

Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 30/07/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	David Stanley	Who sits on the small grants panel?	Township Coordinator	Small Grants Panel members are Cllr Dorothy Gunther, Cllr Judith Kelly, Cllr Jane Lewis, and Cllr Rishi Shori. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
2	Eddy Finch	Further to item 4 of the previous issues raised it states an inspection of the Longfield car park walkway was done in March 2015, but nothing further has happened. Is there an update as the pot holes are very dangerous	Property Services	I'm advised that the DSO has now placed the work within the depot's next fortnightly programme and so the works should be completed by the end of August. Alex Holland Head of Property & Asset Management
3	David Stanley	Further to item 1 of the previous issues raised, can we have an update on the Barn Countryside Centre, Philips Park as still chasing the Council. Date? How long? etc.	Property Services	Emailed Alex Holland
4	Resident	Climbing frame at St. Mary's park is broken. Will this be fixed?	Parks Dept	Emailed Mike Bent
5	Resident	What is the update on The Old Plough PH site?	Building Control	Emailed Rob Thorpe
6	Resident	Has lighting in the Longfield area been addressed? It is very poor	Cllr Quinn Street lighting	The lighting in the area is a mixture of lights on columns and also under canopy lighting, which I seem to recall may be the responsibility of the management company for the properties. Our Property Services section are trying to locate the

				<p>owner for me, at which point I will contact them.</p> <p>With regards to the high mast light, this turned out to be the time switch. This has now been re-set, and the lighting should now come on at the correct time.</p> <p>I had a walk around the Longfield Centre on 10 August 2015, and couldn't really see anything different from when the scheme was originally installed.</p> <p>The tunnel could do with the lights upgrading to LED, and this shouldn't be too much trouble.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I can't find the original drawings for the scheme, and will have to obtain these from the Engineering Consultancy for reference.</p> <p>However, there does appear to be an imbalance in the lighting around the fountain and the hanging basket poles.</p> <p>Whilst I am not sure there ever was a lighting column in this position, the hanging basket pole does seem to stand out as being a bit odd. Once I obtain the as built drawings I can cross reference what is on the drawing to what is actually on site.</p> <p>Philip Hewitt Group Engineer (Street Lighting and Operations)</p>
7	Mark Jones, Phoenix Centre	St. Mary's Park has had various ASB issues at times, including people trying to get into the Phoenix Centre. Police presence not been available. Recently a young Asian man was seen taking pictures of young Jewish boys playing basketball. This is a serious issue. Very keen to open communications with GMP on a regular basis.	GMP	<p>Neighbourhood Beat Officer PC Andy Ferguson and PCSOs Mike Norbury and Sophia Khatoon has been instructed to liaise with Mark Jones.</p> <p>Inspector Ben Cottam GM Police</p>

8	Resident	Shop selling spray paint in Longfield Centre. Concerns of existing problems with graffiti in the area. 10-12 yr olds can purchase, phoned trading standards. The shop is also selling lazer pens. Not much faith in police, not turned up tonight.	Trading Standards	Trading Standards do underage test purchases Cllr Quinn Sgt Steve Wightman-Love was due to attend, and has confirmed he will be attending the September meeting. Ruth Shedwick Township Co-ordinator We need to be aware that GMP presence at the Township Forums is when they are available. There are instances when issues arise on the night and we need to be mindful of this. Cllr Jane Black
9	Mark Jones, Phoenix Centre	Need more young people to attend the Forum. Maybe change the format and have a special youth meeting.	Township Forum Chair & Coordinator	A Township Forum at the Phoenix Centre would make it more informal and encourage more youths to attend. Cllr O'Brien Noted. Will look into this with possibly all Forums doing the same across the Borough. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
10	Cllr Quinn	We are building better relations with ParkLife etc., and want to rival Glastonbury. Surcharges on each ticket could mean money earmarked to be spend in Prestwich		Noted.
11	David Stanley	Any demands for archaeological assessment on the Cussons site? If they reapply can there be a requirement?	Development Control	Need to dig further. No further progress on the site. Lapses after 3 years. Cllr Black Emailed David Marno for comment

12	Eddy Finch	I signed up to do a course which was located on the 1 st floor. If you use a wheelchair, you cannot access the 1 st floor. Discriminating against people who want to do courses.	Library Services	<p>On the advice of Des Baker (H&S adviser) we have removed the evacuation chair from Prestwich Library as we cannot guarantee to have sufficient number of trained staff on site to use them in case of an emergency. Adult Learning do not have any trained staff to assist their users.</p> <p>All students who enrol on courses who have mobility problems are asked to complete a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan in order to determine their ability to get themselves out of building (implementing this would be the responsibility of the department running the activity – in this case Adult Learning).</p> <p>Members of the public who enquire at Prestwich Library are informed that the course are run on the first floor. Adult Learning offer provision in other locations for those students who are unable to attend courses at Prestwich. We have, on occasion, run workshops on the ground floor of the library though these can only run when the library is closed.</p> <p>Elizabeth Binns Head of Libraries</p>
13	Resident	Car park at St. Mary's was locked on Sunday at 2pm	Parks	Emailed Mike Bent
14	David Stanley	<p>Yellow lines on Park View Road. 2 entrances to the schools zigzag lines either side of the crossing on Park View Road. McCarthy Development entrance will be double yellow lines. Will reduce parking on Park View Road.</p> <p>St. Mary's Park car park/Flower Park and Clough dangerous to cross for</p>	Highways	Emailed Ian Lord

		children/prams. Prefer to see pedestrian crossing at that point.		
15	Resident Jack Barrett	Clarks Hill has yellow lines at Oakhurst Gardens corners they park – you can't see past the parked cars when they park on corners like Clarks Hill. Enforcement is what matters and the areas are not enforced.	Highways Parking	This information has been forwarded to the NSL supervisors. John Foudy Car Parking Manager The 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions were introduced to improve visibility for traffic pulling out of Clark's Hill. Observations were carried out in the area on various occasions, and it became apparent that vehicles were in fact parking very close to the junction therefore restricting visibility. As Rectory Lane is a busy road and Clark's Hill is a residential area the restrictions were deemed necessary to improve safety for those pulling out of the junction. Joshua Thompson Technician, Highways

Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator
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