

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 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

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

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

111 Parishioners' Representations

To note a written representation about 1) the Parish Precept and 2) a pothole outside the bus shelter, and the Clerk's reply: the Clerk had explained to the resident how the tax base was used to calculate council tax and the significance of quoting the amount charged to Band 'D' properties; she had also reported the pothole which had been caused by a utilities trench.

112 County Matters

a. Highways – to note any progress or new problems:

- the rumble strips at the village gateways had been reinstated;
- the road markings on Carr Lane had not been repainted yet, and the Clerk had asked Highways to wait until Quickline had finished their work in that part of the village before doing so;
- Cllr Speed had contacted Highways about flooding on Dishforth Lane, and although they had dug a couple of channels, there was still more to be done and he would follow this up;
- the Clerk reported that NYC had forgotten to include the replacement road sign for Back Lane in their last order but she hoped this might be done in March;
- although Highways had reacted relatively quickly to change the erroneous road diversions signs which had sent traffic, including HGVs, through Rainton, the response from Yorkshire Water had been slower.

b. To note final recommendations by the Boundary Commission for North Yorkshire wards <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-yorkshire>
Cllr Speed reported that 66% of the parishes in the current Wathvale Ward would be included in a new Dishforth and Topcliffe Ward which would come into being in May 2027.

c. To receive a report from Cllr Speed following the Parish Forum Meeting on 27th January: Cllr Speed said there had been two main items for discussion: Highways and Planning. In response to a query from the Rainton Chairman, County Cllr Brown had explained that there was a national shortage of planning officers, and they were spending a great deal of time drafting their

response to the Government's revised National Planning Policy Framework. In addition the Planning Authority was under significant pressure to meet the Government's housing targets which took precedence over local views.

- d. Email from the North Yorkshire Council Principal Landscape Architect re. Consultation to update the existing Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) as part of preparing a new Local Plan <https://north-yorkshire-landscape-character-luc.hub.arcgis.com/> noted.
- e. To note road restrictions and associated traffic management during installation of cables by Quickline Communications: <https://one.network/?tm=GBundefined> the Clerk suggested that this was a useful resource as it mapped road closures and diversions which could be shared on social media. Cllr Speed said he would continue to monitor the work, although on a previous occasion Quickline had returned promptly to make good damage. The work would continue over the next few weeks.
 1. Rainton to Dishforth Slip Roads (Spring Hill and Dishforth Lane), 9th–13th February and 13th–17th February
 2. Church Lane and Back Lane, 23rd–27th February
 3. Carr Lane, 9th–11th March and 13th–17th March.

113 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2026

It was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman.

114 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 102(a) Memorial Bench:** to note confirmation of order of the bench and agree cost to council for the base and installation: it was expected that the bench would be delivered by the middle of March. Following receipt of the invoice from Glasdon, the donor family would be asked for their contribution for the cost exclusive of VAT. The Clerk said she was still waiting for a quote for extending the concrete base and installation.
- b. **Min 102(b) Planting Schemes:** to note that Rainton will receive £300 from the Locality Budget and to agree costs of planters: the options were still under consideration, although Braithwaites had sent a quotation for planting, plants, compost and labour. To return to the Agenda.
- c. **Min 107(a) AED Battery:** to agree expenditure: the Clerk had sent a photo of the battery level to the supplier, Wel Medical, who had replied that as the battery was showing two bars (capable of administering 100 shocks), it was showing the correct level for a 2023 battery. After a short discussion, it was resolved to buy a replacement battery when the level reduced to one bar. Cllr Egerton confirmed that she would check the level every week and would let the Clerk know as soon as it reached one bar.

The Clerk suggested that her council email address should be added to the Circuit as the official contact, as all the defibrillator records were kept on the council laptop, and this was agreed.

115 Planning Matters

- a. Applications
[25/03977/PIP](#)

Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of 2no. 3 bedroom bungalows at Grange Farm, Back Lane Rainton YO7 3PL.

The Clerk explained that a previous application for this site had been withdrawn. The current PIP (Permission in Principle) application was an outline application available to small developments and if granted would be followed by a more detailed application. After a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands, that the Council objected to this application on similar grounds to the considerations expressed in response to the previous consultation, namely:

Drainage: *as mentioned in many previous responses to planning applications within the village of Rainton, 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;*
- *there is no pavement;*
- *it has only one street light;*
- *the road is in extremely poor condition.*

b. Decisions to note: none received.

c. To note NYC consultation on Local Planning Enforcement Plan
<https://northyorks-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/> *Noted.*

116 Financial Matters

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

1. Rainton Village Hall, hire for meetings 2025, £110
2. Clerk's salary 28 February Gross £304.20 Net £243.40

b. Receipts:

1. Northern Electric plc, Wayleave 2026, £102.65. *Noted.*

c. To note increase to S137 expenditure limit: this had increased from £11.10 to £11.60 per elector S137 allowed a parish council to spend this amount per elector if it so wished, on expenditure for which it had no specific power. *Noted.*

117 Council Business

a. To agree a date for the Village Litter Pick: it was provisionally agreed that this would take place on Sunday 29th March, to be confirmed by Cllr Jones, and then publicised in the Rainton Village Newsletter. Cllr Speed suggested that the exercise might need to be repeated later in the year. It was also noted that the fly tipping on Dishforth Lane had been reported and was due to be collected.

b. Assertion 10 of the AGAR: to review Rainton Parish Council's preparedness including Website Accessibility: VisionICT had informed the Clerk that the technology behind the website met the requirements of WCAG 2.2 but some of the documents and images might not. The company would review all the content for £145. The Clerk said she had run the website through an evaluation tool but it would still take a lot of time to assess each document. This was discussed and it was resolved that whilst it recognised the importance of the standard, the Council would have to take a slower approach to conforming with the regulations.

- c. To note new Employment rights starting in April 2026: it was resolved that the Chairman would write to the Clerk giving notice of the changes and amendments to her Terms and Conditions to reflect the changes to the law which would come into effect from April 2026.

118 Correspondence

- a. Met Office Online Training Prospectus 2026: the Clerk to circulate to the Emergency Planning Committee, as the Met Office Services for Civil Contingencies could be of interest.
- b. YLCA Agenda for Harrogate Branch Meeting on 16 February: Cllr Harwood had registered to attend this meeting as there was an item on Yorkshire Water not being a statutory consultee for planning applications and whether anything could be done to change that.
- c. Parish Liaison Newsletter: this included information about the schedule for the Mobile Library Service, which unfortunately did not include Rainton. There was also a reminder to councillors of their statutory duty under the Localism Act 2011 to complete, update and maintain their Register of Interests, including declaring any disclosable pecuniary interests. The Clerk said she usually reminded councillors of this at the Annual Meeting in May.

119 Exchange of Information

- a. Cllr Harwood reported that in view of the fact that the Village Hall had been designated as a welfare centre in the Emergency Plan, the Village Hall Committee was applying for funding for battery storage for energy produced by the solar panels; the committee had also considered how flooding would affect the use of the Hall in an emergency, particularly as flood water had previously come up to the porch entrance. The committee would like to suggest that Yorkshire Water is asked to advise.
- b. Cllr Honeybone enquired whether there was a neighbourhood police officer who could be invited to a parish council meeting as he was concerned about the number of vehicles parking on Dishforth Lane during the pony and trap racing taking place locally.
- c. Cllr Speed requested that parking on, and damage to, the Village Green should return to the Agenda: there had been no response from the parishioner who had been advised to take legal advice as to any rights he might have; damage in several locations on Sleights Lane was being caused by vehicles being driven onto the Green, including HGVs over the 7.5 tonne restriction cutting corners.

120 Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 10 March 2026, to be held in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm