

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 08 September 2026 at 7:30pm in Rainton Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson
In attendance: Two Parishioners

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

56 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations: Cllr Jones declared a pecuniary interest in Items 61(a)1 & 61(a)2.

57 Parishioners' Representations

To consider a request for posting the council minutes on Facebook

It was agreed that a link to the parish council website would be put on the village FB page and Cllr Honeybone kindly said he would do this.

58 County Matters

a. To receive Minutes of the Wathvale Forum Meeting on 21 July: Cllr Speed had attended the meeting and made the following report:

Karl Battersby, Corporate Director of Environment at North Yorkshire Council was the guest speaker.

- NYC has lost over £20million of funding which had been transferred to the Combined Authority Mayor. This is going to judicial review in October. The shortfall is resulting in fewer repairs to roads throughout the county.
- Public transport is now mainly the responsibility of the Mayor and NYC will no longer be involved from April 2027. Along with Rainton, many parishes in the Wathvale Ward are concerned about bus services, particularly the infrequency of the service. [It was mentioned that Uber often offer a cheaper service than general taxis].
- Food waste collections were taking place in many parts of the UK but owing to the contract with Allerton Park Waste Disposal Plant, NYC won't be able to offer this service until 2043.
- Road sweeping and gully cleaning will be improved and the aim is for 2-3 times a year. The dates for each parish can be checked via 'On My Patch' so that cars are not parked in the sweeper's way.
- Water UK, the trade association for the industry, is concerned about the 1.5 million houses the Government want to build. They have a legal duty to connect all houses to the mains even if they are unable to provide the water, which they would not be able to do to such a high number.
- NYC council tax is one of the highest in the country with Harrogate being the highest in the area prior to the establishment of the unitary authority. NYC has about 12,000 staff.

Cllr Speed had asked Mr Battersby about electric charging for cars as the parish council had expressed an interest in being part of the pilot scheme two or three years ago. Mr Battersby said that NYC was developing plans for EV charging but the preferred operator had pulled out resulting in a delay whilst other avenues were explored.

Cllr speed said that this had been a very fruitful meeting, the next one to be held at Topcliffe on 20th October.

- b. To receive NYC 'On Your Patch' Newsletter: this new communication was issued by the Environment Directorate at NYC. Of interest was news about the new gully cleaning schedule, and the upgrading of street lighting to LEDs. A map showing the street lights being upgraded was available on the NYC website. [Street lighting improvements | North Yorkshire Council](#)
- c. To receive information from briefings on the NYC Local Plan: government changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) had imposed strict schedules for completion of local plans by local council planning authorities. Although the work already undertaken by NYC had not been wasted, extra staff had had to be recruited to project manage the changes and meet the deadlines. The Clerk recommended that councillors should undertake any training available on the revised NPPF so that potential impacts to settlements like Rainton were understood.
- d. To receive NYC Emergencies and Community Resilience newsletter including advice for households: of interest was information about the Northern Powergrid grant for village halls; and a new leaflet on household resilience plans which the council would publicise.
- e. To receive information from the Combined Authority about plans to support rural communities: <https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/mayor-unveils-plan-to-tackle-rural-housing-shortages-and-boost-farming/> this included key actions
 - affordable community-led housing, alongside devolved retrofit funding to tackle fuel poverty;
 - creating higher-skilled, better-paid jobs by driving growth in food innovation, clean energy, and creative industries;
 - helping farms to achieve economic sustainability, partly by linking them to public sector supply chains like schools and hospitals;
 - enhanced infrastructure – to improve digital and mobile blackspots; target rural crime and improve public transport.
- f. To consider a response to the Combined Authority draft Local Transport Plan <https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan-consultation/> the council had already responded to the public transport survey and agreed that Rainton would not make a response to this subsequent consultation. It was clear that the emphasis was on linking towns across the region, with York City as the hub, whilst acknowledging that rural residents, and the disabled, would continue to rely on private vehicles.

59 Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 07 August 2026: it was resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

60 Matters Arising

- a. **Min 41 (b)** to note advice from NALC Legal Department re possible judicial review of NYC Planning Authority's decision: Cllr Egerton said this was extremely disappointing as it constituted general advice and was not specific to Rainton's situation. However, she also felt that there was nothing else that could be done practically at that moment, and this was agreed. In a similar situation, the clerk said she would copy in the planning officer by name, rather than just using the generic planning consultation email address.
- b. **Min 46(c)** to consider moving the wooden bench on Church Lane: Cllr Williams had expressed concern that the bench was little used and consequently often engulfed by vegetation. In the absence of any other suggestions, councillors were asked to bring the topic up again if a suitable location came to mind.
- c. **Min 53** to receive an update on Public Right of Way 15.110.2 this had been reported to NYC who would investigate. The Clerk reported that she had asked the complainant to take photos if the neighbour continued to toss garden waste over the fence. She also observed that footpaths alongside the edge of a field should by law be 1.5 metres wide. It was agreed to monitor access and condition, making further reports to NYC as necessary.

61 Planning Matters - Having declared an interest, Cllr Jones left the room and took no part in the discussion.

- a. Applications
 1. 26/00725/FUL Erection of building for storage use (agricultural and Erection of building for storage use (agricultural and festival/event storage), ancillary workshop, office space and staff facilities. Revised drawings – building turned through 180 degrees. Land comprising field at 437154 475492 Church Lane, Rainton. *It was resolved to support this application as the Council wished to support local businesses.*
 2. 26/04310/CLEUD Lawful Development Certificate for use of agricultural building as a mixed use (sui generis) comprising agriculture, offices, storage and workshop space. Building to the rear of 2 Vyners Yard, Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PH. *No objections.*

62 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
 1. ICD Painting & Decorating, repainting of village signs, £250 (quotation agreed at June meeting and paid in August)
 2. WEL Medical Ltd, electrode pads for defibrillator, £81.48 inc VAT (as agreed at July meeting and paid in August)
 3. Clerk's salary paid on 28 August, £243.20
 4. CE&CM Walker Ltd, grass cutting 29 June/13 July £412.80 inc VAT
 5. Arborlutions, tree survey £195.00
 6. Clerk's salary payable 28 September, Gross £314.10 plus £49.50 back pay, following 2026-27 NJC pay award, Net £291.00
- b. Receipts:
NYC contribution to grass cutting £189.14. *noted.*

63 Council Business

- a. To receive the Tree Safety Survey: to note submission of Planning Permission for recommended tree work; and to agree tender arrangements: the Clerk to invite quotations for the work. It was agreed that Arborlutions would be included as although they had carried out the survey, they were a trusted

supplier and the recommendations were to ensure compliance with highway regulations.

- b. To consider plans for Church Lane: bulb planting; replacement of any trees that have not survived the drought; any new tree planting under the NYC tree planting licence: after a lengthy discussion, it was resolved to suspend bulb planting for twelve months and to obtain costs for replacing the seven trees that had not survived the hot summer weather and to plant the further ten trees that NYC had given permission for planting under the terms of the licence. It was noted that there would be a contribution of £300 from the NYC Locality Budget but there would also be costs for replanting the stone troughs with winter bedding. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Benn Darnborough for his support in watering the troughs over the summer.
- c. To sign the Locality Budget 2026 Monitoring Form and Locality Budget 2027 Grant Form: this was signed by the Clerk and Cllr Williams.
- d. To agree a date for a meeting of the Emergency Committee: it was agreed to hold this in the meeting room at the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm.

64 Correspondence

To note email from OpenReach about the upgrading of the telephone network in Rainton and asking permission to carry out minor digging works at the base of a telegraph pole located in the grass verge outside Herb Cottage YO& 3PL: noted.

65 Exchange of Information

- a. Cllr Harwood raised the subject of the lack of shielding of the STW. The Clerk to follow up with Yorkshire Water.
- b. Cllr Honeybone said that the signpost at Sunnybank Car Park has been knocked over. The Clerk to contact NYC.
- c. One of the parishioners present raised the problem of speeding in the village, particularly on Sleights Lane at Brakehill Farm and close to Sunnybank. The Clerk to follow this up again with NYC.

66 Date of the next meeting - Tuesday 13 October 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm