

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 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

72 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: All present.

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

74 Parishioners' Representations: none.

75 County Matters

- a. Highways – to note any progress by Area6: the Area Manager, Melisa Burnham, had updated the council on current issues:
1. Dishforth Lane: grips at locations on the road had been implemented, in order to channel surface water away from the highway; several potholes have been filled in; however no funding had been allocated for repairing the edges in 2026 but it would be considered in future programmes and until then safety-critical defects would be maintained as part of regular inspections in line with the Highways Safety Inspection Manual.
 2. Kerb repairs at the bus shelter had been repaired and the lining contractors would be in the area over the next 4-6 weeks to refresh the road markings there.
 3. Signage improvements were still to be included in the programme but this had been chased with a 'priority' attached.

It was agreed that it was imperative to continue to report all defects to Highways; Cllr Speed would draft a reply, and inform the Ward Councillor, Nick Brown, of the situation. Cllr Speed to draft a reply to Ms Burnham.

- b. To note the NYC survey on the [Budget Consultation](#) for financial year 2026-2027 which will also help inform decisions to 2030: noted. The Clerk to publicise.

76 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 October 2025: it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman.

77 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 62(c) Yorkshire Water:** to receive an update about activities at the STW and to consider the request from a Parishioner for parish council support: the Clerk had phoned Yorkshire Water to report that vehicles had continued to reverse back down Carr Lane and into Carr Close, emphasising that children would be walking down the lane during half term on their way to Play Area; the Chairman had been monitoring the situation and said that the Barhale contractor wagons did use banksmen if their wagons had no other option than to reverse, and it seemed that it was some of Yorkshire Water's own wagons that continued to cause a problem. This had included reversing into Carr Close and breaking a BT manhole cover. Cllr Speed also reported that the upgrading scheme had been abandoned as it hadn't worked, so the conditions of the Planning Permission (driving out of the site in forward gear) did not apply.

The Parishioner who had suffered another sewage overflow in her garden had written to the Clerk to request 'organised support' from the Council, as she felt that she was not getting a satisfactory response from Yorkshire Water. Although the Council felt that it already supported parishioners by contacting Yorkshire Water on a regular basis, it was suggested a representative from Yorkshire Water should be invited to a parish council meeting to clarify whether the commitment to increase spending on infrastructure outlined in their recently published business plan, would include Rainton. Otherwise, Julian Smith MP might be able to get this information, or Yorkshire Water might agree to attend a Parish Forum meeting following publication of their forward plan. Environmental Health should also be involved on each occasion when this happened.

- b. **Min 65(b):** to decide on the style and material of a public bench that the Council would recommend to a local family wishing to sponsor one to replace the recently removed rotten wooden bench: from a shortlist, the 'Magnolia' bench manufactured by Broxap was chosen as the best option, as it had a metal frame and was within the price range. Cllr Speed to measure the concrete base already in situ to see if this bench would fit as it was slightly longer than the others.
- c. **Min 67(e):** Parish Election Recharges Policy; to note estimate for Rainton provided by the NYC Electoral Services Manager: the Clerk reported that from May 2027 NYC would transfer the costs of elections to parish councils and provision for this would have to be included in the budget. For Rainton with Newby, the estimated cost to the parish for a scheduled election (when costs would be shared with NYC) would be around £500 for a contested election and £50 if uncontested; for by-elections, the cost for a contested one would likely be around £2,500 and £250 if uncontested.

78 Planning Matters

- a. Applications
[25/03655/FUL](#)
Creation of earth bund (retrospective) at Manor House Farm Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PX. *No objections.*
- b. Decisions: *none received.*

- c. To note the official Notice of Confirmation of TPO No 34/2025(HAR): *noted.*
- d. To note correspondence with the Planning Authority, and with Baldersby Parish Council, in connection with 25/03278/SCOPE and 25/03277/SCREEN for Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping and Screening Opinions for proposed development of an agricultural feedstock anaerobic digestion facility at The Grange Track YO7 3PQ: following a representation from a member of the public, the Clerk had asked the Planning Officer for clarification as to the status of these applications. The Officer had confirmed that these were very early applications which are put into the Planning Authority to see whether an environmental impact assessment (EIA) would be necessary should a full planning application be submitted, and as such, only comments from consultees such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and Highways were requested as they can offer technical guidance and expertise.

79 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment.
 1. Clerk's expenses Aug-Nov printing and paper £32.94 inc VAT
 2. CE&CM Walker, grass cutting, 13th October: £126.00 inc VAT
 3. The Boston Bulb Co Ltd, 500 daffodil bulbs: £85.00 inc VAT
 4. Clerk's salary 28th November, Gross £304.20 Net £243.40

No 3 had been paid in October as the expenditure had been approved at the October meeting. The Chairman said that he and two other parishioners had planted all 500 bulbs and another Parishioner had kindly cut the grass so that this could take place. He wished to put on record his thanks to all three.

- b. To agree how the £250 Locality Budget might be used: it was agreed that this could be spent on the daffodil bulbs and spring planting, to be determined.
- c. To receive and approve the Q2 bank reconciliation: it was approved at the last meeting, and now signed by Cllr Speed and Cllr Williams. Cllr Speed also suggested that £1,000 should be left in the current account with the balance transferred to the deposit account to earn interest. The Clerk to action.
- d. To approve the Budget 2026 – 2027: the Clerk presented the budget which she and the Chairman had drawn up and after a discussion and some questions it was resolved to adopt a figure of £9,654.
- e. To agree the Parish Precept 2026 – 2027: this was deferred to the December meeting as not all councillors had been able to use the calculator spreadsheet. The deadline for Precept submission to NYC was 31 December.

80 Council Business

- a. To consider any quotes for the tree work on the Village Greens four invitations to tender had been sent and two quotations had been received. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Nick Walker Tree Services.
- b. To consider a draft Village Green Policy, also taking into account recent representations about 1) siding the verges, and 2) parking: following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands that a policy wasn't needed as it would only serve to repeat legislation already in place, but an initial informal procedure should be agreed.

As three councillors had been unable to attend the last meeting, the Clerk summarised the representation made by two parishioners about parking on

the verges. After another lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Parishioner who had made a suggestion which would solve his own parking problem should seek legal advice about it and then the Parish Council would be happy to consider it.

81 Correspondence

- a. To consider a request for a donation from the North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre; or whether, as previously discussed, to make a donation to the Air Ambulance as S137 expenditure: although in the last two years the parish council had made donations to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Chairman had already suggested that this year it should make a donation of £200 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which was moving from RAF Topcliffe to its own premises at Skipton on Swale. This donation, as S137 expenditure, was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.
- b. To note a letter from Julian Smith MP publicising a new grant provided by the Mayor of York and N Yorkshire, The Movement, Activity and Sport Investment Programme. <https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/project/movingforward/> the Clerk said she had forwarded this information to the Cricket Club and to the Recreation Ground.
- c. To note a letter of thanks from the Clerk to Mr John Clark for taking down the maypole: noted.
- d. To consider a letter from the Chair of Monk Fryston Parish Council asking for support in their campaign to effect a change of policy at NYC: to authorize the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) in addition to Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): following an explanation of the difference between the two systems, it was agreed not to support this campaign, as it was unlikely that NYC would change its policy, in addition to the fact that without direct experience of either system, a considered decision could not be made.

82 Exchange of Information

- a. Cllr Egerton reported that a letter to Julian Smith had achieved the desired result in that NYC had come to the village to clear fallen leaves.
- b. Cllr Speed requested that councillors think about planting schemes for the village, as he would like this to be decided on at the next Agenda.

83 Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 9th December 2025.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.