

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7.30pm in Rainton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Speed (Chairman)
Cllr C Egerton (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr J Harwood
Cllr G Honeybone
Cllr O Jones
Cllr J Williams

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson

133 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: all present.

134 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations: there were no declarations of interest.

135 Parishioners' Representations: none received.

136 County Matters

a. Highways – to note any progress or new problems: there was nothing new to report.

b. To note receipt of additional licence for tree planting on Church Lane: this allowed the planting of ten additional trees on the southern verge of Church Lane between the bend and the public footpath.

137 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2026: it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman.

138 Matters Arising

Min 117(a) report from Cllr Jones following the village litter pick: Cllr Jones was pleased to report that there had been the usual good turnout, but there had been more litter than last year. When he was leaving the bin bags at the NYC collection spot, he had been amused to be challenged by a passing motorist who had accused him of fly tipping. Unfortunately the following day fresh litter was evident.

139 Planning Matters

To note up-to-date S106 commuted sums allocated to the Parish: the Clerk had forwarded the information to the Village Hall, the Play Park and the Cricket Club; the following amounts, developer contributions from Robinson Avenue, and with a 'spend by' date of 29/01/2034, were noted:

- Village Hall £16,966
- Cricket Ground £4,683
- Rainton Play Park £9,368
- Village Green £7,036

No planning applications or decisions had been received.

140 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to authorise the following for payment:
 1. Clerk's expenses, printing/paper 13/01/26 – 12/04/2026, and travel £45.54
 2. YLCA membership subscription 2026-2027: £189.00
 3. Cllr P Speed annual contribution to printing costs £60
 4. Clerk's salary payable 28 April, Gross £304.20 Net £243.40
- b. Receipts: noted.
 1. NYC Locality Budget £300
 2. Unity Trust account interest Q4 £51.38
- c. To note Receipts and Payments for financial year 2025-2026: previously circulated, the spreadsheet of Receipts and Payments was approved. The Chairman noted that the finances were being well managed.
- d. To note end of financial year bank balances and approve bank reconciliation. Previously circulated, the bank balances were noted, £9,032.86 in the Unity Trust deposit account and £779.23 in the current account. The bank reconciliation for the financial year ending 31 March 2026 was approved and signed by Cllr Williams and Cllr Speed.

141 Council Business

- a. To consider quotes for renewing concrete base and installing seat on the Village Green: no further quotes for this work had been received; the Clerk said she had got back in touch with the contractor whose quote had been considered too high and suggested an on-site meeting to try and agree a price. Cllr Jones offered to do this, the Clerk to arrange.
- b. Planting Schemes at Village Signs – to receive an update and approve costs: the Chairman and the Clerk had identified a suitable stone trough manufactured by Amberol, two of which would cost £659 excl of VAT. £300 of this cost would come from the Locality Budget. It was resolved to accept this quote and the preferred colour was dark sandstone.

Although the trough was self-watering with a reservoir of 60 litres, it would need topping up during the season. Cllr Speed offered to carry out the initial fill and he did not think that the top ups would be too onerous although he would like some help, which Cllr Harwood offered to provide. There were various other suggestions of individuals and organisations who could be contracted to carry this out, including other local councils. As a first step Cllr Jones said he would ask a contact who he thought might be interested. A water butt attached to the bus shelter was also discussed.

- c. To adopt new HR policies, on Grievance, Disciplinary and Sexual Harassment: it was resolved to adopt these three policies which had been designed by NALC for small councils.
- d. To consider quote for insurance policy renewal: the quote from Zurich had increased slightly from £241 to £264 because the increase in the coming year's Precept had moved the council into a higher tier. It was resolved to accept the quote.

142 Correspondence

- a. Email from Rapid Response Telecoms about further work in Rainton: noted.
- b. Email from the lead on social value and sustainability initiatives at Barhale, who are the Yorkshire Water contractors at the STW, and wish to explore opportunities to support the local community: Cllr Harwood had met the operations planning manager on his visit to the Recreation Ground. The company had offered a donation of £250, a new gate into the cricket ground, and the re-tarmacing of the unadopted part of Carr Lane including the installation of painted speed bumps. Cllr Harwood said she would include an item in the village newsletter about this and the Clerk was asked to write to Barhale and thank them, letting them know that it would be included in the village news.
- c. To note a response from Yorkshire Water following the Clerk's query about infrastructure spending: the Clerk had enquired whether Rainton would be included in the planned spending on infrastructure:
 - in the context of the Village Hall, at risk of historical surface water flooding, being used as a respite centre in emergencies;
 - and particularly in the context of the sewage overflows in Carr Close.
 in response, Yorkshire Water had asked for further details about surface water and sewage flooding in Rainton, which was very discouraging as issues had been reported to YW over the last twenty-five years.
- d. A letter from Julian Smith MP with information about the government's Local Power Plan providing funding and support for clean energy projects: the clerk had passed the information to the Village Hall and the Recreation Association; on their behalf Cllr Harwood confirmed that she had submitted an Expression of Interest.
- e. YLCA Training Programme to end of May 2026; YLCA Law & Governance Bulletin; YLCA White Rose Bulletin: the Clerk to forward links to the pre-recorded webinars.

Exchange of Information:

- a. the Clerk reported that she had been busy working with the Internal Auditor.
- b. the Chairman had noted that some rust had appeared through the gold paint on the village signs; the Clerk to report to the painting company.
- c. Concern was expressed about the use of weed killer by the grass cutting contractors, Walkers, – the Clerk to contact them about their use of weed killer on the verges and Play Park.
- d. Cllr Honeybone requested that a Community Speed Watch scheme could be a future Agenda item.

144 Date of the next meetings on Tuesday 12 May 2026:

It was agreed that the **Parish Assembly** should start at 7.00pm, to be followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Council** no earlier than 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39pm