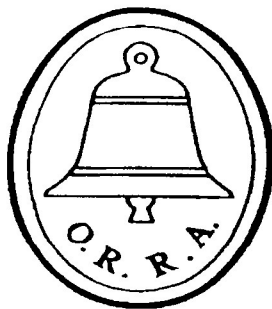


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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2014

We hope that everyone is enjoying the glorious Summer weather.

We would like to welcome new residents and hope you will be happy living in this very special location.

Should you wish to gain more information about ORRA, please feel free to contact one of the Officers or visit the ORRA website at www.orra.uk

At the AGM on 15th May 2014, the following Members of ORRA were proposed and duly elected as Officers and Members of the Committee.

OFFICERS

Chairman – Diane Clancy – 10 The Close 01323 508093 e: chairman@orra.uk
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gary Robinson – Roads Maintenance
Peter Dunn – Trees & Verges Maintenance
June Harvey
Dawn Kidd

The primary responsibilities of the Committee are

- To collect the Annual Maintenance Charges and ensure that these funds are managed appropriately in the maintenance of the estate
- In general, uphold The Constitution and The Covenants of the Estate.

Committee Principal Objectives for 2014

- To complete the tarmac roads resurfacing project efficiently, cost effectively, in an agreed time frame and with the least amount of disruption to residents.
- Improve Communication with Residents including via the website and email as appropriate

SOUTHERN GAS NETWORK MEETING WITH ORRA

As there have been a number of concerns amid confusion about when and where Southern Gas Networks (SGN) will be undertaking essential works on the estate, members of the Committee met with SGN on 4th July to clarify the situation in order that all residents can be given clear, accurate and consistent communication from all sources. There has been a delay with the SGN work programme which is of particular concern as it is delaying commencement of the resurfacing work on the estate. As was agreed by ORRA at the AGM 2014, the SGN works need to be completed before the resurfacing work commences.

SOUTHERN GAS NETWORK MEETING WITH ORRA (continued).

Week commencing 21st July we received communication from SGN and are pleased to report that SGN work is now scheduled to commence on the estate from mid-September through to February 2015 (with a break over the Christmas and New Year period). The work is being undertaken in a phased approach to include Upper Ratton Drive, Ratton Drive, Walnut Tree Walk, The Grove, Linkway, Manor Way and The Close. SGN will shortly be sending a detailed communication to each household.

The only issue still outstanding is where the SGN site will be located since there is no suitable space on the estate. The ORRA Chairman is making efforts to enable SGN to continue to use the current site at the entrance to Parkway, and is grateful for help from Cllr. Colin Belsey, as both East Sussex County Council and Eastbourne Borough Council both have controls in this area. We are hoping for a speedy decision on this to avoid further delay in scheduling the resurfacing of the tarmac roads on the estate.

ROADS RESURFACING STATUS – Scheduling will be undertaken in due course.

TREES & VERGES – the reported problem with a Crab Apple on Walnut Tree Walk is being dealt with all other trees are in good order.

WEBSITE

As part of the Committee’s desire to improve communication for residents, we are, with the valued help of Chris Abbey, adding some content and generally updating information on the website. If you believe that there is a need for additional items to be featured on www.orra.uk then please contact a Member of the Committee. We will endeavour to support resident’s requests provided they are cost effective. The Website and email does of course provide an opportunity to reduce costs by cutting back on the volume of paper communication.

RESIDENTS CONCERNS REPORTED.....

There have been a number of problems with seagulls/herringulls on the estate. Whilst herringulls are protected the Eastbourne Borough Council Pest Control department recommends that these birds are NOT fed since this may cause a number of problems including human respiratory conditions, a particular concern for some. Your co-operation is therefore appreciated.

As a number of residents are having work carried out on their property we request that residents ensure that the workmen and their vehicles do not inconvenience others or cause any form of obstruction. In the event of an emergency vehicle needing access then badly parked vehicles could be hazardous. Hopefully everyone is in agreement.

Detach here

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE *(please indicate your preference and return to the Secretary as soon as possible.*

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

I WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE

- a) Email communication Yes/No email address _____
- b) Updates via www.orra.uk Yes/No
- c) Written communication Yes/No

Please return to the Secretary, Rosemary Kiley at 18 Walnut Tree Walk -----thank you