

RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON & NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM  
 ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Dr Binns	Explained that there had been issues of speeding vehicles all of the villages around Bury and Holcombe was no different. Dr Bins asked if the Township Forum could request a conversation with Highways and the Police to discuss what options there were to rectify this issue.	Township Coordinator	Highways representative attending the meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> March.
2	Resident	Referred to the new 20mph schemes that had been installed across the borough and explained that they were not as yet enforceable due to the signage not being erected.	Cllr Hodkinson	Councillor Hodkinson explained that he had spoken with an officer regarding the signs and he had been informed that they would hopefully be installed by the end of the month.
3	Gregg Fletcher	Gregg from Ramsbottom Business Group reported that there was an ongoing issue with three market stall holders which meant that when the market was open the stalls were very far apart and took up almost 50 car parking spaces. This issue meant that fewer people were able to park and therefore fewer people visited the town.	Township Coordinator	A meeting has taken place with highways officers and a highways representative will be attending the meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> March to feedback on a solution to this issue.

4	Dr Binns	<p>An ongoing issue at the junction of Stubbins Lane and Factory Street. Dr Binns feels the stretch is far too narrow for the size of traffic, large buses and lorries routinely using it so motorists coming in either direction are suddenly confronted with what is in fact a single lane stretch.</p> <p>Dr Binns has requested the road be widened.</p>	Traffic Management Team	<p>Traffic Management officers have already carried out some initial observations/investigations which have revealed that there is a gas main located in the footway and that the grassed area is not part of the adopted highway. Consequently they feel that to widen the road would probably require the relocation of the gas main as well as the requisition of some of the land.</p> <p>They are therefore in the process of carrying out site observations to determine the demand for parking in the bays at this location with a view to considering reducing the length of the bay and introducing waiting restrictions in the coming months.</p> <p>This is an ongoing process and will be monitored through the Township Forum and reviewed in July 2015.</p>
5	Dr Binns	<p>Concern raised about centre of Ramsbottom, Dr Binns feels the centre is in a poor state and requires several improvements to the Urn, Memorial Boulder and signage.</p>	Bury Council Dept's	<p>Bury Council's Principle Arts Officer, who is responsible for the Urn, has agreed to get new quotes and look at the possibility of using section 106 money to fund the required improvements. He is hopeful we will see success on this issue in March/April 2015.</p> <p>Memorial Boulder and Signage will be reviewed as a matter of urgency and feedback given on improvements when completed. Full timescales to be agreed and fed back to the forum when received.</p>