

Council Meeting – 10 December 2014

Public Questions:-

1. Andy Miller

Can the council make the public gallery in the council chamber more disabled accessible?

A. Thank you Mr Miller for your question. I am more than happy for the officers to discuss your issues with BADDAC. As a Council we are sensitive to issues of disabled access and are keen to do all we can.

2. Susan Boyd

I am a resident of Openshaw Fold Road, Warth, Bury. I have lived in the Road since 1981, and have been active in the development of the area since then.

My question is WHY have we residents been discarded by the Council regarding various issues since 1981.

My main **gripe** is that **Openshaw Fold Road**, has been forgotten by the Council for 33 years.

Litter - we residents have problems with the employees from the Industrial Estate having their lunches (at various times of the day as they work a shift patterns). They leave their coffee cups, tin cans, chip cartons, sandwich wrappers, McDonalds wrappers, subway wrappers and various others.

If not weekly, then fortnightly I personally telephone the Street Cleansing Dept. at the Council to request a street clean.

Drugs - Employees exiting from the Ind. Est. during their breaks tend to stand in the driveways of Openshaw Fold and smoke "WEED" - of which I can smell from my house (even though I have never taken it myself). I have had to leave my clean of Openshaw Fold Rd only last Thursday as the smell made me feel sick!! (The Police are aware of this issue).

Drains - 19 June 2014 - The whole of Warth was Flooded when the river burst its banks. Bury Council, Police, Fire Brigade, United Utilities all attended the flood. Every cottage in the road was damaged. Bury Council and United Utilities attended on the following Tuesday and stated that the drains were totally inadequate for the road. **NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE!!**

Pavements - The whole of OP/RD pavements are totally inadequate, they are not uniformed, Only this year a resident (72 yrs old) fell outside their house because the pavement was uneven, dangerous. (Local Council Reps have seen this). I personally helped them up off the road, steadied them, they recorded this issue in a diary. (Further Info. on request).

1981 - REDEVELOPEMENT OF OPENSHAW FOLD ROAD.

In 1981 the residents of Openshaw Fold Road, leased the land from the Council, and WE developed the land, with no contributions from the council or other agencies that we approached.

The Gas Board (as then it was) conducted a "**temporary repair**" to the road, which to this day is still a temporary repair, with NO REPLACEMENT OF THE SETT STONES.

As Openshaw Fold Road (No's 40 -16 is ADOPTED) IT IS NOW the Council's responsibility to maintain the landscaping which the residents conducted and PAID for by ourselves. We wish it to be put on record that Bury Council will address these issues and respond to we residents as soon as possible.

A. It is wholly unfair to state that the Council has discarded you as residents. My colleague Councillor Tariq has visited you to discuss your concerns and I am informed that you have contacted Environmental Health on several occasions and your requests have always been responded to and actioned. I have been supplied with information, including dates, of action taken.

- *28th July 2014 about litter being dropped by staff from Warth Business Centre and an EHO (Julie Brierley) spoke with her on the phone. The officer contacted Warth Business Centre about the litter allegations and they were advised to contact all their staff pointing out the law around littering, which they did. On the same day Julie also visited the area to observe – she saw staff from the business centre but no littering.*
- *11th August 2014 Ms Boyd contacted the officer again as there was litter in the street which she wanted clearing – Street Cleaning team were contacted to clear it.*
- *28th August 2014 Ms Boyd contacted the officer to complain about people smoking 'weed' the officer advised the police were the people to contact apparently they were to send someone the next day.*
- *22nd September Ms Boyd contacted the officer again about staff from Warth Business centre using her wheelie bin for their litter, advice was given to only put her bin out on the morning of collection.*
- *17th November Ms Boyd contacted the officer to report some littering which had occurred after she had organised a community clean up and also some blocked street gullies. The officer passed the street gully request to the Highways officer and the work was organised on 18th November. The officer also organised a litter patrol with a colleague on 19th November – workers from the Warth business centre were spoken to but no Fixed penalties were issued.*
- *Other patrols will take place at random intervals to fit in with the EHO's work load, we are happy to issue fixed penalties if offences are witnessed but a longer term solution is for people not to drop the litter in the first place – hence the importance of raising awareness and educating people*

That said, of course we want to address the issues you have raised and we will continue to support you.