

Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 12/11/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	June Brown	Leaves in grids in Longfield Centre under trees. Drainage issues. What are the street cleansing rounds in Prestwich Town Centre?	Cleansing	The Prestwich Township cleansing team of 5 cover a wide area and a range of duties including litter picking, road sweeping, removing fly tipping, filling grit bins and responding to day to day issues. One of the team is dedicated to Prestwich Town Centre during the week but can also call upon the pavement sweeper as required. At this time of year the service is inundated with requests for leaf clearance which has to be prioritised. The grids at Longfield will be re-checked. Weekends are covered by a mobile round which covers all of the Borough. Neil Long Assistant Director (Operations)
2	Sian Crosby	Disappointed what has happened to the Children's Centres. Issues raised in consultation have been ignored. Parents with children under 12 months need to be supported. Is the money being used effectively?	Sian Crosby Cllr Heneghan	We will arrange a meeting. Please email and highlight your concerns directly to P.Heneghan@bury.gov.uk Cllr Heneghan
3	Cllr Simpson	Concerns raised on social media regarding fireworks and what can be done. Limited in what can be done with licensing. Rely on GM Fire and Rescue and send in trading standards to pop up shops. There is Citizens Advice Consumer Service available www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer		Noted. Popup shops in the area have reduced Inspector Ben Cottam GM Police, Bury South

4	June Brown Autumn De Poe-Hughes	Issue of dog mess in the Highfields area. Persistent perpetrators, especially around 7am-8am I organized a free library for people to take books. Maybe do something similar for dog bags like they do in New York?	June Brown	Please use report a problem page www.bury.gov.uk/reportaproblem Cllr Heneghan We only have ½ dog warden now (shared with Bolton) Cllr Quinn Highfields Residents Group could consider applying for a small grant for local measures, e.g. signs, as was done in another ward. Cllr Black On spot fines can be issued. Suggest photo evidence if possible. Funding forms will be emailed to June Brown. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
5	June Brown	Overhanging trees and obstructions of signage near St. Mary's Road	June Brown	Please use report a problem with specific locations www.bury.gov.uk/reportaproblem Cllr Black Depends who owns the trees. Suggest liaising with the Council's Trees and Woodland Management officer Les Beardwood L.Beardwood@bury.gov.uk 0161 253 6289 Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
6	Resident	Parking on pavements is becoming a big issue. Confusion on who enforces what.		Parking on pavements responsibility of Council to enforce. If an obstruction, then it is the Police to enforce. Cllr Heneghan If an obstruction, it is Police enforcement, however, it depends on a case by case basis Inspector Ben Cottam GM Police, Bury South

	Eddy Finch	As a wheelchair user, the pavement is our highway. If a drop curve is blocked, that is the end of our journey! These confrontations can quickly escalate into abuse and violent exchange. I see mothers pushing prams onto the highway to avoid confrontation and it is a health and safety issue.		The Parking Strategy will be addressing issues regarding parking concerns. Cllr Black
7	Anne Hutchins Cllr Black	During severe winter weather an ambulance got struck on Halliwell Road and had to ring mountain rescue. If we get another bad winter hill areas in Prestwich will suffer. Gritting in these areas should take priority. Does the old grit not fit for purpose get replaced?	Highways	The routes identified for the gritting wagons to treat during the winter maintenance period are typically the main distributing roads of the borough and bus routes. Given the scale of financial and other resources involved in delivering the winter service it is not reasonable either to: provide the service on all parts of the public highway network or ensure running surfaces are kept free of ice or snow at all times, even on the treated routes. In order to have some other measures in place for areas where gradients present difficulties, such as Halliwell Road, we have sited self help grit bins around the borough. In the case of Halliwell Road, there are three in the vicinity: opposite number 5, on the junction with Halliwell Walk and at the junction with Drinkwater Road. The salt in the grit bins remaining from the previous year is still useable when broken up. It is reported that the bins in question are in place and replenished, ready for winter. In cases where emergency services cannot attend urgent incidents, the duty officer concerned will assist if it is practicable and we are contacted.

			<p>Jon O'Connor Group Lead - Highway Asset</p> <p>For details of the Council's Winter Service please go to: www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11279</p> <p>Salt Bin Locations here: www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11288</p> <p>Report a problem with gritting here: www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11321</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p>
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