

**WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM**  
**ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<b>Yvonne Moore</b>	Local resident has contacted Yvonne to raise issue of overgrown trees on someone else's property causing problems for the neighbours. Now in a dangerous situation as trees very shallow rooted Has been told by the council that there is a £400 fee to pay (per each aggrieved householder). Is this correct and what are reasons for charging?		Cllr Caserta said that he had recently looked into the same matter and believes that the money requested up front is a deposit that the council will pay back once they have retrieved it from the person responsible. Will get exact details of complainant from Yvonne, to investigate specific complaint. He will also check rules generally and report back to the next meeting. Kim spoke to planning enforcement 10 <sup>th</sup> January. The legislation came in 2005, High edges Bill under Anti social Behaviour Act and covers only conifers and such like trees. The cost has recently increased to £675. This is non refundable, and is to cover some of the costs incurred by the council in resolving the issues. These matters are very labour intensive and take a long time to look into and resolve, costs of going to court if necessary costs the authority even more money.
2	<b>John Mallon</b>	Can we have information on monitoring of crime on Metrolink stations, are there CCTVs operating? How many on each station and what is the usual response time in reporting to the police/ police getting there?	Metrolink	Possibility of invitation to Metrolink to attend or respond to next meeting of township Forum

3	<b>Ken Irwin</b>	<p>State of paving stones outside Forts of India. Wife recently fell and was taken by ambulance to hospital. Staff at Forts of India have said that this is a particularly bad spot and they have seen several accidents, some captured on their CCTV.</p> <p>Mr Irwin reported same issue in 2010 and Council still have record of this. He has been advised to sue the council but really just wants the pavement repaired</p>	Highways Insectors	<p>John Mallon reported that he has looked into this issue. 14 paving stones cracked outside Forts of India- Has met officer on site but he reported no remedial work required as problem is not bad enough to warrant work. There is a definite tripping hazard around the BT access point. Email has been sent to Councillor Isherwood</p> <p>Response from S Molloy, Highways Inspector on 17<sup>th</sup> January  <a href="#">On 6th December 2013 I undertook a site inspection, with Mr Irwin in attendance.</a></p> <p><a href="#">whilst on site he was informed that the cracked or uneven flags stones indicated , by Mr Irwin, do not meet the councils policy or criteria whereby remedial works are organised.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Radcliffe New Road Whitefield is subjected to six monthly routine highway inspections and any remedial works deemed necessary will be organised at that time.</a></p> <p>Other issues around Nipper lane and other areas. Feels a full and proper survey should be done on all roads and pavements</p>
4	<b>John Mallon</b>	Street Light out at Top O' The Fields Entrance, (directly across the road from the entrance) reported but no work done yet	Street lighting	<p>Street Light at Top O' Th Fields fault has now been repaired and it is working.</p> <p><b>Bryan Holt</b>  <b>Street Lighting Supervisor</b></p>
5	<b>John Mallon</b>	Cycling Event- Philips Park- called Hit the North. Have been told they can't hold it this year due to problems, but doesn't know why. Will this be a one off issue or ongoing?	Rangers	<p>Since the last event, an interim agreement has been put in place that the National Cycling Academy (NCA) will be taking over the maintenance and management of the MTB Trail @ Philips as a lead up to them moving into the buildings. Subsequent meetings have been held between the organisers of Hit The North and NCA. It is the</p>

				<p>understanding of Parks and Countryside that an agreement was not reached over</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. whether the trail should be used for racing or not? as it was not technically designed for racing</li> <li>2. the issues around maintaining the trail once the race had finished including related costs</li> </ol> <p>It is suggested that the organisers once again approach NCA to seek agreement of the above terms</p>
6	<b>Ann Adams 34 Elms Close</b>	6ft length of drain on one side of path to the next drain. 2 new grid covers but problem is a cracked pipe, water is seeping into residents porches due to water coming down the path and this is causing terrible problems for residents of 34 and 36 Elms Close		<i>Pending reply from Swee Ong</i>

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**8<sup>th</sup> January 2014**