

**Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Rainton with Newby Parish Council Held at Rainton
Village Hall at 19:30 on 23rd November 2021**

Present: Cllr P Speed (Chair), Cllr O Jones, Cllr C Egerton, Cllr J Williams, County Cllr M Atkinson, K Pettitt (Clerk) and one member of the public.

2122/037 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from District Cllr Bateman.

2122/038 Declarations of interest

- a) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications of dispensation

Resolved: None were received.

2122/039 To receive a report from Councillor Bateman at Harrogate Borough Council

In Cllr Bateman's absence, County Cllr Atkinson reported as follows; it was very much business as usual at HBC. It had been agreed to replace Knaresborough Pool. There were delays on processing planning applications. HBC were currently advertising for a number of roles to be filled. It was confirmed that HBC do not charge Parishes to hold elections. A new government grant was available for people in financial difficulty which would give up to £250 in food vouchers. Details could be found on the NYCC website under Household Support Fund. In addition, support for heating could be found under "My Energy Grant" via HBC. HBC had also planned a Christmas Fair at Pannal and children's activities such as a helter-skelter and carousel in the town centre.

2122/040 To receive a report from Councillor Atkinson at North Yorkshire County Council

County Cllr Atkinson reported as follows: There had been several online sessions regarding the setting up of the new Unitary Authority. There would be elections in May 2022 for the new Council, which would have a term of 5 years. The first year would be spent shadowing the current councils. Parish Councils would also have their elections and the term would also be for 5 years. They would not be forced to take on any further responsibilities from above.

NYCC strongly advised people to get their covid booster jabs. There were over 250 care homes in the area and over 50 had been affected by covid outbreaks despite residents being "double-jabbed". There was a shortage of care workers and NYCC were advertising the vacancies. 97% of those affected by the Bilsdale transmitter failure were now able to access their televisions. Speeding had become one of the major in issues within village parishes.

Cllr Speed brought up the situation regarding the temporary repairs made to the bridge over the dyke between Rainton and Baldersby St James. The situation was getting worse and needed focus from Area 6 Highways, who so far had not responded to the Clerk's numerous emails. County Cllr Atkinson would take this up with Area 6 and report back to the Parish Council.

Action County Cllr Atkinson

There had been a number of concerns raised regarding street lighting in Rainton, by parishioners, which was deemed unsatisfactory. County Cllr Atkinson would raise this with Area 6 as well. It could

also be reported via the NYCC website under Street Lighting Improvement, which the Clerk would investigate.

Action County Cllr Atkinson / The Clerk

2122/041 Public Participation

A member of the public reported that parking in the village had become a problem, leading to a number of dangerous situations, especially during busy times of the day. This was due to be discussed under item 2122/ 047e.

2122/042 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 as a true and correct record.

Resolved: The minutes were signed as a true and correct record.

2122/043 To receive the Clerks Report

Resolved: The Clerk's report was approved. The Clerk signalled his intention of tabling various governance documentation for the Parish Council to sign off in January.

Action: The Clerk

2122/044 Financial Matters

a) To approve the bank reconciliation and budget comparison for November 2021

The clerk noted that, after outstanding payments were considered the Parish Council had £9,953.01 in the bank. Performance against budget was satisfactory.

Resolved: The bank reconciliation and budget comparison were approved.

b) To approve the Schedule of Payments

Resolved: The following payments were approved:

15.10.21		741 CE & CM Walker	Unrestricted	Grasscutting		£	369.60
16.10.21		742 D Gartside (Tree Pruning)	Unrestricted	Village Grounds Maintenance		£	295.00
23.11.21		743 CE & CM Walker	Unrestricted	Grasscutting		£	184.80
28.10.21	S/O	K A Pettitt (Oct Salary)	Unrestricted	Salary and related costs		£	183.62
23.11.21		744 K A Pettitt (November Expenses)	Unrestricted	Office expenses		£	30.30
23.11.21		745 HMRC	Unrestricted	Salary and related costs		£	72.40
23.11.21		746 K A Pettitt (Defib Pads)	Net Amount	Misc.		£	40.95
23.11.21			VAT	Misc.		£	8.19

c) To approve the draft budget for 2022/2023 as circulated.

A query was raised regarding the budgeted I.T. cost of £200. This was later proved to be the annual website fee.

Resolved: The budget for 2022/2023 of £6,720 was approved (representing a 1.3% increase on 2021/2022).

2122/045 Planning Matters

a) To note and agree the Planning Summary for the year

Resolved: The Planning Summary was approved with a suggestion that a hyperlink be inserted to allow examination of the original application to be simpler.

Action: The Clerk

2122/046 Correspondence Received.

a) Emails regarding inadequate street lighting within the village.

This had been discussed in 2122/040 earlier. Cllr Speed also brought up the issue of light number 9 on Sleight Lane. It was also noted that a parishioner had been informed by Area 6, that the parish council was responsible for some of the lighting in the village, with which she had concerns and that Area 6 would contact the Parish Council. No such contact had been forthcoming.

Resolved: The Clerk was to write to Area 6 to enquire which lights, in their opinion, were the parish council responsible for.

Action: The Clerk

b) Children's Play Area Inspection

Resolved: The Clerk had received the invoice for the inspection and had passed it on to the relevant parties. It was noted that the responsibility for any repairs lay with that committee.

2122/047 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

a) To receive an update on the temporary repairs made to the bridge over the dyke between Rainton and Baldersby St James.

This item was dealt with under 2122/040.

b) To receive an update on the flushing of drains.

The Clerk had been in contact with Yorkshire Water, who had confirmed that this would be done monthly. When he had followed this up with a number of emails requesting a schedule of dates, the email address had "bounced".

Resolved: The Clerk was to pursue with Yorkshire Water.

Action: The Clerk

c) To confirm the status of the defibrillator battery

Cllr Williams reported that everything was in working order, and new pads had been ordered and received. A number of people from the Table Tennis Club had expressed interest in being trained on the equipment and had been put in contact with North Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Another 4 parishioners had also expressed an interest and they had been included with the table tennis group.

d) To discuss overhanging trees and hedges affecting pathways in the village.

The meeting noted that some parishioners had seen the notice in the newsletter and had acted upon it. There were still 5 or 6 properties which needed attention.

Resolved: It was agreed that a personal approach to the individuals concerned should be made.

Action: All Councillors

e) To discuss Parking Issues within the Village.

This had been raised earlier under 2122/041. The major problem seemed to be at the building site.

Resolved: Cllr Speed would contact the Planning Office to check on what restrictions had been placed on the builders. He would then discuss the concerns raised with the site manager.

Action: Cllr Speed

2122/048 Matters raised by Councillors.

a) To discuss the process for tendering for grass cutting in FY2022/2023.

Resolved: The Clerk would go out to tender for this service with 3 prospective suppliers. He would check files, along with liaising with the current supplier, for any documentation and maps that would support the invitation to tender.

Action: The Clerk

b) To discuss the condition of the footpaths within the village.

The Clerk had written to both Area 6 and HBC regarding leaf clearing and stray roots, but as yet had had no response.

Resolved: The Clerk would continue to pursue.

Action: The Clerk

c) To discuss the implications of moving to bi-monthly meetings.

Resolved: It was agreed to revert to monthly meetings commencing January 2022.

2122/049 To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Following discussions after the meeting this was set for January 11th, 2022, at 19:30

The meeting closed at 9:10.