

Ravenshead Parish Council

Gedling Local Housing Plan

Unfortunately, as we anticipated, Labour controlled Gedling Borough Council, has recently unveiled its new housing plan for 2028 to 2043. They are putting forward a proposal to allow 920 homes to be built in Ravenshead. Yes, you did read that correctly. It will completely alter this village if it is allowed to go ahead. To help residents understand more about this, we have made arrangements for Ravenshead residents to discuss the plans at a **Public Drop-In Session**. This will be held at Ravenshead Leisure Centre on Thursday 4th June, 4-9 pm. Councillors will be available to answer questions and to guide residents towards submitting objections.

All is not lost, objections will be seen by a National Planning Inspector with a public hearing, possibly scheduled next year. Let's work together as a community to stop these houses being imposed on us. Your Parish Council will be working alongside your Gedling Borough Councillors (myself Cllr Smith, Cllr Bestwick and Cllr Pickering), to have this decision reversed. We will be employing the services of a Planning Consultant to help with our objections and are also attempting to secure the support of our MP.

If you are unable to attend the drop-in session but would still like to receive information about how to object, please contact the Parish Clerks office@ravensheadpc.org.uk or telephone 01623 490035.

Parish Council accounts

The Parish Council accounts have recently been the subject of both an internal and external audit and have once again passed with flying colours. Thank you to Belinda Kalka, our RFO (Responsible Finance Officer) and Parish Clerk, for keeping our finances in such good order. The accounts are available for public inspection and a summary will be placed both on our website and on the Parish Council noticeboard in the precinct. Inspection is by appointment only, 3rd June - 14th July.

Annual Parish Meeting

As previously advertised, the Annual Parish meeting was held on 18th May. In addition to a report being delivered on the activities of the Council in the preceding twelve months, it was also an opportunity for residents to ask any questions. Thank you to the residents who attended and participated. It must be assumed that as no other issues were raised, residents must be happy with the running of the Parish Council!!

Letter to the Editor – May newsletter

Thank you to all the Ravenshead residents who contacted either the Parish Council, or me personally, to comment on the letter submitted to the editor of the newsletter. So many

supportive comments were received, as well as praise and admiration for what the volunteer Parish Councillors do for this village, thank you. Freedom of speech is a tremendous strength of this country, but everyone must realise that what is said or published by others, is not always accurate or true.

60th Anniversary of Ravenshead

Please join us on 20th June at the Village Hall to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Ravenshead. Please see the poster elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Martin Smith

Chairman, Ravenshead Parish Council