

RAVENSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PARISH PRECEPT – 2012/2013

Readers will be aware from previous items in the Ravenshead Newsletter that Gedling Borough Council is totally withdrawing financial Parish Aid support which helps to fund Leisure and Play Park facilities in Ravenshead. This severe cut has been implemented in conformity with a Labour Party Manifesto Pledge in the 2011 Gedling Borough Council Elections. Ravenshead Leisure Centre charges have been increased beyond inflation this year, to bring us close to fee levels applied across the Borough, but this is not sufficient to compensate for the cuts being imposed.

In order to balance our revenue budget, the Parish is having to very reluctantly implement a SUPPLEMENTARY PRECEPT totalling £14 per Band D household per year, spread over the next two years – £7.00 this year and £7.00 next year. And, as before, the normal Precept which covers inflation will also be included.

These increases will be evident in the Spring when the next Council Tax Bill lands on the doormat. The overall Parish Precept demand will show as a significant 26.80% increase on the current level of £29.43, comprising 23.8% (£7.00) SUPPLEMENTARY PRECEPT and 3.0% (£0.89) normal Parish Precept at Band D. The annual overall cost per household per year works out as follows for each Band – and will be payable from April 2012.

A-£24.88 B-£29.03 C-£33.17 D-£37.32 E-£45.61 F-£53.91 G-£62.20 H-£74.64

We estimate that Band D will have further increased by year two (2013/2014) to a level of around £45.27, to take in the second SUPPLEMENTARY PRECEPT of a further £7.00.

STREET SIGNS

Cllr. Mrs. Patricia Andrews and Mrs. Yvonne Jones have carried out their periodic inspection of our street signs in and around the Village and have referred a list of physical repair requirements to NCC. They also observed that many signs are in need of cleaning and Cllr. Andrews expressed the hope that some public spirited residents might be willing to lend a hand in this regard.

POLICING

Inspector Andrew Knight has been appointed to lead the North Gedling Neighbourhood Police Team and has recently visited the Parish Council. We understand that the location of our local Beat Team is still not settled although “desk facilities” which allow face to face contact and reporting have moved to Carlton. However, contact can now be made with the use of the 101 non-emergency telephone number. A recent meeting has set local police priorities for the next three months – Speeding & Vehicle Nuisance – Anti Social Behaviour – Fear of Crime/Public Reassurance – so we should expect more speed checks and more “Bobbies on the Beat”.

THE QUEEN’S DIAMOND JUBILEE – 4th June 2012

We are in discussion with the Ravenshead Scouts concerning the possibility of organising a Fun Afternoon at the Leisure Centre site, culminating in a bonfire and firework display in the evening – to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Support for such an event would be most welcome from Village Clubs, Groups and Businesses willing to participate in the organisation or in the provision of fun day facilities.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Abbey Gates Women’s Institute has written with concern about the preservation of our Library Services. Whilst the Parish Council has no financial or legislative powers concerning Libraries, we do share the WI’s concern and will raise our voice wherever and whenever we can in defence of this provision in Ravenshead.

VILLAGE ENTRY SIGNS

Nottinghamshire County Council is due to replace our five Village Entry signs, through their LIS Fund. Our County Councillor, Chris Barnfather will be happy to receive any design suggestions, since the signs could carry local themes similar to those evident in neighbouring villages.

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