

# Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 09 September 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: One Parishioner

**48 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** all present.

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

**50 Parishioners' Representations**

- a. A representation made to the Chairman about the disruption and damage caused by Quickline Communications during cabling installation and to note Clerk's correspondence with the company: following complaints, the Clerk had contacted Quickline pointing out that they should have notified the Council before starting any work and that it was an offence to damage the surface of designated village greens; in particular a manhole cover had not been reinstated properly, and Cllr Egerton had had to ask the drivers to remove their vehicles from the Village Green. An Engagement Officer from the company had replied saying that contact details had been passed to their Build Manager for investigation. No contact had been made so far, and the Clerk was asked to email again asking them to submit their proposals, within seven days, as to when restoration work would be carried out; and to remind them not to park on the Greens.
- b. A written representation about a tree on one of the Village Green verges as previously discussed by the Council in April 2025: following an earlier representation about a tree blocking light from his property, the resident was surprised to learn of the Council's application to confer TPO status on the Village green trees. NYC had suggested to him that he submit a planning application for any work he would like to see carried out. He had asked to see the tree safety report commissioned by the Council on which its own planning application for tree work was based, and it was agreed that a copy should be sent to him.

**51 County Matters**

**a. Highways**

1. Remedial work to verges: Cllr Speed read out the email he had received from Melisa Burnham: the Area6 Maintenance Manager had met the Parks Dept who would be able to help address the damage caused to the verges. Some localised patching on the footpaths where the footpath has been damaged by grass encroachment will be carried out and this work should take

place in the middle of October. Once this work is completed the Parks team will carry out work on the grass edges, with seeding where required.

2. Status of other works: road linings and signs on the road at the entrances to the village would be refreshed, and given the volume of work, an external contractor would be appointed by Highways to carry this out. Markings either side of the bus stop would also be addressed.

Carriageway patching on Sleights Lane had been placed on a 30 day order, with a completion date of mid-October, subject to contractor availability.

The buried gullies would be uncovered as soon as Highways can get a contractor to carry out the work.

3. to consider a suggestion that householders be requested to clear leaves outside their properties to help keep the gullies clear; it was agreed that this service was not as good as it had been under the District Council, both from the point of view of timing and regularity. Moreover NYC would not accept leaves swept up from road if they were included in the garden waste brown bin. It was resolved that the suggestion would not be pursued and the Clerk was asked to contact Area6 for information about the street cleaning schedule.
4. to consider a request to ask Highways to change priorities on road either side of the A1(M) bridge: after a short explanation by the Chairman, it was agreed that the Clerk should ask for this change to be made.

- b. To note that finally the street sign for Back Lane will be reinstated: the NYC Officer had explained to the Clerk that they were unable to attend individual cases and had to wait until there was at least a full day's work in a particular area. He intended to order replacement signs for the Ripon area in September and Rainton's sign would be added to the list. He had agreed to site the replacement sign further back from the edge of the verge, to avoid it being knocked over again by wagons.

- c. Parish Liaison Newsletter: the Clerk had highlighted two items of interest in the September Village newsletter, namely the Annual Canvas to update the Electoral Roll, and the NYC funded charity *North Yorkshire Youth* which published a directory of clubs and activities for young people. The Parish Liaison department had also introduced virtual appointments for clerks to raise queries.

**52 Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 July 2025:** it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman. Cllr Jones abstained as he had not been able to attend the meeting.

### **53 Matters Arising**

#### **a. Min 41(a): Yorkshire Water**

1. The Clerk reported that she had not bought a map of the sewers from Yorkshire Water as the limit of 50 hectares, for both digital and paper maps, didn't cover the full area of the village. In the parish archive there was a map from 2004 but it only covered a section from Carr Lane and didn't include the area where the swilly caused problems. She would visit the NYC offices when next in Northallerton to view the maps there without making a purchase, to see if it would be useful.
2. Yorkshire Water had reverted to jetting the pipes every 13 weeks, the most recent ones being on 8<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> March. Their technicians had not raised any concerns but in that event the frequency would be reassessed.

3. Wagons continuing to reverse down Carr Lane: Cllr Speed reported that wagons continued to reverse the full length of Carr Lane from the Sewage Treatment Plant even though they could turn round within the site. The Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water.
- b. **Min 44(a)**: to consider an offer from a local family to fund a bench to replace the recently removed rotten wooden bench: the Council was very grateful for this kind offer and Cllr Harwood agreed to speak to the family about the sort of bench they would like and any choice of words for a commemorative plaque.
- c. **Min 44(b)**: update on the Casual Vacancy and Councillor Co-option: the Parishioner attending the meeting was still interested in the position and would give it some more thought.
- d. **Min 45(a)**: following attendance at webinar, the Clerk to outline requirements to comply with the new Assertion 10 on the AGAR: the Clerk said that the Council needed an IT Policy to include its processes to ensure digital security; a draft would return to the Agenda for adoption.

## 54 Planning Matters

- a. Applications: none received.
- b. Decisions: to note:
  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. *Permission granted subject to conditions.*
  2. 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. *Permission granted subject to conditions.*

## 55 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: *the following were all approved for payment*:
  1. CE&CM Walker, grass cutting July: £412.80 inc VAT
  2. CE&CM Walker, grass cutting August: £206.40 inc VAT
  3. Clerk's salary 28 August. Gross £342.36 Net £273.76 including back pay (April-July) following NJC salary award
  4. Clerk's salary 28 September Gross £304.20 Net £243.40
  5. HMRC PAYE Q2 £188.40 payable in October
  6. Clerk's expenses printer ink/paper 13 May–12 Aug £46.44
- b. Receipts: *noted*.  
NYC S106 Commuted Sums allocated to Village Green: £382.50 (to fund cost of annual tree safety survey).
- c. To note receipt of email from PKF LittleJohn LLP acknowledging Exemption Certificate and confirming no further action required in relation to Annual Return: noted.

- d. To note correspondence from the Pensions Regulator and the Declaration of Compliance that the parish council must make: the Clerk to make the necessary re-declaration of compliance on behalf of the Council.
- e. To agree an annual contribution of £150 towards the costs of the Village Newsletter following the offer by the Church to match fund this, as per decision made at the May parish council meeting: it was resolved to make this financial contribution for the next twelve months.
- f. To note an erroneous receipt from HMRC (VAT office) on the bank account of £813.69: it was noted that the Clerk had informed HMRC and the Bank.
- g. To receive the six-monthly budget monitoring report: the receipts and payments spreadsheet had been circulated along with budgeted amounts for expenditure. The budget for grass cutting had been set rather high as the budget had been set before the contract went out to tender, and maintenance costs were higher than anticipated, but overall the Clerk said that expenditure was within the budget, particularly as the Locality Budget and S106 Commuted Sums could be used for tree work and any floral display.

### Council Business

- a. To consider how to deal with illegal encroachments on the Village Greens <https://www.oss.org.uk/what-do-we-fight-for/open-spaces/driving-and-parking-on-your-local-green-space/> and to consider a) joining the OSS at a cost of £45 p.a. and b) having a Village Green Policy: although information about the legal status of village greens had been included in a recent Village Newsletter, one or two residents continued to ignore the request not to damage the verges by parking on them, which was a source of annoyance to other residents and also a challenge to the council and its legal obligations as custodian. In the past the Parish Council had successfully prosecuted a resident but on this occasion it was agreed that a further attempt and informal approach could be made. Cllr Edwards to speak to one resident who might be unaware of the restrictions.

It was resolved to join the Open Spaces Society for the next 12 months and that a Village Green Policy should be drawn up and publicised to back up the Council's commitment to protect the verges and greens.

- b. Following a discussion with the grass cutting contractors, to consider buying guards for the utility poles or having the surrounding area sprayed at the start of the season: it was agreed that a solution needed to be found to this longstanding problem before the start of the grass cutting next year. To return to the Agenda after further research into costs, type of weedkiller that Walkers would use, and advice of Northern Powergrid and BT.
- c. Update on bulb planting on Church Lane: Cllr Speed had not had the opportunity to speak to the resident who he thought might be interested in providing a small tractor. Only two volunteers had come forward and it was suggested that Horticap might be interested in the task in exchange for a donation. A decision would need to be made at the October meeting before the planting season ended.

- d. To consider options for planting at Village Signs: the planters sold by Plantscape which used a capillary system of watering were considered too expensive. The Gardening Club had not expressed an interest and professional advice was costly. To return to the Agenda in October.
- e. To approve revised Tree Maintenance Policy following TPO status of Village Green Trees: several amendments were suggested and this would return to the October meeting when these had been incorporated.
- f. To note progress on tree work planning application: the Clerk reported that a decision was expected by the early part of October so the work could be carried out shortly after that.

**57****Correspondence**

- a. To note email from NYC about closure of a section of Carr Lane during installation of 40m of telecoms cabling by Quick Line, for three days from 13-15 October <https://one.network/?tm=GB145405006> *Noted*.
- b. To note the YLCA White Rose and Law & Governance Bulletins, including a request for Agenda items for the next Harrogate Branch meeting: there were no suggestions for Agenda items.
- c. To consider a second consultation by the Boundary Commission on its proposals for NYC wards in the central part of the county <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-yorkshire>: the Boundary Commission had received many objections to their original proposals for the NYC wards in the central part of North Yorkshire and were now engaged on a second round of consultations. As a result of feedback from individual parishes, the idea of a 'Dishforth and Dalton' ward (rural parishes between the A1 and the A19) had been shelved and the current proposal was for a new 'Dishforth and Topcliffe' ward, using the Swale and the Ure as natural eastern and western boundaries only crossing them where clear road connections exist such as at Topcliffe and Asenby and at Baldersby and Skipton-on-Swale. Councillors had no objections to this new proposal. The Clerk had publicised this on the parish noticeboard in case any parishioners wished to comment.

**58****Exchange of Information**

- a. The Clerk reminded Councillors that it was their responsibility to make sure their register of interests was current and up-to-date.
- b. In reply to a query from the Chairman, the Clerk said she had made the necessary declaration to the Pension Regulator.

**59****To note the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 14 October 2025**

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.39pm.