

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 June 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: Two Parishioners

24 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr Price

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

26 Parishioners' Representations

Both Parishioners expressed strong concerns about speeding in Rainton, a view shared by other parishioners. A particular location of concern was the corner at Brakehill Farm where several close calls had been witnessed. They queried the lack of repeated 30mph signs throughout the village and suggested either the installation of a vehicle activated sign (VAS) or the use of community speed guns. In support of their argument, they noted that it was in the school holidays, with reduced traffic, when the police last visited to monitor speeding.

The Chairman thanked them for coming and said that the parish council was aware of the problems which have been taken up with the police on previous occasions, including the danger presented by cars parked on the left-hand side of the bend on leaving the village, but the police were reluctant to do anything about it, on the grounds that most villages are over-run with cars.

Councillors noted that repeater 30mph signs were not a statutory requirement on roads with street lights. They did feel that the change from 60mph to 30mph on the three roads entering the village was too abrupt and should be reduced to 40mph and had asked three times for a speed limit review, including an assessment of a 20mph zone in the village itself, but there was no indication of when or if this might be done.

The Chairman said they would continue to raise these issues with the Police and NYC. The Clerk to find out whether funding for a VAS sign was still available.

27 County Matters

- a. To consider the Highways update, if received: the Chairman reported that he had raised two issues with the District Manager of Highways when they had both attended a YLCA meeting the previous evening. He had been surprised to learn that neither she nor her deputy were aware that traffic was being diverted through Rainton during the road closure at Sharow. The diversion had resulted in HGVs running over the verges and displacing the kerbstones, all of which would have to be put right. However he had secured a meeting

with the District Manager to review the road shoulders on Dishforth Lane and although progress was slow it was essential to keep pushing. Cllr Jones thanked Cllr Speed for attending the meeting.

- b. To receive the Parish Liaison newsletter including information on the International Day of Older People: 1st October 2025: the Clerk reported that there was some duplication of information provided from the YLCA; of interest might be the International Day of Older People on Wednesday 1st October. NYC were providing funding of up to £1,000 to support events or activities which would increase social interaction, or to buy small items of equipment. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Harwood in her role as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, and all ideas were welcome.
- c. To receive a report from Cllr Speed following the Wathvale Parish Forum meeting on 28th May 2025: this had already been circulated. It had been a well conducted meeting to discuss the Boundary Commission Review.
- d. Uredale Community Partnership: to receive a report from Cllr Speed following the meeting on 5th June 2025: Cllr Speed reported that this had been an interesting session on housing, particularly accessible housing. The Local Plan would guide future development to 2045 and the government had directed North Yorkshire to build 4,116 houses every year even though NYC did not know how many new homes were needed. Of interest was the hierarchy of categories for housing: a) Urban, b) large villages, c) smaller villages, d) small villages with transport links and classed as sustainable and e) new settlements. Rainton falls in classification d).

28 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting, both held on 13 May 2025: it was resolved to approve both sets of Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chair.

29 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 09(c):** to note cover for new insurance policy: the Clerk confirmed that the lower cost Zurich policy for parish councils with a Precept below £30,000 had been bought. Zurich had confirmed that the bus shelter was not classed as a building as it wasn't connected to any utilities; it would be covered under the All Risks section of the policy as long as any repair cost is not higher than the sum insured which was £23,000. The council assets did not need to be listed individually. Other aspects of the policy, public liability etc were the same as the previous policy.
- b. **Min 13:** to note response from NY Archives re drainage maps held: unfortunately Archives did not appear to hold any maps or plans of drainage and sewers covering Rainton. The Clerk to ask Yorkshire Water again.
- c. **Min 16(a):** to note Village Green trees TPO documentation: the Clerk reported that North Yorkshire Council had made a group of 16 trees on the Village Green subject to a Tree Preservation Order No 34/2025(HAR). The Order came into effect on a provisional basis on 5th June 2025 and would continue on this basis for a further six months or until the order is confirmed by NYC, whichever occurs the first. In the meantime, residents affected by the Order had been informed that they have the right to make objections or representations – in writing and before the 10th July 2025. The clerk also reported that Barnes Associates had recently carried out their annual safety survey of the trees, but had not yet issued their report.

- d. **Min 19(d):** to receive a response from grass cutting contractors re damage to wooden posts in the Play Field: Walkers had replied saying that the grass cutting team was instructed not to strim close to the posts, and if they had done so, deep marks running around the base of the posts would be visible. In their opinion the wood was loose after being weathered. It was agreed to monitor this, including any strimming around the utility posts on the Greens.

30 Planning Matters

a. Applications:

1. [25/01482/FUL](#) Change of use of agricultural land to incorporate extension to domestic garden. Erection of single storey side extension with link extension comprising garage and ancillary accommodation, at Long Meadows, Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PH.

The Council did not object to or support the application but wished to make the following comments:

In principle, the parish council has no objections to the change of use nor to the building itself; however it would like to reiterate - as it always does - that the surface water drains and foul water sewers in Rainton are already insufficient for the number of properties in the village and as the drains are not running at full capacity, cannot support an increase in population.

One of the Parishioners left the meeting during this discussion.

2. [25/01688/PBR](#) Prior Approval for the conversion of barn to form 3 no dwellings, at Grange Farm, Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PL.
3. [25/01687/PBR](#) Prior Approval for the conversion of barn to form 1 no dwelling, at Grange Farm, Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PL

It was agreed by a show of hands that the council should object to both these applications on the following grounds:

Drainage: *as mentioned in many previous responses to planning applications within the village, the parish council has serious concerns about the capacity of the drains to support an increase in population.*

Highway Safety and Traffic Generation: *for the following reasons, the Parish Council is concerned that any increase in traffic will jeopardise the safety of residents:*

- *Back Lane is a single track lane with blind bends at both ends;*
- *it is in frequent use by pedestrians and horse riders;*
- *no pavement makes it dangerous for wheelchair users and pushchairs;*
- *it has only one street light;*
- *the road is in extremely poor condition.*

31 Financial Matters

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

1. CE&CM Walker, grasscutting 6th & 19th May: £412.80 inc VAT
2. ICD Painting and Decorating, Village Signs: £674.81
3. Mrs Jane Marlow, Internal Audit fee: £120
4. Zurich Insurance, annual renewal: £241.00 (approved at May meeting)
5. Clerk's expenses: sanding sheet, gorilla exterior glue, print and paper subscription, 13/03/25 to 12/06/25, Neighbourhood Watch signs x 2 £45.79 inc VAT
6. Clerk's salary 28 June. Gross £294.66 Net £235.86

The Clerk said she had forgotten to include an invoice from YLCA for a webinar attended by the Chairman, *Understanding Highway Regulations*, at a cost of £10 and this was also approved for payment.

- b. Receipts: to note **PO 53948** received from NYC for grass cutting contribution for season 2025/26, and now invoiced by to them. *Noted.*

32 Council Business

- a. To receive Internal Audit Report for year ending 31 March 2025 *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 Clerk and the Chairman.*
- c. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement of the AGAR *it was resolved to approve this and it was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.*
- d. To approve and sign the Accounting Statements of the AGAR *it was resolved to approve this and it was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.*
- e. To approve the dates for the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of the AGAR (Exempt Authority) for the year ending 31 March 2025: *it was resolved to approve these dates and the clerk confirmed they would be published on the website and the parish noticeboard.*
- f. To consider planting schemes at village signs: to return to the Agenda when the Clerk has more time.

33 Correspondence

- a. To note the YLCA White Rose and Law & Governance Bulletins: of interest was new guidance produced jointly by NALC and the Council for the Protection of Rural England *How to respond to Planning Applications* which would be a useful reference point for councillors, in light of the proposed government reforms to streamline the planning system.
- b. A request from Quickline Communications re dates of events in the parish over the summer: the request had been made so as not to disrupt any forthcoming local events during work that Quickline had scheduled in Sinderby and surrounding areas. The Clerk to send them the dates of the Deershed Festival and the London-Edinburgh-London endurance cycling event.
- c. Information from the office of the Mayor of the Combined Authority of York and North Yorkshire: as part of its crime reduction initiatives, the Authority was inviting responses to a survey on violence. The Clerk said she had publicised this on the parish notice board.

34 Exchange of Information

The Chairman informed the council that owing to work and family commitments, Cllr Price had tendered her resignation which he had reluctantly accepted. The Clerk to follow the recruitment procedure to fill a casual vacancy.

35 To note the time of the next meeting on Tuesday 08 July 2025.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm