

## Rainton with Newby Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 08 July 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 J Williams

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson  
In attendance: One Parishioner

**36 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Cllr Jones.

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

**38 Parishioners' Representations**

- a. A written representation about the standard of work done by NYC contractors siding the Village Green verges: a resident had complained about the crude level of work and the damage caused to the verges, and requested confirmation that it would be tidied up. This had been inspected by the Manager of Highways Area6 who had confirmed that the contractors would not be paid and that a senior inspector would visit Rainton to see how it could be rectified.

**39 County Matters**

- a. To consider the Highways update: The Chairman had met Melisa Burnham, the Manager of Area6 that morning and made the following report:  
**Dishforth Lane** – Ms Burnham had agreed that this needed a capital resurfacing scheme to be submitted for future funding consideration, possibly in the 2026-2027 budget, as she did not feel that it would stand another winter; she would check on the date and notes of the last inspection, in addition to any compensation that NYC had had to pay as a result of defects, which would strengthen the case. She also identified a buried gully and a grip which needed digging out and she would raise these for action. Vegetation obscuring the road sign at the top of Dishforth Lane would be cut back. The Clerk noted that Dishforth Lane was classed as a 4b Local Access Road and should be inspected every 12 months.  
**Leaves in gutters** – the road sweepers did not fall within her remit, but she would ask that department to visit. Residents would have to be notified of the days when the gutters were to be swept so that cars could be moved.  
**Village gateways** – slow markings and count down markers all needed refreshing and Ms Burnham said she would raise an order for this work; as the 30mph signs had faded, replacement of these might be feasible.  
**Road linking Sleights Lane to Carr Lane End** – 'Give Way' signs either side of this needed refreshing and this would be raised as a matter of urgency; as HGVs continued to cut the corners at both ends to avoid parked cars, dislodging the kerbstones in the process, Ms Burnham would raise an order for these to be made safe, and would also investigate the possibility of double yellow lines to prevent parking opposite the bus shelter.

**Carr Lane** – the road surface would be monitored but at the moment it doesn't meet any criteria for intervention.

**Root heave outside Ivydene** – the Chairman had reminded Ms Burnham about this and she agreed that it would be done.

- b. Notification of closure of Sleights Lane on 23 July  
<https://one.network/?tmi=GB39956936> this was due to work to be carried out by an internet service provider, Quickline Communications. Noted.
- c. Parish Liaison news including an update on the 'Call for Sites': all sites submitted and considered valid for assessment up to 14 May 2025 were now available on <https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/9xm8zj87fjl2>
- d. To approve a supplementary tree planting licence: the Chairman reported and he and the Clerk had identified places for 10-12 trees at the lower end of Church Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit a further application for a tree planting licence and bring back some costs to the September meeting.

**40 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2025:** it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

#### **41 Matters Arising**

- a. **Min 29(b):** to consider buying a digital or paper copy of the Yorkshire Water drains in the parish: although these maps did not show private pipes or property connection details, it was agreed that the Clerk should order a digital map, including depths of pipes, at a cost of £36. The maximum area covered by a digital map would be 50 hectares (parish is 770 hectares).
- b. **Min 29(c):** to receive the Individual Health & Safety Survey Report from Barnes and agree any remedial actions: four trees needed remedial work to be done within six months, and one within three months. The Clerk to submit a planning application for this work, plus the removal of epicormic growth, and to get some quotes for the work.

#### **42 Planning Matters**

- a. Applications  
[25/01591/DVCON](#) Section 73 application for the Variation of Condition 3 (occupation restrictions) of Planning Permission HGT94/02435/FUL and Condition 5 (length of occupation time of static caravans on the site) of Planning Permission HGT04/02569/FUL to allow all of the static caravans on site to be occupied at any time of year for holiday/recreational use, at The Nursery Garden Caravan Park, Rainton YO7 3PG. *No objections.*
- b. To consider submitting a planning application for removal of epicormic growth on Village Green Trees: already decided during consideration of Item 41(b)

#### **43 Financial Matters**

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
  1. CE&CM Walker, grasscutting 3rd & 17<sup>th</sup> June: £412.80 inc VAT
  2. Barnes Associates, tree survey £382.50 + VAT
  3. HMRC Q1: £176.60
  4. Clerk's salary 28 July. Gross £294.66 Net £235.66
- b. Receipts: NYC, grass cutting contribution for 2025: £182.92. *Noted.*

- c. To note the bank balance, receipts and payments and approve the bank reconciliation Q1: the bank balances as at 30 June 2025 were noted as £6,301.31 in the current account and £5,035.44 in the deposit account. It was resolved to approve the Receipts and Payments spreadsheet and the Bank Reconciliation.

#### 44 Council Business

- a. To agree disposal of rotten wooden bench on the Village Green and whether to replace it: the bench had been in place for twenty years and in frequent use during that time, but was now beyond repair. As this needed to be removed urgently, Cllr Harwood and Cllr Edwards offered to dismantle it and take the remains to the tip the following day. The possibility of replacing it with the black metal bench adjacent to the bus shelter to return to the Agenda after assessment of the condition of the concrete bases of both.
- b. To receive an update on the Casual Vacancy and co-option procedure the period during which parishioners could request an election had closed and NYC had notified the Clerk that the Council could proceed with co-option. It was agreed to publicise the vacancy with a closing date of 31 August.
- c. To agree method and costs for autumn bulb planting on Church Lane: There was a consensus that the cost of hiring a mechanical bulb planter and a small tractor to pull it would be too expensive. Only two residents had volunteered to help so the scheme would have to be scaled back and done in stages to make it manageable. The Chairman said he would speak to a resident who might be able to start the job. To return to the Agenda in Sept.

The Parishioner left the meeting during this discussion.

#### 45 Correspondence

- a. To note the YLCA White Rose and Law & Governance Bulletins: this year's Training Day to be held in Thirsk in October; the Clerk to circulate the programme as soon as available in case any councillors wished to attend. The Clerk said she had booked on a free webinar later in July covering digital and data compliance responsibilities which the council would have to declare in the Annual Return from next year.
- b. To receive new NALC publication *Local Councils Explained*: The Clerk said it might be useful to have a copy of this, particularly for any new councillors.
- c. A letter from Julian Smith MP re the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority's £1.35 million Community Building Programme to support capital improvements to community buildings such as village halls and sports pavilions: the criteria for applications were inclusivity and physical and mental wellbeing. The Chairman suggested that the Cricket Club might be interested and eligible for a girls' changing room. Cllr Harwood said she had already forwarded the information to them.

#### 46 Exchange of Information

There was a brief discussion about breaches of planning permission conditions at two sites in the village, one of which would be required to submit a retrospective application.

#### 47 To note the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55pm.