

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026
at 7.30pm in Rainton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Speed (Chairman)
Cllr C Egerton (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr J Harwood
Cllr G Honeybone
Cllr O Jones
Cllr J Williams

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson

96 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: none.

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

98 Councillor Co-option: it was resolved to co-opt Mr Gareth Honeybone onto the Council. He signed the declaration of office form, witnessed by the Clerk, and was welcomed by the Chairman, who said that the Clerk would provide details of training available.

99 Parishioners' Representations: none received.

100 County Matters

Highways – to note any progress or new problems:

1. The Chairman was concerned about the diversion in place due to roadworks in Sharow which had resulted in HGVs being driven through the village. The parish council had not been notified and he asked the Clerk to contact Area6 about it, particularly in view of the 7.5-ton limit in the village and the damage caused to the kerb edges, which would have to be made good.
2. None of the scheduled work to road linings and the village gateway road markings had started; the Clerk to follow up.
3. The early morning pony and trap racing at the top of Dish forth Lane had started again on Sunday mornings, presenting a danger to other road users.
4. The repairs to the pavements in the village had been completed and this time the contractors had made a good job of it.

101 Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 December 2025: it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman.

102 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 89(a) Memorial Bench: to consider further options due to unavailability of the chosen bench:** at the suggestion of the Clerk, it was decided that a bench from Glasdon UK Ltd, the 'Lowther', was sufficiently robust and stylish; the Clerk to send details to the donor family together with a request for text on the commemorative plaque. It was agreed that the Council would pay for the concrete base.
- b. **Min 89(b) Planting Schemes: to agree to use the Locality Budget allocation towards any costs.** It was agreed to do this and as the deadline was 31 January, the Clerk to confirm with Cllr Brown.

103 Planning Matters

- a. Applications
25/04525/FUL
Proposed demolition of side extensions and erection of proposed two storey side extensions and single storey infill rear extension, at Southfield Cottages, Dishforth. *No objections.*
- b. Decisions to note
25/03655/FUL
Creation of earth bund (retrospective) at Manor House Farm Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PX. *Permission granted subject to conditions.*

104 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
1. Clerk's expenses, postage and printing £28.92 inc VAT
 2. Nick Walker Tree Services, £1,152.00 inc VAT
 3. Clerk's salary 28 January Gross £304.20 Net £243.20
- b. Receipts: none.
- c. To receive Bank Reconciliation Q3 and note bank balance: previously circulated and now approved; Cllr Speed and Cllr Williams signed the bank reconciliation. Bank balance as at 31 December 2025 was £11,432.
- d. To note an increase in Unity Trust bank charges: the monthly charge had increased from £6 to £7. As yet there was no change to the interest rate.

105 Council Business

To receive information about easements on Village Greens and consider any appropriate action: the information was discussed and noted. It was agreed that a decision on whether to seek further specific legal advice would be made when the Parishioner who had made the initial suggestion about parking had replied to the Council's letter.

106 Correspondence

- a. Letter of thanks from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance for parish council donation: noted.
- b. YLCA Request for Agenda items for the Harrogate Branch meeting on 16 February 2026: there were no issues that the Council wished to have included.

107 Exchange of Information

- a. Cllr Williams said that she would like to relinquish her duties checking the defibrillator battery, as she had been the point of contact since its installation. Cllr Egerton offered to take this on and it was agreed that a changeover would take place at the beginning of February. Cllr Williams was also concerned as the battery seemed to have lost a third of its charge during a relatively short period of time. She would make enquiries about this with the Ambulance Service and in the meantime she asked that a new battery be purchased.
- b. The Clerk reported that NYC had not received any requests for an election following the resignation of Cllr Edwards, and had therefore given permission for Rainton with Newby to co-opt a councillor.
- c. The Clerk said she had received the usual letter from NYC offering to make a contribution to parish grass cutting costs for keeping the visibility splays cut; there had been a small increase this year from £183 to £189 and she had accepted this on behalf of the Council.

108 Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 10 February 2026: to be held in the meeting room as the main hall was booked for an event.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm