

Kington PACT meeting
19 May 2010
Version 2



Chair: Cllr John Hope
Sgt Colin Smith, WMP
PC Jo Ellis, WMP
PC Tony Shaw, WMP
Dean Taylor, Deputy Chief Executive, Herefordshire
Council/NHS Herefordshire
Julie Gethin, Herefordshire Partnership

Ruth Kinsella, Watchman in Chief, AMEY
David Shepherd, Enforcement Officer, Community Protection Team

11 members of the public

Issues from previous meeting	Response
<p>Item 1 (Item 4 on previous sheet): Traffic was travelling too fast in Church Street Kington.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: 3 Police officers will receive training to enforce. Further monitoring has taken place in Church Street in the last 4 weeks. Very few cars were over the limit. Further monitoring will be undertaken following training on 20 May.</p>
<p>Item 2 (Item 5 on previous sheet) There was a problem with parking on double yellow lines in Church Street.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police continue to assist with reinforcing the message. Parking in High Street is generally better.</p>
<p>Item 3 (Item 6 on previous sheet) The parking enforcement officers were never around at the times they were most needed – when children were going to school and coming out in the afternoon.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Local resident confirmed that the morning after the last PACT meeting the enforcement officers were out patrolling the area and asked for thanks to be passed onto the team.</p>
<p>Item 4 (Item 13 on previous sheet) There was a problem with dog-fouling in the recreation ground in Kington, and in some of the lanes.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: David Shepherd confirmed that the dog control orders are not yet in place. Should come into force in July. This will cover fouling on any property or land if the owner (of the land or property) confirms they had not given their permission. The dog warden service has changed. Two staff now focus on dog fouling. Stray dog collection is via a contractor.</p>

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New issues:	Response:
<p>Item 5: Question asked about how many people have been booked for using their mobile phone when driving. Specific point raised about tractor drivers.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police confirmed they have stopped and booked 2 drivers in the last week. Result is 3 points on licence and £60 fixed penalty fine. If Police observe drivers travelling in operation direction on their phone, they will attempt to turn around safely, pursue and stop. They do receive some reports from the public but these can be difficult to prove without evidence. Police advised that public should report with a car registration and they will follow up with a letter to the driver.</p> <p>In response to a query about use of RIPAs, the Police confirmed they are not able to use this legislation to search mobile phone records to prove that a person was on their phone at the time the offence was reported. The request for use of a RIPA needs to be in relation to a very serious offence and with a proven case for it.</p> <p>Police explained they have re-organised where traffic and response vehicles are based with more officers now available to respond to road traffic/driving offences in a bid to reduce road casualties.</p>
<p>Item 6: In relation to the new medical centre, when will the building start?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Dean Taylor to confirm start date details. Anticipated completion is Autumn 2011.</p> <p>Additional response:</p>
<p>Item 7: Will there be an improvement in the health services available locally in surgeries? Will there be more GPs?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Dean Taylor explained that the PCT has agreed with the hospital trust to put more/wider range of services nearer to where people live. Publicity will be available shortly with more details.</p>

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<p>Item 8: Are there any plans to replace the tubular steel barriers with safer alternatives?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Ruth Kinsella to find out from Amey.</p> <p>Additional response:</p>
<p>Item 9: Why is the Spa shop open until 11.00 pm as this is causing problems with drinking in the town?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police and community protection team explained the licence would cover the shop's permitted opening hours. Licences can be reviewed if issues arise. Specific examples and evidence would be needed. In the past licences have been suspended (but not at this shop) where it has been proven they have sold alcohol to under age children.</p>
<p>Item 10: Why are there 20 minute waiting signs on the Eardisley to Kinnersley Road?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: The Chair explained this was written into an agreement by the previous owner to prevent travellers from parking.</p>
<p>Item 11: Vehicle reported as parking the wrong way at night in High Street/Church Street.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Details passed to Police at meeting to follow up this offence.</p>
<p>Item 12: Does a tractor parked overnight in a residential area need to have their lights on?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: No the tractor does not need to have its lights switched on, however, if it is a tractor for use on a public road i.e it has a tax disc then it would need to be fitted with necessary lighting.</p>
<p>Item 13: Travellers offering services in the area for tree cutting. Conifers are being tipped.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: David Shepherd advised Trading Standards are aware of this. The travellers will be moved on shortly. Residents advised to ensure property and land is secure.</p> <p>If people spot tipping or any problems to take the car registration and report to the Community Protection Team on 01432 261761.</p>
<p>Police reported other issues from their PACT surgeries and other surveys in the town in February, March and April from 160 people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kington Town Priority is for speeding around Kington in various roads including Church Street. Details are on 	

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- www.westmercia.police.uk/localpolicing/herefordshire/north-herefordshire/kington-town
- For Kington Rural it was speeding at Lyonshall www.westmercia.police.uk/localpolicing/herefordshire/north-herefordshire/kington-rural
- Problems outside the pub in the High Street
- Staffing of Police Station (Tue, Wed, Fri morning, Mon and Thurs afternoon). Call 0300 333 3000 at other times
- Visibility of Police at night
- School children smoking in alleyway near the school
- Noise from car engines in the early morning
- Torches shining in rear of houses on the Park estate

Police have noticed beer cans and bottles in the recreation ground – a no drinking area – but no complaints received.

Police will be attending various events over the coming months:

- June: Carnival
- August: Vintage Show
- Sept: Kington Show

<p>Item 14: Noise in Church Street</p>	<p>Response at PACT: Police picked up from their computer system. Passed onto Council as Police do not have any powers in this regard under the Pollution Control Act.</p>
<p>Item 15: Local resident (Steve Hodges) thanked Police on behalf of the local community for their support and presence at the Crooked Well on Sunday.</p>	
<p>Item 16: Query about the length of coning in comparison to the size of the road repairs. Example given in relation to pavement repairs.</p>	<p>Response at PACT: Ruth Kinsella explained the length of coning reflects the size and type of access required and that Amey strive to keep congestion to a minimum at all times. She stated that unfortunately some motorists ignore the manual stop and go signals, leaving staff in very unsafe conditions. Traffic lights will slow vehicles down.</p> <p>In response to a further question about how temporary traffic lights are controlled and whether this is a requirement of the Road Traffic Act, Amey to follow up.</p>

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	Additional response:
Item 17: Who is responsible for the bus turning/parking area by the Junior School? Can signs be put in place to control parking?	Response at PACT: There is a bus shelter in place and a sign, but this has been sprayed over with paint. Amey to follow up. Additional response: