

# Rainton with Newby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 7.40pm 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: Two Parishioners

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

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

### **13 Parishioners' Representations**

- a. To receive a written representation about the combined sewer map in Rainton: a Parishioner had received a letter from Yorkshire Water informing them that an appliance or fitting in the property had been wrongly connected to the surface water drain instead of the foul water sewer; as it was within the property's boundary, it was the owner's responsibility to correct the connection, preferably within four weeks. The Parishioner was concerned that older properties in the village might be in a similar situation.

Councillors noted that this could have been discovered during the recent exploratory work carried out by Highways and Yorkshire Water. It was noted that historically maps of the drains in the parish were incomplete, although one of the parishioners present suggested that when Rainton was moved from the Hambleton District to the Harrogate District, the maps had not been transferred. The Clerk to make enquiries with NYC Archives.

### **14 County Matters**

- a. To consider the Highways update, if received: no update had been received. The Clerk suggested that whilst Cllr Brown was recuperating, she would write to Cllr Duncan, the Executive Member for Highways and Transport at NYC about the recent problems with Area6. All in favour.

Cllr Edwards pointed out that the Give Way sign at the end of Sleights Lane had been knocked over; and that a road closure sign had been erected three times but no work had taken place, causing great inconvenience. The Clerk to report.

- b. To receive information about the Wathvale Parish Forum meeting: this would take place on 28 May and be attended by all sixteen parishes in the Wathvale Ward to discuss the North Yorkshire Boundary Commission Review, which would move Rainton into a new division called Dishforth and Dalton, made up of villages between the A1(M) and the A19. Cllr Speed to attend.

- c. To receive the Parish Liaison April Update, including an invitation to an online briefing session on the development of the NYC Local Plan, by Rachel Hutton, the NYC Planning Policy Place Manager: councillors did not feel that this briefing session called 'Issues and Options' would be relevant at this stage.

NYC was in the process of upgrading their Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits system as the seven district systems were merged into one; there would be staggered close-downs over seven weeks. The Clerk to publicise this in the village newsletter.

- d. To consider making a further application to Highways for a tree planting licence on two further small sections of Church Lane: it was resolved to approve this and that the Chairman and the Clerk should work out the number of trees which the two areas could accommodate, taking into account the restrictions on planting distances between trees themselves and from the highway edge, and mirroring the species planted on the first section.

**15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 April 2025:** it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman.

## **16 Matters Arising**

- a. **Min 117 (February meeting):** to note that the NYC Arboricultural Officer had been consulted and had recommended that the Village Green trees be made subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO): noted.
- b. **Min 134(d):** To receive information about the criteria for the mobile library: the four criteria for the new stops for the mobile library were based on population size (not less than 300), the distance from a static library, the distance from another mobile stop, and an area of suitable parking. The new locations would be known shortly.
- c. **Min 136(b):** to receive an update from Cllr Speed on planting bulbs on Church Lane; and discuss plant species/costs at the village signs: the landowners on both sides of the lane had given permission for bulb planting. It was agreed to put a call for volunteers for bulb planting in the newsletter and the response would decide on numbers of bulbs, planting methods etc.

## **17 Planning Matters**

- a. Decisions: Noted.  
[ZC25/00606/FUL](#) Retrospective consent for the creation of access track on land comprising field and tracks at 437047 475420 Church Lane, Rainton.  
*Permission granted subject to conditions.*
- b. Enforcements: To receive an update on: Case No: 25/00097/BRPC05.  
Possible breach of control at the STW Carr Lane, Rainton, by non-compliance with pre-commencement conditions (5 & 6) of NY/2023/0230/FUL. *The Clerk reported that the NYC Compliance Officer had escalated this case.*

Cllr Speed reported that he had spoken to the site manager that morning and been told that the work had now finished, contrary to what Yorkshire Water's Agent had said to NYC. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of complaint including a reference to the saplings cut down twelve months ago.

**18 Financial Matters**

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to authorise the following for payment:
  - 1. CE&CM Walker, grasscutting 7<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April: £412.80 inc VAT
  - 2. Clerk's salary 28 May. Gross £294.66 Net £235.66
- b. Receipts: Precept (1<sup>st</sup> instalment) £4,650. *Noted.*

**19 Council Business**

- a. To receive further correspondence from a Parishioner about a parish council tree overhanging his property, if received, and agree action: no further news had been received.
- b. To decide on what will replace the maypole: it was resolved to suspend Standing Order No 7(a) so that the Council could reconsider a decision made at the November 2024 meeting (Min 76/2425), prompted by a councillor request at the last parish council meeting in April.

After a short discussion, it was resolved that when the maypole is removed, the ground should be made good and that area of the Green left open.

- c. To receive a request from the Village Newsletter for financial assistance: Cllr Harwood explained that the only costs incurred were the printing costs, as all the compilation was done by volunteers. There was a shortfall every month of £25 and the Village Hall Committee would like to request that news contributors should fund the shortfall in return for the dissemination of their news. The council recognised the value of the newsletter and it was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that the parish council might contribute £150 a year if there was match funding from the Church.
- d. To receive a request from the Recreation Ground about damage to wooden posts in the Play Area, possibly caused by the parish council's grass cutting contractors: Cllr Harwood reported that the annual safety inspection of the Play Area had highlighted the need to replace two of the wooden retaining posts. When the firm returned to install them, it was discovered that two further posts had been splintered, incurring further expense. The Clerk was asked to contact the grass cutting contractors about the matter.
- e. To note a request from Yorkshire Water to dig up one of the Village Green verges in order to install a new water pipe to a house on Sleights Lane: this request had come via the property owner; the Clerk had asked Yorkshire Water to contact her directly so that assurances could be had in writing that the verge would be restored to its original condition afterwards.
- f. To receive a quotation for a safety survey on the Village Green trees, together with advice from NYC Commuted Sums dept: the Clerk reported that the Commuted Sums department at NYC were tightening up the procedure and even though the parish council might have a preferred supplier, three quotations for work needed to be submitted to them, along with the Project Initiation Document, in order to access the S106 money.

After consideration of three quotations, which the Clerk had obtained from members of the Arboricultural Association, it was resolved to accept a quotation from Barnes Associates Ltd for an Individual Health & Safety Survey Report in the sum of £382 + VAT.

**20 Correspondence**

- a. To note the YLCA White Rose and Law & Governance Bulletins: noted.
- b. Deershed Festival 25-28 July 2025: the organisers had written to the Clerk with some information about the event: under the terms of their premises licence they were required to publish a telephone number which could be used should any complaints about noise levels need to be made. This was 01845 403005 and would be manned throughout the event. Noise levels were constantly monitored over the weekend so that the festival remained compliant with the relevant legislation. [www.deershedfestival.com](http://www.deershedfestival.com)

- 21 Exchange of Information:** it was noted that Gemma Hodgson had installed the book exchange in the bus shelter: it was securely attached and looked very smart and professional.

**23 To note the time of next meeting on Tuesday 10 June 2025**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 pm