

## Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 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: North Yorkshire Councillor Nick Brown (part).

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

**120 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations:** Cllr Egerton declared an interest in Item 125(a)1 and Cllr Jones declared an interest in Item 125(a)2.

**121 Parishioners' Representations**

- a. To receive a written representation about parking in the village together with a suggestion on how the problem might be alleviated: a Parishioner had suggested that parking problems in the village, particularly on Sleights Lane, might be alleviated if vehicle owners with access to off road parking could be encouraged to use it rather than parking on the road. It was agreed to put this in the next Rainton Newsletter.
- b. Following the announcement of the village litter pick, arranged this year for Sunday 30 March, a Parishioner had contacted Cllr Harwood to mention that a member of the public had already collected eight bags of rubbish along Dishforth Lane over the last few weeks. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks on behalf of the council.

**122 County Matters**

- a. To receive the presentation and the Minutes from the Skipton and Ripon Parish Liaison meeting held on 26 February: noted. This was one of several meetings aimed at improving the relationship between North Yorkshire Council and the parish sector, by providing information and giving parish councils the opportunity to ask questions. The presentation outlined the various relationships, responsibilities and strategies. No Rainton councillor had been able to attend but Cllr Speed said that he would be attending the next meeting of the Uredale Community Partnership (one of NYC's pilot community partnerships) on 18 March in Melmerby.
- b. To consider a NYC consultation on Sports Facilities in the locality: the consultation was part of an audit of indoor and outdoor sports facilities in North Yorkshire to aid decision making on sports provision as part of the NYC Local Plan. As the parish council neither owned nor ran the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground, the Clerk said she would forward the survey to both these organisations.

- c. To note the latest news from NYC: Cllr Brown reported that the abolition by the government of the Rural Services Delivery Grant, together with the increase in Employers' NIC had had a severe impact on the NYC budget. The Executive was considering asking for a Judicial Review as it felt that the government had not recognised that there were some significant areas of deprivation in North Yorkshire, which had received the largest tranche of the Rural Services Delivery Grant.

The Precept would increase by 4.99% and NYC would be using some of its reserves, which it was fortunate to have, unlike some other principal authorities. The Police and Fire Service Precept was as yet unknown.

Cllr Brown updated the council on the 'Call for Sites' stage of the Local Plan; although this had not closed, sites offered by landowners were already being assessed, before the public consultation.

He had two other concerns at the moment: the need for a definitive policy at county level on street cleaning as he received so many complaints from parishes in his ward about the lack of street cleaning particularly after leaf fall; and the discrepancies in the price of oil across the county when so many rural communities had to rely on it in the absence of gas.

- d. To receive a report from Cllr Speed on correspondence with Highways: Cllr Speed reported that the correspondence with Melisa Burnham, the Highways Area Manager, continued. He had asked her to visit the village, so that she could see for herself the problems on Dishforth Lane; the twenty-day response time to emails would be up on Thursday so he hoped to hear from her by then. Cllr Brown would also attend this meeting, to be arranged by Cllr Speed.
- e. An email from Reeth Parish Council about the new NYC Transport to School Policy asking whether any local families are affected: it was agreed to put this in the Rainton Newsletter.

Cllr Brown left the meeting at this point and was thanked for attending.

**123 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2025:** it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings, to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting, as the Clerk had forgotten to bring a copy.

#### **124 Matters Arising**

- a. **Min 112: Village Book Exchange – update**: the parishioner who had mooted the idea was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and although she had spoken to the Chairman about her ideas, after a short discussion, it was agreed that she should be invited to attend the next meeting, either in person or via Zoom, so that all the councillors could meet her.
- b. **Min 115: Parking on Village Green – update**: Cllr Jones had spoken to the resident involved who had said he only parked on the verge when there was nowhere else near to his house. Cllr Jones had also spoken to the residents running the pottery school who were in the process of enlarging the parking area inside their grounds, which would remove the necessity for visitors parking on the road.

Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

**125 Planning Matters****a. Applications:**

1. [ZC25/00525/FUL](#) Replacement detached garage, store and utility room. Change to footprint and material palette, at Rosedale Cottage, Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PL.

Cllr Egerton had brought copies of two letters of objection with her, as they had not yet been uploaded onto the public access page of the NYC Planning Portal. She summarised these for the other councillors and then left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote, as she had declared an interest. After a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands that the Council would make the following response:

*The Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make the following comments:*

- *it has concerns about the size of the garage and whether it is out of character with the house;*
- *the size of the garage can accommodate two cars which would provide extra off-road parking for the property, but there is only access for one;*
- *the increase in size could cause a loss of amenity for the properties behind it in Carr Close;*
- *because of the potential provided by the improvements to the building, is the type of application appropriate?*
- *As far as the aesthetics and the material palette are concerned, the parish council will defer to the planning authority.*

2. [ZC25/00606/FUL](#) Retrospective consent for the creation of access track on land comprising field and tracks at 437047 475420 Church Lane, Rainton. *No objections.* Having declared an interest, Cllr Jones left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or vote.

- b. To note that Applications ZC25/00002/PBR and ZC25/00003/PBR Conversion of buildings to form respectively 1 No. dwelling and 3 dwellings at Grange Farm, Back Lane YO7 3PL, have been withdrawn. *Noted.*
- c. To note some information from the Planning Authority about planning permission conditions: the clerk had requested information about two things: running a business from home; and letting a property as a holiday rental, and this advice was noted.

**126 Financial Matters****a. Accounts:** it was resolved to approve the following for payment:

1. W Braithwaite & Sons, trees and planting: £1,290.00 inc VAT (partly funded by NYC Locality Budget)
2. YLCA Biodiversity webinar 04 March, Cllr Harwood, £35.10
3. Clerk's salary 28 March. Gross £294.66 Net £242.46

- b. To note a transfer of funds to the council's saving account. *Noted.*

**127 Council Business**

- a. To receive the YLCA training bulletin April- September 2025 and decide on any delegates: noted; there were no courses of interest to councillors.

- b. Biodiversity: to receive a report from Cllr Harwood following her attendance at a webinar and to note an additional date in the YLCA schedule for this session: this had been a comprehensive presentation covering both the remit of statutory bodies and national agencies, and the activities of local and specialist groups, to help local councils understand and comply with their duties under the Environment Act 2021. The consultant had included examples of local councils managing their assets for nature, and had stressed the importance of engaging with the community so that every opportunity was taken to preserve and restore habitats. Cllr Harwood to circulate the slides. The training would be repeated on 25 June 2025.

Cllr Edwards left the meeting at this point due to family commitments.

- c. To discuss bulb and wild flower planting: following the tree planting on Church Lane, the Chairman was keen to plant flowers or bulbs to encourage pollinators, either there or at the village signs. It was proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands that a budget of £200 might be allocated for this project and Cllr Speed was asked to come back to the next meeting with a proposal.
- d. To consider quotes for painting the village signs and planting at those sites: so far only one quotation had been received. The Clerk to obtain further quotes.
- e. To consider research on owl/bird boxes and decided how to progress this idea. To return to the Agenda.

## **128 Correspondence**

- a. To receive correspondence from a member of the public carrying out family research in the area: the correspondent had come across a map dated 1750 on which Rainton was spelt 'Renton' and this was also the case on the Topcliffe baptism records he had uncovered. He had read the history page on the parish council website but there was no mention of this spelling and he wondered whether any residents had come across it.
- b. To note the YLCA White Rose and Law & Governance Bulletins: the Clerk reported that there was nothing of particular interest this month, apart from a mention of Village Halls' week 17-23 March.

## **129 Exchange of Information**

- a. Cllr Harwood reported that Yorkshire Water had installed sensors in the drains at Carr Close which would flag up any necessity of jetting the pipes ahead of the schedule. The Clerk to check on the current schedule, which was now understood to take place on a monthly basis, rather than the previous 13-week schedule.
- b. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make sure she would contact the landowners on Carr Lane to ask their permission for safety signs there.

## **130 Date and time of next meeting:**

Tuesday 08 April 2025 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm