

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 7.30pm in Rainton Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson
In attendance: One Parishioner.

107 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr Price.

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

109 Parishioners' Representations: there were no representations; the Parishioner present had come to observe the meeting.

110 County Matters

- a. To note receipt of the tree planting licence and its contents, tree species ordered, and associated costs: previously circulated and now noted. The Chairman reported that he had arranged to meet the supplier/contractor later on in the week.
- b. To consider a response from the Manager of Area6 Highways to ongoing issues raised by the parish council: the Chairman reported that his correspondence with the Manager of Area6 continued. Orders had been raised for the repairs to Dishforth Lane, and for further work to the gullies on Sleights Lane, however with competing demands on the budget, no timescale was on offer for siding out on the footpaths. A site visit was planned to inspect parts of the Village Green which were constantly damaged by wagons driving over them to assess whether anything could be done, although marker posts would likely become a maintenance liability.
- c. To consider a NYC consultation on its Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment as part of its Local Plan to 2045: the Clerk was asked to respond to the consultation confirming that there were no sites in the parish; only very occasional overnight stops near the A1; and no identifiable potential sites within the parish.
- d. To receive information from the Planning Authority on the public release of 'Call for Sites' submissions: in the interests of transparency, NYC's website now included a dedicated [Call for Sites webpage](#), giving further information about the process together with a link to the mapping website. A public consultation would take place in due course but in the meantime, officers were starting to visit sites before the closing date in July, at which stage further work will have been completed to give a greater direction as to which such sites are likely to be recommended for allocation or dismissed.

- e. To note future Parish Liaison drop-in sessions and meetings: noted.
- f. To receive the monthly Parish Liaison newsletter including the Standards Bulletin: the Clerk reminded councillors of their responsibility to update their Register of Interest details within 28 days of any change.

111 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2025: it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

112 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 97:** to receive further information about the book exchange: unfortunately the parishioner wishing to take this forward had not been available to attend the meeting; it was agreed that she should be invited to the next one, so that the practicalities of the project could be finalised. .
- b. **Min 100:** to discuss any remedial work to a tree on Sleights Lane and in this context to review the Tree Management Policy: the Parishioner had been unable to attend the council meeting but there was a discussion about the statutory responsibilities of the council and the rights of householders. It was agreed to invite him to the next council meeting in order to try and reach a solution. The Tree Management Policy to return to the Agenda.

113 Planning Matters

- a. Applications:
[ZC24/03370/FUL](#) Partial demolition of existing workshop and yard for new self-build detached dwelling and garage and stores, and air source heat pump, at Beech Tree Farm, Back Lane, Rainton YO7 3QB: *the council neither objected nor supported the application but wished to see the safeguard that the existing sewer is adequate for the proposal and will not contribute to further flooding with the village.*

[ZC25/00124/DISCON](#) For information only. Noted.

Approval of details under condition 3 (Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan), 4 (Biodiversity Gain Plan), 7 (Noise Attenuation and Mitigation Scheme) of Planning Permission ZC24/03777/FUL Erection of extension to existing commercial building at Manor Farm, Back Lane, Rainton.

114 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
 1. Clerk's expenses, postage, printing, paper: £26.31 inc VAT
 2. Rainton with Newby Village Hall, hire 2024: £110
 3. Vision ICT Ltd, .gov.uk domain + emails: £85.99 inc VAT
 4. GB Systems, remedial work to Chairman's work email: £48
 5. Clerk's salary 28 February. Gross £294.66 Net £242.46
- b. Receipts: noted.
 1. Northern Powergrid, annual Wayleave Agreement: £102.65
 2. NYC Locality Budget, tree planting: £500

115 Council Business

- a. To decide on what action should be taken about parking on the Village Green: whilst recognising the parking problems for some residents, as custodian of the Village Green, the parish council had a statutory duty to maintain it free from damage. it was agreed that Cllr Jones would speak to a parishioner who regularly parked their vehicle on the Village Green damaging the surface.

The Parishioner left the meeting during the previous item.

- b. To agree the appointment of the Internal Auditor: it was resolved to appoint Mrs Jane Marlow as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2024-2025 following two successful years, at a cost of £120.
- c. To receive the revised Emergency Plan: the Clerk hoped that everyone had had time to look at it. It would be circulated to committee members for comments before lodging with the NYC Emergency Department. The Chairman highlighted some training that the Met Office were providing which he thought might be useful.
- d. To resolve that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted: there were no members of the public present, so this was not necessary.
- e. To open the grass cutting tenders and decide on the 2025-2028 contract: It was resolved to award the contract to CE & CM Walker Ltd.

116 Correspondence

- a. To receive information from Keep Britain Tidy about the annual Great British Spring Clean and to note the dates of 21 March to 06 April: Cllr Jones to consult on the date and organise the event, for publication in the March Village Newsletter.
- b. To note an email sent to a resident from Yorkshire Water about the jetting schedule of the village sewers: the resident had forwarded the information that following the overflows in November, Yorkshire Water had agreed to increase the jetting schedule to every month as opposed to the previous schedule of every three months.

It was also noted that Yorkshire Water had made a temporary repair to the loose manhole cover outside the entrance to the Fold Yard.

- c. To note the YLCA White Rose Bulletin, the Law & Governance Bulletin, and their training courses: noted.

117 Exchange of Information

- a. Cllr Edwards raised the pitted condition of the approach roads either side of the A1(M) bridge and of the bridge itself. The Clerk to report to Highways.
- b. The Clerk reported that YLCA had received 40 nominations for councillors from North Yorkshire to attend the Royal Garden Party in May 2025 and she was very pleased to say that Cllr Speed had been selected.
- c. Cllr Speed asked the Clerk to include the following on future Agendas:
 1. owl boxes
 2. the request for Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) on the Village Green trees
 3. bulb and wild flower planting on verges and
 4. planting at the village signs.

118 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02 pm