

RAVENSDEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2018

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
Date of meetings for 2018/19 are:

Oct 9th 2018
Nov 27th 2018
Jan 22nd 2019
Mar 26th 2019
May 21st 2019 (annual meeting)

LOCAL M.P.

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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

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KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to know about (or contribute to) village concerns and events please contact Mike Hudson on mike@ravensdenvillage.org.uk to be added to the email address list everyone@ravensdenvillage.org.uk

For any Parish Council information please look at the website www.bedsparishes.gov.uk and select Ravensden.

COMMUNITY LITTERPICKS

The Borough Council continues to sponsor 2 community litter picks in Ravensden each year.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the community litterpick in April 2018. It was very much appreciated.

We filled many bags of rubbish from our verges and ditches. We also intend to have another litter pick in October, the date is to be announced.

We would appreciate two hours of your time to help keep our village looking tidy and pleasant. We meet in the layby next to the Curry Mansion. All gloves, tongs etc. are provided by the Borough Council.

BULKY WASTE

There will be a bulky waste removal skip sited in the village – dates and locations can be found on the Bedford Borough website at <http://www.bedford.gov.uk/recycling>

VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

The daffodils and trees planted around the village help to beautify our environment. If anyone has any further ideas, please contact Bernie Russell on 772230.

OUR NEW RURAL POLICE CONTACT FOR RAVENSDEN IS:

PC 6270 Charlotte NORRIS, Community North Rural Team, Bedfordshire Police, Biggleswade Police Station, Station Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8AL. Tel: 0123484(2515) E-mail: charlotte.norris@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk She will be working with PCSO Jamie GOODRUM.

WWI COMMEMORATION

Ravensden Village organisations are coming together to remember the end of WWI and the sacrifices made. Following the traditional memorial service at the church on Sunday 11th November 2018, there will be an event at the village hall from 12.00 noon. We shall be sharing a simple lunch, with music of the period. There will be an opportunity to share memories and memorabilia.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Please could residents ask their visitors not to park on pavements; it does present a hazard for buggies and pedestrians. This has improved, but still ongoing. Please be thoughtful and considerate of your fellow residents. Cars belong on driveways or parked safely on the road.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

The promised white lines have now been painted along Oldways Road.

The Parish Council has purchased a electronic traffic advice sign which, when programmed, can be positioned in various parts of the village at different times. Initially it will be installed in Oldways Road. This will enable traffic monitoring and will hopefully remind drivers of speed limits. Monitoring information will be passed on to our local police contact.

PARISH HOUSING UPDATE

Grand Union Housing Association is in the process of developing 8 houses/ bungalows in the Butler street area. If there are no objections building will start during 2018

CHURCH

Following the appeal for support for our ancient and historic church the Friends of Ravensden Church have organised various events and thank you for your support. It still needs considerable renovation as well as support towards its annual running costs but we are now almost at the point when work on the roof can begin. If you have any brilliant fundraising ideas or are able to help in any way please contact Alison Baggott, Acting Church Warden (771919). The Church Friends have so far raised in the region of £18000, a fantastic effort by the people of Ravensden.

GRANTS

A generous grant this year has been awarded by the Parish Council to Ravensden All Saints Church.

COMMUNITY TRUST

The Community Trust aims to serve the community of Ravensden. Grants are awarded for personal development, and people who are in need. This might include students or youngsters furthering their education, or career development. It might also include people who struggle to finance unforeseen expenditure, for example washing machine or boiler breakdown.

The grant might also be awarded for people in financial need who require taxis to hospital, or parking fees to visit relatives. Carers might also apply.

The Trust wants to support the local community, so please apply. All applications are treated in confidence. For more details contact Bernie Russell or Helen Hudson.

Local Community Groups

Our local WI has recently celebrated its 60th anniversary. We have 44 members and meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We are very sociable and friendly, and always welcome new members. We are not your traditional "jam and Jerusalem" meeting, but include social events, a book discussion group, walks, talks on a variety of topics and meals out. For more information please contact Jane Ferguson, Treasurer on 771971.

Community Cuppa meets monthly in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to this friendly group. Entry is £2.00 and includes tea and cake.