

Ravenshead Parish Council

Ravenshead Litter Force

Litter picking volunteers were out and about in the village on Friday 9th February and a further session is planned for Saturday 2nd March. Regular volunteers will be contacted with the details. However, if anyone else would like to offer two hours of their time to enhance our fantastic village, please contact the Parish Clerks on 01623 490035 or office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

Council tax village precept

At our January Parish Council meeting, Councillors were presented with several options regarding setting a balanced budget for 2024/25. A unanimous decision was made to put forward a proposal to increase the village element of the council tax by a modest amount. For a typical Band D property, this will result in an increase by 5.3p a week or £2.79 a year, at 4.97%. With inflation still running considerably higher, particularly for utility bills, this was considered by Parish Councillors to be a necessary increase. As mentioned previously, no financial support is given from Gedling towards the cost of providing facilities within Ravenshead, this has to be found from the precept.

Parking issues

Ravenshead Parish Council is aware that there have been several posts made recently on Facebook about parking issues within the village. Comments have been made asking what the Parish Council is doing about it.

The Parish Council recognises that parking on pavements is a contentious issue, but space should always be left for pedestrians, double buggies and wheelchair/mobility scooters to pass, without being forced onto the road.

Enforcement is a police matter and as with all other policing issues, residents should, if necessary, voice their concerns by dialling 101. The Parish Council, will if notified, politely write to residents who routinely block pavements and if there is no improvement, contact the Police. This has happened recently with the Police speaking to tradesmen working at a property within the village.

As with all issues, let's try to think of others, particularly if there is a need to park on a pavement.

Despite numerous requests, pavements are still often difficult to navigate due to overgrown hedges. Please inspect your hedge and if it extends beyond your boundary, please cut it back.

GBC consultation

Gedling Borough Council has launched a consultation on its latest [Equality and Diversity Policy](#) and is inviting residents to have their say.

The policy sets out clearly the commitment that the council has to promote equality and diversity both within the organisation and through service delivery and how it aims to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and challenge inequalities.

To have your say visit www.gedling.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

Sinkholes update

As mentioned last time, our second sinkhole has been attended to by the Coal Authority and the football pitch is back in action. My hope, that was the last one we would encounter was unfortunately short lived, as another small one has appeared on pitch 1a. Again, prompt work from the Coal Authority has enabled the pitch to be back in use fairly quickly.

Street signs

Eagle eyed and observant residents, will have noticed that several missing or worn street signs have been replaced recently by Gedling BC staff. You may have also noticed that there is still a missing sign where Lea Road meets Church Drive. When the sign came to be installed, it was noticed that Lea was spelt Lee. The sign has now gone back to be altered. At least it wasn't installed and left place!

Martin Smith

Chairman, Ravenshead Parish Council