

CHALKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – August 2015

NATIONAL GRID

Thankfully, this work has now finished. Whilst this was disruptive to you all at the time, this does mean that the old cast iron pipework has now been upgraded meaning greater safety for all our families and that cannot be anything but a good thing! **Again, great thanks to Margaret who badgered the National Grid into a positive response and action.** In addition we must note that the N.Grid workmen carried out excellent work and were always cheerful and accommodating, not an easy matter working in that heat. If there are any issues – other than the replacement grass which needs further watering and encouragement to grow – following the NG work, please let us know.

TREASURER

You will have all received our note and thoughts regarding the recent death of Paul Jarvis who had been our Treasurer for the past 8 years but also wrote our constitution, advised on legal matters and was writing a history of Chalklands. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him. As we have said, we are working on the additional outstanding receipts for your payments and blue CRA discs and you will receive these shortly.

However, we are delighted that Caroline has agreed to join the Committee as treasurer. Caroline was a previous treasurer at Claytons School and, therefore, already has experience in this important area for the CRA.

WEBSITE

We now have an active website and will furnish you with details how to access this in the very near future.

FUTURE PLANS

Resurfacing

This ongoing project will continue to be our prime focus, accounting for well over 90% of our expenditure. The next stage will involve the most damaged section of road - between Nos. 23 and 39 - for which we will need a minimum of £10,000. This should be achievable but the start date and the precise length of the section to be resurfaced will be totally dependent upon the amount of money available. Work will begin as soon as we have collected sufficient funds.

Signage

We have now purchased signs for the roundabout and at selected sites to highlight our 20mph speed limit and warn of “Children Playing”. The positioning and installation of the signs will be finalised at the forthcoming committee meeting.

Pond corner / remedial kerb work

We will soon commence work on the project to repair/reinforce the damaged corner by the alley / pond. Following receipt of unacceptable quotes of £3,000+, a “project team” of volunteer residents has been organised to carry out this work at a fraction of this cost. Thank you, in advance, men.

AGM

The date of the Annual AGM has been set for **October 8th at 19.30 in the Library back room.** We would encourage as many of you as possible to come along to discuss our plans and your ideas for the future.

Maintenance Routine maintenance of the common areas will continue including: grass-cutting (roundabout and grass corners), and cleaning of road gutters and drains.

Many thanks for your continued support

Your Committee

Chairman: Bill

Secretary: Daska

Treasurer: Caroline

Adrian / Margaret / Richard / Brian G / Brian J / Spencer / Paul