

# **Parish of Rainton with Newby**

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for the Electors of the Parish held in Rainton Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Speed (Chairman)

Cllr C Egerton, Cllr J Harwood, Cllr O Jones, Cllr J Williams (all present as electors of the Parish) and two Parishioners.

In attendance: the Parish Clerk, Mrs S Adamson.

## **1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all Parishioners to the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

These were approved by those who had attended.

## **3. Chairman's Report on Parish Council Activities 2024-2025**

The Report is attached to the Minutes.

## **4. Open Forum – questions and comments from Electors**

One of the parishioners made two comments: she said how much she liked the avenue of trees planted on Church Lane; and that like the parish council, she had many concerns about the ongoing highways issues.

Cllr Speed thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

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## **Chairmans Report 2025**

### **Highways**

The past year or so has been one of discussing with Yorkshire Highways and trying to resolve various issues which impact on residents.

In particular I brought up the ongoing poor road surface along Dishforth Lane which should have been repaired in June 2022. I was informed that this was planned to be done as soon as possible. Despite getting assurances recently twice that the road edges will be repaired this is still to start.

Last year the village suffered from flooding and North Yorkshire Council Highways have been checking on causes and even checked on private land which appears to be a main contributor to the problems. In mid-April a camera was inserted in some of the drains to find the cause of drain blockages. At the time of writing this report I am waiting for their conclusions.

### **Planning**

Planning issues are monitored by your Parish Council and any matters which are felt are not in the interest of the village are objected to. The final decision though lies with the Planning Authority, North Yorkshire Council, and we have no comeback on the outcome. Our main objections are relating to drainage and sewage spills.

### **Yorkshire Water**

Yorkshire Water will not now attend Parish Council meetings about sewage in the streets that was arranged by the Ward Councillor. Rainton is not alone with this problem and some other villages suffer a lot more than we do. We understand they have or intend to insert a monitor into a sewage pipe which will alert them to any built-up so evasive action can be taken. This will be monitored by the Parish Council.

### **Finances**

The Parish Council has been managing its finances in a prudent manner and is in a healthy position despite last year's low increase.

The Clerk has been doing an excellent job for us all and has ensured that our policies are updated whenever required by government changes. Many thanks Sarah.

The Parish Council have now changed the email address for the Clerk to [clerk@raintonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@raintonparishcouncil.gov.uk) and the Chairman to [chairman@raintonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@raintonparishcouncil.gov.uk) This is in line with Government policy for security.

### **Tree Planting**

This year we managed to obtain a licence from North Yorkshire Council to plant trees in Church Lane. Owing to underground services we are not permitted to plant between Back Lane and the Public Footpath, which incidentally has now got a replacement sign erected. We have had 35 trees of various species planted at the A1(M) end and hope to plant more next year. Verbal permission has been obtained from landowners to plant bulbs in various places to generally enhance the appearance of the village in general and particularly for walkers who use Church Lane a lot.

### **Parish Assets**

The Parish is undertaking a program of maintenance on its assets as this has not been done for a while and is overdue. The benches have been treated. Thanks to Councillor Edwards who has been putting Danish oil on all the wooden ones. The green metal ones have been powder-coated. We now need the metal Rainton signs treating to smarten them up. The maypole will be removed as it has been up since about 1977 and done very well but wood rot is making it days numbered. We are looking to replace it possibly with a flowering cherry or shrubs. We would like shrubs/flowers on the approach roads near the village signs if possible and further details will appear in the newsletter.

### **Carr Lane**

The Parish Council has been concerned about the speed of some cars which drive down Carr Lane on the farm track towards the cricket pitch and recreation area. With the onset of summer soon and school holidays we have erected a sign to highlight to drivers that children may be on the track and to take extra care. This is most important as the track has been improved for visitors to the cricket pitch which enables drivers to drive faster. My thanks go out to all our fellow Councillors who again have been very supportive over the past year.

Peter W. Speed  
Chairman, Rainton with Newby Parish Council  
May 2025