

Bownham Park Rodborough Residents Association Ltd

Newsletter winter 2010

1.0 Car Parking

At a recent Council meeting the issue of car parking on Association roads was raised following concerns expressed by some residents. I trust it will be helpful if the position is restated. The Associations roadways are to allow owners and residents (and obviously visitors and trade vehicles) only to pass and re-pass in order to access their properties and not to use the roadways as parking areas. The Council have always had a commonsense and relaxed approach in when to apply this rule particularly where, for example, builders etc temporarily block owner's driveways during extension or remedial work or if the owner has a number of visitors for a special occasion. However the Council does have a responsibility to bring this rule to the attention of the owners, residents and visitors where their vehicles are parked on the roadways on regular or frequent occasions for hours or days at a time. An additional aspect to this issue is with the advent of winter as the roadways will doubtlessly be further restricted by falls of snow. Despite the efforts of a number of owners to clear the snow and ice creating clear car tracks before putting rock salt down the roadways themselves will be further narrowed if cars are left in the roadways.

Again reverting back to the legal issue relating to responsibility of our roadways (see previous newsletter relating to cutting back hedges and vegetation) it is not inconceivable that an owner of a parked car on our roadways particularly in snowy and icy conditions could be held responsible in whole or in part if an accident were to occur.

2.0 Snow and Ice Clearance

The Council and all drivers appreciate the efforts of all those individuals who recently have spent time and effort in clearing our roadways after the recent modest (compared to last year) snow fall. If possible the rock salt should be applied after the snow has been cleared for the most efficient and cost effective use of this resource. The rock salt of course, is for use solely on the Associations roadways and not for the private driveways.

3.0 Christmas and New Year

The Council extends to all owners and residents seasons greetings for the festive holiday period and trusts the weather will have a similar friendly approach in this period.

Kind regards

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