

# Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

## Newsletter August 2022

Dear Residents

Although we still have some roadworks within the Park which detract from the normal appearance I think that you will agree that the top entrance is looking particularly good following the recent painting of the white chains and posts and also the adjoining woodwork. This is just one of the many items that have been dealt with by your Council this year and I would like to thank them all for their commitment and dedication in keeping Bownham Park to a very high standard of maintenance.

The AGM will be held this year on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at The Bear starting at 8pm. In the 30 minutes beforehand, from 7.30pm, there will be an opportunity to meet socially with friends, neighbours, Council Members and myself. So please try to attend and come early to say hello. Your attendance is particularly important this year as we have come to the end of the ten year budget cycle and we need your opinions and preferences for future planning and also to discuss ideas and projects for the future.

Dave will soon be sending out an AGM 'business pack' which requests nominations for the Council as well as Proxy Forms. If you are unable to attend the meeting it is very important that you complete a Proxy in order to ensure a quorum as without it the meeting must be abandoned. This is very simple and Dave will provide details with the usual AGM document pack but if in doubt please phone and ask.

*Graham Hopkins* –Chairman BPRRAL

### **1. Upgrade of all Bownham Park gas pipes from metal to plastic**

As explained in the last Newsletter we objected to the proposed four year delay in commencing the start of the "second phase" and hence the Contractors returned in May to complete the works and despite the numerous complications that have arisen have done very well to keep close to the schedule with completion at the end of September. A large excavation may still be required near to the Tee junction which may require a temporary closure at the top of the Bovis Hill.

### **2. Planning Applications and Covenants**

All properties within Bownham Park have a covenant requiring that Planning Applications are also submitted to the BPRRAL Council for approval. Whilst it is not an actual requirement it is also suggested that neighbours are consulted in advance to explain the details and possibly forestall any concerns.

### **3. Annual Maintenance Fee now overdue**

Whilst the heatwave may have made us all a little lethargic our Treasurer, Warren Richards, is hoping that those residents who have not yet paid their Annual Maintenance Fee of £220 will now do so.

### **4. Good Neighbours**

Although the famous Australian soap opera "Neighbours" has finally reached the end of the road (no pun intended) it is remarkable that the series lasted for 37 years with a world-wide audience. With that in mind please note that we, quite rightly, only have the contact details of our actual residents on file and no information at all of any relatives or contacts that may be required in an emergency. So, in the spirit of "Good Neighbours," please may we ask you to check and see if you can help with this problem?

Dave Kilmister

Secretary BPRRAL August 2022