Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 13 October 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

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson

67 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:
Cllr Williams had sent her apologies.

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

69 Parishioners' Representations

a. A written representation about an issue on Sleights Lane: a resident had raised concerns about vehicles parking close to the entrance to the Foldyard obscuring the visibility splays and making it difficult to drive out of his property; the speed of through traffic and the habit of residents opposite parking on the road, rather than in the parking spaces behind their properties, increased the likelihood of an accident. He was considering applying to Highways for access protection markings and he wanted to know whether the parish council would support him in making an application.

Options to resolve the situation were discussed at length, but it was felt that this was not a problem unique to the Foldyard; in the past the Police had told the Chairman that this was replicated in all villages due to levels of car ownership and they could make no recommendations. The Clerk was asked to advise the resident that he should make an application to Highways for an access protection marking as they had the expertise to provide a solution.

b. A written representation about the recent loss of water supply on Tuesday 06 October: the parishioner had written to suggest that the parish council should contact Yorkshire Water to find out how many times in the last five years there had been a loss of supply both in Rainton and in other local villages to ascertain whether this was part of a general worsening trend or a problem particular to Rainton.

The council felt that if only statistics were requested, supplementary questions would remain and so it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Executive to highlight the chaotic and contradictory messages that Yorkshire Water had sent to residents during the recent outage, and at the same time reiterating other historic concerns and unresolved issues.

It was also agreed that residents should be encouraged to complain individually as per the advice of the communications dept at YW.

70 County Matters

a. A request for Declaration of Third-Party Attachments and Electrical Connections to North Yorkshire Council assets: the Clerk to respond to this confirming that there were no such attachments in the Parish.

b. To receive the notes from the Uredale Community Partnership meeting held on 15 September 2026: of interest was an item about access to banking following a previous unsuccessful attempt to establish a multi-bank hub in Ripon, via Link and the Post Office. The deadline for applications to the Combined Authority's Access to Banking Fund was 30 September and Ripon was a Priority 2 area. Barclays offered some banking services every Thursday in Ripon Community House, although this didn't appear to be widely known.

   Cllr Speed observed that the Partnership discussions were largely focussed on Ripon and Masham rather than relevant to rural areas, however it was agreed that the Clerk should continue to forward future meeting notes to councillors.

c. To receive the NYC Parish Liaison September newsletter: noted. The Clerk to extract information of interest and include those items on the Agenda, rather than circulating the newsletter in its entirety with its numerous attachments.

d. NYC Budget Consultation: to take part in the consultation: Let's Talk | North Yorkshire Council it was agreed that councillors should respond individually as there would not necessarily be a consensus of opinion. The Clerk said that apart from being invited to grade the importance of the county council's priorities, there was an opportunity to answer an open question and express one's own views.

e. To note information from the public transport department at NYC: officers from the department had visited Rainton following concerns expressed by Hodgsons about the difficulty of negotiating the turning between Spring Hill and Sleights Lane because of parked vehicles. Highways were now looking at what options were feasible.

71 Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 September 2026:

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

72 Matters Arising

a. **Min 58(d):** To receive notes from the meeting of the Emergency Planning Committee on 6th October, to approve recommendations and to consider expenditure on printing the NYC Household Resilience leaflet for residents: the Chairman had called the meeting to review the council's Emergency Plan within the context of government information about the impacts of El Niño over the winter.

[The notes from the meeting are attached to these Minutes.]

Councillors agreed that a copy of the leaflet produced by the York and North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum should be included with the next Village Newsletter. As NYC could not supply enough leaflets, it was agreed that the Clerk should source a digital printing company.

73 Planning Matters

a. Applications
26/05387/FUL. General purpose agricultural shed for the storage of machinery and hay, at The Stables, Carr Lane, Rainton YO7 3PS.
No objections.

b. Decisions: *noted.*
26/03492/FUL Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of a part two-storey extension and part single storey extension to form attached garage, erection of two storey side extension, formation of new drive, parking areas and new access at 6 Sunnybank, Rainton YO7 3PT. *Granted subject to conditions.*

c. Planning Enforcement: *noted.*
To note a report of a possible breach of planning control, Case Nº 26/01062/PR15. Earth Works alleged to have started prior to approval of 26/00725/FUL.

d. To note some information about several measures contained in the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) aimed at increasing the density of development, especially in 'settlements' and other specified areas: *to return to the Agenda.*

e. To receive update on Commuted Sums for Open Spaces and Village Halls and associated information: the most recent information from NYC showed the following S106 allocations, all of which had come from the Robinson Avenue development and all of which had to be spent by 29 January 2034.

- Village Green - £ 7,036.05
- Village Hall £16,965.72
- Play Area £ 9,368.05
- Cricket Ground £ 2,403.71

74 Financial Matters

a. Accounts: it was resolved to approve the following for payment:
1. CE & CM Walker Ltd, grass cutting of Village Green, verges and Playing field, September: £412.80 inc VAT.
2. Clerk's salary 28th October, Gross 314.10, Net 251.30.
3. HMRC PAYE Q2 £182.40

b. Receipts: noted
1. Parish Precept 2nd instalment £4,800
2. Bank Interest Q2. £49.47

c. To note bank balances and approve Q2 bank reconciliation: bank statements and the bank reconciliation had been circulated to all councillors. The balances were noted as £4,846.93 in the current account and £9,627.08 in the deposit account. It was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation and it was signed by Cllr Speed and Cllr Egerton. Following receipt of the second instalment of the Precept, the Clerk to transfer an amount to the deposit account.

d. To consider a request from North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre for a donation, and to publicise their services: it was agreed, with one abstention, that a donation of £200 should be made in recognition of the free legal advice the organisation provided.

75 Council Business

b. To decide on the response to Yorkshire Water following the recent burst water main in Ripon: already discussed under Item 69(b).

c. To consider quotes for supply of trees for planting on Church Lane: quotes for the supply of 17 half-standard trees plus stakes, ties, guards and mulch mats had been sought from five nurseries, and three had been received, which were all quite similar. It was resolved to accept the quote from Braithwaites which included planting, for £754 + VAT. There would be no charge for delivery as they would plant up the two stone troughs at the same time. £300 had been allocated from the NYC Locality Budget.

d. To approve quotation for planting stone troughs with winter bedding: It was resolved to accept Braithwaite's quote of £150 to include winter bedding plants, compost and labour.

76 Exchange of Information

a. Cllr Speed raised the topic of the verges at the entrance to Robinson Avenue which had become very untidy. The Clerk said she would check on the planning permission to see if there were any maintenance conditions but Highways had not been able to adopt the road as Yorkshire Water had still to approve the foul drainage system. She would follow this up with the developers again.

b. Cllr Speed noted that an amount of ivy had grown down the wall and onto the pavement at The Farm, Sleights Lane, and needed to be cut back. Cllr Jones to follow this up.

c. Cllr Speed said he had asked the Clerk to contact Highways and suggest that gully cleaning take place during leaf drop; the Clerk said she had made the request to Area6.

77 Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 10 November 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22pm

Rainton with Newby Emergency Planning Committee

Notes from a Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 6th October 2026

Present: Peter Speed, Jo Williams, Jenny Harwood, Sarah Adamson
Apologies: Gaz Honeybone, Tony Thirkel, Christine Egerton, Lesley Rafferton

1. **To review the plan within the context of government advice about the impacts of El Niño over the winter.**
   https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/impacts-of-el-nino-on-the-uk/impacts-of-el-nino-on-the-uk

Cllr Speed said that it was important to prepare for any impact that El Niño might have on the UK. It was predicted that Portugal, Spain and SW France would be hotter whilst Scandinavian countries would be wetter.

He identified the threats as heavy rain leading to flooding, and/or high winds which could lead to power cuts. More generally there could be a loss of connectivity.

In the event of widespread disruption, it was important to be self-sufficient.

Actions - Highways
- *Important to keep prone areas in the village (gullies etc) clear – to check whether they have improved the flow of the gully on Dishforth Lane;*
- *Confirm with NYC arrangements for sandbags;*
- *Chase Highways (and Yorkshire Water) as to whether they did investigate the possibility of a blocked surface water drain beyond Village Hall.*

Village Hall
- *earmarked as refuge but in the past water has come up to main entrance;*
- *investigate* https://bluepages.org.uk/ *directory of flood protection products such as floodsax and/or flood doors (how to fund?)*
- *to investigate light/heat in Village Hall – would Northern Powergrid provide a generator?*
- *Need to triage residents if they come to Village Hall (use registration forms) as capacity for sleeping and toilet provision limited.*

Household Emergency Plan
- *Important to encourage residents to help themselves, and then their neighbours*
- *Ask NYC if they can provide 300 copies of their Leaflet;*
- *If weather forecast looks bad, put warning out on social media and remind people to prepare;*
- *Advise residents to follow government advice, three days food, keep car fuelled up, peg down wheelie bins, or whatever is relevant to the situation.*

All committee members to familiarise themselves with the detail of the Community Resilience Plan!

2. **Any other considerations the committee might wish to bring to the attention of the parish council.**

- **Yorkshire Water** – why did Dishforth get bottled water but not Rainton during the recent lack of water?
- There was a discussion about the necessity of a wind-up radio.