

Twerton PACT meeting, 21st July 2010

This is a record of the Twerton PACT meeting which took place on 21st July 2010. The meeting began with reports on what has been done about the key issues raised as priorities in the previous meeting. These are as follows.

Nuisance motorbikes at Redland Park

PC Adrian Secker said that he had stopped about 7 people riding illegally around the estate on motorbikes and issued notices saying that he will confiscate the bikes if it happens again. The problem is that new people are starting up this habit. A resident said that the situation has improved a bit but he still hears the motorbikes sometimes.

Inconsiderate parking on the corner of Cleeve Green

PC Secker said that because there are no yellow lines on the corner of Cleeve Green he cannot issue tickets. He has spoken to staff at the Carrswood Centre on this issue.

Derelict play area at Redland Park

PCSO Kim Tanner will be consulting with residents and the Council to design a small public garden where the derelict play area is now. She is thinking of writing to all the residents and maybe putting a ballot box in the Costcutter shop for people to post ideas. As yet it is unclear where the funding will come from.

New priorities and issues

One resident complained about the Council's idea to build allotments on about 40% of the Pennyquick Park playing area. (On the same evening as the PACT meeting, a petition of more than 600 names protesting against the idea had been handed to a Full Council Meeting at the Guildhall.) The resident said that only a few people in Redland Park had received letters from the Council informing them of the idea.

Councillor Tim Ball explained that the Council has received Government funding to create new allotment areas, but the money has to be returned if they cannot find anywhere to put them within a year. So other communities like those in Odd Down are also under pressure to receive allotments.

The same resident said that foot patrols by the police in Redland Park had been seen and appreciated by local people. It would be good to have more of the same. PC Secker replied that the police plan to hold surgeries for people to come and raise issues of concern.

Another resident mentioned the amount of graffiti that has appeared on garages etc. Daniel Marks, the Somer Neighbourhood Services Manager, said that Somer is trying to keep on top of it but can never clear everything straight away.

Daniel Marks also said that some of the paths around Redland Park are in a poor state, with glass and autumn leaves lying about. He had spoken to a Council representative who admitted that the paths have not been swept for 2 years. The road sweeper only clears the frontage of the estate and it is not within Somer's remit to sweep all the paths.

The Twerton PACT is going to be held at various different venues in the future, to attract more residents from other parts of Twerton to participate.

In this meeting the three issues that emerged as priorities to be actioned were:

- 1) Future of Pennyquick Park
- 2) Continued police foot patrols
- 3) Removal of graffiti

The next PACT meeting for Twerton is scheduled for 18th November at 7pm. The venue is still to be arranged.