

Twerton PACT meeting, 14th November 2009

Here are the minutes of the recent Twerton PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting, which is open for any member of the public to attend and have their say.

#### *Mini motorbikes at Redland Park*

At the start of the meeting there was an update concerning progress that had been made over previous priorities raised. On the issue of mini motorbikes being driven around Redland Park, PC Adrian Secker said that he had spoken to a couple of individuals and their mini motorbikes were no longer on the road. The good news is that the problem seems to have died down. You can report this offence to the police by phoning 0845 4567000.

Councillor Gerry Curran said that the riding of mini motorbikes in the nearby wood was also forbidden. Some individuals had claimed to have received permission from the landowner when challenged. No such permission has been given.

#### *Pennyquick View*

On the issue of the derelict buildings at Pennyquick View, James Reed the Regeneration Manager for the Somer Housing Group gave an update. Mr Reed said that Pennyquick View, Hinton Close and other areas of pre-cast concrete buildings were built quickly after the war due to the housing shortage. The concrete had deteriorated, and although it was not dangerous, it was substandard. Somer were hoping to get a planning application to demolish Pennyquick View and build new homes soon. Hopefully the demolition will begin 6 weeks from the end of November.

A resident criticised the time interval between Somer's relocation of residents of Pennyquick View and the demolition of the terrace. In this time there had been problems with vandalism, rats, and the raiding of building materials all associated with the empty houses. This had depressed local people and "brought everyone's head down".

James Reed said that an alarm system fitted to the hoarding was helping. Hinton Close was about to be hoarded. Somer had commissioned NESAs (North East Somerset Arts) to do a photography project with young people. Photos taken by young people will be turned into posters and varnished onto the hoardings. Probably this will take place after Christmas.

The developer building the new homes at Pennyquick View will be required to pay what is known as "106 money" towards the regeneration

of the neighbourhood. This could be used pay for the provision of allotments, perhaps at Woodview Terrace or near Linley Close. The money might also go towards repairs, such as the repair of The Hut at Newton Road.

### *Urban Extension*

The Urban Extension will result in thousands homes being built to the south of Bath. Two likely spots for the build are Odd Down and Newton Meadows by The Globe Inn at Newton St Loe.

The housing developments will have both positive and negative effects. For example, new facilities such as shops will be built to support the new estates, and these can be enjoyed by existing residents of South West Bath. On the other hand, increased traffic could cause problems on local roads.

If you do not want housing developments at Odd Down or near The Globe Inn, telephone 01225 477548 or email [planning\\_policy@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:planning_policy@bathnes.gov.uk) to have your say. There will be a meeting at St Michael's Junior School, Newton Road, on 24th November at 7pm on this subject.

### *Other Updates*

The 'no right turn' at Connection Road opposite The Full Moon is not simple to enforce. Councillor Tim Ball has discussed the matter with the Executive Member and the issue is on his list (but not very high up the list). The way to change the situation is to keep reporting incidents of motorists violating the 'no right turn'.

A layby for buses is to be built at Wedgewood to give buses and cars room to pass each other.

More road safety bollards are to be erected outside St Michael's Junior School in Newton Road. Other bollards will be installed at Newton Road by house number 119.

Fencing around Redland Park will be replaced.

Slow down signs are to be installed at Kelston View.

The turning circle at North View Close will be increased in size.

The Twerton councillors have had no luck in asking for supplies of grasscrete to protect the grass verges at Poolemead Road and Newton Road.

The Southside Youth Centre by Kelston View and Poolemead Road is to undergo a revamp to transform it into a better resource for the whole community.

Next year a Lidl store will be built on the site of the Herman Miller Building.

Aster Homes are about to build houses and flats on the site of the former Marjorie Whimster elderly person's home.

### *New issues*

New priorities that residents thought should be tackled were:

Sweeping up leaves that made paths dangerous for the elderly – some areas were being missed.

The Redland Park playground is in need of a revamp and has a dangerous hole in the centre.

Antisocial behaviour at the Pennyquick Park playing area.

Inconsiderate parking by fans of Bath City Football Club when a match is held at the ground.

An occasional smell of sewage at Newton Road, possibly related to someone "knocking the sewage cap off a drain".

Speeding at Kelston View.

The three priorities voted for were: 1) Antisocial behaviour at the Pennyquick Park play area; 2) Leaf clearing; 3) Revamp of the Redland Park play area.