

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

Newsletter August 2014

Dear Residents,

Many thanks to all for a successful AGM; attached herewith are the draft minutes prepared by Martin. The 31st March 2014 Balance Sheet showed total assets of £40,935, which was remarkably close to our long term budget. However, as we had unexpected expenditure for surface water drain repairs and with the possibility of additional problems in the future, it was decided to increase the Annual Maintenance Fee to £220 in 2015 instead of 2016 as originally planned. No further increases are expected for some years providing we keep reasonably close to our long term budget.

We welcome Jane Stevens (No51) 872284 as a new Council member. The other Council members are: Graham Hopkins – Chairman (No85) 873449, Martin Clements – Secretary (No59) 873399, Nigel Pegg – Treasurer (No36) 873467, Council members Keith Eyles (No23) 872729, Richard Smith (No1) 873641, Warren Richards (No83) 872994, David Kilmister (No46) 872118. Mrs. Kath Breckon (No81) has kindly stepped forward to take over the position of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

It seems that most residents are honouring their commitment to comply with the 20mph speed limit. However there are some residents who are regularly driving carelessly particularly at the Tee junction at the top entrance. When entering please STOP AT THE WHITE LINE before turning right or left. When turning right to leave after driving up the Bovis hill, please DRIVE AROUND that same white line without cutting off the corner. Also when entering the Park try not to cut off the corner when coming off the common.

Finally, the fire engine that was recently parked outside my house was to call your attention to the **Free Home Fire Safety Checks** currently on offer by Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service. Not only do they check your home and provide excellent advice but will also fit free **Smoke Alarms** with 10 year batteries. To receive your **Free Home Fire Safety Check** at a time convenient to you, please call **Free** on 0800 180 41 40 or visit the website www.glosfire.gov.uk. The visit to my house was arranged by my daughter and was 1st class.
Graham Hopkins Chairman BPRRAL

1. Hedges and verges

During the summer we had a sweep of our roads carried out and this has improved the look of the Park. A further sweep will be organised for December to collect the usual autumnal leaves.

As always at this time of the year you are requested to cut back any overhanging braches and hedges in line with the road haunching. There are still some areas of the park where hedges in particular have grown over the road and the road has become much narrower thus causing potential traffic problems.

We all enjoy the Park and its environments and hope that everyone will do their best to keep it neat and tidy.

2. Telephone List

Please find attached the latest telephone list. Please check your details and advise me of any amendments.

Martin Clements
Secretary BPRRAL
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