

Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 10/03/16

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Residents	Cyclists using pavements in Prestwich which is very dangerous. It is not just children of all ages, but majority adults. With encroachment of businesses onto pavement, it is difficult to maneuver obstacles and avoid cyclists.	GM Police Anti-Social Behaviour Team	<p>If someone is repeatedly doing this and causing a nuisance / danger we (or the Police) could serve them with a Community Protection Notice – however we would need to know the identity of the perpetrators.</p> <p>Rachel Henry Anti-Social Behaviour Manager</p> <p>Cycling on the footway (pavement) is an offence under Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 as amended by Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1888.</p> <p>The enforcement of cycling offences is an operational matter for local police forces. The police use Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £30, which provides them with a direct means of dealing with most minor offences. The Road Traffic Act 1991 makes the two most serious cycling offences parallel to those of dangerous and careless driving. The maximum fines are currently £2,500 for dangerous cycling and £1,000 for careless cycling.</p> <p>As with other offending the Government encourages members of the public to give evidence of specific problems and of particularly dangerous behaviour to the police which will help ensure that the police target their resources effectively.</p> <p>The Government fully realizes that illegal cycling on footways causes much concern particularly to our most vulnerable road users, such as elderly, disabled and visually impaired people.</p> <p>Sources: www.legislation.gov.uk and</p>

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2	Autumn De Poe Hughes	Who is in charge of the clean up at Drinkwater Park?		<p>The land belongs to the Forestry Commission and would be their responsibility.</p> <p>David Stanley</p> <p>There is approximately £125 million flood funding for the North of England which can be claimed by organizations.</p> <p>Cllr Quinn</p> <p>If the concern is public footpaths, then that is a Council responsibility. There is a local access forum which covers the whole Borough.</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien</p>
3	Jay Lieberman	<p>There are three buildings of concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Plough 2) Cussions site 3) Railings on Rainsough Brow same side as The Plough – in poor condition on the highway 	Highways	<p>The Cussions site had planning permission for housing and has one week left before that lapses. We won't know what is happening unless work starts or another application is submitted.</p> <p>Cllr Black</p> <p>There are no further updates on The Plough. The Railings on Rainsough Brow have been reported to Highways.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p>
4	Ben Turner, Community Impact Manager Heaton Park	Parklife returns to Heaton Park on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June 2016. It will take place from 11am to 11pm both days with last ticket holders being at 5pm. There is no concert taking place on Friday 10 June.	Ben Turner Township Coordinator	<p>Information circulated to wider community database 17 March 2016.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p>
5	Steven Fletcher, St.	We have received a letter regarding traffic calming measures and have		The report has not as yet been received.

	Mary's Road resident	responded to the consultation. What is the current progress?		Cllr Black
6	Jay Lieberman	We have had a particularly mild winter so far. What happens to the money allocated for gritting if not used?		Any under spend will be used on other service pressures. Cllr Black
7	Brian Muir	<p>An increase in thoughtless, dangerous and illegal parking in and around Prestwich, as evidenced frequently on social networking sites.</p> <p>Whether this is confined to Prestwich I don't know, but I am sure much of the cause is down to the very slight chance of any sort of action being taken and possibly lack of clarity around pavement parking.</p> <p>The latest trend is to park completely on the pavement, whether outside shops, schools, parks or building sites. It is curious that Health & Safety Regulations require erection of temporary meter wide pedestrian walkways when pavements are partially blocked, and yet nothing is done when pavements are completely blocked by motorists.</p> <p>It is curious that there appear to be different rules in London than the rest of the country I'm not sure where the 'policing' of this lies, but as there is a Township Forum meeting tomorrow night where the Police will be present, it would seem appropriate to raise the issue.</p>		<p>Footway parking in Prestwich is enforced if there is a highway restriction attached such as double yellow lines. The restriction is measured from the middle of the road up to the property/boundary line if adopted by the Council.</p> <p>Parking Services enforcement via NSL has no remit to enforce if there is no restriction although GMP could enforce if it is deemed as an obstruction.</p> <p>One caveat is that a number of areas in Prestwich with shops and business areas have canopy properties in which the area immediately outside the shop is private land and therefore we cannot enforce.</p> <p>I appreciate that the driver would have to drive from the highway over to footway to park outside their property but that is a driving matter for GMP and not Bury Council</p> <p>John Foudy Car Parking Manager</p>

		It would be tragic if someone was to be seriously injured or killed before action was taken.		
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Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator
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