

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 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

- 121 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** All present.
- 122 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider requests for dispensations:** Cllr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in Item 127(a)(1).
- 123 Parishioners' Representations:** none.
- 124 County Matters**
- a. Highways – to note any progress or new problems: Cllr Speed relayed the response from Area6 to his request for a progress report.
- the six replacement 30mph signs should be in place by early May;
 - the outstanding lining had been scheduled for 23rd March;
 - Highways Inspector to assess work needed to improve gullies;
 - the pothole at the bus stop had been filled in;
 - from the 23rd March patching works would be carried out on Dishforth Road in Sharow. The diversion would not come through Rainton.
 - Cllr Speed and the Head of Area6, Melisa Burnham, had discussed the possibility of the grassed area at Sunnybank being used for car parking, which Ms Burnham had said she would raise with the Estates Dept, although obtaining funding might be difficult.
 - Area6 had agreed to try and get funding from Yorkshire Water to repair the damage caused at the corner of Sleights Lane, as they had been responsible for the recent diversion through Rainton.
- b. NYC Parish Liaison Newsletter: various items were noted, including
- the adoption of a new road works approach, designed to keep traffic moving and work completed more quickly;
 - an invitation to parishes to join in the celebrations for Yorkshire Day (1st August) as North Yorkshire is the host this year;
 - the distribution of 'Bleed Kits' in locations across the county including Thirsk and Ripon; [Roll out of Bleed Kits in North Yorkshire](#).
 - North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Annual Survey.
- 125 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2026:** It was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman.

126 Matters Arising

Min 118(b) YLCA Harrogate Branch Meeting: to receive information from the YLCA Planning Consultant re. water companies being consultees in the planning process.

YLCA had advised that in England, water authorities were not statutory consultees on planning applications apart from in some exceptional circumstances. However it was good practice for planning authorities to consult them in certain circumstances, for example in the case of a major development. They must also be consulted as part of the preparation of a local plan.

Water authorities were distinct from the Environment Agency (a statutory consultee for flood risk, main rivers, etc) and the Local Flood Authorities (statutory consultees for major development surface water and drainage).

In addition, the planning authority could choose to consult the water authority if it was reviewing an application under the following circumstances:

- a major development application;
- where drainage or sewer capacity is a material issue;
- **there are known sewer capacity problems locally.**

It was agreed that this last point validated the Council's policy in responding to planning applications, always highlighting the capacity issues in Rainton.

Cllr Harwood had attended this meeting and reported that the other councils represented at the meeting all had similar problems. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Yorkshire Water to ask them whether Rainton was included in their five-year plan to improve infrastructure.

127 Planning Matters

a. Applications: Having declared an interest in 26/00725/FUL, Cllr Jones left the room and did not take part in the discussion. Applications 2) and 3) had been notified after publication of the Agenda, and although the Clerk would normally ask NYC for an extension, she explained that she had not done so as in the case of 2) it would have meant a delay of five weeks, and in the case of 3) a Regulation 5 Notification had been sent to NYC as the works fell within permitted development rights of the operators so a formal planning application was not required.

1. [26/00725/FUL](#)
Erection of building for storage use (agricultural and festival/event storage) with ancillary workshop, office space and staff facilities on Land Comprising Field At 437154 475492 Church Lane, Rainton. *It was resolved to support the application as the council felt it was important to support local businesses.*
2. [26/01052/FUL](#)
Single storey rear extension at Strawberry Cottage, Carr Lane, YO7 3PS. *No objections.*
3. Proposed Upgrade to Existing Radio Base Station Installation at CS_10706332, land at Sleights Lane Voda, Sleights Lane, YO7 EPZ. (Upgrade of equipment to provide enhanced 4G coverage and capacity for EE as well as future proofing for 5G.)
The Council had been invited to make comments but did not feel equipped to comment on the technology; they welcomed the upgrade which should benefit residents, noting that there appeared to be no visual difference to the mast itself.

- b. Decisions to note
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. *Permission granted subject to conditions.*
- c. Enforcements to note
 Alleged unauthorised erection of additional mounted floodlights on the manège area at Queen Mary's School, Rainton YO7 3BZ.
Since receiving the complaint, the Enforcement Officer had visited the site and researched the planning history. Planning Permission had been granted in 1998 and since then the flood lighting had remained unaltered. By virtue of the passage of time, no action by NYC was possible. He had asked the school to be considerate with the use of the lighting. They had informed him that the equestrian centre operated between 7.30am and 7.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am and 5.00pm at weekends. The lighting was only used during the winter months, typically between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

128 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
1. Skelton-cum-Newby Parish Council, contribution to staffing and expenses of Wathvale Parish Forum 2025-2026, £94.28
 2. Glasdon UK Ltd, bench, £915.00 inc VAT
 3. Clerk's salary payable 28 March, Gross £304.20 Net £243.40
 4. HMRC PAYE Q4 £182.60 payable by 22 April. £182.60
- b. Receipts: noted.
1. HMRC VAT126 Reclaim, 01/01/2025 – 31/01/2026, £974.77
- c. NYC Locality Budget: to note offer letter and sign acceptance of grant of £300: the conditions of the Grant were noted and the letter was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. To be used for floral display in the village.

129 Council Business

- a. To consider quotes for renewing concrete base and installing seat on the Village Green: two quotes had been received but neither was deemed satisfactory. The Clerk to post the specification on MyJobQuote.co.uk .
- b. Planting Schemes at Village Signs – to receive an update: it was resolved that the Chairman and the Clerk should meet to agree a definitive scheme for approval at the April council meeting.
- c. To consider a complaint about parking on the pavement: Cllr Williams wished to raise the problem of cars parked on pavements which presented a hazard forcing pedestrians with buggies and wheelchair users into the road; in one specific case, a car was regularly parked with all four wheels on the pavement at the corner of a junction.

There was a discussion about this problem which was common to many villages. Parish councils had no power to make or enforce restrictions: only NYC could do this by issuing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) or the police could take action if the vehicle was causing a dangerous obstruction. It was noted that it is already prohibited in London, and although the government had started a consultation with stakeholders in 2020, it had only recently issued a response, looking at various options, whilst acknowledging the difficulty of enforcing such a ban in rural areas.

- d. To review the situation of parking on the Village Green verges: as yet there had been no response from the parishioner who had been asked to seek legal advice as to any rights he might have. In addition it wasn't clear who had caused damage to the verges in other areas, or whether a parking area for visitors at the pottery had been finished. It was resolved that on the basis that the situation, although frustrating, had not deteriorated, the council would continue to monitor it.
- e. Following retirement of previous Internal Auditor, to decide on the appointment of a replacement: three quotations had been received and on the recommendation of the Clerk, it was resolved to accept the quote for £175 from CheckMate Independent Internal Audit Services.

130 Correspondence

- a. YLCA Training Programme to end of May 2026; YLCA Law & Governance Bulletin; YLCA White Rose Bulletin: the following were noted:
 - new employment policy templates for small councils were available, which the Clerk would bring to the next meeting;
 - NALC had responded to the consultation on the government's revised National Planning Policy Framework, emphasising that parish and town councils had a critical role in shaping development that meets local needs while supporting national priorities. YLCA were offering a Planning Workshop to explore the government's reforms (recent and proposed) but councillors did not feel it would be useful at this stage.
- b. An invitation to a Charity Reception of the Chairs of North Yorkshire Council and Yorkshire Air Ambulance: Cllr Speed to attend.

131 Exchange of Information

- a. Cllr Harwood reported that she had spoken to the contractors working at the Sewage Treatment Works about the potholes on Carr Lane, some of which were extremely deep, and they had offered to fill them in when the work was completed.
- b. The Clerk reported that she had a meeting with Rapid Response Telecoms who had been contracted to connect six properties on Church Lane to the Quickline fibre broadband network. The meeting was to explain how the work would be carried out as they would have to dig up part of the Greens.

132 Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm