

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

Newsletter August 2018

Dear Residents,

Many thanks to all for a successful AGM which was very well attended. Attached herewith are the draft minutes prepared by Martin. Our Treasurer, Jane Stevens, reported that on 31st March 2018 we had total assets of £76,383 which means that we can now confidently proceed with re-surfacing some sections of the roads.

Your Council members are: Graham Hopkins – Chairman (No 85) 873449, Martin Clements – Secretary (No 59) 873399, Warren Richards– Treasurer (No 83) 872994 Council members Keith Eyles (No 23) 872729, Jane Stevens (No 51) 872284, Richard Smith (No 1) 873641, Emma Naumann (No 21), David Kilmister (No 46) 872118. David is also our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Graham Hopkins Chairman BPRRA

1. New Residents

We welcome Mr. & Mrs Davies at number 43, Mr & Mrs Garrod at number 35 and Mr. & Mrs Mitchell at number 6. We hope that you and your families have many happy and enjoyable years in Bownham Park.

2. Leaf Sweep

Following a request at the AGM a leaf sweep of the Park was arranged in July. It completely filled the largest road sweeper that Smith's had with 6 cu.mtrs of leaves. The Park now looks in very good condition. A further sweep will be carried out to collect the autumn leaves in late November.

As always at this time of the year, your council requests that residents cut back hedges and overhanging branches on their property, especially on corners. In some cases tree branches protrude nearly two feet into the road so causing a potential hazard to both car drivers and pedestrians.

3. Road Repairs

We will be carrying out road re-surfacing and repairs in certain areas around the Park. Full details will be sent out once we have quotations from selected companies and decided on when and how the work will be done.

4. Road Safety

Throughout the UK the number of delivery vans on the roads has increased dramatically as a result of on-line shopping and we have to accept that situation for our private roads in Bownham Park. With the convenience of having groceries, Amazon and all kinds of parcel deliveries to our doors means that we should also participate in ensuring that this is done safely. We should set an example by strictly observing the 20mph speed limit, and perhaps getting into the habit of reminding the delivery drivers that come to our doors to do the same! Don't cut corners at junctions and bends and similarly please do not park on the road for long periods especially opposite corners. When driving be aware of the possibility of school children walking in the roads, as parents, encourage them to do so safely particularly as the dark evenings approach, and of course children playing in the roads is definitely not permitted. Bownham Park is a great place to live, please do your bit to make it safer.

5. Telephone List and draft AGM minutes

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

Martin Clements
Secretary BPRRA
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