

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 09 June 2026 at 7:30pm in Rainton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Speed (Chair)
Cllr C Egerton (Deputy Chair)
Cllr J Harwood
Cllr O Jones

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson

24 26/27 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:

Cllr Honeybone and Cllr Williams.

25 26/27 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations: there were no declarations of interest.

26 26/27 Parishioners' Representations

To consider a written representation about a tree overhanging a property, to note the Clerk's reply and consider any further action:
two properties were affected by one of the trees on the Village Green verges: branches had fallen into their gardens, branches were crossing the telephone wires, and sap and leaves falling on their velux windows were all causing a nuisance. The clerk had sent a copy of the council's Tree Risk Management Policy to the householder which included information on the conditions under which property owners could carry out their own work to trees encroaching on their land. It was agreed that as the annual condition report was due to take place shortly, the arboricultural consultant should be asked to look at this particular tree.

27 26/27 County Matters

- a. Highways – to note any progress or new problems:
 - the 30 mph signs at the village entrances had all been replaced;
 - the poor road surface at the A1(M) road bridge had been marked up ready for patching.
- b. To receive the Minutes of the Wathvale Parish Forum meeting held on Thursday 30 April 2026: items of interest included:
 - The Manager of Area6 Highways said that her department would be taking responsibility for street cleaning from July 2026 and she would be introducing a rota for the parishes;
 - Topcliffe Parish Council had invested in number plate-recognition cameras at either end of the village as up to 70 HGVs were travelling through the village daily, contrary to the 7.5 tonne restriction. This information would be passed to Trading Standards who could prosecute in the absence of police enforcement.
 - Nick Brown, the ward councillor, had a Locality Budget of £5,000 for the 2026-2027 financial year, and would limit this to £500 per parish.

- c. Digital Questionnaire from the Ward Councillor – to consider how to complete this: the council did not feel that any response would be truly representative, and the clerk was asked to send a general response, mentioning that the radio mast at the A1 was being upgraded to provide enhanced 4G coverage and capacity for EE, as well as future proofing for 5G; and that full fibre broadband was available in the parish.
- d. Condition of Public Right of Way 15.110.1.1: this had now been cut and the clerk was asked to minute the council's thanks to the parishioner who regularly carried out this job, and to mention him in the village newsletter.

28 26/27 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 May 2026: it was resolved to approve both sets of Minutes as true records of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chair.

29 26/27 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 17 26/27(a)** update on concrete base for Archer family bench on the Village Green: Cllr Jones and the contractor, SDL Services, had agreed that the bench could be safely installed on the existing concrete base. The cost would be £80 + VAT and it was resolved to accept this advice and the quote. SDL would be available to do this on Saturday 27th June – the clerk to inform Mrs Archer.
- b. **Min 17 26/27(b)** to decide on costs for planting stone troughs: although two of the gardeners recommended by Thirsk Garden Centre had expressed interest, they had not proceeded to quote for the work. Braithwaites had already quoted for the job, to include labour, compost and plants but did not want to be responsible for future maintenance; it was resolved to accept their quote and revisit the situation in the Autumn. The clerk said she had asked SDL to carry out the ground levelling when they came to install the Archer bench, so that the project could move forward.
- c. **Min 17 26/27(c)** to consider response from ICD Painting and Decorating re. rust on the gold paint of the village signs: the contractor had received advice from the wholesalers, but it was not entirely clear as to why the different metals of the posts and the ornamentation had reacted in different ways. ICD had offered to try other products on the ornamentation and had quoted £250 to carry out the work on the three signs. It was resolved to accept this.

30 26/27 Planning Matters

- a. Applications none.
- b. Decisions
26/01741/PIP Permission in principle for up to 2 self/custom build dwellings on Land At Carr Lane End, Rainton YO7 3PS.
To note that this has been granted and to note correspondence with Planning Department: the Clerk reported that the council's response had not been taken into account as it had not been uploaded onto the network due to a backlog of work in the department; although there would be a further opportunity to comment at the technical details stage, councillors expressed concern about the failure of the planning department's systems. The clerk to ask the YLCA for legal advice as

to whether this could be subject to a judicial review on the basis of it being an unlawful and unreasonable decision.

- c. To note the Annual Parish Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report and decide if it should be allocated to any future eligible expenditure: the clerk had submitted this to NYC as required, the amount being £79.72 which should be spent within the next three years. Permissible expenditure included green infrastructure and it was resolved that the £79.72 would contribute to the bulb/tree planting project on Church Lane.
- d. To consider correspondence from a member of the public about a planning application in Melmerby 26/02174/EIAMAJ: the correspondent had contacted the council to garner support for the campaign to object to this planning application for an intensive and extensive chicken farm. A corporate view did not emerge from the discussion.

31 26/27 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve both for payment.
 1. CE&CM Walker Ltd, grass cutting May £412.80 inc VAT
 2. Clerk's salary payable 26 June, Gross £304.20 Net £243.40

32 26/27 Council Business

- a. To consider a report from Cllr Speed on the trees on Church Lane and whether to replace the trees that did not survive the drought: Braithwaites had previously replaced four trees at no cost. Cllr Speed was reluctant to approach them again about six or seven of the hazel trees which were showing signs of stress. It was agreed that when the annual survey of the trees on the Village Green was carried out, the consultant should include a visual health check on the trees in Church Lane, and if necessary, the council would make a decision on replacing them would be made in the autumn.
- b. To note an acknowledgement from PFK Littlejohn of receipt of the Exemption Certificate of the AGAR, and that unless they receive any correspondence from local electors during the period for the exercise for public rights, the council will not hear from them again this year: noted.
- c. Defibrillator: confirmation of battery checking and registration with the Circuit: Cllr Egerton reported that the battery was still showing two bars. She was now registered as the official Guardian, and the Circuit would use her personal telephone number and the clerk's official email address to make contact.

33 26/27 Correspondence

- a. YLCA Law & Governance Bulletin, including information on publishing councillors' addresses; funding of Vehicle Activated Signs, new HMRC mileage rates and information on S106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy:
 - a new Section 32A of the Localism Act 2011 had established that a member's home address must not be disclosed on the authority's public register of interest unless the member had requested otherwise; public registers of interest will still state that a member has an interest, the address of which is withheld. The address will

be declared to the monitoring officer however, to prevent conflicts of interest.

- HMRC mileage rates had been increased to 55p per mile and it was resolved to adopt this new rate backdated to 6th April 2026.
- The Clerk said she would keep the information about Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) on file, should the parish council ever wish to buy one.
- S106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) were both levied on developers to mitigate against the impact of development but there were differences as to scope and benefits to local councils.

- b. To receive a guide about the UK Digital Landline Switchover: the existing analogue network for phones and broadband would be switched off at the end of January 2027 and landlines would be digital. The clerk to publicise this in the parish and councillors agreed that they would speak to those residents who they thought might be affected.

34 26/27 Exchange of Information

Cllr Speed and Cllr Harwood had attended the YLCA Harrogate Branch meeting the previous evening. There was a consensus that parish councils were not getting the necessary support from NYC via the Parish Liaison Unit, as response times were too lengthy. A officer from this department would be invited to the next meeting.

35 26/27 Date of the next meeting - Tuesday 14 July 2026.