

# Bownham Park Rodborough Residents' Association Ltd

## Newsletter February 2020

Dear Residents,

Many thanks to Warren Richards who, in addition to his Treasurer duties, also arranged and supervised the leaf sweep around the Park a few days ago. Well done Warren, it certainly looks very good. Also a 'thank you' to two residents who came along to our last Council meeting with a view to volunteering to becoming members of the Resident's Council. This would be very good timing as there will be some changes taking place at the next AGM, in the middle of June, which we hope will be well supported.

Graham Hopkins – Chairman BPRRAL

### **1. Gas main replacement**

Wales and West Utilities plan to work on all the gas pipes around the Park. The reason for doing this is that the existing steel pipes could have a risk of leaking at the joints. The plan is to insert liners into all of the pipes right up to the gas meter in each property. The work was planned for the beginning of the year, but this has had to be postponed due to the following reasons.

Firstly, Wales and West do not have an accurate plan of the actual location of the pipes so a much longer survey will need to be undertaken. We know that the pipes vary in size from 2" to 6" and this requires different lining especially where the change in size occurs. They are having to go back to the original plans for the Park and because the Park was developed in several stages this can take some time.

Secondly, this time of the year was not ideal to carry out the work.

Thirdly, they have to decide the size of the holes to be created in order to do the lining of the pipes!

The work is considered non-urgent and may not commence this year. We hope to be able to provide more information at the AGM in June.

### **2. Park Maintenance**

As you will have seen the leaves have been cleared around the Park and we obtained good value for the work done. Almost all 50+ surface water gullies have been cleared so rainwater should disperse quickly.

### **3. Neighbourhood Watch**

Luckily, we have had no major problems on or near the Park and our thanks go to Dave Kilmister (46) for all his efforts on our behalf.

### **4. Winter Preparations**

Although the weather so far this year has been relatively good, we can expect it to become colder especially in February. We have plentiful supplies of salt so there should not be any problems with ice and snow. Please remember that if you are spreading salt then little is best. It is the responsibility of residents to carry out salt spreading as all the Association can do is provide the salt. Also if you see any litter around the park please assist by picking in order to maintain the appearance of Bownham Park.

Martin Clements  
Secretary BPRRAL  
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