

# Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

## Newsletter November 2022

Dear Residents,

The (47<sup>th</sup>) AGM, held at The Bear Hotel on 26<sup>th</sup> September, was well attended and the financial accounts for the period 2021-2022 submitted by Warren Richards our Treasurer, were approved. He reported that the April 2022 year-end balance was over £63k but also mentioned that there were still several houses who had not paid their Annual Fee for this year. He was thanked for his diligent work and it was then approved that the annual Maintenance Fee remains at £220. Your Council members were re-elected as follows: David Kilmister – Secretary (No 46) Tel: 872118, Warren Richards – Treasurer (No 83) Tel: 872994. Council members Graham Hopkins (No 85) Tel: 873449, Keith Eyles (No 23) Tel: 872729, Tim Love (No 67), Dan Morris (No 49) and Claire Moine (No 75) Tel 872189 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Also elected to join the Council Dr Robert Oldham (No 22). Under A.O.B it was requested that a note be included in the Newsletter that there are now many more foxes in the park and that people had been feeding them which not only results in them becoming much less cautious around humans and their properties but also risks that the food left out could also be attracting rats and other vermin.

Graham Hopkins – Chairman BPRRAL

### 1. Leaf Sweep

It had been previously agreed that road sweeps should be done more frequently and the first one this season has been arranged for **Monday 21st November**. In order to achieve maximum efficiency it would be much appreciated if, next weekend, some of our more active residents were able to go out and rake the leaves off the verges and onto the roads for the mechanical road sweeper to collect.

### 2. Winter Preparations

Salt bins will be topped up, it only requires a thin covering of salt to melt snow, so please be frugal! Please note that the salt is for the roads in the park only, not for parking spaces or driveways. In the event of any significant snowfall, please avoid parking on the main roads if possible.

### 3. Vehicle activated speed sign, short term trial

In the March 2022 Newsletter we reported on the continuing investigations on the feasibility of such a trial within Bownham Park and can now report that Rodborough Council have agreed the free loan of the machine which you may have noticed operating on the main road across the Common and in other locations. Discussions will shortly be taking place in regard to the best locations within The Park and other operating factors but full details will be announced before the trial commences.

### 4. <https://what3words.com> House identification system

In use by the police, emergency services, delivery companies, [what3words](https://what3words.com) has sectioned the whole world into 3 metre squares each with its own three word designation. For example, if your car broke down on the Bownham Park cattle grid you give the AA the words index.rubble.punctured and they easily find you. It even works if you are out in the country and nowhere near a road. Most delivery companies use it so please check your house on the map to find your three words and give it a try.

Thank you, and on behalf of the Council, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Regards,

Dave Kilmister – Secretary BPRRAL