bournier

This Council wish to see the application approved

Proposal: Installations of a radio mast & aerial

Location: 6 Castlegate, Thirsk

Applicant: Minster Sound Radio Plc

This Council wish to see the application refused

Proposal: Installation of a shop entrance shutter

Location: 32/34 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: Kwik Save Group

This Council wish to see this application refused

Proposal: Variation of restrictive condition to permit the use of existing building for general sales

Location: Rear of 48 Market Place, Thirsk

Applicant: S.R. Breeds

This Council wish to see this application refused

**Comments:** We are concerned about the impact of traffic, this type of business could result in a lot of vehicular traffic as people collect pet food, as well as delivery vehicles, and there is already a great deal of traffic in Chapel Street. The property has no parking area. Also this type of business could produce smells and attract vermin and the premises are close to residential property. The owner of neighbouring residential property is currently out of the country and it may be some time before he is able to respond.



**Accounts:** The following accounts were approved for payment proposed Cllr.

Murkett seconded Cllr. Morton. Agreed.

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Audit Commission - fee	£ 348.98
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group prep local Auth grant	£ 52.88
Yorkshire Water - cemetery	£ 123.90
William Potts & Sons Ltd. - annual service Town Clock	£ 96.35
J. Bell - rent for office 5 x £10 ( to end of April)	£ 50.00
Power Point - Cemetery	£ 23.74
F.D. Todd & Son -	£ 59.43
Soc of Local Council Clerks - subs	£ 45.00
Ian Atkinson - telephone rental	£ 24.49
Fox's Copy Shop - photocopies	£ 42.58

**Cinema Accounts:** The following accounts were approved for payment proposed

Cllr. Murkett seconded Cllr. Morton. Agreed

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Buena Vista - Dangerous Minds	£ 98.70
R. Mezzo - reimbursement phonecalls	£ 19.34

**Any Other Business:**

Cllr. Marshall advised of a meeting with Simon Geddes of Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group to which all councillors were invited on 7.30 p.m. Thursday 21 March

Cllr. Hall advised of a meeting of the Burial Board at 12 noon on Sunday 25 March to consider tenders. Noted.

Meeting Closed at 10.10 p.m.