

Litter.

As the days begin to grow warmer, more of us will be spending time outdoors and enjoying the lovely village that we live in. The Ravenshead Litter Force team recently conducted two litter picks, collecting in excess of 50 bin bags of litter. It was pleasing to see 25 volunteers helping on our last collection. The majority of litter came from roads surrounding the village, mainly fast food wrappers. The inner roads were relatively litter free, due to the courtesy shown by residents, but also due to the efforts of those who litter pick independently. Thank you for your support.

Dog fouling.

The Leisure Centre site unfortunately continues to attract dog walkers. There is ample signage to show that dogs are not allowed on the site, as is common practice on all sports grounds. This also includes the common land leading to Swallow Crescent. It is not a pleasant experience for the volunteers who look after that land, to find dog excrement. Please exercise your animals elsewhere and set a better example to the young people of the village by obeying the local rule.

Planning matters.

The article below has been kindly submitted by Cllr Stuart Bestwick, Chair of the Parish Council planning committee.

Some of you may have seen reports in the local press concerning a couple of planning issues in Ravenshead. One related to a development of up to 11 houses on Kighill Lane. Ravenshead Parish Council has objected to this as we believe there would be too many houses for such a small plot and that the design of the houses themselves, would not be in keeping with those in the immediate surrounding area.

Generally, the Parish Council continues to oppose the over development of land within Ravenshead and developments that lead to an overbearing or incongruous appearance which alter the street scene. We also continue to look to maintain the open character of the village and the large residential gardens, where possible.

Unfortunately, whilst Ravenshead Parish Council may strongly object to these developments, it is Gedling Borough Council Planners who usually have the final say.

In another locally reported instance, a resident had failed to obtain planning permission for an alteration, that Gedling Borough Council consequently asked them to remove. This is a very rare occurrence in Ravenshead, as most residents do seek planning permission before commencing work.

If you have any questions concerning planning in Ravenshead, in the first instance, please contact one of the Parish Clerks (Belinda or Amanda) office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

If you need to apply for planning permission, the application form site can be found at www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol

The Queens's Platinum Jubilee Village Picnic, Friday June 3rd.



As mentioned last month, plans are well advanced in preparation for a village picnic on Friday June 3rd to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event will take place at the Village Hall with residents being encouraged to bring a picnic and tables and chairs. Chairs can be provided for those who will struggle to carry them, as will transport via the Village Bus.

The event will be from 1.00pm – 5.00pm with the focal point being the raising of the Union Flag, a blessing by the Vicar, and the singing of the national anthem, at 3.00pm. The bar will be open and teas and coffees will also be available. Entertainment is also being organised.

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