

# Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 7:45pm in Rainton Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson  
In attendance: One Parishioner

**12 26/27 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence**  
all present.

**13 26/27 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations:** Cllr Harwood and Cllr Jones declared an interest in Item 18 26/27.

**14 26/27 Parishioners' Representations**  
The Parishioner present wished to make comments about planning application 26/01741/PIP so the Chair brought Item 18 26/27 forward.

*Having declared an interest in this application Cllrs Harwood and Jones left the room and took no part in the discussion.*

Applications  
[26/01741/PIP](#) Permission in principle for up to 2 self/custom build dwellings on Land At Carr Lane End, Rainton YO7 3PS

The Parishioner listed the reasons for his objection to this application and then left the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and taking into account the comments by the Parishioner, resolved to object to the application on the following material planning considerations:

- the field lies outside of the development limit as outlined in the Harrogate Local Plan 2014-35 and as such should remain as 'land generally used for agriculture, outdoor sport or woodland or other open uses' (Policy GS3), until such time as the Unitary Authority publishes its own replacement Local Plan;
- Carr Lane is an unadopted narrow lane which already has highway safety issues for walkers, horse-riders and children cycling to the Recreation Ground who have to contend with wagons reversing down its full length from the Sewage Treatment Works;
- the houses in Carr Close have suffered frequent sewage overflows in their gardens at times of heavy rain as the drains do not have sufficient capacity, a situation which would be exacerbated by further development in that part of the village.

**15 26/27 County Matters**

- a. Highways – to note any progress or new problems  
the manager of Area6 Highways had informed Cllr Speed that:
  - the outstanding lining work at the Carr Lane junction would be carried out in May;
  - the six replacement 30mph road signs would be installed in the middle of June;
  - Trading Standards would be carrying out HGV checks in the area during the current financial year;
  - she would remind the Highways Officer to inspect the buried gully on Dishforth Lane.
  
- b. To receive information about the introduction of a registration scheme for the county's household waste recycling centres: NYC had introduced this with the aim of reducing visits from those outside the county (currently accounting for one in six users) and to prevent the council from inadvertently accepting commercial waste free of charge. It was expected to generate savings of up to £400,000 per year. Further information was available on the [council's website](#). The Chair noted that it was a straightforward process to register. The Clerk to publicise in the newsletter and noticeboard.
  
- c. To note the status of the S38 process for Robinson Avenue: Oakapple, the developer, had informed the Clerk that snagging works to the road were agreed with Highways and completed to their satisfaction in early 2024; the clean water system had been vested in Yorkshire Water since May 2025, and they were only waiting for the foul team at Yorkshire Water to undertake their final inspection, which had been requested in September 2025. After this, an application could be made to Highways to adopt the road. The Clerk to continue to monitor progress.
  
- d. A report from Cllr Speed following the Wathvale Parish Forum meeting in April: Cllr Speed had not been able to attend this; a report would be made as soon as the Minutes were available.

**16 26/27 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2026**

It was resolved to approve the Minutes and they were signed by the Chair.

**17 26/27 Matters Arising**

- a. **Min 141(a)** to finalise arrangements for installation of the Archer family bench on the Village Green: Cllr Jones reported that he and the contractor who had quoted for the job had not been able to arrange to meet due to other commitments, but all being well they would meet the following week. In the interests of avoiding any further delay, it was resolved to delegate the decision to fix the price to Cllr Jones, with a maximum of £500.
  
- b. **Min 141(b)** a brief update on the delivery of the planters, and watering sources: Cllr Speed reported that Ben Darnborough had very kindly offered to look after the watering of the planters including the initial fill. The planters were due to be delivered at the end of the month to Vyners Yard.

- c. **Min 143(b)** response from ICD Painting and Decorating re. rust on the gold paint of the village signs: the painter had looked at the signs and was mystified as to why the gold painted metal had rusted but the black area had not. He was going to contact the paint manufacturer for advice. He added that if the job had not been done properly then the black painted metal would also have shown signs of rust.
- d. **Min 143(c)** response from Mr Walker re use of weed killing by the grass cutting team: Mr Walker had been to Rainton following the council's complaint and had said that overall he could not see any large areas of grass being killed off; that it was usual to apply weed killer along brick walls to prevent strimmer damage; and one of the spray units had a small leak which had resulted in some loss and these areas would be reseeded. It was agreed that the reseeding needed to be checked and that before next season, it would have to be made clear to Walkers that they should only apply weed killer round the bases of the telegraph poles, as had been requested.

**18 26/27 Planning Matters**

*See Item 14 26/27 above.*

**19 26/27 Financial Matters**

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
1. Checkmate Independent Internal Audit Services £175.00
  2. Zurich Municipal, insurance renewal 01/06/26 £264
  3. Amberol Ltd, stone troughs, £790.98 inc VAT (*already paid to confirm the order under their terms and conditions*)
  4. CE&CM Walker Ltd, grass cutting March & April £619.20 inc VAT
  5. Clerk's salary payable 28 May, Gross £304.20 Net £243.40
- b. Receipts: noted.
1. Precept 1<sup>st</sup> instalment £4,800

**20 26/27 Council Business**

- a. To receive the Internal Audit Report for year ending 31 March 2026: noted.
- b. To approve and sign the Exemption Certificate of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for submission to the external auditors PFK Littlejohn: it was resolved to approve this and it was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- c. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR: previously circulated, it was resolved to answer the questions in the affirmative and it was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.
- d. To approve and sign the Accounting Statements of the AGAR: It was resolved to approve these and they were signed by the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chair.
- e. To approve the dates for the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of the AGAR (Exempt Authority) for the year ending 31 March 2026: the Clerk said she would publish this, along with all other necessary documents to comply with the Transparency Code, on the 1<sup>st</sup> June as the 30 working days when the accounts were available for inspection had to include the first ten working days of July.

**21 26/27 Correspondence**

- a. Email from YLCA requesting any topics for the Agenda of the Harrogate Branch meeting in June: no suggestions.
- b. Deer Shed Festival 24-26 July 2026. Letter from the organisers to inform the council of the telephone number which can be used should any complaints need to be made about noise levels during the event: this was a requirement under the terms of the premises licence. It was agreed to put this in the newsletter and on Facebook nearer the time. The telephone number, 01845 403005, would be manned throughout the festival and noise levels monitored.  
[www.deershedfestival.com](http://www.deershedfestival.com)

**22 26/27 Exchange of Information**

- a. Cllr Harwood suggested that as Yorkshire Water had cut down the screen of shrubs at the STW during the recent upgrade, a request should be submitted for the restoration of a green barrier.
- b. Yorkshire Water loaded tankers continued to reverse down Carr Lane which needed to be reported to them again.
- c. The Clerk reported that NYC had reopened the Call for Sites for a further six weeks from 11 May to 22 June 2026, probably the final occasion for landowners to submit sites.

**23 26/27 Date of the next meeting - Tuesday 09 June 2026: noted.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.48 pm