

**PRESTWICH TOWNSHIP FORUM**

**ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<b>Kevin Hodges</b>	How much is proposed new control centre going to cost? Will it have ANPR (Automatic number Plate recognition) capability How can council show that this is an invest to save measure? (Carried over from July meeting- response, right, confirmed at September meeting.)	Cllr Campbell  Community Safety/ control room	Cllr Campbell said that there is a saving involved- but same amount of CCTV coverage. Will look into this and bring details to the next meeting. Reply from Ged McGee: <i>A review of the Councils 24/7 Emergency Control Room has been undertaken in terms of its function as the Councils main out of hours contact point and its role in terms of public area CCTV. The centre is over 15 years old and its infrastructure was in desperate need of refurbishment to maintain essential systems and prevent business failure. The review also assessed opportunities to work differently and more efficiently and as such CCTV will now be centralised at Bradley Fold. CCTV coverage will be unaffected. Overall existing annual expenditure on CCTV will be reduced by £50k and existing expenditure will partly be used to contribute to the one off improvement works (Circa £110k). The Community Safety Service is an essential support service and its role has diversified to support wider plan for change work, a range of savings within several service areas, and to develop its own business areas. This investment represents very good value for money and supports a safer Prestwich.</i>
2	<b>Mr Hussain Simister Village Homewatch</b>	Mr Hussain witnessed head on collision on Heywood road on way to meeting this evening. In 20 mph zone but just outside this zone it increases to 30mph, but road much narrower in this part, footpaths very narrow. Has met Ken Asquith from highways and been	Dealt with in Open Forum Refer to Highways for reference	Cllr Heneghan said that he has advocated Simister as a priority for year one of the 20mph programme. Not yet confirmed if this will be in year 1. This has been raised as a priority in PACT meetings with the residents and police. Councillor Campbell confirmed the 3 year programme to introduce 20mph zones in priority areas. This was agreed at cabinet on 19 <sup>th</sup> September. Areas of highest risk will be

		assured that speed limit will be reduced within the next 3 years. Mr Hussain thinks this area should be a priority.		<p>first priority on year one.</p> <p>Councillor O'Hanlon explained that the most recent accidents will not have been recorded, as they can take up to 12 months to appear on records, so any serious accidents need to be considered also</p> <p>Requests passed on to Highways to ask for an update and if Simister on priority for year one.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> September Response from Highways to say that the priority areas are being drawn up and full details will be made available to future township Forum meetings</p>
3	<b>Sheepfoot lane resident</b>	Facility for parking on Sheepfoot Lane is creating a bottleneck, especially when there are events on in Heaton Park. Can this be re-thought/ re-visited due to problems this causes	Heaton Park management	<p>Kim Griffiths to raise with Heaton Park and will take to the community meeting for Heaton Park if necessary</p> <p>Response from Heaton Park management:</p> <p>There are no plans to change this entry into the Park. For events we do ensure that Traffic Management Plans are in place to aid the flow of traffic. The right hand turn from Sheepfoot Lane is unavoidable, even if the car park entry were to move away from the junction with Mead Hill Road (I presume this is the junction being referred to)</p> <p>Response from Ian Lord (traffic)</p> <p>I wouldn't accept that Sheepfoot Lane is narrow, as it is actually over 9m. wide at this point, and there is a right-turn lane provided at the car park entrance. In normal use, the junction is fine. However, I can see the potential for a problem at major events, as any traffic turning into the car park is reliant upon there being gaps in the flow coming down from the Bury Old Road direction. Should the opposing flow be heavy, the right-turn queue could extend beyond the limits of the right-turn lane and interfere with straight-ahead vehicles.</p> <p>For major events, if it is thought to be problematic, an option would be to extend the right-turn lane with cones so as to give an extended queuing length, or alternatively temporary traffic controls could be introduced at the</p>

				<p>junction. This could be considered in developing the Traffic Management plans for future major events.</p>
4	<b>Hannah Cropper-Carr Avenue</b>	<p>Victim of floods on August 5<sup>th</sup> Believes that problems occurred because grids and drains were blocked. Request that these are cleared twice a year in this area. What is the drain clearing programme for the area?</p>	Emergency Planning	<p>Cllr Campbell undertook to report back on the drain cleaning programme</p> <p>Reply from emergency planning: I have sent some information regarding the flooding incidents in Prestwich to the Cllr, as requested, we are currently monitoring the areas that were affected earlier last month.</p>
5	<b>Resident</b>	<p>Bailey Street bowling Club- were assured s106 funding for essential work to the bowling club. Work needs to be done before club takes over on a self management basis. Is there a time limit for the money to be spent? Any time indication of when the work will be done?</p>	Parks and Recreation	<p>Reply from Mike Bent, parks and countryside: Bailey St BC We have been waiting for the agreement to be ratified by Legal, this has been carried out &amp; we have received it back, we also have a new heads of terms which I will be organising to see clubs soon &amp; Bailey St are near the top of my list. Bailey St have been promised S106 funding to match external funding needed to carry out the repairs to ensure that the infrastructure is up to a set standard in order for the club to take on the extra responsibilities involved with the new agreement. The club will need to work with Parks &amp; Countryside to gain this external funding in order for the work to be carried out. There is no time limit on the spending of this money &amp; as stated above I will be contacting clubs to work on the new agreement, timescales for repairs are dependant on how quickly external funding can be gained.</p>
6	<b>Resident</b>	<p>Will there be feedback on the Festwich event at a meeting</p>	Dealt with in open Forum	<p>The Chairman, David Stanley explained that The organisers have agreed to attend the next meeting of the township forum</p>

7	<b>Resident 3 Sheepfoot Lane</b>	Road repairs required on Sheepfoot Lane- road shaking in front of house if a heavy vehicle comes past-due to patches and pot holes- request for repairs	Highways	Cllr Campbell reported that highways will be using new methods for patching potholes in the future which should be an improvement on previous methods.  Matter reported to highways via Customer services: The issue has now been logged to the Highways Department, reference number 1356540
8	<b>Jack Barrett</b>	Mr Barrett reported that the Advertiser newspaper will be closing down from next week.	Dealt with in open Forum	Information only- noted with regret that this was happening as the advertiser had been very informative

**Kim Griffiths – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012**