

Rainton with Newby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at Rainton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Speed (Chairman)
Cllr C Egerton (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr S Campbell
Cllr J Edwards
Cllr J Harwood
Cllr O Jones
Cllr J Williams

Clerk: In the Clerk's absence, Cllr Harwood took the Minutes.
In attendance: Three Parishioners and one member of the public.

116/2324 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: the Clerk.

117/2324 To receive Councillors' declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations: there were no declarations of interest.

118/2324 Parishioners' Representations: one of the Parishioners asked the Council to follow up the problem of street light No 6 which had been reported to NYC twice in 2023 and was still not working, even though he had been assured it would be fixed within three months. He also wished to thank the parish council for their continuing support in lobbying NYC for the village to be reinstated on the No 70 bus route.

The member of the public said he would like to speak to Item 122.

119/2324 County Matters

- a. Public Footpath No 15.110/2 - to receive an update from the Public Rights of Way Officer, Countryside Access Team at NYC: the Officer had informed the Clerk that she would be writing to the landowner to remind them of their responsibilities in respect of keeping the footpath clear of obstacles and in a safe condition.
- b. To note that the repair to the bridge at Fell Beck is permanent and not a temporary repair: a new culvert had been built and repairs made to the road surface.
- c. Blocked footpath outside the Lamb Inn: Cllr Jones agreed to speak to the landowner, to ask them to move the blocks further back and off the public highway.
- d. To discuss street lighting issues: outstanding issues remained unresolved and the new bulb in the street light on Back Lane had again stopped working. The Clerk to contact Highways.

120/2324 Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 January 2024: it was resolved to approve the Minutes, to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

121/2324 Matters Arising

- a. Min 106(b): To note that the tenders have gone out for the No 70 bus route which includes Rainton: noted.
- b. Min 109(a): Responses from National Highways, Area6 Highways NYC and Yorkshire Water following their meeting on 16 January; together with a summary of a 2012 report prepared for a local landowner in 2012 following the upgrading of the A1: the Clerk had summarised the report and circulated it to councillors; as yet no report had been received from NYC, although they had sent heavy duty machinery to jet the Highways gullies. Several points were raised by councillors:
 - 1) How did this align with the Parish Charter
 - 2) The Fire Service had attended and pumped away a quantity of water
 - 3) A damaged fire hydrant had been noted on Sleights Lane and a resident had reported it
 - 4) There is concern that water from the A1(M) coming via the attenuation pond is contaminating local spring water
 - 5) Concerns were raised about damage caused to the road surface and to gully grates by the flood water
- c. Min 112(b): to confirm the terms of reference for the Emergency Committee: membership of the committee had now been confirmed, and would include three parishioners and four councillors, with the Clerk providing secretarial support.

Other matters arising are included under Council Business

122/2324 Planning Matters

- a. Applications
 - NY/2023/0230/FUL planning application for the purposes of the Installation of an Electrocoagulation Unit at the existing operational Rainton Sewage Treatment Works on land at Sewage Works Carr Lane YO7 3PS. The Council made the following observations:
 - Carr Lane is a part-adopted public highway and part unadopted track leading to the Recreation Ground, the STW and the fields beyond. It is a single-track lane, which is used regularly by walkers, children going to the Play Area, the cricket Club, farmers and stable owners, as well as Yorkshire Water transit vans. *Therefore, during the works, serious consideration must be given to a traffic plan and speed limit with pedestrians having priority.*
 - Alongside Carr Lane is an approximately 216 metres long open drainage ditch; the integrity of the village's road drainage systems is dependent on this drain being kept clear at all times. *What safeguards will be put in place to prevent damage to this watercourse?*
 - There are already potholes on the lane. *Will YW prepare the lane to support the building work and will it repair the track when the work is finished?*
 - There has been a history of flooding in Rainton for a long number of years, including untreated sewage erupting into the streets and residents' gardens. *Will the proposal improve or eliminate this problem?*
 - *Will there be a high level of noise during the building work?*

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting and for his very useful contribution to the discussion.

123/2324 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts: the following were approved for payment:
 1. YLCA, new councillor training sessions: £66.80
 2. Clerk's salary (28 February 2024) Gross £283.50 Net £248.70
- b. Receipts: noted.
 - a. Northern Powergrid, Wayleave Agreement 2024: £102.65
- c. To note bank balance and bank reconciliation: in the Clerk's absence, this was deferred to the next meeting.
- d. To note award of a grant of £500 from the NYC Locality Budget towards the cost of the renovation of public benches in Rainton, as recommended by Cllr Nick Brown. Noted, with the relevant forms to be completed and signed at the next meeting.
- e. To note that the S137 level for 2024/2025 will increase from £9.93 to £10.81 per elector (303 electors as at current date). Noted.
- f. To agree appointment of Mrs Jane Marlow as Internal Auditor. It was resolved to approve this appointment at an agreed fee of £120.
- g. To agree acceptance of NYC funding of £182.92 for five cuts per year of visibility splays in the parish, based on the rate of 8p per m² and to note NYC advice on biodiversity on verges. It was resolved that the parish council would be responsible for cutting these areas at the rate offered by NYC.
- h. To discuss subscribing to a digital mapping service at a cost of £50 p.a. <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/services/digital-mapping-software> . In the Clerk's absence, to return to the next meeting.

124/2324 Council Business

- a. A report from Cllr Williams on the status of the defibrillator battery: Cllr Williams reported that she had inspected the unit and all was in order.
- b. Biodiversity Duties, Environment Act 2021: to receive suggestions from parishioners for enhancing biodiversity within the parish: only one resident had responded with a suggestion that some wildflower planting could be done on part of the Village Green at the junction of Church Lane and Sleights Lane. It was agreed that this should be investigated further, although there was some reservation about the upkeep of such a scheme.
- c. Tree Planting on verges: a letter from the owner of Broomside Field: The landowner did not wish to give permission for tree planting on the verge for several reasons.
- d. To agree the annual Tree Risk Survey of trees on the Village Greens: it was agreed that this should go out to appropriate firms for quotations in accordance with the Council's Tree Management Policy.

- e. To agree distribution of the Lions MIABs: in the absence of the Clerk, to return to the Agenda.

125/2324 Correspondence

- a. To receive YLCA January/February 2024 editions of White Rose Bulletin and Law & Governance Bulletin: noted.

126/2324 Exchange of Information

- a. A Parishioner reported four potholes opposite the entrance to Robinson Avenue; the tarmac in the area also appeared unfinished.
- b. The Village Litter Pick was due and Cllr Jones agreed that he would make arrangements for it.

127/2324 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting:
Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting of the Emergency Response Committee arranged for Thursday 15 February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall had had to be cancelled due to the Clerk's illness.

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